



**NATIONAL RIFLE
ASSOCIATION**



NSC
NATIONAL SHOOTING CENTRE™

Ranges and Operational Update Conference

29th October 2024



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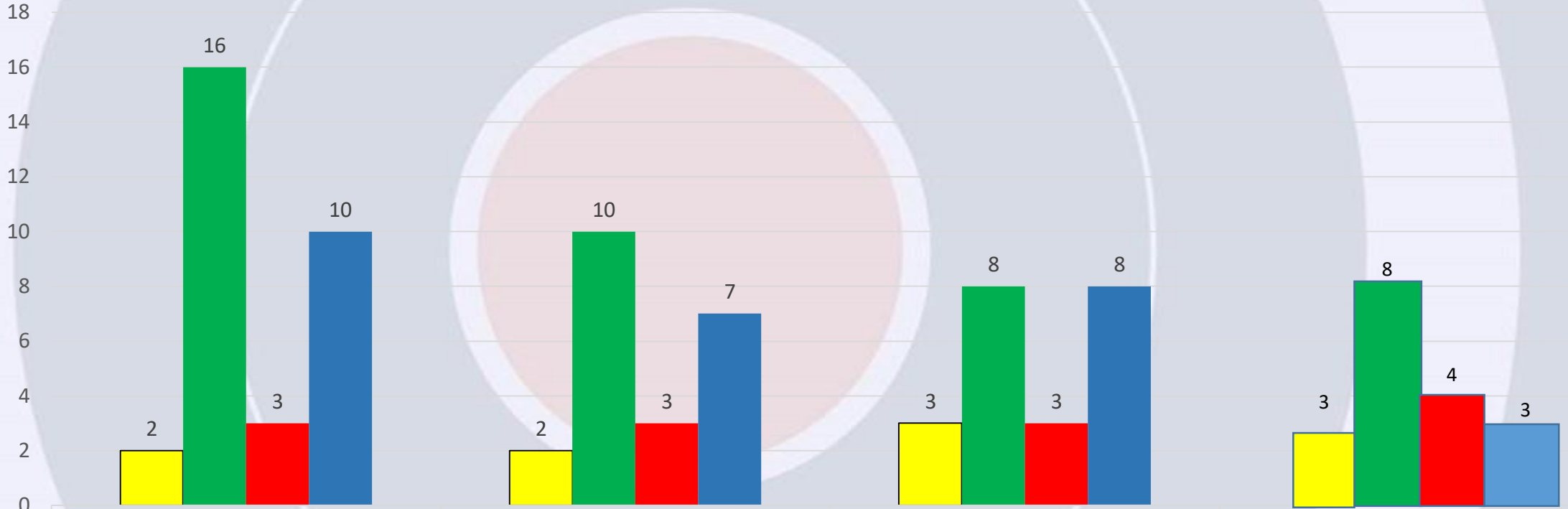


Range Safety

Chris Briggs

Yearly Incident Breakdown

Sept 2021-Sept 2024



- Ammunition Incident
- Safety
- Firearms Security
- Breach of Regulations

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Range Safety

Common Trends:

- Home loaded ammunition
- Firearms with stuck rounds/cases removed from range
- Shooting through lunchtime stoppage
- Walking/Driving through range Safety Boards
- Firearms left unattended
- Failure to read and comply with Range Regulations
- Car parking

Allowing Non-Members to Shoot

- To shoot on Bisley ranges individuals must be a member of the NRA or an Affiliated club if the club has a range booking
- Non-members may only shoot if taking part on a registered club/NRA Guest Day or other notified event
- Bringing a friend / non-member to shoot on Bisley ranges is illegal and may involve the police, with implications for FAC
- Additionally, non-members are not insured and will not be covered if they are injured when firing



Range Safety

Target Centre Height (TCH)

- Request blank target at time of booking
- Do not put targetry below the TCH
- Keep to pin on size target only
- Permitted
- Not permitted





Targetry



Only targetry approved by the NRA is permitted to be used. If unsure please contact the Range Office

Do not put targetry over the top of NRA standard targets

- Target becomes unusable for other shooters
- Also runs risk of markers using this target for a different shoot and scoring incorrectly



RO Briefs

Before they arrive:

- **Range Regulations**

Highlight to members where these can be found

- **What they are required to bring**

Membership and SCC cards

- **RV Points**

On the day:

- **Housekeeping**

Toilets, emergencies, etc.

