

GREAT BRITAIN MATCH RIFLE TEAM



AUSTRALIA
2016

BROOKS MACDONALD★
Financial Consulting

SETTING
SIGHTS
ON SUCCESS

WISHING THE GREAT BRITAIN
RIFLE TEAM GOOD LUCK IN THE
WOOMERA TROPHY 2016 TOUR

www.brooksmacdonald.com/fp

Contact address: 72 Welbeck Street, London, W1G 0AY

Tour Itinerary

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

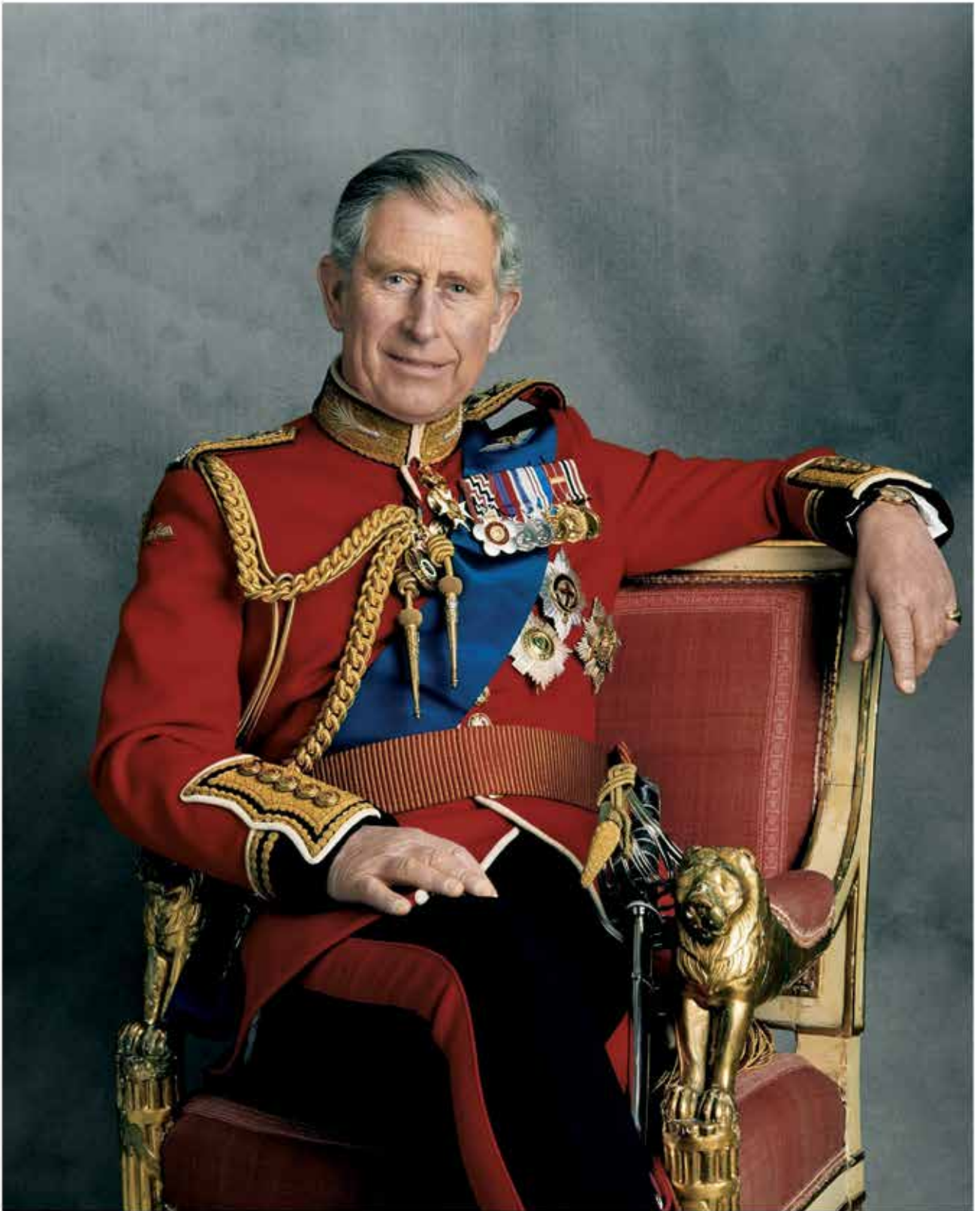
After much deliberation regarding the itinerary, we have decided to stay in Tasmania throughout the tour. While consideration was given to a warm up shoot and sightseeing in another part of Australia, it was decided that the logistics and effort of splitting the tour between the Australian mainland and Tasmania (especially the transportation of kit) would detract somewhat from the main focus of the tour. That focus being the winning of the Woomera Trophy (and definitely not getting a sun tan). Some R&R will, however, be necessary to ensure that we remain fresh and focused. We might even find time to 'throw a prawn* on the barbie'.

February	Saturday 20th	Depart for foreign shores
	Sunday 21st	Travel
	Monday 22nd	Arrive in Launceston, Tasmania
	Tuesday 23rd	Travel to Strahan, on the western coast of Tasmania, for acclimatisation and training
	Wednesday 24th	Practice shoot
	Thursday 25th and Friday 26th	Time off in Strahan, including sightseeing and river cruise
	Saturday 27th	Drive to Campbell Town, in central Tasmania, for the main event, where we will be taking rooms in the Ross Motel for the duration of our stay
	Sunday 28th	Practice shoot
	Monday 29th	Time off in Campbell Town
	March	Tuesday 1st
Wednesday 2nd		Tasmanian State Championships
Thursday 3rd to Sunday 6th		Australian National Championships
Sunday 6th		Freebairn Teams and Maloney Trophy
Monday 7th		Rowlands Match and Mincham Trophy - State Teams
Tuesday 8th		Woomera Match
Wednesday 9th		1500 yd shoot and prize giving
Thursday 10th		Time off
Friday 11th		Depart for home
Saturday 12th		Travel
Sunday 13th	Arrive in UK	

**A very brief search of the internet suggests that this is the correct Australian term, and that Paul Hogan (aka Crocodile Dundee) had no business whatsoever calling it a 'shrimp'. As anyone with any common sense knows, if you were to 'throw a shrimp on the barbie', it would simply fall through the grill onto the hot coals below.*

Lower Light, South Australia, Australia





H.R.H. The Prince Of Wales



CLARENCE HOUSE

As President of the National Rifle Association, I am delighted that the Great Britain Rifle Teams continue to compete strongly throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. These exchanges do much to cement relationships and understanding between countries, forged through a shared history and culture. Added benefits include the broader personal perspectives which arise from experiences in the international arena and the friendships which grow from a mutual commitment to amateur sport in its purest form.

It gives me great pride to see such a strong team leave these shores, and I have no doubt that it will be shown a warm welcome by its Australian hosts, as well as challenging competition on the ranges.

I wish the team every possible success and all participants the very best of luck, and look forward to hearing all about the tour upon its completion.

Chasely

The Captain of Great Britain

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



I am honoured to have been elected Captain of the Great Britain Match Rifle Team to Australia by the Council of the National Rifle Association to compete for the Woomera Match in Tasmania 2016; Nick Brasier and Richard Whitby have accepted my invitation to take on the the duties of Vice-Captain and Adjutant respectively.

We received a large number of applications from members of the Match Rifle fraternity together with one from an Australian dog; this latter application is printed elsewhere in the brochure for your amusement! We decided to include in the team a number of new caps but sadly had to disappoint a few previous Woomera Match participants; however, we feel that it is for the future of Match Rifle in general to expand the base of those who represent their country and tour abroad.

I am grateful to all of you, both at home and in Australia who have helped in the preparation of this Tour and to the members of my Team who have been so supportive and enthusiastic.

The support of my wife Pearl in allowing me to spend so much time on shooting and for being the office secretary is much appreciated; I could not have managed without her encouragement.

I congratulate my Team on their well-deserved selection and look forward to a successful and happy tour to Australia.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Martin Townsend". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Martin Townsend
Captain
Great Britain Woomera Team to Australia 2016



Stickledown, Bisley, UK

John Webster, NRA Chairman

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



It gives me great pleasure to wish the Great Britain Match Rifle Team all possible success on their tour to Australia and in the Woomera Match, its highlight, for at least three reasons.

Match Rifle is one of the NRA of the United Kingdom's oldest and most venerable disciplines. The annual Elcho Match between England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales was first shot in 1862, only three years after the establishment of the NRA, and is believed to be the second oldest regularly held international competition of any sport after sailing's America's Cup.

Australia is a special place to tour. I have been lucky enough to do so three times (with a target rifle rather than a match rifle), but each time was truly memorable in so many ways - spectacular ranges, strong competition, wonderful hospitality and great camaraderie.

Martin Townsend, the team's Captain, has been a great servant to Great Britain teams (target rifle and F-Class as well as match rifle) over the years. His success in important positions (Captain and/or Coach) on those teams has been exceptional, and includes skippering the Great Britain Target Rifle team to the Long Range World Championship in the 2007 Palma Match.

So with such a demonstrably successful leader and the prospect of travelling to such a wonderful place in the discipline that is such an important part of the heritage of target shooting, I shall be watching from afar with great anticipation, and not a little envy. Good luck to all team members. Enjoy the moment and do yourselves - and your country - proud.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Webster". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Webster
Chairman
National Rifle Association of the United Kingdom



Elcho Day, The English VIII, Stickle-down, Bisley, UK



Gordon Duncan, NRAA Chairman

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



The NRAA is delighted to have the Great Britain Match Rifle Team coming to Tasmania in 2016. Teams from both Great Britain and Australia will compete for the Woomera Match Trophy on 8 March 2016 at Campbell Town a small establishment roughly in the centre of the island State of Tasmania.

