



UPPINGHAM VETERANS

RIFLE CLUB

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UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2007/2008)**PRESIDENT:** P N Hinchliffe**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Sir Ian J Wallace CBE (1967-69)

J S Knox (1976-78)

H G T P Doyne-Ditmas CB (1979-81)

C W Brown (1982-84)

C T S Belk (SC) (1985-87)

K C Meldrum CB (1988-90)

Dr R Pizer (1991-93)

S J Pattinson (1994-96)

T R C Adams (1997-99)

J C B Humphrey (2000-2002)

S Belither (GC2, SM) (2003-2005)

CAPTAIN: C J Watson**HON SECRETARY:**

C P Kelsey

HON TREASURER:**(& Report Editor)** J A Watson**FIREARMS SECRETARY:**

D Mathieson

ELECTED MEMBERS:

B E Bullard

G E Morris

A A Williams

SCHOOL STAFF:

I D Cowan (RSM)

HON ACCOUNTANT: J Mumby**REVIEW OF 2007**

In March, many of the club gathered for a dinner at Uppingham. The dinner was a celebration of the successes the club has had over the recent years and was a great success in its own right. The Club's Executive committee had met in the afternoon (and the occasion of the dinner resulted in the largest turnout of committee members in years). The dinner looks like being something we will try to make into an annual event and once the school's mini-range is reopened (expected at the end of March this year) following its extensive refurbishment, we expect to be able to host a club vs. pupils match. You can see some of the photos from the evening later on in the report.

James Watson and **Simon Pattinson** travelled to Barry Buddon near Dundee for the Scottish Open Championships and the Lawrence Match in June. Simon was captain of the England team which won the match by a mere V-bull. **James** was one of the shooters and also won the Grand Aggregate shot over the weekend.

Unable to put out a team for either the Purples Match this year, the Veterans Match was to be the first match for the club. We did not generally excel; our A team achieved their worst score and placing in recent memory and the C team soundly beat those selected for the B team, and so ending up in second place in the second team competition. Despite these performances, we finished 2nd in the Aggregate (some 20 points behind Epsom and 5 points above third place!).

A Team		B Team (selected as C)		C Team (selected as B)	
J A Watson	50.8	C Belk	50.8	A A Williams	49.8
T A Ringer	50.8	C P Kelsey	50.6	C J Watson	49.7
G E Morris	50.5	E Cannings	49.9	D Mathieson	48.5
J G M Webster	48.4	B Bullard	49.6	B Yates	45.3
S Belither	47.4	R E Clarke	48.5	S A Merton-Jones	44.3
	245.29		246.34		235.26

Placed 13th out of 50
Oundle 250.35Placed 2nd out of 35
Old Epsomians 249.34Placed 4th out of 24

D Team		E Team	
J Humphrey	49.5	J Harris	47.4
F Hinson	47.5	B Hinson	44.1
R Pizer	46.4	A V Scattergood	44.0
S J Pattinson	46.3	W Callingham	43.2
C W Brown	46.1		
	234.18		178.07

The winner of the Donegall Bronze Badge for 2007 was **Emma Cannings**.

UVRC represented the county in the Astor competition. This year, awakening to the sound of heavy rain on the roof, they bravely ventured out in torrential rain before the match was stopped. Shooting that day was cancelled due to the rain and subsequent flooding of Century range (see the photos later). The scores achieved are shown alongside:

	300x
GE Morris	35.03
BE Bullard	34.02
AA Williams	34.01
EJ Cannings	33.02
CTS Belk	30.01
CJ Watson	27.01
	204.20

Right:
The scene at 9.30 am
on Century range.



Above: Antony Ringer Canoeing on
Century Range after the rain stopped.



Right: Freya Hinson paddling
in the floods

The first Friday saw a number of unusual sights, from canoes and improvised rafts on Century range to mud wrestling by the entrance to camp! Thankfully, we only lost a day's shooting and the weather improved for the most part – not that it could have got any worse!

As a club, we did win the Marlingham trophy from the Elizabethans Blue team by some 12 points. Detailed scores appear below.

Marlingham (1st)

TA Ringer	695.84
JA Watson	692.78
CJ Watson	689.74
S Belither	687.79
JGM Webster	684.75

TOTAL 3447.390

We were 2nd in the Belgian, 4th in the Steward, 6th in the Bank of England, and 11th in the Rifle Clubs.

Individually, we had a good number of members (21) shooting the meeting as well as 3 from the school. A number of them appeared on the Grand Aggregate Leader board throughout the week, although only two made the St Georges Final and a solitary member shot in the Queen's Final.

A handful of members – **Nick Hinchliffe**, **John Webster**, **Robin Pizer**, **Simon Pattinson** and **James Watson** shot in some or all of the Match Rifle competitions.

The number of trophies won this year was lower than normal. **Gareth Morris** won the Sunday Aggregate (his second time), and a day later, **James Watson** won the Monday Aggregate. **John Webster** won the Howard Wilkinson. Perhaps one of the more successful members was **Nick Hinchliffe** who has now fitted a scope to his rifle and was shooting F class – he won the Alexandra, the Corporation and the Donegall, narrowly missing out for second place in the Lovell.

Members who took top ten places included:

James Watson was 2nd in the RG Aggregate, 4th in the OTF Long Range Aggregate and 5th in the Berryman Aggregate.

John Webster was 2nd in the Queen's Consolation, 4th in the Stickledown, and 8th in the RG Aggregate during the Match Rifle Week.

Antony Ringer was 3rd in the Five Hundred Yard Aggregate, 5th in the Wednesday Aggregate and 9th in the Daily Telegraph.

Chris Belk was 5th in the Veterans Aggregate, 6th in the Queen's Veterans, and 9th in the Daily Mail.

Chris Watson was 10th in the Donegall and the Five Hundred Yards Aggregate.

Gareth Morris was 4th in the TWP Designs Sighter Aggregate.

Freddie Grounds was 10th in the O Class Chairman's Prize Qualifier.

Freya Hinson was 7th in the T class Chairman's Prize Qualifier.

Simon Belither was 6th in the Berryman Aggregate.

Ben Bullard was 5th in the Times.

Nick Hinchliffe finished in the top 5 in almost all of his competitions shooting F Class RG.

The Grand Aggregate finished with 9 of the club making the top 200 – **Antony Ringer** 11th, **James Watson** 24th, **Gareth Morris** 38th, **Chris Watson** 57th, **Simon Belither** 82nd, **Rob Clarke** 124th, **John Webster** 132nd, **Ben Bullard** 153rd, and **Chris Belk** 167th.

The St Georges saw 9 club members qualifying for the second stage (**Ben Bullard**, **Freddie Grounds**, **Rob Clarke**, **Freya Hinson**, **James Watson**, **Simon Belither**, **Antony Ringer**, **Alex Williams** and **Chris Belk**). **Ben** and **Freddie** went on to make the final finishing 25th and 30th respectively.

In the Queen's Prize, 8 made it to the second stage (**Chris Watson**, **James Watson**, **Simon Belither**, **Chris Belk**, **Alex Williams**, **Antony Ringer**, **Steve Merton-Jones** and **Chris Kelsey**) but only **Chris Watson** made the required score for the Final and finished up 31st.

In the team matches, **Antony Ringer** was part of the winning Norfolk team in the County Short Range match, and the Victor Ludorum and second in the County Long Range match..

Chris Watson and **Gareth Morris** continue to represent Wales in both the National and the MacKinnon matches. **Simon Pattinson** was the Captain of the England team that won the National (for the 100th time), his Adjutant was **James Watson**, **Nick Hinchliffe** was the Chief Coach, **Simon Belither** and **Antony Ringer** were coaches, **Alex Williams**, **Ben Bullard** and **Rob Clarke** were reserves. **James Watson** and **Antony Ringer** also shot for the winning England team in the Mackinnon. **Nick Hinchliffe** was main coach for England in the MacKinnon and for Great Britain in the Kolapore.