- **Range awareness**

What surrounding distances are shooting

- **Safety Briefings**

- **Control your firing point**

This includes people outside of your group, e.g. spectators



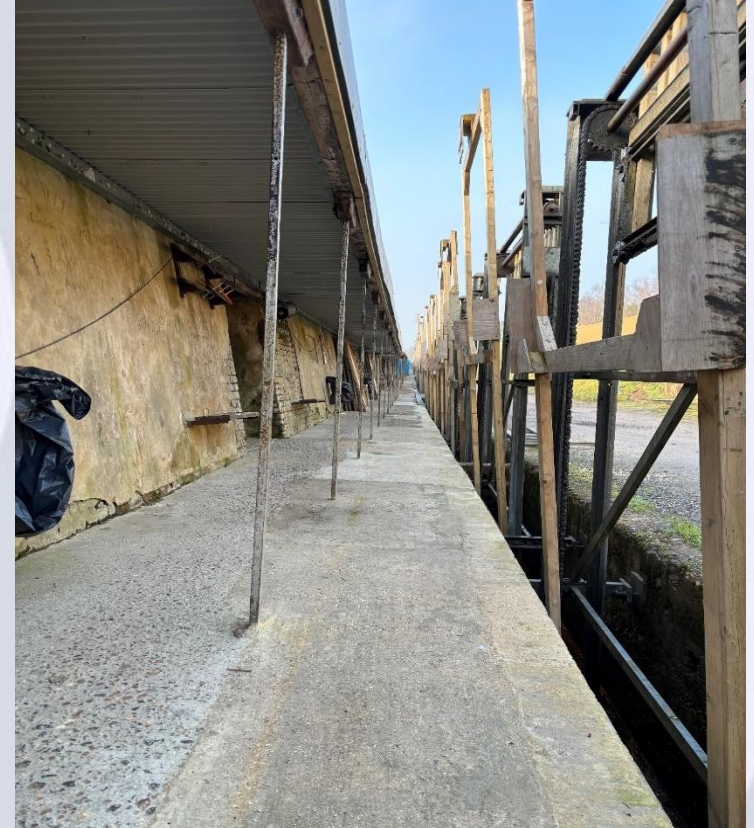
Range Infrastructure

Rupert Fowler

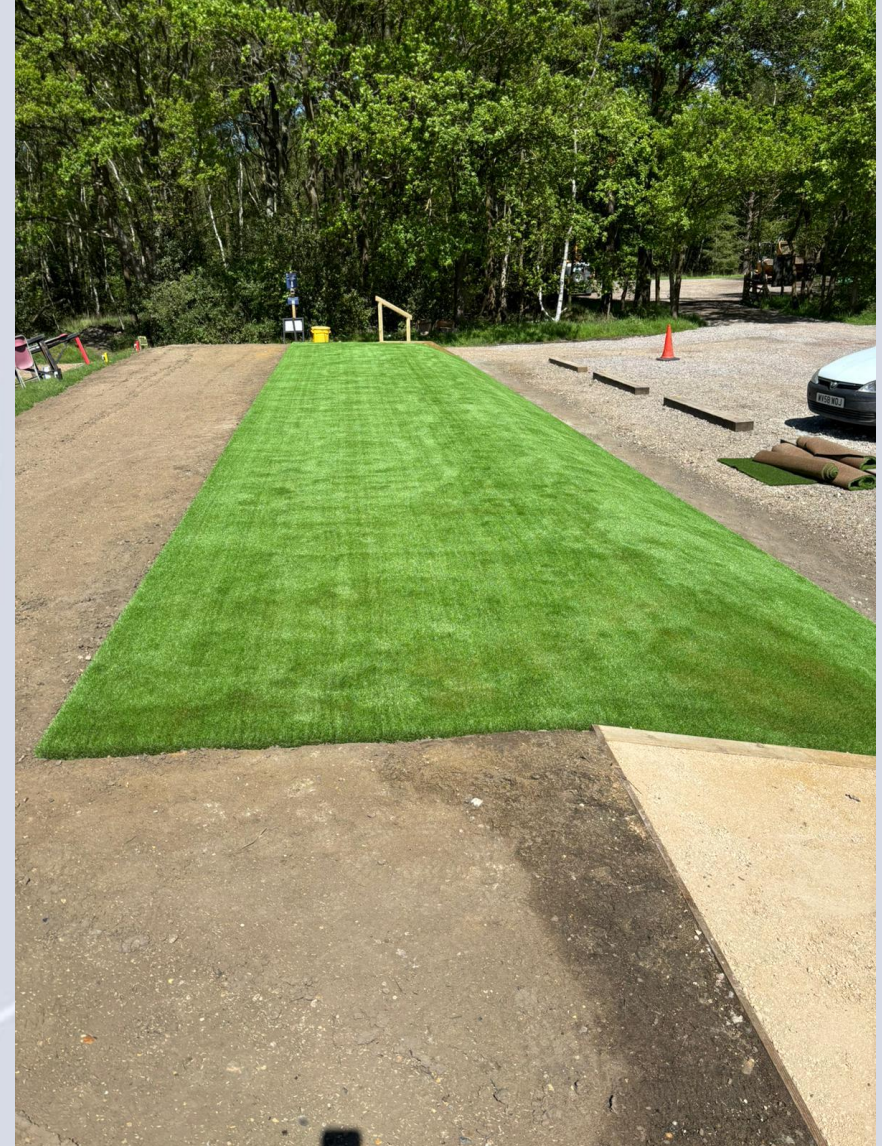
Range Infrastructure

- Annual Investment of approx £350,000
- Century
 - structural survey; 300x FP and car park; Kongsberg individual FP hard wired
- Stickledown
 - Off grid power installation; access steps at 800 yds
- Melville
 - Bay A refurbished; repairs to walls; retaining walls raised; ramps