The area is steeped in history (by Australian standards) as the State is a former penal colony established by your – and our – forebears. The whole State has morphed into a beautiful country in a pristine natural environment. Most areas are well within a few hours' drive of the rifle range and this should allow sightseeing to competitors and attached members alike.

There will be many other options to take part in the National Match Rifle Championships which commence on 1 March with a practice day then through to 8 March. This is followed by TR and F Class matches commencing with the Davis Series on 10,11 March and then the Queens from 12 to 14 March.

As always, friendship and competition is the major object of any International Teams Series on a rifle range known for its gentleness and dogged determination to tear reputations apart sometimes in the same day.

Gordon Duncan

Gordon Duncan
Chairman
National Rifle Association of Australia



Campbell Town, Tasmania, Australia

The Earl of Wemyss and March

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

British competitive rifle shooting traces its origins to a meeting held at the Thatched-house Tavern, St James's on 16 November 1859, at which a "National Association for the encouragement of volunteer rifle corps and the promotion of rifle shooting throughout Great Britain" - the National Rifle Association - was founded, and at which my great-great-grandfather, Francis Charteris, Lord Elcho (later 9th Earl of Wemyss) became its first Chairman of Council.

The Crimean War of 1854-56 had revealed that with new rifles accurate long-range rifle-fire was an essential component of victory on the battlefield. At the Battle of the Alma, the British Army with its Minié rifles had been able to inflict devastating casualties on the Russians at 1200-yards range, well beyond the 300-yard range of the Russian muskets. On 14 January 1858 a group of Italian nationalists led by Felice Orsini attempted to assassinate the Emperor Napoléon III by throwing three bombs, made in Birmingham, under the Imperial carriage as it arrived at the opera. The Emperor was unscathed, but 10 bystanders were killed and 156 were injured. French military circles and public opinion clamoured for a War on Terror directed against Britain.

The British Secretary of State for War, General Jonathan Peel, on 12 May 1859 called on the Lord Lieutenants to set up Volunteer Rifle Corps, to promote the practice of rifle-shooting and to defend the country against invasion. The enthusiasm of the public response was astonishing – by 1861, 160,000 men had joined - usually at an annual subscription of £1 (5/- for artisans) or a life subscription of £10. The Times carried almost daily reports of the activities of the Volunteers. Lord Elcho helped raise the 7th Middlesex (London Scottish) Volunteer Rifle Corps, and was its Colonel and then honorary Colonel until 1900. To improve the aim of the new volunteers, he and others at the Thatched-house Tavern meeting resolved to found the National Rifle Association, and to hold annual competitive meetings on wild Wimbledon Common.

At the inaugural meeting on 2 July 1860, Queen Victoria was invited to fire the first shot. Mr Whitworth and his assistants had attached a Whitworth rifle to a metal frame, under a circular canopy. The Queen pulled a string attached to the trigger, and scored a "centre", worth 3 points, which Elcho described as "the first bull's eye on our then iron target that rang through the Common, and proclaimed to the world that our shop-keeping people were about to bloom into a nation of riflemen." The Times' leading article proclaimed that "HER MAJESTY yesterday inaugurated the Rifle as our national weapon....HER MAJESTY'S own shot yesterday proved the perfection to which we have brought our national arm. At the distance of 400 yards the bullet deviated only an inch and three-quarters in elevation, and four-fifths of an inch from the direct line." The Queen's shot is depicted on the right-hand side of the Elcho Shield. The Queen donated the Queen's Prize of £250 – worth about £50,000 today – which, along with the NRA's gold medal and badge, was won by Captain Edward Ross of North Yorkshire.

The Wimbledon meetings became at once very popular and very fashionable, and made a lasting contribution to national and imperial defence. I hope and trust that the Great Britain team's visit to Australia in 2016 will continue the proud tradition of its mid-Victorian progenitors.

The Earl of Wemyss and March
June 2015

The Earl of Wemyss and March, Bisley, UK



GREAT BRITAIN

POSTAL HISTORY
and STAMPS
to 1930



Postal History from 1300 and Fine Stamps from Queen Victoria to King George V

YOUR WANTS LIST IS WELCOME!

BUYING Collections and single items of Postal History and Fine Stamps



Martin Townsend



Established over 40 years – clients may rely on our reputation and expertise

PO BOX 10, HITCHIN, HERTS SG4 9PE, UK

Tel/Fax: (01462) 420678 E-mail: Martin@MartinTownsend.com

www.martintownsend.com

The Great Britain Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Captain	Martin Townsend	Ireland
Vice-Captain	Nick Brasier ¹	England
Adjutant	Richard Whitby	England
Treasurer	Alex Cargill Thompson	England
Team Training	Nick Tremlett	England
Team Members	Ashley Abrahams ¹	England
	Gary Alexander	Ireland
	Hugh Butcher	Scotland
	David Dashwood ¹	England
	Rosanne Furniss ¹	England
	Mike Judge ¹	England
	Tim Kidner	Scotland
	Rob Kitson ¹	Ireland
	Derek Lowe	England
	Angus McLeod ²	Scotland
	Julian Peck	England
	Michael Wentges ¹	Ireland
	Simon Whitby	England
Reserves	Hannah Fisher	Scotland
	Chris Law	England
	John Lindsay	England
	John Pugsley	England

1. New GB Match Rifle Cap.
2. Previous GB Cap, but first GB Match Rifle Tour.

The Australians at Barton Road in 2012, Cambridge, UK



Meet the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



Captain: Martin Townsend

A well-known coach both at Bisley and overseas, Martin has steered his shooters to success for more than thirty years. Highlights include the Centenary Match (1990) and wins in all the Great Eight International matches: the America, Australia, Canada, Kolapore, New Zealand, Palma, Protea and West Indies - especially his wins in the 1992, 1995, 2003, 2007 (as Captain) and 2011 Palma Matches. Martin was also a member of the Great Britain Match Rifle teams of 1997 and 2004 to Australia to compete for the Woomera Match.

Poppy Lodge at Bisley is where Martin and his wife Pearl spend most of their summer weekends. When not on the ranges, Martin works in the philatelic world, where he is one of the UK's leading dealers in the stamps and postal history of Great Britain.

Vice-Captain: Nick Brasier

Nick started shooting match rifle and target rifle at Cambridge University. On his first GB tour he won the Canadian Governor General's trophy, followed (a few years later) by shooting in the winning GB Palma teams of 2007 and 2011. With a strong focus on match rifle in the last 10 years, Nick has finished in the top 10 of the Hopton on 3 occasions and represented England in 6 Elcho matches. Nick once won the Wimbledon (Match Rifle) trophy using iron sights, after a 5-way tie shoot; but had to resort to using a scope on the rifle to win the Armourers in 2011, and score 100.11 at 1200 yards in the Edge competition in 2012.

Nick has previously organised club team tours to Jersey, Northern Ireland, the USA and Canada, and was adjutant on the GB 2010 team to New Zealand. He enjoyed shooting in Tasmania with a London & Middlesex RA touring team back in 1996 at the Pontville range, and is looking forward to returning to this beautiful part of the world.



Adjutant: Richard Whitby

Richard's first memory of shooting (to the best of his slightly hazy recollection) is being taken to the Nottingham High School Range by his Dad at about the age of 10 - these events seem to run in the family! There he was introduced to the delights of the Empire Test and Tin Hat Targets. It's really all gone downhill since. Richard then graduated to the Target Rifle discipline, via various school and cadet teams. He shot for the Athelings in Canada in 1969(?), and went on his first adult team to the Channel Islands in 1994. Having witnessed how difficult all the better shots were making success at Target Rifle, and having tie shot for the Queens final stage twice, he decided to try Match Rifle - this, on the face of it, appeared to be more mystical, and involved many more slightly eccentric types who appeared vastly more interesting. And so it was. Richard has been adopted by the English VIII as the honorary clubhouse builder/maintenance expert, is the current English adjutant, and, having won many more trophies at MR than TR, finds MR very rewarding.



Stickledown, Bisley, UK

Meet the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



Treasurer: Alex Cargill Thompson

Alex started shooting small-bore at school where he was dismissed early on as showing little promise. He persevered, not least because of his lesser aptitude for the usual school team sports, welcoming the chance to go on trips to Bisley, trying target rifle and becoming an Atheling. At University he was encouraged to have a go shooting back-gun MR and was lucky enough to be allocated a really good club back-gun. Finding he had some unexplained aptitude for MR, he belatedly heeded the early advice, happily giving up small-bore. He particularly enjoys the friendly atmosphere of match rifle and the challenges the discipline offers - the need to load cutting-edge ammunition, fire good shots and judge the wind accurately. Alex was a member of the 2004 and 2010 GB MR Teams to Australia, and captained the GB MR Team at Bisley in 2012, regaining the trophy following Australia's 2010 win. He continues to be the NRA's elected Discipline Representative for Match Rifle, seeking to maintain the unique character and ethos of an evolving discipline that is both historic and cutting-edge. He is also a Trustee of the Lovell and Green Trust which supports shooters under 25.