The Club Championship was interesting this year as no club member managed to qualify for all the second and Final stages of the St George's and the Queen's. **Chris Watson** was the only person in the Queen's Final and so with an extra 150 points of opportunity, took the trophy for the second year running.

For a number of the club, the highlight of the year was yet to come. **Nick Hinchliffe**, **James Watson** and **Gareth Morris** were in the squad of 26 that travelled to Canada to compete in the World Long Range Championships. The team competed in the Canadian Championships, winning the Canada and Commonwealth matches for Great Britain before the Individual World Championships. In the Palma Match, GB set a number of records including not dropping a point at 700m. **Nick** was the main coach for the Match, **James** was one of the sixteen shooters and **Gareth** was first reserve. **John Webster** oversaw the match in his capacity of Match Referee.

Back in the UK, **James Watson** won the City Rifle Club Open, the Surrey Open (for a second successive year) and was second in the London & Middlesex RA Open.

In 2008 **Chris Watson** is travelling with Great Britain to South Africa, **John Webster** captains the England team to the USA with **James Watson** as his vice, **Nick Hinchliffe** the main coach and **Alex Williams** as a member of the team. **Simon Belither** is captain of England for the MacKinnon.

The School Team

The School had a difficult year with the RSM leaving before the full bore season commenced. **Rick Shouler**, an old boy from our rival Oakham School, took on the position of shooting master for the year. **Freya Hinson** and **Ben Yates** were on hand during the Schools week to lend a hand, but with the mini-range having been closed for most of the year, the team was lacking in practice and hence their showing in the Ashburton was not up to their full potential. The school did not enter the snap shooting this year but concentrated on the TR competitions.

As it was, they put in a performance that earned them 14th place.

Uppingham's detailed scores are listed below:

VIII	300x	500x	600x	Total
Stevenson I	32.2	31.1	34.3	97.6
Hudson HS	31.2	33.2	32.4	96.8
Bramwell R	35.3	30.0	31.1	96.4
Ives H	30.0	32.2	33.3	95.5
Austin R	32.3	27.0	35.2	94.5
Rowley J	31.2	31.2	31.2	93.6
Crump PD	19.0	33.2	24.0	76.2
Lakhani A	27.0	25.1	24.0	76.1
	237.12	242.10	244.15	723.37
Reserve Man				
WJY Scott-Barrett	36.2		12 th	out of 21

In the other team competitions, Uppingham had a range of results as shown below:

Army District Shield (North)	2 nd out of 5
Bermuda Cup	2 nd out of 5
Cadet Four	Did not enter
Cadet Pair	Did not enter
Cheltenham Cup	Did not enter
Devon	11 th out of 30
Garry	14 th out of 30
Green Howards Country Life	12 th out of 29
Kinder	13 th out of 29
Lucas	7 th out of 9
Marling	Did not enter
Rutland	7 th out of 11
Schools Aggregate	Did not enter
Schools Snap shooting	Did not enter

Three members of the school took part in the Imperial meeting, all of them were leavers in 2007 and look to continue with their shooting. After the meeting, **Henry Ives** was a member of the Athelings team in Canada and was also selected to be their captain.

We are please to welcome **Ian Cowan**, the new RSM into the post at the school. He has already shown his enthusiasm to the sport and brought a group of the school down in October to shoot the LMRA Open meeting.

Hall of Fame

The table below details the past records of HPS recorded by Club members in the Imperial Meeting over the last 12 years. From next year, this table will only show HPSs from 1998 when the 155 grain bullet was introduced.

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total	
A Ringer	5	10	5	8	4	13	8	7	5	3	5	4	77
S Belither	6	7	4	4	7	11	7	6	3	7	3	3	68
J Webster	2	3	4	6	6	5	10	6	-	2	3	3	50
J Watson	2	2	1	2	5	4	5	3	4	2	3	3	36
G Morris	2	1	-	-	1	3	6	5	4	1	2	5	30
C Belk	-	-	3	1	3	5	3	3	2	3	-	2	25
C Watson	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	3	3	6	4	22
N Harvey	3	8	1	4	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	22
A Williams	1	-	-	3	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	13
N Hinchliffe	2	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	12
S Osmond	4	1	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
S Pattinson	2	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	9
B Bullard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	6
S Merton-Jones	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	5
A Grounds	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	5
J Lee	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
RE Clarke	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	4
A Scattergood	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	4
D Mathieson	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
F Hinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
A Fyfe	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
C Kelsey	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
R Pizer	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	34	36	29	32	35	51	51	32	24	24	27	33	408

In the NRA Hall of Fame, **Simon Belither** has now been caught by Paul Kent in the appearances in the Queen's Final (with 26). He has also been caught by Paul in those who have finished in the top 25 of the St Georges with a total of 12 appearances. However, he still holds the top slot in the top 50 of the Grand aggregate with 23 appearances, one appearance more than Danny Coleman.

Club Dinner



Above: Some of the trophies won by club members in 2006.



Right:
Ben Bullard and Jo Harris

Below: members of one of our earlier teams!



Right:
Two Generations of Grounds
with Barbara Wright of the OU
Office.



Below:
Isobel Stevenson and
Simon Wall



Below:
Jeanie Pattinson and Gerlinda Williams



**The National Match 2007 - a personal view by Simon Pattinson
(photographs courtesy of Graeme Clarke)**

It all began at the 2006 Umbrella Tent Auction of Promises. Webbie and Hinch were busy conning cash off the floor, when I was tapped on the shoulder.- "I am chairman of the English Twenty Club and the Council has asked me to find out if you would be willing to take on the captaincy of the English National Team." I now know the true meaning of being gob smacked. It is a pity that there was not a camera around at that moment. I stammered out my acceptance and Tom Rylands disappeared.

Within ten minutes, I had James Watson as my adjutant. Nick Hinchliffe accepted the chief coach's job within hours. Days later, Jon Underwood, the Queen's Prize winner, was appointed to be number one of my twenty – he scored the only 105 in the National match. I had the foundations laid for my team with just a bit of Uppinghamian influence!

England uses the match as a stepping-stone for up and coming shots to begin their senior international shooting. Of my team of twenty, at least five had to be new caps. The five reserves were, likewise, to be first timers. A further five out of the twenty have to be in the "not fired in the Match more than once before" category. (I now realise why SJ Pattinson was selected when he was still only an undergraduate). I was also warned that I must make sure that all my team were English Twenty Club members and had entered for the Club's championship. (So that explains why, in 1958 during his first Imperial Meeting, SJ Pattinson was dragged along to the Club by Chris Belk and made to pay up his ten shillings).

I felt that these points were not fully understood by potential team members and so e-mails and yearbook inserts were drafted and sent out. "The England National Team has never been selected by application." was one comment, but I did not want anyone to slip through the net without being given a chance. It was not until later that I realised one of the advantages of choosing James. He actually understands the NRA computing system and can tame the fiery, but obliging, Bill Richards in the Stats Office. I did not want to pick my team by computer, but it does do a good job in pointing out possible candidates that may be coming out of the woodwork. I remember admiring a previous National Captain, who spotted a Old Uppinghamian of quite mature years and gave him a place. – I will not divulge the name, but he is father of twins.

The computer is good at spotting individuals shooting well in the individual competitions, but it does not indicate their performance in coached team matches. This is where one has to keep one's eyes and ears open to find out good team members. I did not take part in the Grand Aggregate in order to be able to go around looking at how people actually shoot. I do not believe you can have a person in the team who takes forty seconds to get a shot away. It was difficult for me to do this incognito from my buggy, but I suppose being able to perform under the gaze of the Captain of England is a useful asset!

We tried out team performance at Bisley in May, when we fired against the RAF and other countries. The "getting to know" aspect of this match was almost more important than the fact that we won. It is essential that team members support each other and also check that their kit is properly prepared. Bent sights do not fire straight. (N.B. Richard!)

