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Smallbore Rifle Association (1909-1961)"

The Rifleman

Introduction

Our sport of small-bore target shooting, and consequently our County Association, owe their existence to the government's determination to prevent a repeat of the British Army's defeats in the Boer Wars of the late 19th century. One of the revelations of the wars was the poor standard of marksmanship in our army compared with that of the civilian Boer farmers. At home there were also doubts about the Army's ability to defend the population against invasion, and various eminent public figures and high-ranking military men, such as Major General C.E. Luard and even the Prime Minister, the Marquis of Salisbury, began to promote organisations for the training of British civilians as marksmen, using .22 'miniature' rifles. Range safety requirements for .22 shooting were easy to satisfy, compared to those for full-bore and the weapons were cheap at £1.00 or less.

General Luard enlisted the support of Lord Roberts - the hero of the Indian Mutiny and Commander in Chief of British Forces in India - and at a meeting in March 1901, chaired by the Lord Mayor of London and attended by many dignitaries and representatives of working men's organisations, the Society of Working Men's Rifle Clubs was formed. General Luard was appointed chairman and his family motto, 'Prospice' or 'Look Forward', was adopted by the Society. He explained that " the gentlemen of the country would contribute to the funds, while the working men would be expected to join the clubs and make themselves efficient in the matter of rifle shooting."

In 1903 the Society of Working Men's Rifle Clubs merged with the British Rifle League, to become the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs; this title was retained until 1947 when it was changed to the National Small Bore Rifle Association. The Royal Crown from the British Rifle League badge was added to the Maltese cross and laurel leaves of the SWRC badge to create the badge still used by the NSRA today.

From 1907 onwards the officers of the SMRC actively encouraged the formation of County Associations, and in support of this Queen Alexandra presented the SMRC with the Queen's Cup (later to become the Queen Alexandra Cup) for competition amongst the counties of the United Kingdom. Although this was originally intended to be a competition for County Teams

of 10, there were few County Associations yet in existence and affiliated to the Society, and it was therefore difficult to organise such teams. The contest therefore started as a competition between the top individuals in each County, eventually becoming a County Team Competition for teams of 6 in 1910.

F. Shearman represented Cambridgeshire in the Queens Cup in 1908 in which he finished 5th with a score of 356 ex 400.

Our own Association was formed in 1909, but there is evidence of small-bore clubs being formed within the County in the preceding six years. These included Abington Rifle Club and the Abbey Rifle Club, based in the Newmarket Road area of Cambridge (Kimbolton was established in 1898, but was in Huntingdonshire at that time).

Alec Wallace, who with his wife Louisa (Louie) and others revived the County Association after the Second World War, wrote an excellent history in 1961, in which he identified three phases in the life of the Association, separated by the two World Wars. One might say that the Association has now entered a fourth phase, with fewer affiliated clubs than in preceding decades, but greater emphasis on coaching and raising standards and aspirations among our shooters. The 'landmarks' in the following pages are taken from Alec's work.

County League Individual Junior Champions (from 1957)

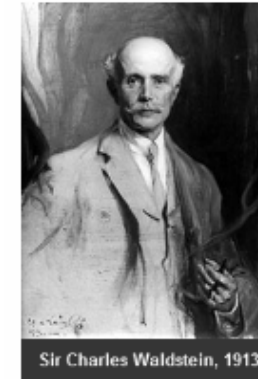
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1962 A. J, Rose	1998 C. Joyce
1963 H. E. D. Busby	1999 C. Joyce
1964 A. R. Hockaday	2000 C. Joyce
1965 S. D. Andrews	2001 D. Finlay
1966 S. D. Andrews	2002 D. Finlay
1967 S. E. Huxley	2003 D. Finlay
1968 S. E. Huxley	2004 K. Pilcher
1969 G. J. Hamilton	2005 not shoot
1970 J. S Collings	2006 not shoot
1971 P. J. Gaskell	2007 not shoot
1972 N. J. Hill	2008 L. Armitt
1973 not shoot	2009 A. Wong
1974 not shoot	
1975 J. Pater	
1976 S. F. Southern	
1977 J. Lewis	
1978 A. Holt	
1979 A. Wollaton	
1980 A. Palmer	
1981 R. Cross	
1982 Miss H Leyland	
1983 Miss H Leyland	
1984 M. Fisher	
1985 B. Robinson	
1986 not shoot	
1987 not shoot	
1988 P. Gilson	
1989 J. Godden	
1990 L. Cameron	
1991 M. Butler	
1992 W. Vass	

County League Individual Lady Champions (from 1964)

1964 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2000 Mrs L. Cocksedge
1965 Miss A. H. Ince	2001 Mrs J. Ford
1966 Mrs G. E. Tribe	2002 Mrs J. Ford
1967 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2003 Mrs S. Haskett
1968 Mrs G. Tribe	2004 Mrs S. Haskett
1969 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2005 Mrs S. Haskett
1970 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2006 Mrs N. Rigelsford
1971 Mrs G. Tribe	2007 Mrs L. Cocksedge
1972 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2008 Mrs S. Haskett
1973 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2009 Mrs L. Blake
1974 Mrs L. B. Wallace	
1975 Mrs V. Overall	
1976 Mrs V. Overall	
1977 Mrs M. Rodway	
1978 Mrs L. Robinson	
1979 Mrs L. Robinson	
1980 Mrs. L. Robinson	
1981 Mrs S. Blow	
1982 Mrs S. Blow	
1983 Mrs S. Blow	
1984 Miss S. Cooke	
1985 Miss B. Emmett	
1986 Miss C. Purves	
1987 Miss P. Jones	
1988 Miss V. Hill	
1989 W. Smith	
1990 Miss V. Hill	
1991 Mrs L. Dummas	
1992 Mrs S. Miller	
1993 Mrs L. Cocksedge	
1994 Mrs L. Cocksedge	
1995 Mrs S. McGregor	
1996 Miss J. Rabjohns	
1997 Miss J. Rabjohns	
1998 Mrs L. Cocksedge	
1999 Mrs S. Miller	

The First Phase (1908-1915)

1896



Sir Charles Waldstein was on the first modern Olympic organising committee in 1896 in Athens (cycling and gymnastics) and competed at the same modern Olympic Games as the oldest competitor for the American team in the military rifle event and he also claimed to unearthed the tomb of Aristotle whilst in Greece, he then became the director of the Fitzwilliam museum, he later became one of the founder members of the association in 1909.