Team Training: Nick Tremlett

Nick is the general factotum of the team – trainer, shooter, sometime coach, shrink, cook and pet medic. Since starting to shoot at school 42 years ago he has competed at international level for 39 of those, being a member of 15 touring teams including 3 Palma teams and all the GB MR teams. Individually he has won the Hopton 5 times, been a member of the England Elcho team 28 times, and of the GB Woomera team all 6 times. Dabbling in TR he has also won the Queen's Prize, the South African Presidents, made the Queen's final on 24 occasions and the Grand Aggregate top 50 on 23.

Nick was a member of the very first GB MR tour to Australia in 1997, when the team shot in Tasmania. He well remembers the difficulties of reading the wind at the Campbell Town range, and is glad to be going back as he feels he has some unfinished business there!

When not shooting Nick is the senior partner of a veterinary practice, which by pure coincidence is just half an hour from Bisley.



Ashley Abrahams

Ashley started .22 smallbore shooting at St Albans School in 2001 at the age of 11, rising to captain the school team in his final year. Although he dabbled with fullbore rifles as a cadet, he only really got well acquainted with them at Cambridge University where he found both the Rifle Association and an excellent group of friends who have provided years of competition, entertainment and support. First picking up a Match Rifle in 2010, Ashley went on to represent Cambridge University for the next four years until he graduated in 2013. Aside from the Varsity victories, highlights include winning the Any Rifle 1200 yards competition in 2012 when he was CURA captain, finishing 17th in his 3rd Hopton, being selected as Elcho reserve in 2012 and 2013 and representing England in the Five Nations match in 2011 and 2012. For reasons he doesn't quite understand, he has found himself the current Match Rifle captain of the North London Rifle Club. This will be his first shooting tour. In his spare time, Ashley works as a management consultant in the private equity world and is a keen rugby fan. If not on the range or in the office, he can often be found in the pub.



Blair Atholl, Scotland, UK

Meet the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Gary Alexander



Gary started shooting with the army cadet force and made his first visit to Bisley with the Royal School Dungannon (Northern Ireland), at the age of 12. Forty three years later and he hasn't missed one yet. Mainly shooting TR he ventured into match rifle simply to improve wind reading skills and found it to be a whole different experience. Happiest moments have to be winning the Elcho with Ireland and the Woomera with GB.

Off the ranges, Gary is an optometrist and co-director in the Specsavers group and expects to meet with some of his Tasmanian colleagues to explore the relatively recent expansion into the antipodes. When partner Zoe arrives they will be exploring under the waves as keen scuba divers and with all the wonders Australia has to offer, it's a very exciting prospect.

Hugh Butcher

Hugh started shooting at prep school, then onto Public school, Polytechnic, Scotland, TAVR and GB. Competitive shooting has not only been with rifles but with all types of firearm which take a cartridge. Most weekends, when not competing, Hugh works at the bench for a local rifle maker threading up barrels, chambering and machine work, but does get to do all his test shooting for him! From .17 bolt action rifles for vermin control, up to .600 nitro express (11,000 + Joules - definitely HME!) double rifles for hunting dangerous game. Qualified with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Hugh specialises in gas engineering management, so the day job is running a team of gas engineers for T Brown on their Ealing council contract.

Hugh is married to Sara, who teaches reading recovery to primary school children. They are proud parents of two teenage daughters; Ally, who wants to be the next Darcy Bussell, and Lottie, who will be going up to Southampton to study marine engineering. Relaxation is found in walking, cycling and real ale.



David Dashwood



After being introduced to TR shooting at Harrow, David became hooked at university, finding Bisley an escape from archaeology and an opportunity to visit friends in London. An inability to concentrate on firing good shots all the time led to a shift from TR to MR in the early 90's, when the odd howler could be accommodated (those were the days). A supine shooter for many years David, now sometimes rolls onto his front in the hope of recapturing past glories and to reduce the time between Elcho call-ups. His ambition is to shoot an Elcho match in both positions (captains beware).

David runs a mixed farm in the centre of England and is married to Katie, with two teenage children. The vagaries of the seasons and the mountains of form filling ensure that Bisley visits are somewhat restricted. During the winter months, when the farm allows, David runs a small game shoot notorious for fast flying pheasants and an undisciplined pack of dogs (mostly his). He also scours antiquarian bookshops for first edition Rider Haggards.

1200 Yards, Stickle-down, Bisley, UK



Meet the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



Rosanne Furniss

Having tried smallbore a few times at school, Rosanne really started shooting in 2005 whilst at Cambridge University, with the intention of taking up a sport where her lack of ability to throw, run or catch would not hold her back. It worked, and she went on to captain the Cambridge University Small Bore Club, and was twice Match Rifle Captain for the fullbore club, winning every Varsity match over her 4 years in the club.

Shooting highlights include representing England twice in the Elcho and once as reserve, becoming the first lady to shoot the Elcho for England since it began. She scored 100.13 at 1200 yards whilst shooting against Australia in Cambridge in 2012, and hopes this luck will follow her to Tasmania, where this will be Rosanne's first shooting tour.

Outside shooting, Rosanne works on improving operational performance in the NHS and defence as a consultant for Newton Europe.

Mike Judge

Mike started shooting small bore when he was 16 but exchanged it for TR whilst at University after realising the monotony of 25 yard shooting. He practised both TR and MR during the many years of his higher education. Some people believe that he continued to a PhD just so that he could remain in the Cambridge University Rifle Association. Throughout Mike's time in CURA, his love of MR and the 19th Century grew such that when his student discount came to an end, he focused almost entirely on the joys of 1200x shooting. In his shooting career so far, Mike has shot in numerous Varsity matches, the Five Nations and has been awarded the top Tyro in both the Hopton and Albert. He is looking forward to making the step up to shooting for Great Britain. As this will be Mike's first tour, and visit to Tasmania, he aims to gain lots of experience and enjoyment of shooting overseas in the first trip of what will hopefully be a long shooting career. Mike can be found at Bisley in the Cambridge Blue Caravan located just behind the 1100x firing point, usually either in front of a BBQ or in a paddling pool. Outside of shooting, Mike is an aerodynamics engineer and has always had a love of the water, including Scuba diving wherever he can.



Tim Kidner

Tim started shooting at school and has represented Scotland and Great Britain in TR, MR and F-Class disciplines over a period of 40 years. He has shot in winning teams in the Elcho, National, MacKinnon and F-Class International Matches and has won a number of individual trophies including the TR Grand Aggregate at Bisley in 2004. In TR teams, Tim has toured to Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa. In MR teams, Tim was in a Scotland Team tour to Australia, including Tasmania, in 2007 and was in the GB Team for the Woomera Match in Australia in 2010.

Tim has now retired from working in the paper manufacturing and converting industry but is busy as Chairman of the Scottish Rifle Association and is directly involved in running the various championship events held in Scotland including the National Rifle Club of Scotland Match Rifle Championships which are held on the Blair Atholl range. In 2014 Tim organised the volunteers that set up and ran the fullbore range for the Commonwealth Games at Barry Buddon. Tim lives in Aberdeen in the North East of Scotland with his wife Liz and two dogs.



Woomera Match Teams, Belmont, Australia, 2010



Meet the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



Rob Kitson

Rob has been shooting for 25 years, having started rather early at the school 25m indoor range, before progressing to fullbore TR, service rifle and pistol, and now MR at the behest of Gary Alexander and under the tutelage of Angus McLeod. Rob has represented the British Army and Ireland and has shot in the Mackinnon, National, and Elcho Matches. He has toured previously to South Africa and with the NRA Channel Islands team in 2012. Memorable moments of a short MR career so far have been achieving a top 20 (and top Irishman) in the Hopton as a Tyro, and selection for three Elcho matches (hopefully four by time of tour!), but is saddened by the now increased difficulty of winning 500 free Sierras. An unexpected honour to be picked, Rob is informed he is the first non-commissioned regular serving soldier to be selected for a senior GB team since 1937, a fact of which he is very proud. Apart from MR, Rob spends an inordinate time at Bisley and is an avid supporter of allowing handloads for TR to reduce costs and halt the decline in the wider sport. Fond of picking up a shotgun for rough shooting and sporting clays, Rob is also active in deer stalking and management on the Pirbright danger area. He enjoys good ales and over indulging in sushi restaurants.

Derek Lowe

Derek began in MR with Oxford University, memorably if ineffectively in the novice backgunner's garb of barbour jacket & rugby shorts. Backgunning in those days meant falling asleep between shots and being addressed with a breech stick by the camp's favourite blacksmith. And suffering from some fierce sunburn to the left shin. More serious application followed via conversion of a heavyweight long range target rifle into his present front gun, which remains his preferred medium despite a fine score made recently with the incumbent Hopton winner's backgun. Derek particularly enjoys the team shooting environment, which perhaps explains his penchant for wind coaching, keeping him on the firing point far longer than the shooters. In this role, he has represented England in a number of Elcho matches and GB in the last two Woomeras.

Aside from MR and an increasing amount of TR coaching, Derek spends his time applying skills learned in his banking job to the role of NRA Treasurer. After a 20 year stretch enjoying the delights of the North London, he has finally made the leap to one of Bisley's plastic palaces.



Angus McLeod

Angus began his shooting career with TR whilst at School in Edinburgh, going on to shoot for Scotland and touring with the Athelings and NRA Channel Islands Teams. On joining the Army he switched to service weapons events, winning HM Queens Medal in 1990, with GB Service Rifle Team outings and touring with Army Teams to Australia, Canada and the US. He returned to the TR discipline in the mid-90s, shooting for the Army and Scotland with overseas representation in the US, Canada, South Africa and the 2010 and 2014 Commonwealth Games Teams, and most recently the GB touring team to Canada and the US in 2014. Always interested in the science behind the sport, he took up MR sometime in the 2000s, representing Scotland in the Elcho and GB in the Woomera Match versus Australia.