It was off to Barry Budden in June. Carnoustie golf balls were whizzing by, a few yards to our left, as we took part in the Scottish Open Meeting. The Lawrence Match proved a real tester of team coaching, nerve and skill. Scores were tied after the first ranges but, thanks to Les Wicker's calm organisation, we held it together. It was still a tie at the end, but we won by one "V" in three hundred and sixty shots. I like to think that this is why the 2007 GB World Championship set so much emphasis on their X count during their outstanding victories in Canada and the USA.

At the NRA Meeting, the Scots were amused to see that the English were calling me "Sir". Coaches, firers and reserves had to be picked. County Captains were invited to put forward names that may have slipped by. Scorebooks were examined for the flatness of their elevation graphs. Were the candidates reliable team shooters? All this boiled down to the final team that had seven

new caps in the twenty and where eight out of the thirty-three in the team photo were Old Uppinghamians.

And so to Thursday 26th July 2007.

1pm: Pep-talk in the English XX: "There's only one shot that counts this afternoon and that is the next shot....." I think there have been a few Uppingham pupils who have heard that before!

2pm: 300 yards, Range 12: the wind quite fresh and buffeting, some nerves, but no real disasters. The organisation seemed to be up to the mark and the old hands were encouraging the young.

3pm: 500 yards: what a transformation! Monsoon! Wind, rain, all hell let loose! Yet the firers kept their concentration and their wet weather drills intact. The butt party had their problems with soggy targets and pulverised patches. "Message fours?", "Message sevens?". Two bull's-eyes were lost. The Scots were gaining ground. The Chief Range Officer offered to "pull the plug", but no captain could be expected to volunteer to lose.



4pm: We soldiered on to 600 yards. The rain had stopped; another quick pep-talk; "I am told it's tight butwe can do it!" The sun came out, straight into our sodden sights and watery eyes. James, Nick, coaches and all in support held the team together despite a further crop of message fours, blistering radios, and an unsettled range officer. There was very little time to go when an Old Epsomian had to adopt traditional Uppinghamian tactics: "You have two targets. Fire alternate shots at each without waiting for the previous shot to be marked." We finished with seconds to spare.

"It is a good thing that I practised snap-shooting at school" was Paul Kent's comment after scoring 34 out of 35!

WE WON!! Four points in it. England's 100th victory in the match series.

"England, three cheers for Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Hip hip HURRAY.....!!!"

And now: it's 2008. Jeanie, my wife, and I have Graeme Clarke's lovely album of photos to remind us of the great day. It is a testament to the team coping with nigh-on impossible conditions and to a year's support from Jeanie, James and many, many others that enabled me to fulfil the honour that was bestowed upon me by my country. I am, forever, grateful to them all.



The Veterans Match

Those who have shot on more than one occasion in the Veterans Match for Uppingham since 1998 (the introduction of the new target dimensions) are listed below.

Shading denotes A team

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Average
Ringer TA	50 7	50 9	49 7	49 8	50 6	50 6	49 6	50 6	50 8	50 8	49.70
Watson JA	50 9	49 9	50 7	50 6	49 8	50 6	49 7	49 4	50 9	50 8	49.60
Morris GE		49 8			50 4		49 4	49 4	50 5	50 5	49.50
Webster JGM	50 5	49 5	49 5	49 5	49 8	50 4		49 6	50 6	48 4	49.22
Belither S	49 6	50 4	49 7	49 5	49 5	50 7	49 6			47 4	49.00
Scattergood A					50 8	50 4	48 5		49 8	47 4	48.80
Belk CTS		49 6	46 4		50 5	49 7	48 4	49 6		50 8	48.71
Watson CJ	48 4	50 7	49 7	49 6	48 4	49 7	49 7	46 2	48 3	49 7	48.50
Harvey NE	50 7							47 4			48.50
Williams AA	49 4	48 5	50 8	47 3	48 5			47 4	49 5	49 8	48.38
Adams TRC	50 6	48 6	49 5	46 3		50 5	47 4				48.33
Yates B								48 6	49 7	48 3	48.33
Mathieson D	50 6	48 6		47 5	44 2	48 4	46 4	50 6	50 3	48 5	47.89
Hinchliffe PN	49 5	48 5		40 3	50 4	49 5	49 3	49 9	48 4	48 5	47.78
Pattinson SJ	50 6	48 6	48 5	47 3	50 4		47 3	46 2	46 3	46 3	47.56
Clarke RE						46 4	48 5	49 4	47 4		47.50
Grounds ADE	44 2	49 4	49 6	47 5	50 6	47 6	46 6				47.43
Bullard B					48 5	46 3	42 3	48 3	49 7	49 6	47.00
Dorrington-Ward J							44 1	48 5	49 7		47.00
Clark ASJ	46 3	47	48 5								47.00
Fyfe A					49 4	45 1			47 4		47.00
Harris J										47 4	47.00
Kelsey CP	46 7	49 6	46 4	45 2	48 4	44 2			47 3	50 6	46.88
Hinson F								47 4	46 5	47 5	46.67
Symington DI				45 3			48 4				46.50
Merton Jones SA	48 3	46 2		44 0		48 2	45 3	47 5	49 6	44 3	46.38
Brown CW	45 1		48 3	46 3	46 3	45 1	47 4	47 4		46 1	46.25
Cannings EJ	48 4	44 1			44 3					49 9	46.25
Humphrey JCB	43 2	48 3	47 3	48 3	47 3	45 3	43 1	42 0	46 1	49 5	45.80
Pizer R	45 3	48 6	45 3	45 2	45 3			45 1	45 1	46 4	45.44
Fry W						43 1	46 4				44.50
Clarke LMH		42			47 2						44.50
Wertheimer JS		43 2				43 2					43.00
Callingham W										43 2	43.00
Royle JAC			44 2			41 1					42.50
Doynce-Ditmas HG		40 1			45 1		41 2				42.00
Alliston N								42 2			42.00
Williams CC		39 2	43 2		45 4	43 0	42 0	40 2	40 1		41.71
Hinson B					44 2			38 1	40 0	44 1	41.50
Prideau A					36 0			33 0			34.50
Count of shooters	19	23	17	17	25	23	22	25	22	24	

Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007

Income and Expenditure Account

	2007	2006
	£	£
Income Not		
Subscriptions	1,017	701
Donations	160	165
Club BBQ	496	225
Club ties	60	40
National Savings interest	561	450
Bank interest received	-	-
	<u>2,294</u>	<u>1,581</u>
Expenditure		
Bisley entry fees	435	516
Refund of Bisley entry fees to eligible members	107	-
NRA Affiliation fee (includes insurance)	242	295
Printing of club report	-	-
Club BBQ & room hire	496	225
Cost of ties sold in year	34	22
Cost of samples for new club tie	-	9
President's medals presented	1	1
Postage and stationery	-	54
Club equipment	-	46
Home Office approval	14	14
Bank charges	8	-
	<u>1,337</u>	<u>1,182</u>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>957</u>	<u>399</u>

Notes

- The school paid for the printing of this report. The heading is retained as this may not always be the case

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2007

	2007	2006
	£	£
Assets		
Rifles (4 at cost)	823	823
Less: Depreciation	(819)	(819)
Stock of club ties at cost (45)	251	285
Stock of President's medals at cost	-	1
Club trophy	12	12
Prepaid Home Office Approval	103	117
Cash at bank	684	464
National Savings Investment Account	<u>14,318</u>	<u>13,757</u>
	15,372	14,640
Creditors		
Sundry creditors	-	(225)
Net Assets	<u>15,372</u>	<u>14,415</u>
Accumulated Reserve		
Balance as at 1st January 2007	14,415	14,016
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	957	399
Balance as at 31st December 2007	<u>15,372</u>	<u>14,415</u>

We approve the above accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information necessary for their preparation

Nick Hinchliffe (President), James Watson (Hon Treasurer)

Accountant's Report

In accordance with instructions given to me, I have reviewed, without carrying out an audit, the balance sheet and foregoing statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2007 prepared from the accounting records maintained by the Treasurer and certify that they are in accordance therewith.