Century Butts Improvements



300x Butt 19



Steps LHS Stickledown 800x FP



Melville



Structural repairs to the running track



Rebuild and modification to the Cable return Housings



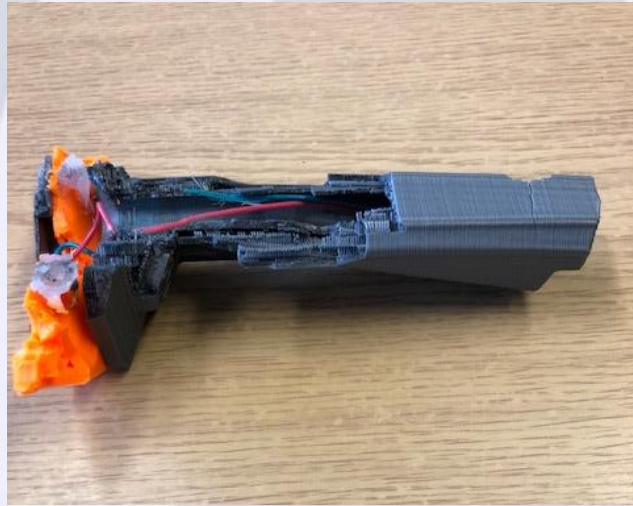


Electronic Targets

- Three electronic target systems: Kongsberg, Shotmarker and Intarso
- Annual investment of c£80,000 software, hardware, consumables
 - Stickledown skins £2200 per target
 - Century skins £1600 per target
- Call outs – comms error and shooter error are main contributors
- Calibration – all systems calibrated monthly and recorded