He left the Army in 2013 and now works as an 'Experimental' Engineer for QinetiQ Land Systems, in Farnborough. Non-ballistic down time is spent trying to gain altitude by running, cycling or flying.



Stickle-down, Bisley, UK

Meet the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



Julian Peck

Despite over a quarter of a century shooting on his back, Julian still finds himself the sole exponent of the elongated supine position. The contraption he calls his rifle really does comprise part of a ladder, not to mention the former contents of a couple of tins of spam. But neither he nor his contraption has ever had a better day's shooting than a 225.37.

Julian worked as an entrepreneur and inventor of consumer products for 17 years, and now helps academics at the University of Cambridge to commercialise any inventions arising from their research.

He does not turn old fireworks into makeshift bazookas and never explodes cakes.

Michael Wentges

A comparative newcomer to MR, Michael, a farmer from Ireland, started shooting whilst at school in England. Aably coached by the long suffering Queen's Prize winner, Frank Harriss, he rose to the dizzy heights of 4th in the school's Ashburton team. That was that for the next 23 years as living in Ireland during the troubles effectively precluded any fullbore shooting.

Starting again with the Ulster Rifle Association 15 years ago, Michael achieved some success with the then infant 'F' Class, before taking up MR encouraged by the late Pete Campbell.

His 'Tyro' status lasted only one season, becoming top Tyro in the top 20 of the Hopton and shooting his first Elcho in 2004. He has shot the Elcho with the Irish VIII every year since.

When not at Bisley, Michael continues to farm in Ireland whenever he's not either deer stalking, salmon fishing, game shooting, or tinkering with Lotus cars.



Simon Whitby

Si isn't quite sure when he actually started shooting, but his first memories of Bisley are visiting as a child and 'helping' his father (the Adjutant – they are not, as some have unkindly suggested, brothers). After working for a few seasons as a butt marker and shooting some small bore, Si moved on to TR, before being introduced to the joys of MR in 2006. Since then, Si has shot four times for England in the Elcho, and toured to Australia in 2010 as part of the GB team. Despite suspicions of being primarily selected as part of the drinking squad for the tour, Si was called upon to shoot – that this represented the first time that GB had ever lost to the Aussies is surely coincidence.

Individual success has proven largely elusive, and Si's proudest moment in MR to date is making his debut for England in 2009, in a team that included his father. Most satisfying moments in MR to date are passing on the roles of North London Captain and GB Adjutant to the next unwilling victims. When not shooting, Si works as a Financial Advisor for Brooks Macdonald, and lives in Hammersmith with his wife Izzy.



Stickledown, Bisley, UK

The Reserves

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



Hannah Fisher

The youngest member of the squad, Hannah is a student at the University of Cambridge studying Veterinary Medicine. She learned to shoot with CURA after working on a deer farm in her first year at vet school. Her experiences on the farm inspired her to want to work as a specialist deer vet after she qualifies, so she justifies all her shooting by calling it work experience! She gets teased by her fellow students for saying in her first week with CURA "I only want to learn to dart deer, I'm not interested in shooting competitively!" Thankfully she has seen the light and is proud both to have shot the Elcho for Scotland, and a day later captained a successful CURA Humphry team. When not on the range, she spends most of her time avoiding studying, organising CURA's socials or waiting for the day when she can have a dog of her own, instead of stealing other people's pets!

Chris Law

Chris is retired and one of the older members of the squad, making his first small-bore appearance at Bisley over 50 years ago. Much later, he converted to full-bore and led a club team tour to the USA in 1987, including Camp Perry and its maximum range of 1,000 yards. This coincided with increasing interest in the longer MR ranges at Bisley, and his first appearance as a reserve for the Elcho English team. His lifetime career as a 'test tube' chemist provided the stimulation to handload for MR, after attending an NRA Training Course run by Roland Greenwood and John Bloomfield in the 80's. This further enhanced his enjoyment of MR, giving a more direct link with efforts and success (or not!) on the range. When not on the range, Chris is an amateur astronomer who set up a southern skies observatory at a game reserve in Namibia around 2004.



John Lindsay III

John Lindsay, son of John Lindsay, son of John Lindsay, began his shooting career in earnest after going up to Cambridge University where he discovered the joys of match rifle shooting. During his time at Cambridge, John earned a Full Blue and represented the University three times in the Humphry Match Rifle varsity match against Oxford. John was also fortunate enough to make reserve for England in the Elcho in 2009, the same year that he achieved his highest ever placing of 21st in the Hopton Aggregate. Many said that this would be the peak of his shooting career. However, he proved the doubters wrong when he burst back onto the scene as reserve for this tour. Indeed, John views being a reservist as a vocation, having supported (but never been required for) several high profile Great Britain Target Rifle tours.



John Pugsley

John started shooting in 1957 with an air rifle, progressing through shotgun to smallbore and finally to fullbore in 1973, which he has pursued ever since. Well known for his no 'faff', no nonsense approach and preference for quick shooting partners, he is a shooting all-rounder who has experienced various highs and lows and hopes to add a few more highs along the lines of his Queen's and St George's Prize wins and Palma, Australia Match, Kolapore, Woomera and Pershing Match appearances. John was part of the first Match Rifle tour to Tasmania in 1997, when he won the Australian Championships at Campbell Town. A vet in his spare time, John will often be found out for long runs both at home and on tour.



Stickledown, Bisley, UK



CONQUER PEST CONTROL



"ACCURATELY TARGETING PEST
ISSUES SINCE 1976"

CONQUER PEST CONTROL IS
PROUD TO SPONSOR THE 2016
GREAT BRITAIN MR TEAM TO
AUSTRALIA

PROVIDING SPECIALIST PEST CONTROL SERVICES TO THE FARMING
INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT THE MIDLANDS INCLUDING GRAIN
FUMIGATION, PRE HARVEST GRAIN STORE CLEANING AND SPRAYING,
RODENT, INSECT, RABBIT AND BIRD CONTROL. FREE CONSULTATIONS
AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN MEETING ALL EXTERNAL AUDITING
REQUIREMENTS

CONQUER PEST CONTROL LTD, CHESTNUT FARM, CHESTNUT LANE
BARTON IN FABIS, NOTTINGHAM NG11 0AE

WWW.CONQUERPESTCONTROL.CO.UK
ENQUIRIES@CONQUERPESTCONTROL.CO.UK

TEL: 0115 9830735 FAX: 0115 9831229

HPS Target Rifles Limited
Wishes the 2016 Great Britain Match Rifle Team
to Australia every success in all their matches!



THE HPS "CONVERTIBLE" RIFLE STOCK



The HPS "Convertible" Rifle Stock. Over 40 sold worldwide since launch in January
2014. Machined from a solid billet. Made ambidextrous. Insert blocks for the
Barnard P or S, Quadlock, Quadlock Round, Quadlite, Rem 700 and its clones,
RPA2000, Paramount, Swing as well as the Anschütz 19 Series.
Immediate delivery from stock in blue, black or platinum. Others colours to order.
£1300 including one insert block. £100 for each additional insert block.
One stock for several actions.

The HPS Convertible Rifle Stock – the one to have!

HPS TARGET MASTER AMMUNITION

The range of ammunition manufactured by HPS Target Rifles Limited is second to
none in the UK. .308, .224, 6mm, 6.5mm, .270, 7mm, 8mm, .338 and .303
all with top quality Sierra bullets in new or once fired cases or free issued customer
cases. There is no other licensed, HSE and CIP approved manufacturer of this range
of ammunition in the UK! Beside this "standard" range, HPS loads thousands of
rounds of bespoke ammunition in a wide variety of other calibres.

HPS Target Master Ammunition – a hard act to follow!

HPS also provides: Traditional Wooden Stocks, Rifle Barrels, Actions, Point Master
Shooting Mats, Gloves, Caps, Slings, Gun Bags/Boxes, Weatherwriters, Capes, RPA
and Centra Parts & Accessories, Cleaning Supplies, Complete Rifles Built to
Customer Specifications, Re-Barrelling, Full Rifle Servicing, Repairs, and
Refurbishment Service.

HPS is an HSE Licensed Commercial Manufacturer of ammunition since 1993.
All HPS ammunition is CIP approved, packaged and labelled according to UN
regulations for UK and International Transport. HPS are also
Liability Insured.



Tel: +44 (0) 1531 822 641 Fax: +44 (0) 1531 828 741
Email: info@hps-tr.com www.hps-tr.com



Unit 8 Cleeve Mill Business Park, Newent, Gloucestershire, England GL18 1EP



Peter Hunt of PTS Supplies Ltd. Perthshire wishes the GB Match Rifle Team
competing in the Woomera Match v Australia in Tasmania in March 2016

"The very best of shooting"

PTS can supply all your reloading requirements and much more, at affordable prices.
Please check out our web-site.