J A D Mumby FCA (Chartered Accountant)

5 February 2008

THE 2008 BISLEY MEETING

The 2008 meeting will be held in the last two weeks of July. The Match Rifle weekend commences 14th July and members should note that the Veterans match will be on Thursday 19th July 2008.

PAST UVRC REPORTS

There are some copies of previous reports available, if any member would like any from the list below, please contact James Watson. (1981-3, 1984, 1985/6, 1986/7, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2001, 2002)

The editor has scanned all the club reports from previous years onto a CD in pdf format. If there are any photos or other memorabilia that members think would be good to include, you can send them to James Watson. The CD is available now. If you would like a copy please contact James. The CD will include a copy of individual scores from all the Veterans matches, there are some detailed results missing from certain years. If anyone has results for 1981, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989 or the C team results from 1975 please could they make them available for inclusion.

MISCELLANY

Four-year honorary members, and members still in full-time education, should note that, if they wish to shoot in the Bisley Meeting, the Club will help by paying half their entry fees to all competitions in the Club Championship.

The Club has a number of excellent 7.62mm rifles available for members to borrow. It is suggested that those who do so, and who can afford it, make an appropriate donation to Club funds. The rifles are normally kept in the NRA Armoury at Bisley, and members wishing to borrow them will need to obtain a permit from the Hon Secretary to produce at the Armoury.

Club ties are available from the Hon Treasurer. The ties are in the OU colours, with 6mm red and green stripes on 30mm pale blue stripes and cost £10.00. There are a number of small Club sweaters which have been written off the club assets as they have not sold for a number of years. If anyone is interested in having one, please contact the club Treasurer. Sweaters are in navy blue, embroidered with the school badge available in size small only.

ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUTH

As we are all aware, the club will only continue to exist if we are successful in encouraging the school leavers to join and continue shooting. The committee has taken the decision to pursue this with the introduction of training weekends where those who are still honorary 4 year members are subsidised. The generous donation by Simon Wall a few years ago has enabled this as we are able to spend the interest earned on the capital sum without reducing the capital itself. These weekends are a good opportunity to come out and shoot with the club as well as passing on experience to the younger members. If you are interested and are not on email, please let the Club Secretary know so you can be informed of upcoming dates.

PRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT

Members of the club may be aware that in the past this report has been copied by the school and then sent out by the Secretary and / or report editor. This year the editor would like to note that **Nicola Tyers** in the OU office has taken on the printing and posting of the individual letters and reports that you have received. On behalf of the club, the editor would like to pass on our thanks.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 2007**Minutes of The Annual General Meeting Of The Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club Held At The HAC, Bisley Camp On 19th July 2007.****Present:**

N Hinchliffe (President), JA Watson (Hon. Treasurer), CP Kelsey (Hon Secretary), A Scattergood (Captain), D Mathieson (Firearms Officer), R Shouler (Master-in-charge Shooting), BE Bullard (Elected Member), GE Morris (Elected Member), JS Knox, Dr R Pizer, SJ Pattinson, S Belither and approximately 15 members

Apologies:

ADE Grounds (Elected Member), Sir Ian J Wallace, HGTP Doyne-Ditmas, CW Brown, CTS Belk, KC Meldrum, RC Adams, JCB Humphrey

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes of the AGM of 13th July 2006 were published in the Club Report and were accepted as a reasonable record of that meeting. There were no other objections and the minutes were proposed by J Watson and seconded by D Mathieson.

Carried**2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM AND ECM**

None – all covered in agenda items.

3. CLUB REPORT

The President thanked James Watson for once again writing the report. Thanks were also expressed to Gareth Morris for his contribution of an article on The Commonwealth Games and to Barbara Wright from the OU office for kindly printing and distributing the reports.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The accounts, printed in the Club Report, had been inspected by a qualified accountant and were presented by the Honorary Treasurer. The accounts show a profit for the year but it was noted that no honorary members claimed the refund of 50% of their Imperial Meeting Entry fees for 2006. There have already been claimants for 2007. Subscriptions are stable and most are now done by direct debit. The club has also bought a new stock of UVRC ties.

Donations and gifts for this year had been received from JGM Webster, JS Knox, GE Morris, C Belk, G Catchpole, T Harvey and N Hinchliffe. The club thanks them for their contributions. The Treasurer's report was proposed by JS Knox and seconded by SJ Pattinson.

Carried**5. COACHING/STAFFING OF SHOOTING AT UPPINGHAM SCHOOL**

The school RSM had left the school after only two terms at Easter 2007. Following his departure, Rick Shouler took on the role of Master-in-charge of Shooting but has now left the position having coached the school throughout the schools summer meeting. A new RSM has been appointed and is due to start on 1st August 2007, although no-one present was aware of who had been appointed. The school had advertised for a new part-time shooting assistant and the President will write to the Headmaster to convey the opinion of the club that a full-time shooting master is required.

Action: President**6. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP FOR SAM DEWHURST**

CP Kelsey proposed Honorary UVRC Membership for Sam Dewhurst (CCF Contingent Commander), seconded by D Mathieson.

Carried**7. CLUB DINNER MARCH 2008**

Following the success of the club dinner in Uppingham in March 2007 it is proposed that there be a similar dinner held in Uppingham in March 2008. Aniela Scattergood will organise the dinner. Proposed by N Hinchliffe and seconded by S Merton-Jones.

Action: A Scattergood**8. PROPOSED CHANGE TO CLUB RULES**

A proposal to update the club membership rules was presented by James Watson. The proposal was that rule 3 will be updated to include a further category of membership as below:

(D) Non-Shooting Member: Any Old Uppinghamian who wishes to join the club but does not fulfill the requirement set out in (B).

Proposed by J Watson and seconded by C Kelsey.

Carried**9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2007/2008**

The President thanked Aniela Scattergood, who now stands down from the committee, for her hard work as captain.

Chris Watson was proposed for the post of Captain by J Watson and seconded by CP Kelsey. Alex Williams was proposed as an elected member in place of ADE Grounds by J Watson after expressing a keen interest in being more involved. Seconded by N Hinchliffe. All other officers were proposed en block by N Hinchliffe and seconded by J Webster.

President:

Nick Hinchliffe

Captain:

Chris Watson

Honorary Secretary:

Chris Kelsey

Honorary Treasurer:

James Watson

Firearms Secretary:

David Mathieson

Elected Members of the Committee: Ben Bullard, Gareth Morris and Alex WilliamsAll Elections of Officers Carried**10. AWARDS**

Awards. This year's awards were presented by the President, the Watson Cup was presented by Chris Watson:

President's Medal.

Isobelle Stevenson.

Donegall Badge.

Emma Cannings.

Club Championship Trophy.

Chris Watson.

The Watson Cup.

Richard Austin.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Presidents Medals. The supply of Presidents Medals is now extinguished. The hon sec will look into ordering more or at other options.

Action: Honorary Secretary

Small Bore Range. The small bore range at Uppingham is currently closed but the members are told it will reopen soon.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

DATES FOR 2008

Purples Match. A team of 8 firers to be shot on the 27th April.

Ashburton and Veterans Match. Thursday 17th July at Bisley. The final range of the Ashburton (500 yards as they shot it out of order) will be shot in the afternoon so if any veterans want to come along and support, they would be very welcome. The Veterans will begin until the usual time of around 5 pm.

AGM. To be held after the Veterans match at Bisley, probably at the HAC Clubhouse.

Club Barbecue. The AGM will be followed by a Club Barbecue/Dinner.