Electronic Targets





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Range Infrastructure

- Century: butts tannoy upgrade; gallery roof; McQueen castles
- Stickledown: Improvements to FPs, esp 800x, 900x, 1000x; Falling Plates system; butts tannoy installation
- Butt Zero: Drainage solution; new FP boards
- Short Siberia: Comms upgrade; improvements to 200x
- Melville: Refurbishment of FP plinths and improved disabled access across range divides
- Cheylesmore: Replace/upgrade turning targets
- General: Mobile tannoys; Mini McQueen; grading on roads



Competitions

Becky Sweet



Major Competitions

The NRA draft Competition calendar is available to view via:

<https://nra.org.uk/competitions/>

2025 highlights include:

- **Phoenix Meeting:** Thursday 22nd – Sunday 25th May
- **Inter-Counties:** Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th June
- **156th Imperial Meeting:** Friday 13th June – Saturday 26th July (King's Final)



Range Services

Jodie Gray-Piazza



Important Dates



Range Events (inc Long Range and Fallback Dates)

<https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/the-ranges/range-events/>

Member Days

<https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/the-ranges/range-events/member-days-1/?id=1988>



300m Shed

9 weekends given for 2025, all including at least two contiguous half-days

Please contact comps@gb300m.com for more information

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| March | Sat 22 nd PM | Sun 23 rd AM | | |
| April | Sun 6 th All Day | Sat 12 th PM | Sun 13 th All Day | |
| May | Sun 11 th All Day | | | |
| June | Sat 14 th All Day | Sun 15 th AM | Sat 21 st PM | Sun 22 nd AM |
| July | Fri 11 th PM | 20 th Eve | 21 st All Day | 22 nd All Day |
| August | Sat 30 th PM | Sun 31 st AM | | |
| September | Sun 28 th All Day | | | |
| October | Sat 11 th AM | Sun 12 th AM | | |
| *NRA 300m Championships | | | | |



Updates

Gift vouchers now available via the NSC website

<https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/gift-vouchers/>

Redeemable for the Ranges and Armoury





Updates

Text messaging – promotional offers for Ranges and Armoury coming soon

If you have selected on your membership account to receive promotional offers you have been entered in to the group to receive the initial text

You are able to opt out

If you would like to be added, please visit the news item on the NSC website to complete the form

<https://www.nscbisley.co.uk/news/nsc-text-messaging/>



2025 Updates

Member Days

Successful during 2024

Chance for individuals to come together

Overseen by NRA appointed RCO

As of 2025 we will open to affiliated club members for an additional fee, currently £10.50 to cover insurance

Club members will need to have a valid SCC, and therefore will already have an online login. **You will need to contact the membership team for a login password reset.**



Short Range Heavy Bullet



Been running since 2018

Butt Zero – All Day shoot

From 2025 will be run as a
Member Day

A Short Range Heavy Bullet (SRHB) rifle is one that has the following characteristics:

- maximum ME of 14,000J (10325ftbs)
- maximum MV of 800 m/s (2,625fps)
- minimum bullet weight of 400 grains