Easterton Farm, Blackford, PH4 1RQ Tel. 01764 682472 Mbl. 07900 278374

www.ptssuppliesltd.com
sales@ptssuppliesltd.com

The Australian Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Captain	Shane Courtney	Victoria
Manager	John Kielly	Queensland
Coaches	Graham Dyson Kerod Lindley David Rich ¹ Gilbert Walker	Victoria Queensland Victoria Tasmania
Team Members	Philip Bain Alan Blain Chris Halloran ¹ Rob Halloran Lewis Horwood Paul Monaghan Doug Ratcliff ¹ Willy Schaffner Tom Smith ¹ Barry Southern	New South Wales Victoria New South Wales New South Wales Victoria Tasmania Victoria South Australia New South Wales Victoria
Reserves	John Collis Peter Rix	Tasmania South Australia

1. New Australia Match Rifle Cap.

Belmont, Queensland, Australia



Philip J Milton & Company Plc was established in 1985 and is proud to offer a fully independent financial and investment planning service, advising upon all aspects of clients' financial affairs. The Company continues to expand its operations and also offers a Personal Taxation and Accountancy service along with a Will Writing, Trusts, Estates and Probate Department. With thirty years' experience, success can be attributed largely to the Company's uncompromising commitment to clients, including ongoing assessment and management of investments, a thorough understanding of financial markets, prudent management and long-term financial stability.

*Funds under independent management now exceed £120 million, including funds which we are delighted to manage on behalf of the National Rifle Association in its **NRA Overseas' Teams' Fund**.*

Our Services

<i>Wealth Management</i>	<i>Mortgages</i>
<i>Financial Planning</i>	<i>Wills and Trusts*</i>
<i>Retirement Options</i>	<i>Lasting Powers of Attorney*</i>
<i>Share Dealing</i>	<i>Estate Administration*</i>
<i>Accountancy & Taxation*</i>	

*Not regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority

Pleased to be looking after the needs of clients from across the British Isles and indeed expats across the world. Why not contact us today to see how our services may be able to assist you - the time it takes may be the best investment you ever make. Initial consultations are offered entirely without cost or obligation. Clients can also subscribe to our staunchly independent and unrivalled investment management systems covering portfolios, ISAs, pensions and offshore bonds, covering myriad risk and income strategies without advice and without any initial cost.

"It never ceases to amaze me how Philip and the team continually keep 'one step ahead' of the market.

*Over the sixteen years I have been advised by **Philip J Milton & Company Plc**, I can have nothing but praise for their professionalism, their efficiency and the way they continue to deliver 'gold-edged' advice.*

I'd recommend them to anyone (and often do)!"

RNR Devon – UK Feb 2015

What is Match Rifle?

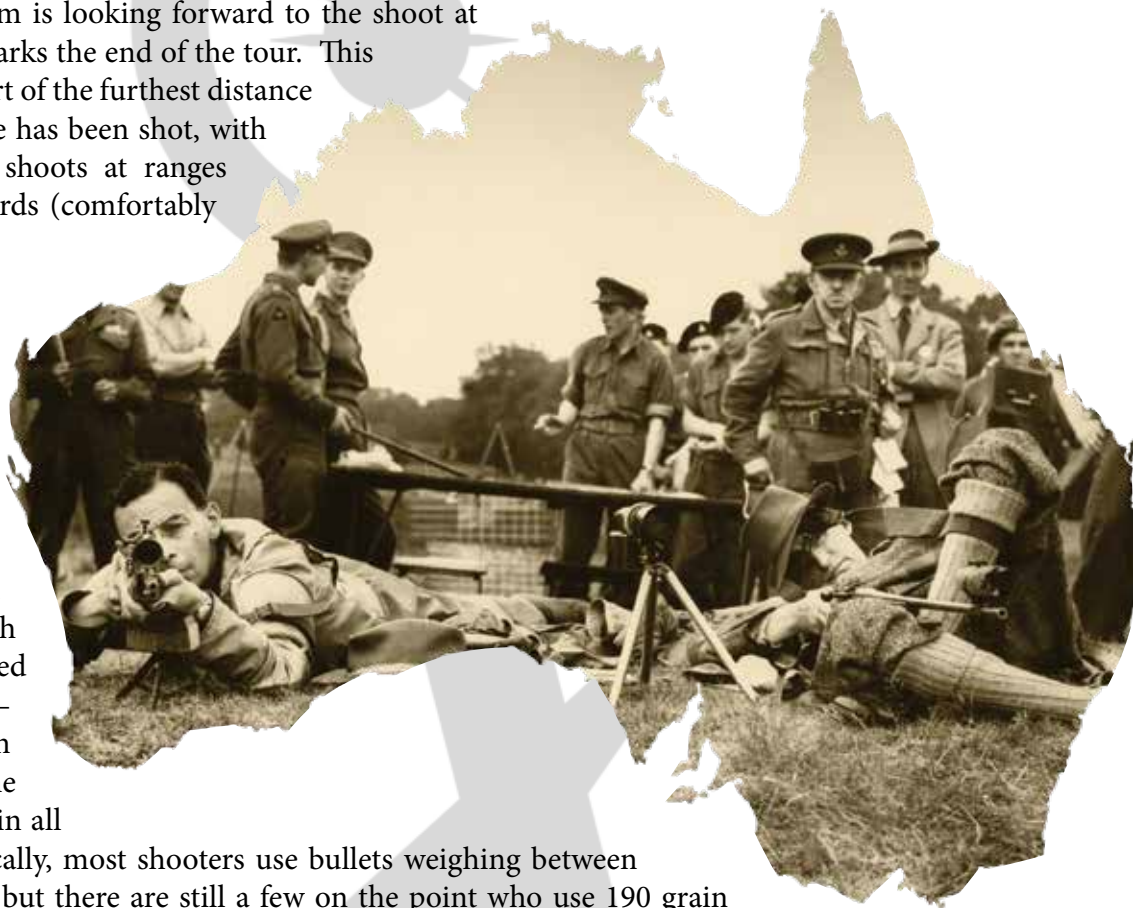
www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Match Rifle is a target shooting discipline, shot mainly in the UK, but with a growing band of devotees in Australia. It began in the UK in the mid 1800s, when a number of adventurous shooters decided to test to the limit the capabilities of themselves, and their equipment, at long-range marksmanship. From the very beginning, experimentation and innovation have always played an important part in Match Rifle.

Today, Match Rifle is normally shot at distances between 1000 to 1200 yards, so we like to say that 'where other shooting stops, Match Rifle begins'. Every now and then, however, we have the chance to test our ammunition and wind judgement at longer ranges, and everyone on the team is looking forward to the shoot at 1500 yards which marks the end of the tour. This is still some way short of the furthest distance at which Match Rifle has been shot, with records existing of shoots at ranges in excess of 2000 yards (comfortably over a mile).

Like Target Rifle, Match Rifle is shot with the 7.62mm cartridge, but, unlike the short range discipline, there is no issued ammunition, with hand loading allowed (and encouraged – very few competition winners use 'off the shelf' ammunition) in all competitions. Typically, most shooters use bullets weighing between 200 and 215 grains, but there are still a few on the point who use 190 grain heads, and some have ventured as far as 220 or even 230 grain projectiles.

A wider range of shooting positions and equipment is also allowed in Match Rifle. Nowadays, most shoot in the prone position, some using a sling and others using a rest to support the hand holding the rifle. The rifle may not, however, be directly supported by a rest or bipod. There are still a healthy number of 'traditionalists', who shoot in the supine position, reclining on their backs, with feet pointing towards the target!



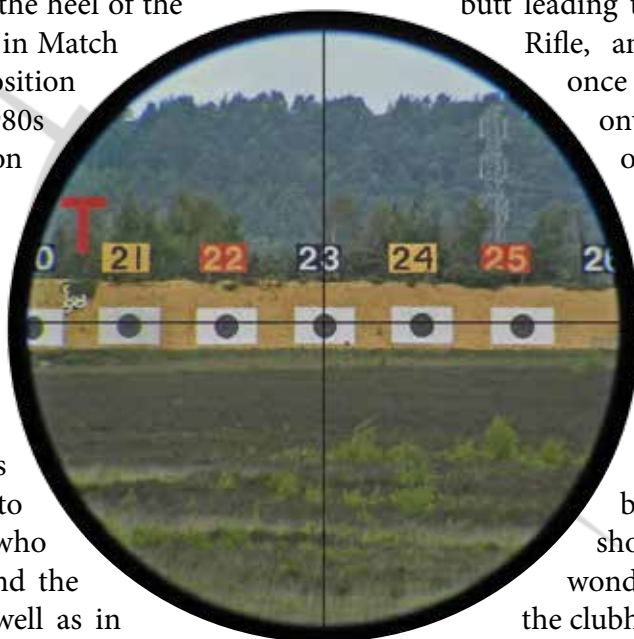
Halford, by Cecil Cutler, 1893

What is Match Rifle?

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

The supine position originally found popularity in the late 1800s, with the elongated sight base achieved by placing the back sight on the heel of the Telescopic sights are allowed in Match Rifle optics that led to the prone position popular position from the 1980s now use a telescope, with iron

Match Rifle offers shooters are drawn to it for enjoy experimentation with their rifle and ammunition, Match Rifle by attaching a Others enjoy the challenge MR distances – every day is changes can be sufficient to target at 1200 yards. All who Rifle for its rich tradition and the be found on the range (as well as in



butt leading to improvements in accuracy. Rifle, and it was improvements in once again becoming the most onwards. Nearly all shooters or Galilean sights a rarity.

a variety of challenges, and different reasons. Some the intention of optimising though it's easy to start telescope to a Target Rifle. provided by the wind at different, and sudden wind blow shots off a 10' wide NRA shoot it though enjoy Match wonderfully friendly atmosphere to the clubhouses afterwards).