COMPETITIONS DURING THE IMPERIAL MEETING

UVRC teams are entered in the following competitions during the NRA Imperial Meeting at Bisley each year:

The **Public School Veterans** - open to any number of teams of five former pupils. One team must be nominated as the A team; the team making the highest score of the remainder shall be the B team and eligible to win the **Dulwich** Challenge Cup for the best second team; the next shall be the C team and eligible to win the **Whitgift** Challenge Cup for the best third team. Two convertible sighting shots and ten to count at 500 yards. Five or more UVRC teams will be entered.

The **Public Schools Veterans A ggregate** - awarded to the School whose A, B and C teams together make the highest aggregate.

The **Public Schools Veterans Individual Tankard** - open to any number of representatives from each school and awarded to the person who makes the highest score in the Veterans. Entries to be made by individuals on the range.

The **Lucas** - awarded to the School whose Veterans A team and Ashburton team together make the highest aggregate score.

The **Marlingham Trophy** - open to any number of teams of five former or present pupils shooting the NRA Grand Aggregate of the current year.

The **Belgian, Steward, Rifle Clubs** and the **Bank of England** - open to teams from clubs affiliated to the NRA, and shot concurrently with individual events in the Imperial meeting.

In recent years, the Club has entered teams in the **Opening Shot**, the **Parting Shot** as well as representing the County in the **Astor**. If anyone is interested in shooting any of these competitions, please notify the Club Captain.

PRINCIPAL COMPETITIONS AT BISLEY WON BY UPPINGHAM AND OLD UPPINGHAMIANs

Competition	Year(s)	Winner
Her Majesty the Queen's Prize	1992,97,2001	TA Ringer
The 'Grand Aggregate'	1954 1973,75,76,78 1987 1988,89	JA Sloccock JS Spaight NC Crawshaw S Belither
The 'St George's Challenge Vase'	1965 1967 1974 1982 1990,91	JS Spaight SJ Pattinson CTS Belk S Belither TA Ringer
The 'Admiral Hutton'	1994 2003	S Belither A Ringer
The 'Alexandra'	1978 1985, 2006 2007 (F Class RG)	JS Spaight S Belither PN Hinchliffe
The 'All Comers Aggregate'	1973 1983 1985	JS Spaight S Belither NC Crawshaw
The 'Anglo-American Small Arms Aggregate'	2000	JGM Webster
The 'Anstey'	1996	Uppingham
The 'Ashburton'	1957,69,76,78,81,82,95, 2001	Uppingham
The 'Ashburton Supporters'	1959	UVRC
The 'Bank of England'	1997	UVRC
The 'Barker Shoes Aggregate'	1985,88	S Belither
The 'Belgian'	1995,97,99	UVRC
The 'Bisley Centenary Aggregate'	1997	TA Ringer
The 'British Open Target Rifle Championship'	2001	TA Ringer
The 'BUSF Championship'	1985	NC Crawshaw
The 'Cadets'	1898	Uppingham
The 'Cadet Pairs'	1972,75,82	Uppingham
The 'Cadet Fours'	1982,2002	Uppingham
The 'Cadets Pistol'	1978	NC Crawshaw
The 'Cadet's Rifle Aggregate'	1983 1986	TA Ringer JD Lee
The 'Century'	1989 2004	S Belither C Belk
The 'Champion of Champions'	2001	TA Ringer
The 'Cheltenham Cup'	2001,02	Uppingham
The 'Clementi Smith Aggregate'	1976 1985,2001 2006	JS Spaight S Belither TA Ringer
The 'Conan Doyle'	1976 2005	CTS Belk JA Watson
The Conway Fenton Memorial Cup'	1980	NC Crawshaw
The 'Corporation'	1983 2007 (F Class RG)	RJS Curtis PN Hinchliffe
The 'Cottesloe'	1962 1979	S J Pattinson R Pizer
The 'Country Life'	1956,57,76,81,95,2001	Uppingham
The 'Daily Mail'	1987	TA Ringer
The 'Daily Telegraph'	1982	SJ Pattinson

	2001	S Belither
The 'Devon'	1968,75,77,81,86,97	Uppingham
The 'Donaldson Aggregate'	1990,2000	S Belither
	2002	TA Ringer
The 'Donegall'	1962	S J Pattinson
	1985	S Belither
	2007 (F Class RG)	PN Hinchliffe
The 'Duke of Cambridge'	1975, 2002	C T S Belk
	1976	JS Spaight
	1990	TA Ringer
	2004	S Belither
The 'Dulwich Challenge Cup'	1956,60,72,74,78,84,92,	UVRC B Team
	2003	
	2005	UVRC C Team
The 'Edge'	1962	SJ Pattinson
The 'Elkington Aggregate'	1954	JA Slocock
	1975,76	JS Spaight
	1988	S Belither
The 'English XX Club Championship'	1973	JS Spaight
	1984	S Belither
	1985	NC Crawshaw
The 'Families'	1976	Mr and Mrs* T Kelsey
The 'Financial Times'	2003	W Fry
The 'Foster'	1987,88	NC Crawshaw
The 'Fry'	1906	D Featherstone
The 'Fulton' Aggregate	1996	S Belither
The 'Fulton Pairs' Class X	1986-90	S Belither & ANO
	1994, 2002, 03	TA Ringer & ANO
The 'Fulton Pairs' Class A	2000	JA Watson & ANO
The 'Gale and Polden'	1912	L Horne
The 'Garry'	2001	Uppingham
The 'Gary Jones'	1981	Uppingham
The 'Halford'	1984	R Pizer
The 'Hopton' (MR Championship)	1980	R Pizer
The 'Howard Wilkinson'	2007	JGM Webster
The 'Howcroft Newspaper Aggregate'	1997	NE Harvey
The 'Iveagh'	1970	CJD Jewitt
	1975	SG Scott
The 'Kinder'	1969,70,76,78,79,2001,02	Uppingham
The 'Lord Tedder Aggregate'	1975,76	JS Spaight
	1983,84	S Belither
	1987	NC Crawshaw
The 'Lovell'	1999	TA Ringer
The 'Lucas'	1948,54,59,69-71,75,76,7	Uppingham
	8-80,82,83,95, 2004	and UVRC
The 'McQueen A'	1992	NE Harvey
The 'Marlborough Cup'	1982	RJH Fiske
	1996	CJ Watson
	2003	W Fry
The 'Marling'	1948,52,54,81,2001	Uppingham
The 'Marlingham'	1959,68,69,72,74-76,78,	UVRC
	79,81,97, 2002-4	
The 'Martin Parr Aggregate'	1990	KC Meldrum
The 'Monday Aggregate'	1973	JS Spaight
	1987	NC Crawshaw
	2007	JA Watson

