

DRPC 1999

Newsletter Spring 2017

First of all let me extend a warm welcome to all our new members and probationers, I hope you are enjoying the facilities and making new friends within the club. There are many experienced shooters at DRPC 1999 don't be afraid to approach them for any assistance or advise, they will be more than happy to help.

The change of venue for the 2017 AGM was deemed to be a success, the extra space and seating for everyone made it more comfortable for those who attended. As a result the same venue has already been booked for 2018.

You may have noticed that the barrier on A range has been replaced, many thanks to those members who put in the time and effort to get this completed quickly. There are a number of other projects on the books for this year such as all weather surfacing around the turning targets and floodlighting on B range. We shall try to keep any range closures to a minimum but there will be the odd day here and there where a range will be closed to complete these improvements.

Tim Mephram has put on a full and varied program of club competitions for this year, there is something for everyone so please come along and have a go. If you would like to see a specific competitions put on then ask Tim and he will look into it.

This years Derby Open will take place on the 23rd/24th/25th of June and every effort will be made to make it the best yet. As always we are extremely grateful to the many sponsors for their contributions to the prize table. Thanks to the efforts of Jim Smith and Brownells UK this year will see the introduction of a specially minted medal for the Derby home countries competition. This is an event we are extremely proud of as it's the only one held outside of the National Shooting Centre and sees competitors travelling from all over the UK to represent their country.

All help in setting up and running this prestigious event is done by club volunteers so please help out if you can. You can contact Jim Smith or myself if you wish to be involved as either range staff at the event or in help preparing the ranges in the week leading up to the shoot.

The club will hold a number of friends and family days this year

Sunday 14th May

Sunday 23rd July

Sunday 17th September

If you wish to bring a guest or guests then please remember that supervision must be on a one to one basis and non-shooters should remain in the club lounge.

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As always I remind members to fill out their shooting logs and record what firearms they use, this is the clubs record when it comes to members FAC renewals. The police are now very insistent on these records and we can only pass on what you have listed. Please also inform me if you have any change in your contact details so that club records can be kept up to date. I can be contacted by email at secdrpc1999@gmail.com

For the benefit of those who are not aware and any new members there is a list of committee members along with email details and some very dodgy mugshots on the membership board. If you wish to raise any concerns or have an items that need attention then please approach any of them and we shall do our best to deal with it.

Rob Hufton
Secretary.

Chairman's message.

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of members have renewed their membership for 2017. The Membership Officer is busy inviting people on the waiting list to attend induction events and sign up as Probationary members and very soon we will have filled the vacancies we have. We will be monitoring attendance by Probationary members more closely in future and prompting Probationary members to complete their visits in the given time period so they don't become a bottleneck to others wanting to join the club.

We are now well into the early part of the shooting season with hopefully some decent weather to come. I hope we will see the range busy not only during club sessions but also throughout the week. If you are attending the range on your own please remember to take note of the Lone Attendance Policy, which is available on the club website. Even if you are going to the range with other members the policy gives some useful guidance on safe practices.

Before we know it we will be half way through the year so for those members who have not yet scheduled to complete your club range conducting officer duties please give this your attention now. Completing RCO duties is part of your membership responsibilities and each year we reluctantly impose fines up to £100 on members who have failed to carry out the necessary number of RCO duties; where RCO duties have not been completed for consecutive years membership may be withdrawn. If you find yourself in a situation where you can foresee you may not be able to complete your RCO duties, for example through first or third party illness, incapacity, temporary relocation or some other reason outside your control, please contact the club Secretary at the earliest opportunity so we can come to an amicable accommodation. Telling us after the event when notified that a fine has been imposed is not a reasonable or considerate approach and is unlikely to find favour with the committee.

Good shooting – Peter Lomas