1908

Leagues for Cambridgeshire clubs were organised by Mr Jack Utteridge (Lensfield Rifle club) - which were shoulder to shoulder matches on home and away ranges.

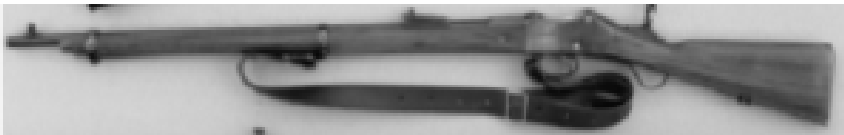
13 clubs took part including Sawston, Bell, Gas Company, Albert, Lensfield, Abbey, Saxon, Chesterteron, Romsey Town (Cantabs), Cherry Hinton (St Johns), Yeomanry, C.E.Y.M.S., and the Police. (Teams of 10).

1908

In September the Lord Lieutenant of County presented the county with a cup (Lord Viscount Clifden Cup) for miniature rifle competition. The competition took place at Chesterton Miniature Range under the same conditions as the Queen cup, 6 teams took part with Lensfield winning with a score of 1670.

1909

Rifles used were martini rifles converted by Greener a Martini rifles cost 25s and ammunition was 12/6 per 1000 rounds.



Marksman qualifying score was 370 out of 400. Originally competitions at 25 yards started off as 10 shots on a single aiming mark (like the 50 yards and 100 yards cards), then moved to 5 shots on 2 aiming marks and had moved to 1 shots on 10 aiming marks by 1915.

County League Individual Champions (from 1947)

1947 C. E. Griffin	1983 J. Pearman
1948 H. Holden/C. Lambert	1984 J. Pearman
1949 Asher	1985 J. Pearman
1950 C. Lambert	1986 J. Pearman
1951 Lord Swansea	1987 J. Pearman
1952 V. J. Rowe	1988 J. Pearman
1953 V. J. Rowe	1989 R. Sladden
1954 W. T. Kewpton	1990 I. Newell
1955 N. W. Oakley	1991 J. Pearman
1956 V. J. Rowe	1992 J. Pearman
1957 B. E. Mowfield	1993 J. Pearman
1958 C. T. S. Belk	1994 J. Pearman
1959 R. S. Richards	1995 J. Pearman
1960 D. A. Jones	1996 N. J. Day
1961 R. J. Morris	1997 N. J. Day
1962 C. W. Franklin	1998 N. J. Day
1963 T. R. Anthony	1999 N. J. Day
1964 R. L. Jeeves	2000 N. J. Day
1965 R. L. Jeeves	2001 N. J. Day
1966 T. R. Anthony	2002 N. J. Day
1967 J. S. Ready	2003 N. J. Day
1968 C. W. Davies	2004 N. J. Day
1969 C. W. Davies	2005 N. J. Day
1970 D. A. Mottram	2006 J. Boot
1971 C. W. Davies	2007 N. J. Day
1972 C. W. Davies	2008 J. Boot
1973 C. W. Davies	2009 N. J. Day
1974 C. H. Roads	
1975 D. A. Mottram	
1976 J. Pearman	
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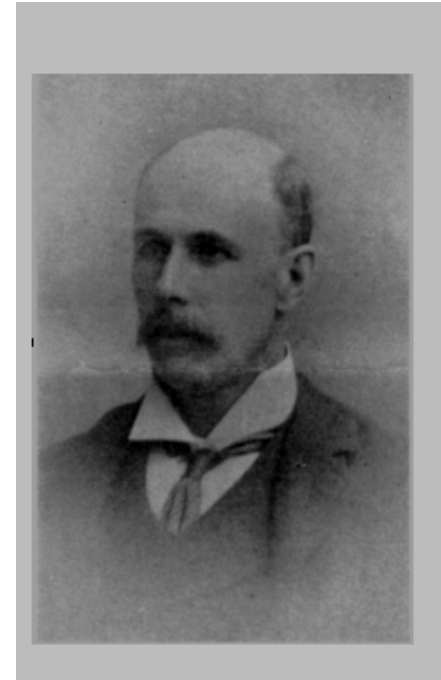
County Veterans Champions (from 1982)

1982 M. E. H. Brown
1983 D. A. Mottram
1986 R. Goddy
1987 D. A. Mottram
1988 K. Downey
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1990 K. Downey
1991 A. L. Lowbridge
1992 A. Robertson
1993 A. L. Lowbridge
1994 J. Baker
1995 J. Baker
1996 D. A. Mottram
1997 S. Jenson
1998 C. Gall
1999 R. Headaux
2000 R. W. Hartop
2001 N Horner
2002 D. Porter
2003 J. Pearman
2004 R. W. Hartop
2005 J. Pearman
2006 J. Pearman
2007 J. Pearman
2008 Mrs S Miller
2009 F. Haskett

1909

February 6th Abbey Club opened its new range where the formation of a County Association was discussed.