The 'Montague Jones Trophy'	1954,64,79,80,83	Uppingham
The 'New Zealand Aggregate'	1976	JS Spaight
	1985	S Belither
	1999	TA Ringer
The 'Ninth Man' or 'Reserve'	1969	JVW Hough
	1973	IK Southall
	1981	RJH Fiske
	1987	CJW Boston
	1996	LHM Clarke
The 'NLRC Championship'	1966,83	KC Meldrum
	1979	JS Spaight
	1985	NC Crawshaw
The 'Northland'	1984,86,87,89,2000,03	S Belither
The 'NRA Bronze Medal' (Queen's I)	1974	S Belither
	1993,94	TA Ringer
The 'NRA Silver Cross' (Grand Agg)	1962	CTS Belk
	1997	TA Ringer
The 'NRA Silver Medal' (Queen's II)	1985	S Belither
	1999	TA Ringer
The 'Ogden'	1979	R Pizer
The 'OTF Short Range'	1976	C T S Belk
	1993,94	TA Ringer
The 'OTF Long Range'	1988	S Belither
The 'Palma Aggregate'	1975	JS Spaight
	1988	S Belither
The 'Prince of Wales's Prize'	1987	S Belither
	2006	CJ Watson
The 'Public Schools Aggregate'	1948,54,68,74,80,2001	Uppingham
The 'Public Schools Snap Shooting'	1968,69,80,94,96	Uppingham
The 'Public Schools Veterans'	1954,76,80,83,88, 2003	UVRC A Team
The 'Public Schools Vets Aggregate'	1954,56,60,66,70,75,76,	UVRC
	78,84-86,2005,06	
The 'Ranken'	1981	R Pizer
The 'P W Richardson'	1965	J Szemerey
The 'Rifle Clubs'	1982,96-98, 2004	UVRC
The 'Rutland'	1969,71,76,78,80,82,	Uppingham
	2001, 02	
The 'St Georges' (1 st Stage)	1984	TA Ringer
	1988	S Belither
	2000	NE Harvey
	2004	JA Watson
The 'St Georges' (2 nd stage)	1988	S Belither
The 'Saturday Aggregate'	1954	HGTP Doynne-Ditmas
	1976	CTS Belk
	1985	S Belither
	1999,2001	TA Ringer
The 'Schools Hundred'	1957	J Szemerey
	1995	CP Kelsey (tied)
	2002	W Fry
The 'Schools Staff'	1982,97,2000, 03,04,06	TRC Adams
	1983	TC Swinfen*
The 'Schools Veterans Individual Tankard'	2002	A Scattergood
	2003	S Belither
The 'Short Range Aggregate'	1976	C T S Belk
	1978	PN Hinchliffe
	1985,88,98	S Belither
The 'Snap Unlimited'	1978	D Mathieson
The 'Special Tyros Challenge Trophy'	1980	NC Crawshaw

The 'Spencer Mellish'	1892	SP Bell
	1893	FH Sheppee
	1906	D Featherstone
	1965	TW Forsyth
	1977	WB Doyle
	1978	D Mathieson
The 'Steward'	1987	UVRC
	2002	UVRC
The 'Stickledown'	2002	CTS Belk
The 'Stock Exchange Aggregate'	1967,73	JS Spaight
	1981	SJ Pattinson
	1984	NE Harvey
	1985,87	NC Crawshaw
	1990	S Belither
The 'Sunday Aggregate'	1975,76	JS Spaight
	1996, 2007	GE Morris
The 'Sunday Times Gold Medal'	1923	TH Kelsey
	1969	R Carr
	1973	PA Whittington
	1974	JGM Webster
The 'Surrey Open Championship'	1982	S Belither
The 'Times'	1970	JS Spaight
	1983	PN Hinchliffe
	1985	S Belither
	2001	JA Watson
	2002	NE Harvey
The '1200 Yards Aggregate'	1980,81	R Pizer
The 'Wednesday Aggregate'	1954	J A Slocock
	1958	CTS Belk
The 'Weekend Aggregate'	1999,2001	TA Ringer
The 'Wellington'	1980	NMV Doyne-Ditmas
	1997	AA Williams
The 'Whitehead'	1980	PN Hinchliffe
The 'Whitgift Challenge Cup'	1948,56,62,70,72,74,75, 78,84-86, 2006	UVRC C Team
	2005	UVRC B Team
The 'Wimbledon SR/TR'	1952	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas
	1958	KC Meldrum
	1967,73	JS Spaight
	1984	S Belither
	1993	TA Ringer
The 'Young Rifleman's'	1971	TRC Adams
	1974	JFR Ballantine
	1980	NC Crawshaw

*Honorary member

OLD UPPINGHAMIANs WHO HAVE WON MAJOR OVERSEAS COMPETITIONS

The Governor-General's Prize (Canada)	1958	C T S Belk
	1993	T A Ringer
The Commonwealth Games Full Bore Rifle (European Section)	1980	C T S Belk
	1987	S Belither
The Grand Aggregate (Canada)	1983	N C Crawshaw
	1992	T A Ringer
The World Long Range Championship	1992,95	T A Ringer

OLD UPPINGHAMIANs WHO HAVE SHOT IN INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Match Name		Country	Year(s)
ELCHO MATCH	AR Ballantine	Scotland	1937,48
	CTS Belk	England	1959
	PN Hinchliffe	England	2002
	KC Meldrum	Scotland	1962,63,66,88,91,94
	R Pizer	England	1980-82,85,87,88
PALMA MATCH	SD Whitehead	England	1914
	S Belither	Gt Britain	1982,85,92,03 (Captain)
	CTS Belk	Gt Britain	1976
	NC Crawshaw	Gt Britain	1988
	PN Hinchliffe	Gt Britain	1985,88
	KC Meldrum	Gt Britain	1971
	TA Ringer	Gt Britain	1992,95,99,03
	JA Slocock	Gt Britain	1970
	JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1970,71
	JA Watson	Gt Britain	2007
EMPIRE or AUSTRALIA MATCH	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1999,03
	S Belither	Gt Britain	1982,84,85,96
	CTS Belk	Gt Britain	1976
	NC Crawshaw	Gt Britain	1984,87
	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	Gt Britain	1958
	PN Hinchliffe	Gt Britain	1997 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	Gt Britain	1992,94,95,96,97,99,03
	JS Spaight	Gt Britain	1964,74(2),76,78
	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	1987,2001
AMERICA MATCH	GE Morris	Gt Britain	2006
	JGM Webster	Gt Britain	2002,04 (Captain)
	JA Watson	Gt Britain	2004,06
NATIONAL MATCH	S Belither	England	1978,80-94,97,2001
	CTS Belk	England	1960,62,64,66,74,76,80
	NC Crawshaw	England	1984-88
	HGTP Doyne-Ditmas	England	1951,54
	NE Harvey	England	1997
	PN Hinchliffe	England	1978,79
	T Kelsey	England	1974
	JD Lee	England	1996
	KC Meldrum	Scotland	1958,60,63-74,76,77,79,80,85
	SA Merton-Jones	England	2004
	GE Morris	Wales	2000-02,2005-07
	SJ Pattinson	England	1961,67,82,2007 (Captain)
	R Pizer	England	1990 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1993,95,97,98,2001,02
	JA Slocock	England	1951,54,55,59,64
	JS Spaight	England	1961,64,66,69,72-78,84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-07
	JA Watson	England	1996,2004,06
	JGM Webster	England	1989,2000,02
	HD Welch	Ireland	1937-39

MACKINNON MATCH	S Belither	England	1979,86-90,95,97
	CTS Belk	England	1960,62,63,76,80,82
	NC Crawshaw	England	1984,87
	HGTP Doynes-Ditmas	England	1961
	PN Hinchliffe	England	1983-85,2000 (Captain)
	KC Meldrum	Scotland	1963,65,66,68-74,76-78,81,84
	GE Morris	Wales	2000-07
	R Pizer	England	1991 (Captain)
	TA Ringer	England	1992-97,99,2000,01,03-07
	JA Slocock	England	1954,55,58-60,70
	JS Spaight	England	1968-80,82-84
	CJ Watson	Wales	2001-07
	JA Watson	England	2007
	JGM Webster	England	1984,88,89,98,99
	HD Welch	Ireland	1938,39
KOLAPORE MATCH	S Belither	Great Britain	1982-92,94,97,98, 2000 (Captain),01,04
	CTS Belk	Mother Country	1960,62,76,80
	NC Crawshaw	Great Britain	1985,87
	PN Hinchliffe	Great Britain	2003 (Captain)
	KC Meldrum	Mother Country	1966,69,70
	SJ Pattinson	Great Britain	1982
	TA Ringer	Great Britain	1993,95-97,2000,01,03
	JA Slocock	Mother Country	1954
	JS Spaight	Mother Country	1964,66,68,73-79
	JGM Webster	Great Britain	2000, 2006 (Captain)
UNDER 25 TEAM MATCH	NC Crawshaw	Great Britain	1983,84 (Captain)
	NE Harvey	Great Britain	1984,85,87
	TA Ringer	Great Britain	1986,87,90,91
	JA Watson	Great Britain	1996,98 (Captain)
UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL MATCH	PN Hinchliffe	England	1977,78,79
	TA Ringer	England	1996
	GE Morris	England	1996,99
	JA Watson	England	1997,98 (Captain)
	JGM Webster	England	1981,82 (Captain)
	AA Williams	England	1999
CADETS NATIONAL MATCH	C Carter Shaw	England	1988
	JA Watson	England	1991,93 (Captain)
	AA Williams	England	1996
JUNIOR KOLAPORE	DW King	Nyasaland	1959
	C Carter Shaw	Belgium	1991
JUNIOR OVERSEAS AND MACKINNON	CTS Belk	East Africa	1973
	JGM Webster	USA	1992
	WL Whyte	F Malay States	1932
	WL Whyte	Uganda	1939
	WL Whyte	Singapore	1949
EMPIRE GAMES COMMONWEALTH GAMES	JS Spaight	England	1974 (Bronze)
	JS Spaight	England	1978 (Silver)
	NC Crawshaw	England	1986
	S Belither	England	1990 (Gold in Pairs)
	TA Ringer	England	1994 (Silver in Pairs),1998
	GE Morris	Wales	2006

