

To All Members
From the Secretary

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As 2017 is nearly over I thought it was time to highlight some of the successes for the club and to keep members up to date on forthcoming items.

The highlight of the year has to be the Derby Open. As always this was a fantastic event with a record number of competitions (880) shot by the visitors. To get all these shot in two and a half days without a hitch bears testament to the hard work put in by all the volunteers. Well done all. The Derby Home Counties Match was shot on the Friday of the open and this year saw Scotland take the overall win, they were presented with special medals and a trophy thanks to our main sponsor Brownells UK.

This year has seen continued success in our members competing in many varied events at home and abroad. We continue to produce international shooters for the GB and England Gallery Rifle Teams, these members took part in the World Galley Rifle Championships in Ireland and the International shoots at Bisley and Leitmar Germany.

There is a strong contingent shooting civilian service rifle and a small but dedicated following of .22 benchrest. If any member is interested in competing then please let me know and we point you in the right direction.

The Competition officer continues to hold many varied club competitions so please feel free to enter and support his efforts.

This year has seen various projects completed such as the all weather surfacing around the turning targets and floodlighting of B range. The main and by far most expensive project was to de-lead all the sand backstops. A professional company completed this in October and it was done on time and within budget. Next year the club will continue to maintain and improve the facilities so that we all have a safe and pleasant environment to shoot in.

The new club Range Conducting Officer course is progressing well and has received good feedback. All members are urged to complete this course as soon as possible so look out for forthcoming dates. I would also recommend that all members stay abreast of the range safety rules as they are updated on a regular basis.

Would probationary members please note that there are no club sessions on the following days.

Sunday 24th December / Sunday 31st December

Full members with their own firearms are welcome to shoot on these days but there will be no RO present or club rifles / ammo available.

As we have quite a few new members please ensure you wear your ID badge at all times. If you require a replacement badge then please supply a photo to J Smith and he will supply a new one.

Sadly 2017 has seen considerable difficulty in recovering club fees from some members, this has caused the Treasurer and Secretary unnecessary work in trying to get these paid.

We understand that some members may not be able to afford paying the fees in one go and we have always made it known that the Treasurer will willingly come to an agreement to spread the cost over a short period. As a result of these difficulties it has been decided to strictly enforce the payment criteria as set down in the Club Constitution. From 2018 all club fees must be paid in full by the end of February unless an agreement is in place with the Treasurer. Any member who fails to

pay by then will have their membership cancelled automatically. In addition any member who has an agreement in place must honour the payment terms; failure to do so will also result in loss of membership.

We feel that these steps are necessary to avoid the problems encountered this year and to allow the management committee to plan and budget for the year ahead.

The 2018 AGM will soon be upon us, it will be held on Sunday 28th January at the Weston on Trent village hall. The previous minutes, agenda and proxy voting slips will be sent out at the end of December.

If any member would like to stand for election onto the committee please look out for the candidate list that will be posted in the club lounge during December.

If you have any change in address or contact details please keep me informed, I can be contacted at secdrpc1999@gmail.com.

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Secretary