April 3rd Cambridge Gas Company opened an outdoor range for its employees. At the opening was Mr E. H. Parker - Chairman of Board of Directors and President of the Cambridge Gas Company Miniature Rifle club and Major Alan Stanley of the County Association.



The Association was known as the:

"Town and County of Cambridge and Isle of Ely Miniature Rifle Association".

The Patrons were Field Marshall Earl Roberts, V.C and The right honourable General Sir Arthur Paget,

County League Team Champions (from 1948)



Sir Arthur Paget

President was Lord Lieutenant of the County (Viscount Clifden).
 Chairman Major Oliver Papworth.
 Vice (assistant) Chairman Jack Utteridge.
 Secretary Mr Powell Chandler.
 Vice Presidents included Messrs Horace Darwin, F.R.S., D.A.L Huddleston, J.P., Sir Joseph Larmor M.P, Douglas C. Newton (Lord Eltisley), Major Oliver Papworth, F.P.C Pemberton, J.C. Denison-Pender, Alderman G Stace, Sir Charles Waldstein, Lady Copper, Professor G, Sims-Woodhead, M.A, S.O Buckmaster, K.C., M.P. Hon. E S. Montague, M.P., Venerable Archdeacon Cunningham.

1948 Cambridge Rifle Club	1984 CUSBCA
1949 Ely City Rifle Club	1985 CUSBCA
1950 5 th B N HG	1986 Gogs
1951 5 th B N HG	1987 Gogs
1952 Whittlesey	1988 Gogs
1953 March	1989 Gogs
1954 Whittlesey	1990 Gogs
1955 University	1991 Gogs
1956 Whittlesey	1992 CUSBCA
1957 University	1993 Perkins
1958 University	1994 Perkins
1959 University	1995 CUSBCA
1960 Chivers	1996 Perkins
1961 Whittlesey	1997 March
1962 University	1998 Gogs
1963 Whittlesey	1999 Perkins
1964 Whittlesey	2000 Perkins
1965 University	2001 Perkins
1966 University	2002 Pye
1967 University	2003 Pye
1968 University	2004 Perkins
1969 University	2005 Newmarket
1970 CUSBCA	2006 Perkins
1971 University	2007 Perkins
1972 Haverhill	2008 Perkins
1973 CUSBCA	2009 Soke
1974 City of Ely	
1975 H. A. Police	
1976 St Ives	
1977 Gogs	
1978 St Ives	
1979 St Ives	
1980 St Ives	
1981 Phophres	
1982 CUSBCA	
1983 St Ives	

County Ladies Champions (from 1947)

1947 Mrs H. Jones	1983 Mrs S. Blow
1948 M. Patrick	1984 Mrs W. Talbot
1949 Mrs I. Bowman	1985 Mrs J. Oldfield
1950 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1986 P. Joves
1951 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1987 Mrs J. Oldfield
1952 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1988 Miss W. Smith
1953 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1989 Mrs D, Carter
1954 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1990 Mrs S. Miller
1955 M. O. Boan	1991 Mrs S. Miller
1956 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1992 Mrs S. Miller
1957 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1993 Mrs L. Cocksedge
1958 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1994 Mrs S. McGregor
1959 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1995 Mrs S. McGregor
1960 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1996 Mrs S. Miller
1961 Mrs P. K. Cox	1997 Miss A. Longbottom
1962 Mrs Z. Page	1998 Miss S. C Hartop
1963 Mrs L. B. Wallace	1999 Mrs S. Miller
1964 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2000 Mrs S. Miller
1965 Miss A. A. Roberts	2001 Mrs S. Miller
1966 Mrs J. Anthony	2002 Mrs S. McGregor
1967 Miss A. Jenkins	2003 Mrs F. Nichols
1968 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2004 Mrs S. Haskett
1969 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2005 Mrs S. McGregor
1970 Miss P. A. Gillson	2006 Mrs S. C. Day
1971 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2007 Mrs L. Cocksedge
1972 Mrs S. Miller	2008 Mrs S. Haskett
1973 Mrs L. B. Wallace	2009 Mrs L. Blake
1974 Mrs J. King	
1975 Mrs S. Miller	
1976 Mrs V. A. Overall	
1977 Mrs V. A. Overall	
1978 Mrs L. Robinson	
1979 Mrs L. Robinson	
1980 Mrs S. Blow	
1981 Mrs L. Robinson	
1982 Mrs S. Miller	

The First Affiliated Clubs

In March, Abington RC (formed in 1906) had 68 members and paid 10/ for entrance and Affiliation fees.

The Gas Company Rifle Club which was formed in 1909.

The County High School who's commander of the cadets (Mr. S. W. L. G. Norton-Fagge) was part of the Association finance committee.

The other clubs includes: Abbey, Albert, Bell, Burwell, Cam, Caxon, Cherry Hinton, Chesterton, Cheveley, C.E.Y.M.S., Duxford, Lensfield, Newmarket, Newnham, The Police, Salisbury, Saxon, Workman's Hall, Yeomanry and Sawston Club.

1909

The Triangular Match was contested for between Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Lincolnshire for the first time, with Cambridgeshire finishing 2nd. In December the Association held its first Annual Dinner at the Castle Hotel in Cambridge.

1909

F W Shearman came 12th in the Queen cup with a score of 341.

The Association Medals given out in 1910 and 1912



The First Open Shoot

August 5th the Cambridge Town and County and Isle of Ely Smallbore Rifle Association held its first annual open meeting on Coldham Common and had 720 entries. Present was Viscount Clifden, The Mayor, Miss Spalding, Mr Adeane, Major Papworth and Lt Greenwood and Lt- General Sir Arthur Paget presented a cup.