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The editor would like to include full international representation including the tours members have been selected for. He would like to hear from anyone who is prepared to take on the task of preparing the lists (or even one of them!). He proposes the following categories: "Uppinghamians who have been selected for overseas touring teams", "Uppinghamians who have been officials of international teams", "Uppinghamians who have coached international teams". This would provide us with a complete list of international representation for our archives.

**OLD UPPINGHAMIAN WHO HAVE QUALIFIED TO SHOOT IN THE FINAL STAGE OF HM
THE KING'S PRIZE (1901-1951) AND HM THE QUEEN'S PRIZE (1952-2007)**

Name	No. of Times	Year(s) in Final
S Belither	26	1978-88,90-94,96-2005
TA Ringer	15	1988,91-99,2001-04,06
CTS Belk	14	1958-62,66,74,80,91,92,98,2000,01,05
NE Harvey	11	1984,87,90,91,93,95-97,99,2002,05
SJ Pattinson	11	1958,62,67,71,76,81,82,86,87,93,95
JS Spaight	11	1960,62,64-66,68,71,73-76
JGM Webster	9	1979,87-89,97,99,2002,03,06
KC Meldrum	8	1963-66,68,69,71,76
PN Hinchliffe	7	1980,83,86,87,90,93,96
JA Slocock	7	1948,49,51,52,58,63,70
NC Crawshaw	6	1985,87-90,92
JA Watson	5	1999-2002,04
CJ Watson	5	2000,01,04,06,07
RJS Curtis	4	1983,87,89,97
HGT P Doynes-Ditmas	4	1951,52,55,57
SJV Osmond	3	1994,96,98
CW Brown	3	1958,60,73
JD Lee	2	1996,98
T Kelsey	2	1975,76
BDA Etches	2	1937,47
K Nicholson	2	1922,23
SA Merton Jones	2	1972,2006
A Scattergood	1	2002
Joanne Martin	1	1979
JCB Humphrey	1	1978
AS Everett	1	1963
RL Pilling	1	1957
JG Bannister	1	1955
PJM Smith	1	1955
TMH Satterthwaite	1	1949
Sir Ian J Wallace	1	1935
WL Whyte	1	1924

CLUB INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

There are four individual competitions open as follows:

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (UVRC and School)

This competition, instituted in 1977, is designed to try to discover the best and most consistent shot in the Club or School in each year. The Championship is decided on the aggregate of scores in:

The Grand Aggregate
The Donegall and Lovell
St Georges Stages II and III
HM the Queen's Prize Stages II and III or the Queen's Consolation
The Veterans Match or the Ashburton

This gives the pupils a marginal advantage, since their HPS is 55 points more than that for a past pupil. The winner will receive the Keith Leighton Trophy for that year. Previous winners are:

1977	CTS Belk	1988	S Belither	1999	S Belither
1978	S Belither	1989	JGM Webster	2000	S Belither
1979	S Belither	1990	S Belither	2001	TA Ringer
1980	CTS Belk	1991	TA Ringer	2002	JGM Webster
1981	S Belither	1992	TA Ringer	2003	TA Ringer
1982	S Belither	1993	SJ Pattinson	2004	JA Watson
1983	S Belither	1994	TA Ringer	2005	S Belither
1984	S Belither	1995	TA Ringer	2006	CJ Watson
1985	S Belither	1996	TA Ringer	2007	CJ Watson
1986	S Belither	1997	S Belither		
1987	NC Crawshaw	1998	TA Ringer		

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL (School only)

Awarded annually by the President, on the recommendation of the Master in Charge of Shooting, to the member of the School Team who has produced the most meritorious performance during the year. Past winners are:

1961	WFN Harpham	1977	D Mathieson	1993	ADE Grounds
1962	WDG Handyside	1978	J Dorrington-Ward	1994	GE Morris
1963	AR Welpy	1979	NMV Doyne-Ditmas	1995	AM Wilkinson
1964	PJ Taylor	1980	NC Crawshaw	1996	CP Kelsey
1965	TW Forsyth	1981	R Curtis	1997	AA Williams
1966	GS Wright	1982	NC Crawshaw	1998	JS Wertheimer
1967	PJ Hotson	1983	NE Harvey	1999	F Medlycott
1968	EDM Dowden	1984	TA Ringer	2000	A Scattergood
1969	PA Bellamy	1985	CL Dunlop	2001	B Bullard
1970	JD Middleton-Walker	1986	JD Lee	2002	N Jenkins
1971	SA Merton Jones	1987	NJM Royle	2003	W Fry
1972	AP Ashworth	1988	RFJ Brown	2004	N Alliston
1973	PA Whittington	1989	C Carter Shaw	2005	A Bolton-King
1974	JFR Ballantine	1990	SJV Osmond	2006	H Smeedon
1975	PN Hinchliffe	1991	WND Clifton	2007	I Stevenson
1976	S Belither	1992	JA Watson		

THE DONEGALL BRONZE BADGE (UVRC only)

Being affiliated to the NRA entitles the Club to a Donegall Bronze Badge, to be competed for by its members. As usual, in 2004 the badge will be awarded to the member who has not previously won a Badge, and who makes the highest score in the Veterans Match. The names of those who are recorded as already having won a Badge are marked with an asterisk in the list of members. The winner in 2004 was Will Fry.

THE WATSON CUP (School only)

This Cup, presented in 2000 by the Watson Family, is awarded annually on the recommendation of the Master-in-Charge of Shooting to the most improved shooter in the School. Past winners are:

2000	J Corry	2003	G Asplin	2006	I Stevenson
2001	J Dixon	2004	L Schuller and H Ives	2007	R Austen
2002	N Alliston	2005	J Rowley		

NRA 'X' and 'A' CLASS, 2007-8

The NRA operates a handicapping system for most competitions in the Imperial Meeting. Despite its disadvantages in reducing the likelihood of appearing in a prize list, the top class of 'X' is eagerly sought, the second is class 'A'. Beginners are class 'T' and all others class 'O'.

202 Competitors are qualified to shoot in Class "X" in 2007, 187 in 2006, 217 in 2005, 226 in 2004
230 Competitors are qualified to shoot in Class "A" in 2007, 231 in 2006, 247 in 2004, 233 in 2003

The NRA 'X' class is earned by any competitor who, in any of the previous three years, has been placed in the top 50 in HM the Queen's Prize, the St George's Challenge Vase, or the NRA Grand Aggregate. The NRA 'A' class is earned by any competitor who, in any of the previous three years, has been placed in the second 50 in HM the Queen's Prize or the St George's Challenge Vase, or placed between 51st and 200th in the NRA Grand Aggregate. The members of UVRC who are qualified to shoot in Class 'X' or Class 'A' in 2007 are listed below, together with the number of competitions in which they qualified:

Name:		2005	2006	2007
X:	S Belither	X3	X1,A1	A1
	GE Morris	A1	A1	X1
	TA Ringer	X1,A1	A2	X1
	JA Watson	A1	X1,A1	X1
	JGM Webster	A2	X1,A1	A1
	CJ Watson	A1	X1,A2	X1,A2
	ADE Grounds			X1
	BE Bullard		A1	X1,A1
A:	CTS Belk	A1		A1
	RE Clarke			A1
	SA Merton Jones		A1	
	NE Harvey	A1		

LIST OF MEMBERS OF UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB*Key**# Life Member,**b Annual Members who pay by Banker's Order,*** Members who have won a Donegall Badge***Members Details are not included in the Web site version of this report**

We encourage all members to join the NRA as it reduces the club's affiliation fee. Please let the secretary know if you are a member of the NRA and what your membership number is.

