



Shooting Activities

The Club Range at Wellington Road is a purpose built 25 yard indoor range. It offers you the opportunity to shoot a variety of disciplines:

- Small-bore Prone Target Rifle (25 yard .22 LR Rimfire)
- Benchrest Target Rifle (25 yard small-bore or air rifles)
- Lightweight Sporting Rifle (LSR)
- Standing & Kneeling (3 Position or 3P)
- Air Weapons (.177 or .22 rifle or pistol)

Getting Started

As a **probationary member**, you will receive instruction in either small-bore prone or benchrest shooting. You must shoot a minimum of 6 times during your 6 month probationary period and will be supervised at all times.

Beginners who are learning the small-bore prone discipline must first attend a series of 3 training sessions run by our NSRA Instructors. These sessions are held on Saturday Mornings between 09.30 and 12.00. Once you have completed the course, you are asked to shoot on Wednesday evenings 19.30 - 21.30.

Beginners learning the benchrest discipline should attend the Thursday evening sessions 18.00 - 20.00.

Moving On

Once you are settled you should get in as much practice as possible.

Start by shooting a 2 spot card and concentrate on your grouping. Don't worry about the score. Try to get a series of 5 shots as close together as possible.

As your confidence builds, you can start to shoot a 10 spot card and score the results. Practice cards can be scored by the Range Officer and the scores entered on the New Shooters' scores sheet on the notice board.

Once you become a full member, you will be encouraged to enter competitions. Your probationary scores will enable us to work out your average and assign new members to the appropriate teams.

Competitions

Once you become a **Full Member**, you can enter as many competitions as you want. These are arranged by the various Associations to which the Club belongs.

The summer and winter postal leagues are a popular way to enter your first competitions. Cards are shot at the Range and scored against other Club or County teams throughout the UK.

- You will be entered as part of a team of 4 or 5 other club members who have a similar average score to yours.
- League competitions are divided into 10 rounds, with each round shot against a rival club.
- Cards are placed in the racks and members shoot each round at a time of his choosing. It is important to adhere to the 'Shoot by' date, shoot the cards in round order, sign each card after shooting it and have it witnessed and dated by the Range Officer. (Failure to do this results in the score not counting in the team's total.)
- Each team has a Team Captain who needs to know if there is any problem in meeting the 'Shoot by' dates - a substitute shooter can then be found.
- There is no charge made for participation in postal leagues.

Shooting associations also run individual postal competitions where you will be competing against other club members and members from other clubs across the UK. There is usually a small entry fee.

At various times throughout the year we hold Club Shoots. All members are welcome and have a chance of winning trophies as some shoots are arranged on a class or handicap system. Details will be posted on the notice boards.

Other Ranges

The club can arrange visits to the NSRA range at the Lord Roberts Centre at Bisley. This has an excellent 50m outdoor range. You could even pick up some toys at the NSRA shop while you are there?

The club is affiliated to the NRA and can host full-bore club shoots using 7.62mm rifles at the National Shooting Centre at Bisley near Woking. These are outdoor events at ranges between 300 and 1000 yards.