The winning scores were

Individual:

25 yards deliberate was won by H Knott (97)

50 yards deliberate was won by F. W Cox (94)

25 yards time limit was won by J Utteridge (91)

50 yards time limit was won by G Bowyer (93)

T W Neech won the Championship prize medal for the highest aggregate 356.

Team winners were:

Paget cup was won by Abbey A,

Lord Lieutenant's Cup (Viscount Clifden) was won by Lensfield

Hammond cup was also won by Abbey A with a score of 362 out of 400.



Cambridge and Isle of Ely Rifle Club Meeting.

County Open Shoot and League Championships County Champions (from 1929)

1929 E. A. Marsh	1967 R. Border	2001 J. Boot
1930 E.A. Marsh	1968 R. Border	2002 S. L. Huxley
1930 E. A. Marsh	1969 G. W. Robinson	2003 J. Pearman
1931 A. Stocker	1970 D. E. Sale	2004 W. James
1932 H. Yool	1971 D. A. Mottrum	2005 N. Reeson
1933 R. E. Wainwright	1972 S. L. Huxley	2006 Mrs S. C Day
1934 D. A. Llyod	1973 R. J. Drake	2007 Mrs L. Cocksedge
1935 H. Wiles	1974 R. Pizer	2008 F. Haskett
1936 H. Wiles	1975 J. W. Baker	2009 N. J. Day
1937 C. G. Tiley	1976 Dr K. R. Grundy	
1938 H. H. Bunning	1977 P. J. Robinson	
<i>1939-1945 no Competition</i>	1978 D. A. Mottram	
1946 G. C. Griffin	1979 K. Downey	
1947 E. R. Fordham	1980 J. W. Baker	
1948 A. G. Fox	1981 J. Faben	
1949 A. Martin	1982 J. Pearman	
1950 Lord Swansea	1983 R. G. Hartop	
1951 HH Bunning	1984 K. Downey	
1952 Lord Swansea	1985 K. Downey	
1953 G. E. Tribe	1986 J. Faben	
1954 N. W. Oakley	1987 D. Morris	
1955 A. J. Testlow	1988 J. Pearman	
1956 S. E. Mounfield	1989 J. Pearman	
1957 H. Beaumont	1990 K. Downey	
1958 R. A. Steverson	1992 R. Privett	
1959 C. H. Roads	1993 R. Privett	
1960 R. L. Reeves	1994 J. Pearman	
1961 R. J Morris	1995 R. Gascoyne	
1962 M. R. Pattinson	1996 N. J. Day	
1963 M. P. Stephen	1997 N. J. Day	
1964 C. H. Roads	1998 N. J. Day	
1965 M. P. Stephen	1999 J. Herring	
1966 P. Gross	2000 S. L. Huxley	

2009

Neil Day (County League) and Linda Blake (Women's County League) average 99.6 out 100, and the County won the 6 Counties and the Triangular Match. Neil Day shot for Great Britain against the USA team at Bisley in the Roberts Match (shot once every 8 years).

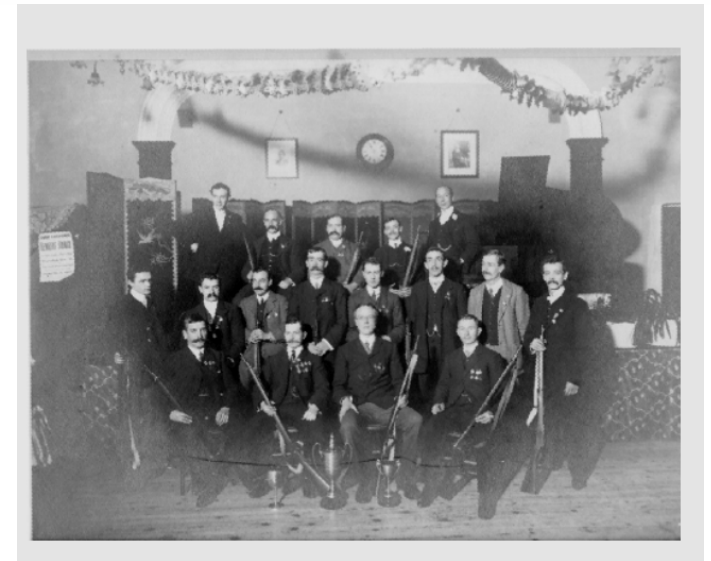
2009

The County came third in the County 50 metre Competition at Bisley with a score of 3491

N. J. Day	588
K. G. Welch	582
Mrs L. M. Blake	582
Mrs S. E. McGregor	581
Mrs S. E. Haskett	579
W. S. Cowell	579

1910

Abbey Miniature Rifle Club won the Team competition to win the Paget Cup (later to become the Individual County Championship Cup) all the annual open meetings were held on Coldham Common in the first phase.



1913

The Association affiliated to Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs. Sir Charles Waldstein and Denison-Pender Cups were donated to the County Association. The first Inter County matches were shot (but no scores recorded).

1913

Sawston Miniature Rifle Club won Division 1 of the County League to become league champions.



1914

Mr. D. L. Huddlestone presented the Huddlestone Cup for the Annual Championship Cup at County Championships. The County Association had £116 15s 6d in its account.

1915

The Activities of the Association ceased due to the First World War.

2008

The Ladies won the Women's County Competition (Charles Laws Cup) and Division 2 in the Women's Inter County League and came 3rd in the Women's long Range competition.