For ease of administration, we would prefer members set up standing orders (payable during the second half of the month of January). The current membership rate is £15.

EMAIL ADDRESSES OF MEMBERS

UVRC OFFICIALS

(The Club was founded in 1959, and the first AGM held in 1960 to elect officials for 1961)

Year(s)	President	Captain	Secretary	Treasurer
1961-62	P R Allen	J A Slocock	J S Knox	C T S Belk
1963	P R Allen	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	J S Knox	C T S Belk
1964	C B Brown	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	J S Knox	C T S Belk
1965	C B Brown	K C Meldrum	J S Knox	S J Pattinson
1966	C B Brown	K C Meldrum	C W Brown	S J Pattinson
1967-69	Sir Ian J Wallace	J S Knox	C W Brown	S J Pattinson
1970-71	G P La T Shea-Simonds	A S Everett	C W Brown	S J Pattinson
1972	G P La T Shea-Simonds	A S Everett	Dr R Pizer	S J Pattinson
1973	M P Henderson	K C Meldrum	Dr R Pizer	P R Allen
1974-75	M P Henderson	C W Brown	Dr R Pizer	P R Allen
1976	J S Knox	C W Brown	Dr R Pizer	J C B Humphrey
1977-78	J S Knox	Dr R Pizer	T R C Adams	J C B Humphrey
1979	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	Dr R Pizer	T R C Adams	J C B Humphrey
1980	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	J S Spaight	T R C Adams	J C B Humphrey
1981	H G T P Doyne-Ditmas	S Belither	T R C Adams	J G M Webster
1982-83	C W Brown	S Belither	P N Hinchliffe	J G M Webster
1984	C W Brown	S Belither	J S Knox	J G M Webster
1985	C T S Belk	J C B Humphrey	J S Knox	J G M Webster
1986	C T S Belk	J C B Humphrey	J S Knox	J G M Webster
1987	C T S Belk	J C B Humphrey	S Belither	E G C Allanby
1988	K C Meldrum	J G M Webster	S Belither	E G C Allanby
1989	K C Meldrum	S A Merton Jones	S Belither	E G C Allanby
1990	K C Meldrum	S A Merton Jones	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1991	Dr R Pizer	S A Merton Jones	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1992	Dr R Pizer	(C W Brown)	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1993	Dr R Pizer	P N Hinchliffe	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1994-95	S J Pattinson	P N Hinchliffe	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1996	S J Pattinson	J A Watson	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1997-98	T R C Adams	J A Watson	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
1999	T R C Adams	T A Ringer	E G C Allanby	E G C Allanby
2000-01	J C B Humphrey	T A Ringer	D Mathieson	E G C Allanby
2002	J C B Humphrey	A D E Grounds	D Mathieson	E G C Allanby
2003	S Belither	A D E Grounds	D Mathieson	E J Cannings
2004	S Belither	A D E Grounds	D Mathieson	J A Watson
2005	S Belither	Miss A Scattergood	D Mathieson	J A Watson
2006-07	P N Hinchliffe	Miss A Scattergood	C P Kelsey	J A Watson
2008	P N Hinchliffe	C J Watson	C P Kelsey	J A Watson

CLUB REPORT

Please remember to inform the Honorary Secretary of any change of address

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RULES OF THE UPPINGHAM VETERANS RIFLE CLUB

- THE CLUB** shall be called the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club.
- THE OBJECTS** of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of target shooting with rifles, and the training of Old Uppinghamians and pupils of Uppingham School in marksmanship and the use of rifles, in the interest of the better defence of the United Kingdom.
- MEMBERSHIP.** Any Uppinghamian, being a member of the Uppingham Association, shall be eligible for election as a member:
 - Probationary Member: Before attaining full membership members must undergo a probationary period of six months and satisfy the Executive Committee as to their suitability with particular regard to safety and security in the handling of firearms and ammunition. Applicants shall be proposed by a current ordinary member and by one other person who knows the applicant personally. Usually this will be the master in charge of shooting during the time they were at school and who gave them proper instruction on safety of firearms. Probationary members may not vote at the Annual General Meeting. A probationary member will not pay a subscription until he or she becomes an ordinary member.
 - Ordinary Member: A person who has satisfactorily completed a period of probationary membership may become an ordinary member. So too may a person who is already a member of a Home Office Approved Club or holds a Firearm Certificate authorising possession of a rifle, subject to satisfactory references from a current club member and one other person who knows the applicant personally. Usually this will be an official of the applicant's previous rifle club. All ordinary members will be approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - Honorary Member: Any person who has rendered service to shooting either at Uppingham or among Uppinghamians may be proposed to the Annual General meeting as an honorary member by the Executive Committee. Such persons may only participate in the Club's shooting events if they fulfil the requirement for ordinary membership in (B) above. The Executive Committee may also elect to 4-year honorary membership pupils who have recently left Uppingham School and have satisfactorily completed six months' probationary membership.
 - Non-Shooting Member: Any Old Uppinghamian who wishes to join the club but does not fulfill the requirement set out in (B).
- Any person who has ever been refused the grant of a firearm certificate shall be ineligible for election to any class of membership of the Club.
- SUBSCRIPTIONS.** Ordinary members shall pay £15 a year, which shall be due on March 1st in each year, or in the case of a new member after the date of his or her election. Any member whose subscription is still unpaid by December 1st of the current year shall be sent a reminder to his or her last known address; if payment is still not made by March 1st following, the person concerned shall cease to be a member of the club, whether or not he or she had received this reminder. The Honorary Secretary shall report to the next Annual General Meeting which members have been removed from the Roll under this clause. A member so removed from the Roll may rejoin on payment of one years' back subscription. A member who resigns may rejoin subsequently without back payment provided his or her subscription is paid up at the time of his or her resignation. Life members shall pay a single payment of fifty times the current annual subscription rate (i.e. £750).
- THE INCOME** and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the aforesaid objects of the Club and if on a winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some charitable association or object, such association or object to be determined by the members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution.
- PROPER BOOKS** of account with respect to the affairs of the Club shall be kept. Accounts inspected by a qualified independent accountant shall be published annually before the Annual General Meeting for agreement of the members.
- THE OFFICERS** of the Club shall consist of a President, Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Captain, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer with three elected members, the Master in charge of shooting at the School, and any Past Presidents still living shall collectively form the Executive Committee, by whom the Club and its property shall be managed. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt from the full members of the Club not more than two such members to serve on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the running of the club and have unrestricted power of investment of any financial surplus for the Club's benefit. The Executive Committee has power to deal with anything not provided for in these rules. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club after the Veterans Match at Bisley each year, at which the officers and members of the above Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. At the same meeting the year's accounts of the Club shall be submitted, and also any report which the Executive Committee may desire to present to the Meeting.
- THE PRESIDENT** of the Club shall be elected for a period not exceeding three years after which time he or she shall be ineligible to hold that office for the next three years. The President shall be elected in recognition of long and outstanding service to the Club.
- MEMBERS** will be entitled to wear the Club's colours.
- THE RULES** of the Club may be added to, altered or amended by a clear majority of those voting at any Annual or other General Meeting of members of the Club.