Double the fun: It was more than just bolt-actions on display

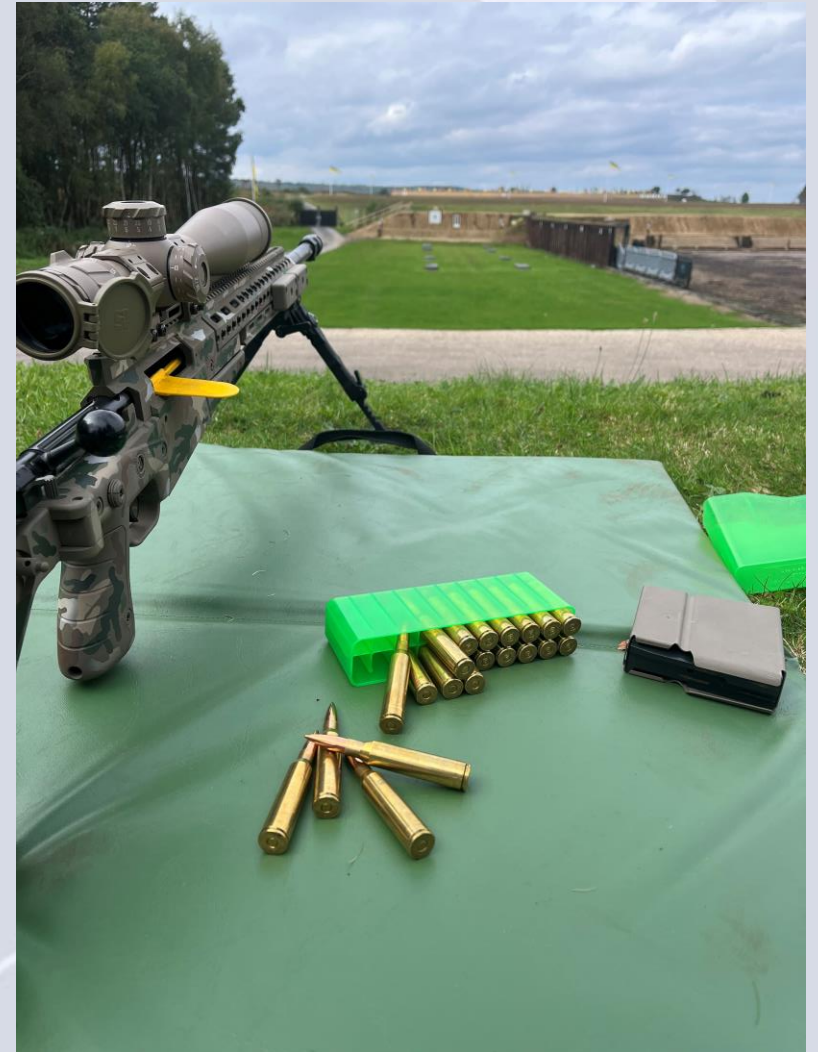


.338" Lap Mag Trial



New addition to Member Days in 2025

- Shooting on LHS Stickledown at 900x (and possibly 1000x)
- HME MV and ME limits apply
- HME zeroing procedure to be conducted on Butt Zero using special target
- Details will be on website





2025 Updates

Range Hire Charges

- Generic 5% increase
- Melville/Winans/Cheylesmore some rates reduced
- Butt Zero charge now separate charge for left and centre bay use (discount if booking both)
- Melville Bay A new rates for different times of the year

Prices can be found on the NSC website



2025 Updates

Digital Wallet

- SCCs from later stages of 2025
- Club Members will be able to download their SCC qualification onto their smart phones from late 2025 onwards, saving time, money, postage and the environment by reducing the amount of plastic cards printed by the NRA
- The club will have to provide a valid email address for each member to be able to download the qualification to their digital wallet
- Plastic cards will still be available for members who do not have a smart phone

Please email membership@nra.org.uk for further information



Accommodation

- We offer various types of accommodation
 - Pavilion
 - Council and Crawford Line Cabins
 - Caravan, Campervan, Motorhome electric and non electric pitches
 - Tent Camping
 - Bunkabins (during the Imperial)
- All of our Pavilion rooms are en suite and come with towels and bedding
- We currently have refurbished 9 of the 19 rooms in the hotel
- To book any of our accommodation please visit our website:
 - www.thepavilionbisley.com
 - Click on Accommodation





Bookings

All NRA Events and anticipated Non-NRA Major Club Competitions have been plotted

- All bookings still need to be submitted online
- No online booking for pre-arranged events by January will be removed

Online system opens 1st November at approx. 0900

Jan/Feb bookings & pre-arranged major club competitions authorised initially

Followed by single run through the whole year

Jun/Jul will be processed once Imperial details finalised

Then priority put back on bookings requested within the upcoming months



Bookings

To help:

- Check dates on the website for long range and fallback
 - If you are attempting a date not listed then you may need to wait until 1 week prior so we can determine remaining availability
- Add alternatives in the comments of your booking (e.g. distances or dates)
- Ensure you have selected targetry



Questions

Please email

Range.Office@nra.org.uk

and we will get back to you as soon as possible