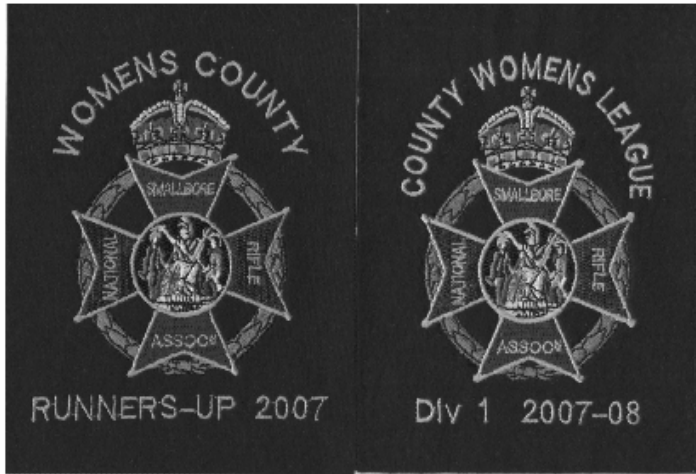
The County won Triangular Match and Section B of the County Cup with a score of 4638 to win the National Challenge Cup.

Matt Skelhon of Great Britain claimed the title of the Mixed R3-10m Air Rifle Prone SH1 with a total of 704.9 points in the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China, on September 11.



2007/8

The County Ladies won Division 1 of the Women's Inter County League and were runners up in the 25 yards Women's County Cup.



The Second Phase (1928-1939)

1928

In March a meeting was held in a Drill Hall in Cambridge present was Lt-General Sir A E Codrington, K.C.B (President of the Society of Miniature Rifle Clubs) Major Oliver Papworth, Mr T.S. Moore) with Major General Sir Leyton Blenkinsop, K.C.B., D.S.O acted as Chairman to invite clubs of the county to a General meeting on 6th June.

In the June meeting Mr C Adeane (Lord Lieutenant of the County) was elected as President, Major General Sir Leyton Blenkinsop, K.C.B., D.S.O as Chairman, Mr E. H. Lewis as Secretary and Mr Louis Jarman as Treasurer.

At the end of the first year 6 clubs had affiliated shooting in two divisions: the University, the Gas Company Rifle Club, the Territorials, Abington, the R. A. F., Duxford and the Perse School.

1929

The reformed Association held its first open shoot on the University O.T.C open range at Grange Road on 23rd May. The individual entry was 1 shilling whilst the team entry was 2 shillings per team of 3. The championship was won by Mr E. A. Marsh (Cambridge University) with a score of 291 ex 300 at 25, 50 and 100 yards to win the Paget Cup. Mr Marsh also won the county championship in 1930 and 1931.

At the end 1929/30 8 clubs had affiliated to the Association and the financial balance for the end of the year was £4.15.9d, the National Association gave the association £4.00 thus the Association made 1s 9d.

1929

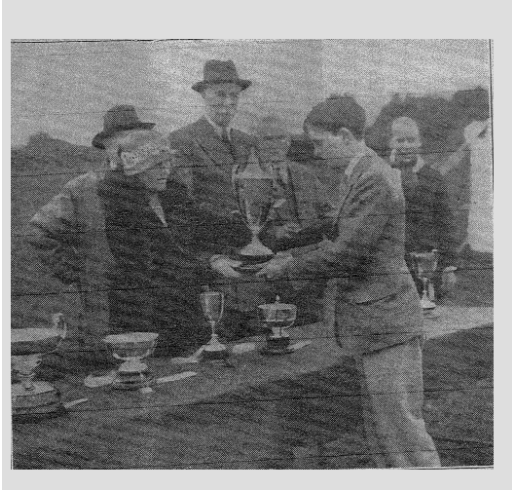
Major Oliver Papworth is made President of the Association, which he held until his death in 1933.

1932

Mrs Scott (Cambridge Rifle Club) was the first women to shoot in a county team.

1933

Mr Henry Yool (university) won the County Championship at Duxford (he sent donations to the prize fund and helped at later County Championship meetings).



1935

The County Championship took place at Grange Road Range. The final placing had to be separated by the number of cartons at 100 yards. Mr D.A. Lloyd won with a score of 295 and Mr H. Yool second with 295 (but one less carton).



2007

The County Ladies won the Women's 50 metres competition at Bisley (they were last in 1992).

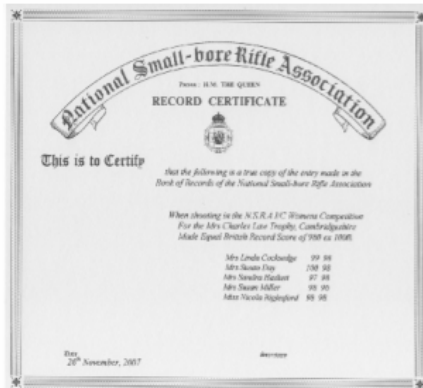


2006

Susan Day won the County Championship to become the first women to win the Championship (she also has shot for Wales in the Home Internationals and the Commonwealth Games and for Great Britain in the Randal Match).

Sandra Haskett qualifies for the final of the British Long Range Championship (Earl Roberts) and shot for Great Britain in the Randal Match (with Sharon McGregor) in 2006 and the Dewar Match in 2007. Sandra was the English Ladies Captain at Bisley in 2008.

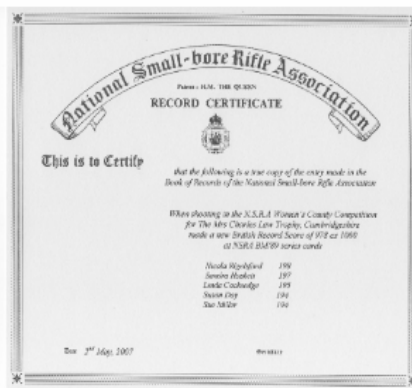
The County Ladies won the Women's County Competition (The Charles Laws Cup) breaking the British record for the competition which they broken in 2007 but ended up runner up as Surrey had the same score but had more tons (100). The Ladies finished 4th in the Women's Long Range Competition.