The members of the **North London Rifle Club** wish
“good luck and the best of success”
to the **GB Match Rifle team**
on their tour to compete for the
Woomera Trophy
in Australia 2016

The **North London Rifle Club (NLRC)** is the premier and one of the oldest clubs at Bisley, steeped in tradition and excellent client service. Come to the **NLRC** for a unique experience of tradition, hospitality and progress



Visit our website for more information at www.nlrc.org

The Woomera Trophy

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

The culmination of our tour to Tasmania will be the competition against the Australian Match Rifle team for the much coveted Woomera trophy.

First shot for in 1997 in Tasmania, the trophy itself was actually commissioned in 1993 by James Freebairn. James had 'discovered' Match Rifle at Bisley in the UK in 1990, and was instrumental in arranging the inaugural Australian Match Rifle Championships, which were held at the Woomera range in South Australia in October 1993.

In addition to sharing a name, the trophy is, in fact, fashioned after a sculpture in the township of Woomera; home not just to the aforementioned rifle range, but also a Government rocket testing facility. The name Woomera actually originates from an Australian Aborigine device, designed to increase the distance that a spear can be thrown. As such, Woomera seems appropriate for the naming of both a rocket range and a long range shooting trophy.



The central parts of the trophy represent different facets of the work carried out at the rocket range. The orb represents a satellite; the crescent, a tracking dish; the arrow, a rocket; and the supporting arm, a launcher (the aforementioned 'Woomera' device). The trophy is mounted on a block of River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus Camaldulensis*), a timber which can be found growing in most parts of Australia. The mounting block is adorned with the emblem of the NRAA.

It was the intention that the trophy be presented at International Match Rifle competitions involving Australia, and 2016 will be the seventh time that it has been competed for by teams from Australia and Great Britain. On average, the competition occurs every three years, and alternates between Australia and the UK. We last toured to Australia in 2010, and the Aussies last visited our shores in 2012. A record of some of the more interesting stats since the inception of the match, including record team and individual scores, most appearances, and even a list of those to have shot the match in both British and Australian colours, is included later on in this brochure.

On the day of the match, the two teams will face off at three distances: 1000 yards, 1100 yards and 1200 yards. The course of fire is 2 convertible sighters (known as 'optionals' by our antipodean cousins) and 15 shots to count per shooter at each distance. Both teams will consist of sixteen members, of which eight will shoot. The other eight will take on various no less important roles, such as target coaches, main coach, reserve shooters and Captain and Adjutant.

The Woomera Trophy


www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Though a 'young' trophy in Match Rifle terms, competition is no less fierce for that. Just what victory means to the two teams was clear to see on the range in Belmont in 2010, when Australia broke their duck in the match on home soil.

In fact, so keen were the Aussies for victory that the members of their squad actually travelled further to the various training days held across (the admittedly rather vast continent of) Australia in the lead up to the match than the Great Britain team did in flying halfway around the world to get to Brisbane. That determination clearly paid off, as Australia equalled the record score for the match on the way to victory.

Here's hoping that the 2016 match is as tense and exciting an affair.

Though with a slightly happier ending, obviously.....



From
little
acorns...



We believe that children need a very special kind of care to be carefree. The sort of care that enables them to discover themselves and the world around them, while giving them the protection and security they need to make sense of what they find.

And how do we know this? Because many of us here at Angels by Day have our own children – not to mention the fact that we were once kids ourselves. Remember how great it felt to run outside into a big, safe garden and let your imagination (and sometimes your dungarees!) rip, knowing that a tasty home-cooked lunch would be waiting for you when you came inside? How great it felt when you learnt something new? To be rewarded for saying "please" – and to know that someone else was as proud of you as you were of yourself?

So do we – and that's why we run our nursery in the way we do. It's not just our safe, protected environment that'll give you and your child a wonderful

feeling of security; it's our whole ethos. From our large outside space complete with a magical 'garden classroom' to our wholesome organic dinners made from fresh, local produce, everything we do at Angels by Day is done with warmth and fun, creativity and care.

So if you're looking for flexible childcare in a nursery that shares your values, we're here to lend a hand. Pop in any time for a cup of tea (or a beaker of squash) – or just call us and we'll arrange a time for you to have a look around.



Visit
angelsbyday.co.uk
for more
information



Hillside House
Hillside
Off Derby Road
Nottingham NG7 2DZ

Telephone
0115 978 9980
Email
hillside@angelsbyday.co.uk

The Elcho - The “Other” Match

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Having got this far through the brochure, you will know all about the Woomera Trophy and the part that it plays on our tour. You might, however, have noticed a few references to the Elcho in some of the team members’ biographies. So just what is the Elcho?

In short, the Elcho is the “other” major international match rifle competition, though such a description in no way does it justice. Starting in 1862 as a competition between England and Scotland, the Elcho recently celebrated its 150th anniversary and so ranks as one of the most enduring international contests in any sport.

The seeds of the match were first sown by the formation of the Volunteer Force in 1859, in response to the fear of a French invasion. Though starting in a small way at first, enthusiasm quickly grew, and thousands flocked to join the Volunteers and participate in the new sport of rifle shooting.

In the autumn of 1859, leaders of the Volunteers resolved to further the aims of the movement by forming an association which would be for “the encouragement of Volunteer Rifle Corps and rifle shooting throughout Great Britain.” Lord Elcho, an enthusiastic protagonist of the scheme and a keen Volunteer, wrote to *The Times* setting out the aims of the new Association and the plans to hold a great annual National Meeting for rifle shooting, starting in July 1860.

Lord Elcho himself determined to give a prize “for annual competition as an encouragement to international small-bore shooting [*as Match Rifle was then known*], and also that my name might be perpetuated in connection with the Association and the Volunteers, and thus it will be, long after I have left this sublunary scene.” He persuaded his friend, the well-known and popular artist, GF Watts to design a trophy.

Watts decided that it would be an iron shield six feet high, and drew the figures and scenes for subjects suggested by Lord Elcho, as well as Britannia, and the medallion head of Victoria.

Though its design seems to have been well under way by the spring of 1860 there was no suitable contest for which it could be awarded. Then in August 1861 – after the Wimbledon Meeting [*prior to the Bisley ranges, Meetings were shot on Wimbledon Common*] – and on the eve of the second great rifle meeting in Montrose, Scotland challenged England to a long range rifle match.

The challenge was brought to the notice of the Editor of the Volunteer Service Gazette, and within a few weeks Lord Bury (England) and Captain Horatio Ross (Scotland) had been appointed Captains. The conditions and rules were completed by December 1861 and the match was now to be an annual event, at 800, 900, and 1000 yards. The first contest would be at the Wimbledon Meeting of 1862.

Lord Elcho, when he heard of the proposed match, promptly offered the Shield as a Prize, even though it had yet to be made.



Lord Elcho, 1870



The Current Lord Elcho, Bisley, UK

The Elcho - The "Other" Match

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk



A detail of the Elcho Shield design

The first match was held on 9th July 1862. The English firers wore the red cross of St George, and the Scots the saltire of St Andrew on their arms. England emerged victorious.

Production of the Shield itself was not completed until 1865. Manufactured by Elkington, and finished in burnished grey, with gold bands delineating the sides and central hexagonal area, it was a magnificent sight.

This was a trophy truly worthy of the match and Lord Elcho's wishes. It was first presented in 1865, when England won by the small margin of 2 points, and Ireland competed for the first time.

Today the match for the Elcho Shield is held every July at the NRA Imperial Meeting at Bisley. Involving all four of the home nations, it is now shot at 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards. While the ravages of time may have dimmed some of the still physically imposing Shield's former splendour, the match itself has lost none of its lustre, and the competition is as fierce as ever.

In recent years, the match has been honoured by the presence of both the current Lord Elcho and his father, the Earl of Wemyss and March, the latter of whom has kindly provided a foreword for this brochure, which expounds on the origins of the NRA.

COMMONSIDE FIREARMS

UK DISTRIBUTOR FOR 'RELOAD SWISS' PROPELLANTS



OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS 95% OF ALL U.K. MATCH RIFLE TEAMS & INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN WON USING **RS60** (ELCHO 17) PROPELLANT.

**'RELOAD SWISS', THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED PROPELLANTS.
GO WITH THE WINNERS - GO WITH 'RELOAD SWISS'!**



**Reload
Swiss^{RS}**

WWW.RELOAD-SWISS.COM

COMMONSIDE FIREARMS

TEL. +44 (0)7774 859630

INFO@PROPELLANTS.CO.UK

SURREY RFD 591

WWW.PROPELLANTS.CO.UK



RECRUITMENT MADE EASY !

For All Enquires - Please Contact Tim Roberts.

E-mail - tim@target-jobs.com - Tel - 0207 232 1010 - Mob - 07989 976 076

Follow us on Twitter - @target_group1
Search for us on Facebook - Target group

For all your recruitment needs!

www.target-jobs.com



Hannam's Reloading Ltd



Designed for competition shooters who take their reloading seriously. To make the ideal cartridge, the bullets and cases must fulfill the highest quality specifications. The combination of superior Lapua bullets and cases with Vihtavuori premium powder is the perfect assurance of accuracy.

