

# Caithness Small Bore Rifle Association AGM

17/09/2018

*The Annual General Meeting was held in Watten Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018*

- Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from P Richard, GD Bremner, JR Sinclair, WD Mowat and M Mackay.
- Present** RLO Brown, WF Mackenzie Pentland; JA Manson, GA Mackay, G Baikie Westfield; JP Campbell, JG Campbell Halkirk; G Robertson D Henderson Stirkoke, B Young Wick Old Stagers, DH Bremner Watten; ME Simpson.
- Minutes** The minutes of the AGM 2017 were read and adopted by GA Mackay, seconded by WF Mackenzie.
- Financial Report** The financial statements were circulated showing a credit of £4,896.62. The financial report was adopted by JA Manson, seconded by G Robertson. Treasurer JG Campbell gave an explanation of the balance sheet.
- Chairman's Report** In many ways the past year has been encouraging for Caithness shooting although there are issues we could work on. The winter leagues ran well though with one fewer division. As always, competition was fierce with our strongest teams more than capable of competing successfully on a national level. It's pleasing that several clubs have an encouraging number of junior shooters, beginning to make their mark. The Daisy competitions had improved entries and were both excellent shoots, the indoor being won on a re-gauge by Murray Mackenzie Westfield piping Molly Mackay to the trophy. The outdoor was also keenly shot for with Caitlin Green winning with consistent shooting that all here would have been happy with. The Open shoot in June was an excellent event and for this as always the association is indebted to that core of individuals who go to great lengths to set up and prepare for the event. The shoot was very well run, the weather was perfect, and the entry was up. For the first time in a few years there was a junior team entering competition. All I can ask is that folk go home from here and encourage even more to come along next year. Nationally Caithness continues to make its mark although there was less silverware to show for our efforts. But under John Sinclair's captaincy he has set himself an increasingly hard act to replicate. One noticeable shooter was again Hugh Simpson who almost made it two in a row having been Scottish Champion last year.

Looking ahead I hope the leagues this year are as competitive and that we can encourage shooters to participate particularly in shoulder to shoulder matches. They are crucial in maintain that Caithness identity. The Morven Cup works well; I would ask all to prioritise the Holborn cup, as disappointingly not all matches were shot last year. It's an excellent way for shooters young and not so young to meet up with those from other clubs. On that note I'll close and look forward to an enjoyable year ahead.

**Election of  
Office Bearers**

**Chairman** RLO BROWN

**Vice-Chairman** JP Campbell

**Captain** J.R Sinclair

**Secretary** M.E Simpson

**Treasurer** JG Campbell

**Assistant**

**Secretaries**

Division 1: W F Mackenzie; Division 2: J D M Sinclair  
Division 3: JP Campbell Division 4: GA Mackay  
Division 5: J.A Manson Division 6: JR Sinclair  
Juniors: E Simpson.

**Press**

**Secretary**

B Young.

**Chief Range**

**Officer**

G. Robertson

**Ass Range**

**Officer**

C Budge

**Webmaster**

B Young.

**Executive**

**Committee**

B Young and M Mackay were due to retire, GA Mackay, DH Bremner, JA Henderson and G Baikie to remain. B Young and M Mackay were re-elected to the Executive, proposed by JA Manson, seconded by G Baikie.

**Affiliated**

**Fees**

It was agreed that affiliated fees to remain at £20.00.

**Competitions**

Winter League entries are to be received by 08<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Wilson Cup to be held at Pentland range on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm, marker JP Campbell. (Wilson cup should have been held in Westfield but due to roof repairs unable to hold comp, return to Westfield next year).

Portland Bowl to be held in Stirkoke range on Tuesday 5th February 2019 at 7:30pm, marker J.P Campbell.

J.G.C Engineering & Technical Services Individual Final to be held in Halkirk range on Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7:30pm, marker G. Baikie.

Daisy Trust Short-range competition to be held in Stirkoke range on Wednesday 20<sup>TH</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm, marker JR Sinclair.

St Clair Cup to be held in Watten Hall on Thursday 7th March at 7:00pm, marker JP Campbell.

Junior Championship to be held in Watten Hall on Monday 11th March 2019 at 7:30pm, marker G Baikie

Shearer Cup to be held at Westfield range on Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7:30pm, marker J.A Manson.

**Summer League**

G Baikie agreed to mark the Summer League. G Baikie advised that only half of the teams that entered last year's league completed the set in full. The secretary is to send a reminder, when issuing the summer league entry form, that clubs should not enter teams unless that team can shoot all targets, or at least obtain substitutes to shoot.

**Raffles**

1000 raffles to be obtained by secretary and distributed to the clubs, and prizes drawn at the St Clair Cup meeting.

**Open Meeting**

To be held at Wick Old Stagers outdoor range on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 9th June 2019.

**A.O.B**

The secretary showed examples of logos provided by P Richard. It was agreed that the crossed rifles should be more modern. Images of Morven or Scotia primula should not be included, a target or a bulls eye could be included, and the Caithness flag should be included.

The Chairman raised the subject of which aggregate should be used for the winter league entries; fifteen from fifteen or thirteen from fifteen. After discussion, WF Mackenzie proposed that thirteen from fifteen was the correct aggregate, seconded by DH Bremner.

D Henderson advised that the current range fee of £10 is not sufficient to cover costs. JP Campbell proposed the fee to be increased to £20, seconded by WF Mackenzie.

D Henderson queried why the Association minutes were not issued. The secretary to issue minutes to the webmaster, to be published on the CSBRA website.

DH Bremner advised that outdoor targets will be required to be ordered for the Open shoot.

JA Manson advised that the NSRA are recalling faulty 25yd targets.

***There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm, with a vote of thanks to the chairman***