1939

There were only 10 affiliated clubs at the end of the second phase of the Association: Cambridge, Abington, The University, Wisbech, March, City of Ely, the Gas Company, and the Leys School.

The Second World War ended the activities in the second phase.



The Third Phase (1946 onwards)

1943

The 5th Battalion (now the Gogs) started to run Battalion Home Guard team leagues this league wound up in 1947 and merged with the County Association, with the following cups being donated to the Association The Bebbington Cup, Pointer Cup, Pointer Memorial Cup, Lake Cup, Weatherhead Cup, Marfly Cup (Marshall Cup) and the Chivers Cup.

1946

When the Association reformed on 6th March the following was elected President Mr B N Bebbington, Chairman Mr J. E. Jackson, Secretary Mr A T Wallace, Match Secretary Mr C.G. Tilley, Treasurer Mr G R Crowe, Captain Mr G Griffin, Vice Captain Mr H Wiles.

At the Cambridge League and County Association dinner there were 175 people present.

Cambridge ladies club was formed (one of few in the country).

The first championship of this phase was held at Barton Road in June.

1946/47 County ran its first winter league of this phase with 20 "teams of 5" from 11 clubs, however shooting had to be suspended due to the lighting being cut off to conserve electricity.

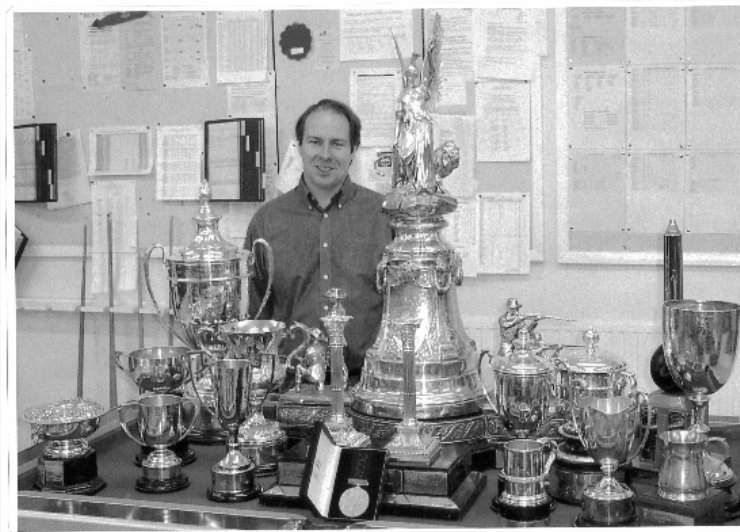
The Association changed its name to:

"The Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Smallbore Rifle Association".

At the County Championships the First lady Champion, Mrs. H. Jones was presented with the Marfly Cup.

2001

Neil Day won the Grand aggregate and in 2002 with a score of 2753 out of 2800 in 2002. He also won 11 National trophies at Bisley in 2002.



2002

Neil day won a gold medal (1189) in the 50 metre prone pairs in the Manchester Commonwealth games. Neil Later won the County Champions Championship at Bisley.

2004

Cambridgeshire won the 6 Counties. 1000 Tenex costs £130 and Match costs £84, and ten 10-spot 25 yards targets costs £1.00.

2005

The County Ladies won Division 3 of the Women's Inter County League and the County won the 6 counties again.

1999

Neil Day won the British Long-Range Championship (The Earl Roberts) scoring 777 out of 800 then 193 in a tie shoot. The county won the Minor Section of the County Cup with a score of 3829 out of 4000.

(Below) Neil Day, British and English Champion.



2000

Neil day won the NSRA 50 British ISSF 50 metre prone competition he wins it again in 2003. The County won Division 3 of the Inter County League and won the Triangular Match.

1947

JW Kerridge shot for England in the Home Countries at Perth in 1947 scoring 280.

The match was 10 shots at 25, 50 and 100yds. The result was Scotland won with 2933, England 2921, Ireland 2806.

Mr Kerridge scored a possible in the Friday 25yds Sweepstake competition,

1948

There were 140 entries in the County Championship, and there were over 200 people at the Association dinner at the Lion hotel in Cambridge and G E Griffin shot for England in the Home Countries at Largs.

1949

The Association won its first Inter County League by winning Division 5 (Captain-Mr Leslie Walsh). The five bull target was replaced with a ten bull target.

5th Bn. H.G. Club (Gogs) won all 5 of the team competitions at the County Championships (Cambridge had won all 5 in 1928 and Shelford in 1959).



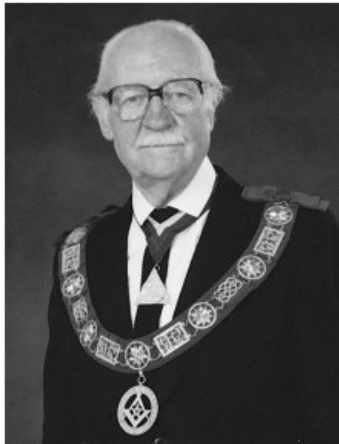
Members of the teams and officials of the 5th Bn. H.G. Club, Cambridge, who have scored numerous successes in county shooting this year.

1950

Cambridgeshire won Division 3 of the Inter County League winning all 7 rounds with an average score for the 20 shooters of 1962.28.