Vihtavuori Reloading Powders

- N100 series
- N500 series
- N300 series

Lapua Components

- Scenar Bullets
- Cases

N140, N150 & N160 now available in 3.5 Kg value packs



Now in stock the NEW 7mm ScenarL bullets

A Passion for Precision

www.lapua.com

Tel: 01977 681639 email: sales@hannamsreloading.com



Follow us online for news of our progress during the tour, the results of our matches, and our build up to the trip itself

WWW.GBMRT2016.ORG.UK

The Woomera in Numbers

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Times the Woomera has been shot:

Six (2016 will be the seventh, and the fourth in Australia)

Number of ranges the Woomera has been shot on:

Four - three times on Stickle-down in the UK, and once each on Campbell Town in Tasmania, Lower Light in Adelaide, and Belmont in Brisbane

Number of shooters to have shot the match:

55

Number of shooters to have shot the match for Great Britain:

33 (17 English, 11 Scottish, 3 Irish, 2 Welsh)

Number of shooters to have shot the match for Australia:

23

Number of shooters to have shot the match for both Australia and Great Britain (and thus the reason that the GB and Aussie numbers above add up to more than the total shooters):

One - Paul Monaghan

(This does not include Stuart Collings, who has shot and coached for GB, but has 'only' coached for Australia. Tom Smith has shot for GB, and is in the Australia squad for 2016, alongside Paul, so could become the second. We can only assume that Stuart, who is not in the Australia squad, has realised the error of his ways)

Number of shooters to have been on the losing side for both Australia and Great Britain:

One

Most individual appearances by a shooter:

- 5 Phil Bain and Lew Horwood (both Australia)
Phil did not shoot in 1997, and Lew did not shoot in 2012
- 4 Adrian Abbot (Australia), Jim McAllister (Great Britain), Gilbert Walker (Australia)

Most individual appearances by a coach:

- 5 Nick Tremlett (Great Britain)
- 4 Martin Townsend (Great Britain)
- 3 James Freebairn, Greg Warrion (both Australia)



Woomera Match Teams, Bisley, UK, 2012

The Woomera in Numbers

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Most appearances in the match (as a coach, shooter, captain or adjutant):

- 6 William Freebairn (Australia – one shooting, three as captain and two coaching)
Nick Tremlett (Great Britain – one shooting and five coaching)
Gilbert Walker (Australia – four shooting and two coaching)
- 5 Phil Bain (Australia – five shooting)
Loulou Brister (Great Britain – two shooting, one as captain and two as adjutant)
Stuart Collings (Great Britain – three shooting, one as captain and coach; Australia – one coaching)
Lew Horwood (Australia – five shooting)
James Freebairn (Australia – two as captain, two coaching and one as captain and coach)

Highest individual score (Australia):

- 224.27 Adrian Abbot Belmont, 2010
224.25 Alan Blain Belmont, 2010

Highest individual score (Great Britain):

- 224.23 Tim Kidner Belmont, 2010 (this was Tim's GB MR debut)

Highest team score:

- 1762.220 Great Britain Stickledown, 2006
1762.174 Australia Belmont, 2010

(It should be noted that, while the GB score achieved more V-Bulls than the Aussie score, the Aussie score was achieved in Australia, where the V-Bull is smaller, while the GB score was achieved in the UK. As such, the 'V' counts are not readily comparable, and it is not possible to say which was the higher score on Vs – it therefore seems fair to call this one a tie)

Team Wins

- Five Great Britain
One Australia

Number of times that each shooter in the match has scored 70 or more at each distance:

- One Belmont, 2010

(This is, apparently, the only time that this feat has ever been achieved in either the Woomera or the Elcho)

Innovation and efficiency

At Newton we implement transformational, award-winning change across a wide range of sectors including private equity, transport, defence, local government, services, manufacturing and healthcare.

We work hands-on to generate sustainable results and real financial and operational improvement for some of the world's most successful, innovative organisations. We have a track record of creating 10% to 50% improvement over two to six months without any capital expenditure. In fact, we promise to improve the financial performance of any organisation by 1.5% to 5% of turnover at no risk to clients through our unique no results, no fee model.

Our work is carried out side-by-side with our clients. It is challenging and incredibly rewarding, from building the next generation of nuclear submarines, to boosting manufacturing production, building transport infrastructure, and saving NHS Trusts millions of pounds while transforming patient care.

Find out more:

T: +44 (0) 1865 601 300

E: info@newtoneurope.com

W: www.newtoneurope.com



TEST DRIVE THE LATEST MODELS AT THE LEADING MORGAN GARAGE

BRANDS HATCH MORGANS

THE MORGAN AGENTS FOR SOUTH EAST ENGLAND, BOROUGH GREEN, KENT, ENGLAND TN15 8HA

TEL: UK: 01732 882017 OVERSEAS: 0044 1732 882017

WWW.MORGAN-CARS.COM



An Application for the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

The applications for this team were many, and varied. Which is rather fortunate, given that a successful touring rifle team must be a melting pot of different characters and characteristics. Every squad member must be able to bring their own unique skills and traits to bear within the team environment. It is then the job of the Captain to take this eclectic mix, and meld the sometimes clashing styles of the members into a winning formula, where each complements the other, and the team is greater than the sum of its parts. Every cog is vital, every role essential, if victory is to be secured.

It was therefore with a sense of great relief that the Captain received the application below. As the saying surely goes, within every successful shooting team, there's a team dog....

PO Kennel 1437
Tamworth
NSW 2340
Australia

The Captain
Great Britain Match Rifle Team
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
UK

10th September, 2014

Dear Mr Townsend

RE: Application to the Great Britain Match Woomera Team to Australia, 2016

It is with great excitement that I read over my master's shoulder that you are to lead the next Great Britain Match Rifle Team to Australia in 2016. Accordingly I wish to apply for the position of Team Dog.

Let me introduce myself: I am an extremely attractive 5 year old fluffy female neutered labradoodle, named Paddy, although I tends not to answer to that particular name (or any name to think of it). I consider myself of English nationality based on my pedigree certificate: I am the 863rd granddaughter of Sandringham Sydney FT CH a well-known English Labrador; the poodle side of my pedigree is slightly less well defined and quite how S. Sydney got to my grandmother is still of some embarrassment to the family. Whilst I resemble a small lamb my floppy ears and bushy tail would allow distinction from sheep on the range in Tasmania. I do not have fleas, a claim I suspect not all applicants for your team will be prepared to state in writing.

I am uniquely located in Australia and hence will be accessible to team duties on tour unlike many other 'team dogs' that will be left behind in Great Britain. I would propose that my duties could include: general team cuddler, team feet licker and assistant dish licker. I am currently undertaking a short course in 'pooping upwind' a skill that may come in handy for the chief wind coach. Additionally, see below. Having me in your official team photograph will significantly add to the photogenicity of the picture.

With any application of greatness come some personal shortcomings. After careful consideration the only negative attribute is my ability to 'pass wind' at inopportune moments often producing a stench akin to that of a decomposing buried badger

An Application for the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

on a hot summer's day. Whilst in many social circles this trait may be considered undesirable, considering the majority of your potential team also suffer from this problem, I cannot believe this trait to be a reason to decline my application.

Personal requirements of the tour would include somewhere warm and dry to sleep, some form of meat to eat; throwing me the odd bone would be most appreciated but not expected. I would come with my own bed, lead and brush. Team members would be expected to carry and operate 'GBMRT poop' bags at all times. A GB embroidered dog coat would make me look most glamorous within the labradoodle dating scene but strictly please no diamond studs.

Whilst selecting a dog for an official GB team may be viewed mildly obscure by some (mainly target rifle shooters) I believe selection would be in keeping with the spirit of the match rifle community. My selection would emphatically confirm what is already known on the Common; that you are a modern, forward thinking progressive Captain. This decision would be no more forward thinking than, say, allowing Ladies to shoot for England in the Elcho. Additionally I am definitely a team player and would be most willing to repeatedly hump everyone's leg to demonstrate this quality.

I await with keen interest your decision. If I am not selected I totally accept your decision without a single bark, whimper, yelp or howl. If unselected it is likely my master will send me to the local dog pound resulting in being rehomed to catch rats in a small settlement in the Northern Territory.

Yours sincerely,



Paddy

Things to Drink in Tasmania

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

It is traditional in touring brochures to include an article about the destination, usually either about the culture, or things to see and do. Examples for recent tours have included articles about pancakes and ice hockey for a trip to Canada, and a biography of William Perry, for whom Camp Perry in the USA was named.

Obviously, the question as to what we should put in an article for our trip didn't take long to answer; with a Tasmanian dram having been named the world's best single malt in 2014, whisky was clearly going to be the only item on the agenda.

With historical ties to Scotland, it was surely inevitable that there would be a strong affinity within Match Rifle circles for a drop of whisky after a long day's shooting (purely for medicinal purposes, of course). So it has proven; a tasting trip to one of the local distilleries when we shoot at Blair Atholl in Scotland is always welcome, and the Irish 'Dram Trophy' seems to be a popular one to win (surely nothing to do with the fact that it includes a flask which the previous year's winner is tasked with re-filling before it is presented).

The original intention for this article was that one or two of the squad members with the most refined and sensitive palates would congregate for a Tasmanian whisky tasting session, before writing tasting notes and reviews for your benefit. Unfortunately, Tasmanian whisky is still rather difficult to source on these shores, and there is not yet a great deal of variety on offer. We therefore decided that, rather than write of our experiences of polishing off the only two bottles we could get our hands on, we would provide a guide to some of those distilleries whose offerings we look forward to sampling when in Tasmania (obviously, such tastings will occur on days off, and when the captain isn't looking).



