

Long Range RimFire Club

Summer 2025 Newsletter



Dear Member

- Our Summer Open will take place at Bisley on 14th June and will be shot at 300 and 400 yards. There are only a couple of places left if interested.
- We have just released the entry form for the 3rd Kahles International Championship on the 31st August 2025 at Bisley. To secure your place please submit your entry by the 11th July as the targets need to be finalised in advance.
- Website: A lot of hard work has gone into producing our new website lrrfc.co.uk, my thanks to Angela & Jamie for taking on this challenge and making a great looking site, which is continually being updated with additional content as time permits. Competition entry forms are now online and simplified. Details relating to the target sizes, course of fire, rifle classes and rules can all now be located on our website. In future the web site will be our conduit for publicising scores and is our aim to get event scores on the site, the day after an event.
- Lastly, Chris Hazlehurst our secretary, will be stepping down at the end of this year. Chris is a king pin within the club, both performing the secretarial role and arranging our competition calendar and events. The club has grown to a point where we need to separate out the role of Club Secretary and Competition Organiser. Therefore if you fancy either of these roles then please get in contact. It would be an awful shame if no one comes forward as this would compromise the ability to run the club.



Look forward to seeing you all on the range at one of the events

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LRRFC News

NRA Smallbore Long Range Match

The annual NRA smallbore match 30th March at 200 & 300 yards. The shoot was well organised with a total of 28 entries. Full results can be found on the NRA website.

Practice Day by Peter Francis

Our Practice Shoot held on 11th May and 8 shooters from the club took part. We shot 200 yards on Short Siberia range in the morning followed by 300 yards on Century range, it was a bright and sunny day with variable winds in both strength and direction, at times fishtailing which made for some unpredictable shots and therefore no high scores were recorded.



As is often the case in the late afternoon on Century range, the winds eased for short periods of time, which benefited David Cooper who managed to make a short strings of V's , bulls, inners as well as some less predictable shots
All in all an enjoyable day overall



Thanks to the target marker, Fred of Private Markers who provided an excellent service thought out the day and also Nigel Jefferies who accompanied me on the range to act as a runner (if required) and photographer.

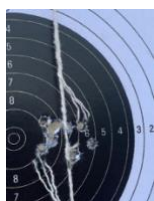
Irish International by Simon Edwards



A total of 7 LRRFC members attended the Ireland International, on 23rd May 2025. The day is held at The Midlands National Shooting Centre in Tullamore. The shooting centre is an amazing range complex facilitating fullbore up to 50BMG, shooting out to 1200 yards.

The 3 day event starts with a practice on the Friday, a good chance to check rifle zero, get scope settings and practice for the main event on Sat & Sun. The competition consists of 2 parts, short range targets they call Stags and Long Range 22 shot on steel plates.

Stags is a 3 position event, standing kneeling or sitting and prone on a variety of targets and distances between 25 & 100 yards. It is a very fast and dynamic event and great fun and an opportunity to try something different. Each target type is 10 shots in 2 mins and they vary from one shot in each can from a standing position at 25 yards to shooting a string to drop a block of wood at 50 yards. A surprisingly difficult and frustrating challenge, often leaving the block suspended on the finest thread. In the heat of the moment it is easy to shoot on the wrong target, as happened a number of times.



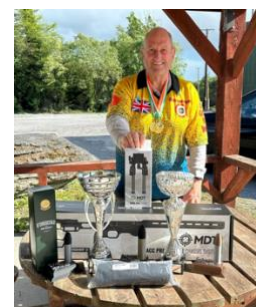
The longer distances are shot on steel plates at distances between 225 and 625 yards. This year the plates had an impact light, making scoring somewhat easier. The long range competition is also a team event with coached teams of 3 shooters. As you can see from the photographs we had a mix of weather, rain making it difficult to see the longer range targets. Wind was extremely variable impacting scores at the longer ranges, ultimately requiring 25+ mins of left wind to keep the diminutive 0.22LR near the target at 525yards.



With an odd number of shooters from the LRRFC the orphaned Chris chose to join FClass Panda, Paul Dowling and Pauls son. Chris went on to win both the individual and team event.

As a club we did better in the Stags this year, winning a few trophies (trophies are presented down to 8th place).

David Pitchforth did well winning the Beer Can Challenge, a tense event where we shoot a beer can at 325 yards. Those hitting one of the 4 cans went into a tense shootoff at 300 yards where David was the first to hit the target. This feat was even more amazing as David had been suffering with an injured shoulder and was shooting with other peoples rifles!



Thanks to our hosts who where extremely welcoming and Patrick Healy who was our primary range officer for the event.

DRA Challenge



This event is primarily a TRSB event held at Sunday 13th July at Thorpe Cloud range. If you have not shot at Thorpe Cloud it is a lovely range in the Peak District very close to the famous stepping stones. We will be looking to put forward a team so please let us know if you are interested in shooting against the Derbyshire Rifle Association.

3rd LRRFC Kahles International Championship

Our flagship 2025 event, will be held on 31st August at Bisley and is now open for Entries. Full details are on the website. The morning is an individual competition at 200 & 300 yards. The afternoon is a dedicated 300yard team event where shooters work as teams of 3 taking turns plotting, shooting and coaching.

Technical info: Recommended Reading/Watching - 22 Rimfire Shooting

Reviews

We now have a reviews section on the website. Please let us know if you would like to submit an article.

Ammunition

There preferred ammunition RWS R100 and R-Plus is currently in short supply. Norma Extreme appears in every way to be R-Plus, even down the R headstamp and specially shaped 43 grain bullet. Livens in Staffordshire have Norma Extreme in stock.