200 guests attended the Annual dinner held on the 3rd May. At the dinner Mr. A.J, Palmer presented Lord Swansea with the Individual Welsh Championship.

Lord Swansea won the Paget cup to become County Champion (and 1952) he later competed in 5 commonwealth Games winning a gold medal (394) in the 1966 Commonwealth Games in the fullbore and a silver medal (374) in 1982. Lord Swansea also won the Bisley Full Bore Grand Aggregate in 1957 and 1960 and came second in the "Queen Prize" twice and shot for Wales in the NSRA Home Countries in 1951.



1951

Winchester and Remington rifles become available from America changing the sport to a more scientific and technical one.

1955

Mrs L Wallace scored 200 (25 and 50 yards) in the time limit competition (100 at each distance).

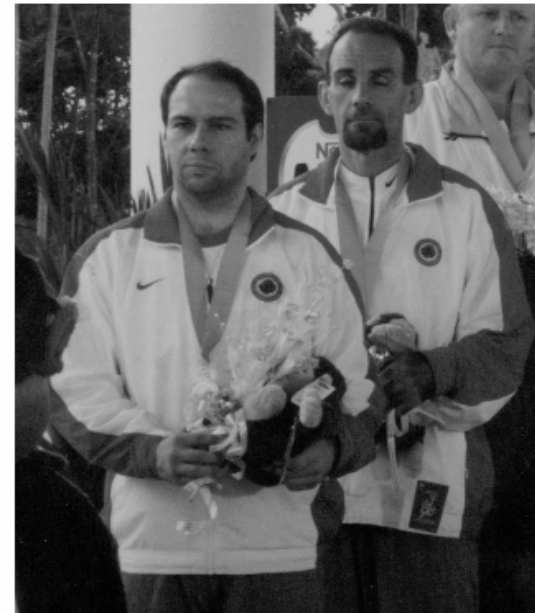
1998

The County Association changed its name to:

"The Cambridgeshire Target Shooting Association".

The County won Division 4 of the Inter County League and won the Minor Section of the BSA Cup with a score of 1950 out of 2000, they also won the triangular Match with a score of 15235 out of 16000 and the Junior Reserves won their division of the Junior Inter County Reserve League.

Neil Day won a Silver Medal in the 50 metre prone pairs with Phil Scanlon (1188) in the Malaysian Commonwealth games. Neil Day also won the Queen Alexandra individual competition at Bisley with a score of 408.



1997

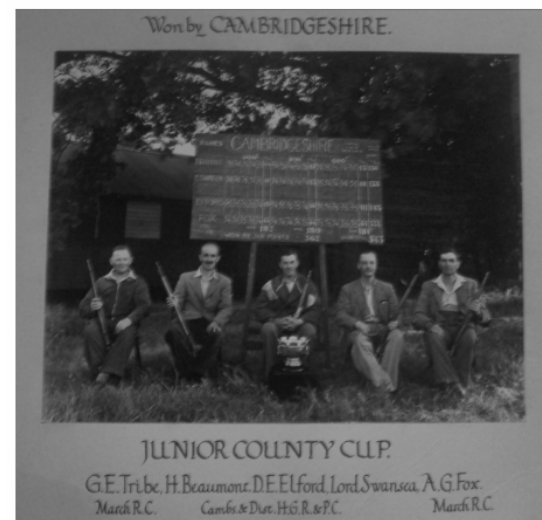
The County came 3rd in the Queen Alex cup with score 2346 (Surrey were first with 2376)

J. Baker	385
J. Boot	394
N. Day	402
D. Holah	383
M. Fitzjohn	384
S. McGregor	398



1957

H. Beaumont won the County Championship with a score of 396 out of 400 (2 points below the record) on July 28th on his first appearance at the small bore event, which completed his double as he was already the County's full bore championship.



1958

The "National Classification" was introduced where shooters shot in 4 classes (A, B, C and D Class). The County won the Inter County League for a second time (Captain was T. A. Wallace).

The Triangular Match for the Kirkwood Cup is shot for between Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk at Newmarket open range (Dewar course at 50 and 100 yards teams of 20) on May 18th. Cambridgeshire won (captain was T. A. Wallace) with a score of 7760, Norfolk 7752 and Suffolk 7703.

1958

County Championship was held at Barton Road range using the new National classification and targets. There were 108 competitors, with Louie Wallace winning the County Ladies Championship with a score of 835.



Mr. R Stevenson winning the County Championship with a score of 864.



1995

The County won the Triangular Competition for the third time in a row with a score of 3228 out of 4000, Norfolk 3195 out of 4000 and Suffolk 3163 out of 4000.

1996

The County Reserves win Division 4 of the County Inter Reserves League.

The County Ladies came second in the Women's 50 metre Competition at Bisley and the County won the Triangular match with a score of 11478 out of 1200 (Linda Cocksedge scoring 590 out of 600).



1997

The County Juniors won the Division 5 of the Junior Inter County League. The County opened its new range at Yaxley. Neil Day won the County Championship at the First County Championship held on the Yaxley Range near Norman Cross, with a score of 783 out of 800. The County also hosted and won the Triangular Match for the first time at Yaxley.

1983

The Inter County Reserves won Division 4 of the Inter reserve league.

1986

Terry Turner won a Gold medal in the Rapid Pistol Team event at the Edinburgh Commonwealth Games with a score of 1169 out of 1200. John Pearman shot in the Wolverhampton 100 metres shoot and broke the World record scoring 997 out of 1000.

The Association was know as:

"The Cambridge Rifle and Pistol Association."

The Association officially required the range at Orton Longueville, which Hanson later brought (1997) and replced with the range at Yaxley. The County team came 4th in the County 50 metre competition at Bisley and won the minor Counties Cup with John Pearman scoring 398.