When discussing Tasmanian whisky, surely the first distillery to mention has to be Lark. Opened in Hobart in 1992 by Bill Lark, the Lark distillery was the first to operate in Tasmania since 1839. That gap of over 150 years was due to the previous intervention of Lady Jane Franklin, at whose behest her husband, then governor of the state, made distilling illegal. That law remained in place until Bill Lark decided that Tasmania had the perfect climate and ingredients for producing whisky, and set about having the law overturned. Due to his success in doing so, there are now nine distilleries producing whisky in Tasmania, and that whisky is beginning to gain global recognition.

At the forefront of that growth in awareness is Tasmania Distillery, which produces Sullivan's Cove and is also in Hobart (as an aside, there appears to be a common theme in the location of most of the distilleries on the island – they are all just about as far from where we will be staying as it is possible to be, without actually being in the sea). It was a Sullivan's Cove release, the French Oak Cask, which was named best whisky in the world for 2014 at the World Whisky Awards.



Things to Drink in Tasmania

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

With Rye whisky becoming increasingly fashionable in the UK, largely, it would seem, due to its popularity in over-priced London cocktails, the Belgrove distillery is another Tasmanian producer worth keeping an eye on. It's located north of Hobart, and is the closest of the distilleries to Campbell Town. The only whisky produced at Belgrove is rye; easily explained by the fact that it is farmed by the proprietor, Peter Bignell. Faced with a surplus of the stuff due to a bumper crop in 2008, Peter did the only sensible thing, and decided to use it to make whisky. Obviously, you can't just make whisky; it requires certain specialist equipment, such as a still. So Peter had to make one of those first. If there's one thing you can't fault the Aussies for, it's their 'can do' spirit – if they decide they're going to do something, very few things seem to get in their way. That was something that we experienced first-hand on the last Match Rifle tour in 2010, when we shot on a 1500 yard range at Coonabarabran. That range had been built during the previous year, apparently just because the locals decided they wanted one.

The final distillery we will mention is Hellyer's Road, the only one on the northern coast of Tasmania (and, indeed, the only one north of Campbell Town). It's also the largest distillery in Tasmania, and the largest 'boutique' distillery in Australia. Perhaps unusually for a spirit producer, the distillery is actually owned by a cooperative of local dairy farmers. The distillery itself is named after Henry Hellyer, an early European explorer to the north-west of Tasmania, and can be found on the Old Surrey Road – we might therefore have to see if we can bring a bottle back to add to the vast array of liquor to be found on the shelves of the Surrey clubhouse at Bisley.

For the other five Tasmanian distilleries, we don't have space here - rest assured, however, that we will do our best to carry out some 'research' while in Oz, and we'll report back through our blog as soon as any fog has lifted.

Precision Rifle Services Ltd

Precision Rifle Services, based in the Highlands of Scotland, wish the GB Match Rifle Team good shooting in the Woomera Match versus Australia in Tasmania in March 2016

www.precisionrifles.com

A Brief 'Q&A' with the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

To give you a bit more of an insight into the always brilliant mind of the average Match Rifle shooter, we posed each of the squad the same three questions (sadly, these were not included as part of the team selection process – things might have turned out quite differently otherwise). Below, we have included various of the 'thoughts' that we received on the joys of Match Rifle, how to succeed when shooting it, and what to look forward to when touring Tasmania...

What do you most enjoy about Match Rifle shooting?

I love the wind being a great leveller, to know you can start a match with a magpie and still win.

Gary Alexander

The challenge of long range shooting. The satisfaction of a string of V bulls at 1200 yards. The people who shoot MR are quite jolly too.

David Dashwood

The notably relaxed competitive environment and superior cocktails.

Rob Kitson

The eclectic mix of individuals, experimentation and sometimes you can win by just keep all your rounds on the target!

Angus McLeod

The Wind Gods that occasionally allow some relatively unknown shooter to rise up the leader board.

Michael Wentges

It's probably been mentioned by most people, but the camaraderie and atmosphere. It's easy to sometimes forget that you're competing (however ineffectually) against your fellow shooters on the range, and everyone is always willing to help each other and discuss new ideas.

Simon Whitby

What one tip would you pass on to new Match Rifle shooters?

Telescopic sights do not make you shoot better, they just help you to see where you went wrong!

Hugh Butcher

Back-gun is the proper way to do MR - give it a go a few times before giving up on the idea. The first time I tried back-gun it was very uncomfortable; I tried again a year later and have never looked back (or should that be "front"?)

Alex Cargill Thompson

Keep it simple. If you find something that works, stick to it. Tighten everything that moves on scope and gun then keep checking again and again.

David Dashwood



A Brief 'Q&A' with the Team

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

Practice practice practice, shoot as much as you can while still under 25 [*presumably because it's cheaper, and not because it's too late when you get to the Captain's age? – Ed*], and take all the advice from more experienced shooters that you are given!

Hannah Fisher

Don't worry when you just scrape a hit on the edge of the target – this isn't target rifle, you're probably not the only one doing this, and at least you have a sighting shot.

Rosanne Furniss

Learn to aim off when you see the wind change while on aim.

Tim Kidner

Record every facet of a shoot – ammo details, climatic conditions, character of the wind, scope settings, height of the rest, any signs of pressure on the fired case etc. It is only by building up this information that you can then use it to improve the way you shoot next time. The act of recording it forces a deeper level of thought and retention, which becomes an ever more useful resource in the memory banks.

Nick Tremlett

What are you most looking forward to in Tasmania?

I'm really looking forward to shooting on new ranges in a part of the world I haven't yet had the pleasure of visiting, especially the opportunity to shoot at 1500 yards.

Ashley Abrahams

Winning the Woomera match, and friendly but competitive match rifle shooting on a new range, together with a 1500 yard shoot.

Nick Brasier

Editing the tour diary from the somewhat more temperate climate of my flat in London.

John Lindsay III

Returning to where I first toured with GB: as a TR shooter in 1997.

Derek Lowe

Tasmania without blisters. Last time I visited Tasmania I walked the Overland Track, which seemed like most of the way from Devonport to Hobart.

Julian Peck

The prize giving!
Richard Whitby

Really looking forward to seeing the Campbell Town ranges and meeting friends that were made on my visit with the 1997 Match Rifle Team.

Martin Townsend



Elcho Match 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bisley, UK

Acknowledgements

www.GBMRT2016.org.uk

The Great Britain Match Rifle Team would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to their families, friends and supporters, as well as to the team officers: Martin Townsend, Nick Brasier, Richard Whitby, Alex Cargill Thompson and Nick Tremlett, for all of their hard work, perseverance and understanding in (probably, at the time of writing) getting us to Australia. We would also like to give special thanks to the following individuals and organisations for the support and assistance that they have provided:

The National Rifle Association

The North London Rifle Club

John Webster

The Earl of Wemyss and March

James Lewis and Shard Capital

Philip J Milton

Matt Reams and Sierra Bullets

Fiona Day and Angels By Day

Peter Hunt and PTS

CIL Management Consultants

Callum Ferguson and Precision Rifle Services

Brands Hatch Morgans

Philip Bain and Susan Weisser

Sandy Walker and JLL

Gary Costello and PBS International Freight

The National Rifle Association of Australia

The London and Middlesex Rifle Association

William Maunder Taylor and the English Eight Club

Mik Maksimovic and Dolphin Gun Company

Nicholas Lawes and Brooks Macdonald

Henry Mott and Conquer Pest Control

HPS

Pat Hannam and Hannam's Reloading

Reg Roberts and Target Group

Nigel Cole-Hawkins and Commonsense Firearms

Newton Europe Limited

Mary Lindsay

The Overseas Teams Fund

Accuracy International

Gilbert Walker



Enabling growth, managing risk

CIL would like to wish Ashley Abrahams and the Great Britain Match Rifle Team a successful and enjoyable tour of Australia.

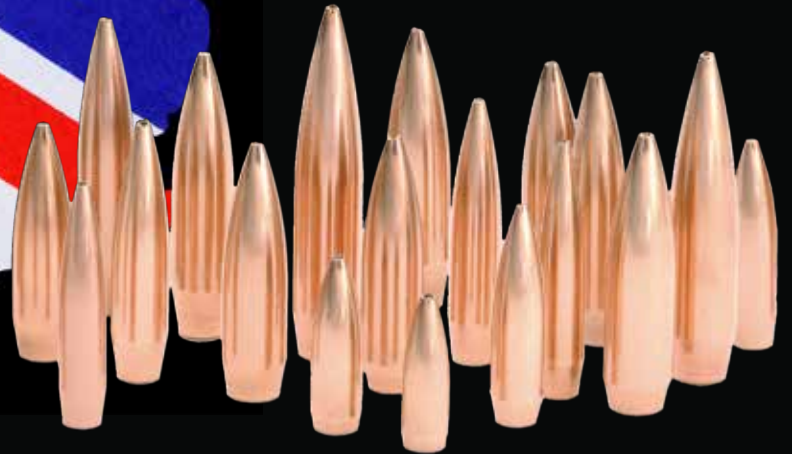
Management support
Market Studies
Business planning
Strategy and change

Investor advice
Due diligence
Industry mapping
Acquisition strategy and search

www.cilconsultants.com



**Good Luck
Great Britain
Match Rifle
Team!**



SIERRA®
The Bulletsmiths



MatchKing®

1400 W. Henry • Sedalia • Missouri

sierra@sierrabullets.com

www.sierrabullets.com

Toll Free 800-223-8799



Targeting value
in all markets

Shard Capital Partners wish the
Great Britain Match Rifle Team every
success in their upcoming tour matches.