1987

The County won Division 4 of the Inter County League. Cambridgeshire also won the Triangular Match (the first time since 1958) with a score of 3405 out of 4000, Norfolk 3354 out of 4000 and Suffolk 3181 out of 4000.

1992

Cambridgeshire came 2nd in the Minor Section of the BSA Competition with a score 1846 out of 2000 and finished 3rd in 1993 (1843 out of 2000).

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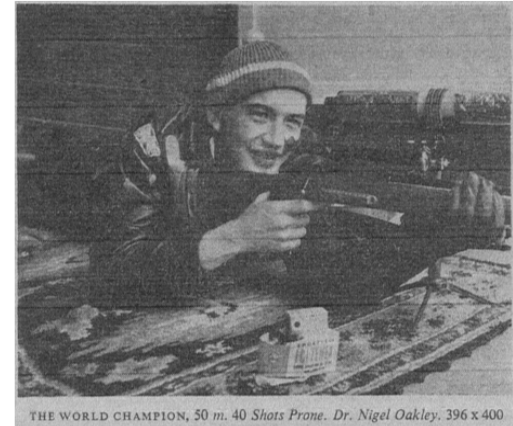
The County won Division 5 of the Inter County League and the County won the Triangular Match.

1994

The County won the Triangular Competition dropping 1009 points with Suffolk dropping 1084 points and won the Minor Section of the BSA Cup scoring 1956 out of 2000, with John Pearman scoring 200 out of 200.

1958

Nigel Oakley scored 396 (world record) at the 37th World Championships in Moscow winning an individual and team gold medal in the 50 metres 40 shot prone competition. This was the first time Great Britain had won medals in the small bore events.



1960

Roger Reeves (Shelford) won the County Championship with a record score of 681 out of 700.



1961

Cambridgeshire won their Division in the Inter County Championship (Captain Mr A J Johnson) and the Reserves won their Division of the Inter County Reserve League. B N Beddington was elected as president of the Association and Mr G E Tribe was elected as county Secretary.

Anschutz Model 54 (supermatch) cost £86 10s. and Shooting jackets cost £5.12.6d.

1962

The cost of ammunition was 8/1 per 50 rounds.

1965

In April the geographical County of Cambridgeshire and Ely became a County Council Authority. The County Arms badge changed - to the one we used in the late 60's to 70's.



1965

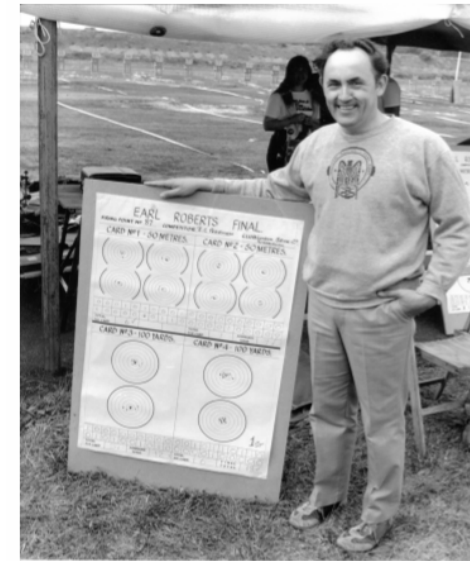
The NSRA changed the rules on trigger weights with the minimum trigger weight was changed from 3lb to 1.1lb. (However for safety reasons the NSRA stressed that triggers did not need to change to the lighter weight).

1966

Anthony J Chivers came 4th in the 50 Free Pistol Competition at the Kingston Commonwealth Games with a score of 534.

1982

John Pearman won the Earl Roberts at Bisley to become British Champion one of only a few that have won the short range and long range British Championship



1982

John Pearman won the Individual "News of the World" competition to become the Short Range British Champion. John also won in 1983 scoring 400 out of 400.



1967

Doug Mottram shot for England.

1968

The County Ladies won all their matches to win Division 4 of the Women's Inter County Leagues and the County team won Division 4 of the Inter County League.

1969

1000 Tenex costs £8-8s-0d, 1000 Match costs £6 0s 0d, and ten 10-spot 25 yards targets costs 5 d.

1970

The NSRA introduced a new shooting class for the 100 shooters in the county called "X Class". Only J. W. Baker from Cambridgeshire was amongst the top 100 selected X Class in 1970, in 2009 Cambridgeshire has 8 members who are nationally classed as X Class: Linda Blake, David Calvert, Will Cowell, Neil Day, Brian Inglis, Sharon McGregor, Nick Penn and Ken Welsh.



1972

Leagues were disrupted by power cuts caused by the coal strike, in 1971 the postal strike caused problems; however on both years all cards were shot and scored. The County Ladies won Division 5 of the Inter County Women's League winning all the rounds.

1000 rounds of Tenex cost £10.80.

1974

Robin Pizer won the Paget Cup to become the county champion; he later became chairman of the National Rifle Association in 2009.

In April the County of Cambridgeshire was formed merging the Counties of Cambridgeshire and Ely with Huntingdonshire.

1976

The County Association started using the current Badge and the County Association was known as:

"The Cambridgeshire Small bore Rifle and Pistol Association".



1979

The cost of a rifle ranges from £30 for a second-hand rifle to £450 for a new top of the range International rifle.

1981

John Pearman scored 100 out of 100 on all ten rounds of the Inter County League to gain an average of 100. John also shot for England and Great Britain in the Dewar team that year and in 1982, 1983, 1984, 1990.



1981

John Pearman shot for Great Britain in the Pershing Match. The pershing match is shot against the Americans at Camp Perry, the match takes place once every 8 years.



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