

Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club

2023 REPORT

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Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club

Executive Committee

President:	TA Ringer (GM3,SM2,SC,SB,CGM,CGC,WC2)	07887 508 344
Past Presidents:	J S Knox (1976-78) 01483 283 719 C W Brown (1982-84) 01494 863 465 C T S Belk (SC) (1985-87) 01691 780 412 K C Meldrum CB (1988-90) 01483 565 197 Dr R Pizer (1991-93) 01730 893 856 S J Pattinson (1994-96) 01582 715 152 T R C Adams (1997-99) 01242 577 062 J C B Humphrey (2000-02) 01273 308 119 S Belither (GC2, SM) (2003-05) 07771 700 915 P N Hinchliffe (2006-08) 0161 955 9000 (B) S A Merton Jones (2009-11) 01423 522 731 J G M Webster (2011-14) 07950 546 813 D Mathieson (2014-17) 07910 579 005 J B Hull (2017-21) 07920 068 221	
Captain:	R Curtis	07720 805 310
Membership Secretary:	S Hunting	07535 395 803
Treasurer:	JA Watson	07787 154 671
Club Secretary (Firearms):	B Bullard	07813 886 146
Under 25 Captain:	To be appointed	
Elected Members:	EJ Cannings 07803 986 480 CJ Watson (GM, GC) 07801 088 286	
School Staff:	Kevin Gladding (Master-in-charge) 07812 678 969 Graham Scott (RSM) 01572 822 339 (B)	
Independent Examiner of Accounts:	J Mumby, Mumby Heppenstall Chartered Accountants, Wellingore, Lincoln LN5 0HX	01522 811694 (B)

President's Foreword

On behalf of the Club, I must offer our congratulations to Chris Watson (M92) on his wonderful achievement in winning his Majesty the King's Prize last year. The Sovereign's Prize is the most coveted of all competitions for target rifle shooters. Well done Chris, one of a small number who have won all three of the major Bisley competitions!

The Club is in good health and being managed by some excellent officers. Like so many clubs, overseen by too few, who put in so much more than they get out. My thanks to you all with special thanks to our Treasurer James Watson.

James and David Mathieson were able to facilitate one of my highlights of this year at in meeting and personally thanking Jeremy Mumby, our Independent Examiner of Accounts who has now been giving up his time for the club for twenty years.

I would like to invite all members, particularly the young, to seek out older members within the Club to ask for help and advice of Bisley and shooting. I did, it is what helps make a strong club!



In my opinion shooting is a gentle, peaceful and rewarding sport, particularly to those who practice with discipline and integrity. Please keep shooting to support our sport, promote the Uppingham Veteran's Rifle Club and for your own rewards.

I think, having served three years, my time as President is over. My thanks to you all.

Good shooting



Review of 2023

Report by Reg Curtis (Club Captain)

I must start this report by congratulating **Chris Watson (M92)** on his incredible win of the first King's Prize in 71 years. Winning The King's Prize is probably the most sought-after accolade in Target Rifle competition the world over. It was inaugurated in Queen Victoria's reign to encourage marksmanship in the volunteer movement and carried prize money of £250 (which has remained unchanged to this day) and in the 1860's was enough to buy a house in Mayfair!

Chris is the second OU to win the Sovereign's Prize Ant Ringer (B79) has won the Queen's Prize on three occasions.

There are three major competitions in Target Rifle Shooting at the Bisley Imperial Meeting, The King's Prize (three stages), The St. George's vase (another three-stage shoot) and the Grand Aggregate and I am delighted to report that UVRC members won two of them this year. **Ant Ringer** won the St. George's at 900 yards, He was overlooked for England selection this year despite featuring very strongly in the top 10 of most of the long-range competitions and aggregates and went on to win the Georges final; a very impressive UVRC double by any standards.

The Imperial meeting start for most with the Veterans however a few Club members ventured out for the Match Rifle competitions which precede the Target Rifle matches in the Imperial meeting, **Mike Horrell (WD07)** and **John Webster (C70)** had top 10 finishes, and both were selected for England in the Elcho match. **Chris Watson** shot for Wales in his first Elcho match (and indeed his first ever Match Rifle competition) also managing top score for Wales - with hindsight perhaps a sign of things to come later in the week.

The Veterans had a reasonable turnout with UVRC fielding three teams.

A team			B Team			C Team		
Ringer TA	50	9	Reynolds H	48	4	Hull J	48	5
Watson CJ	49	8	Mathieson DA	48	1	Dickson J	46	3
Belither S	49	6	Webster JGM	47	3	Rainbird J	42	3
Osmond SJV	49	5	Symington D	45	2	Griffiths N	40	1
Horrell M	48	5	Hunting SA	41	1	Kenwood RE	34	0
Total	245	30	Total	229	11	Total	190	12
6th out of 45			13th out of 26			12th out of 21		
(1st Old Epsomians 250.30)			(1st OGRE 245.31)			(1st Old Guildfordians 243.25)		

UVRC were 7th in the School Veterans Aggregate with 697.54 (1st Old Guildfordians 736.84). Other results: 3rd in the Steward, 5th in the Belgian, 9th in the Marlingham, 21st in Yorkshire Volunteer shield, 22nd in the Rifle Clubs, and 28th in the Bank of England.

The Imperial Meeting in July was marked by another year of unusual weather conditions. Last year Bisley was ravaged by wildfires born of heatwaves and long dry periods, whilst 2023 was cool, windy, and wet, with the Conan Doyle and Daily Telegraph cancelled on first Saturday due to high winds gusting over 25 mph (which was blowing targets out of their frames and endangering the markers below). The weather was notably cold for July, with strong gusty fast changing winds and two days of rain. Again, like 2022, an unusual weather pattern for Bisley in July. The wind made shooting particularly challenging especially over the hill on Stickledown for the long range shoots this year, which makes **Ant Ringer's** results even more remarkable.

Aside from the Chris Watson and Ant Ringer, other notable performances in the Target Rifle competitions include John Webster, Simon Osmond (WB85), Reg Curtis (F76), James Watson (L88) and Simon Belither (L71).

Ant Ringer was the winner of our UVRC Championship for 2023, and **Chris Watson** captained and main coached Wales in the National, and captained Wales in the Mackinnon. **James Watson** was selected as reserve for England in the Mackinnon.

The Club Championship Results

Place	Name	Class	Grand Agg	Georges II	Georges III	Kings II	Kings III	Vets / Ashburton	Total
1	Mr TA Ringer	X	635.070	75.008	75.009	146.018	141.014	50.006	1122.125
2	Mr S Osmond	X	624.055	72.009		148.017	139.018	49.005	1032.104
3	Mr RJS Curtis	X	624.053			147.017	138.011		909.081
4	Mr JGM Webster	X	625.063	73.008		140.014		47.003	885.088
5	Mr S Belither	X	619.050	74.012		143.014		49.006	885.082
6	Mr CJ Watson	X	494.044			149.017	148.017	49.008	840.086
7	Mr JA Watson	A	619.055	73.007					692.062
8	Mr MR Horrell	X	613.047					48.005	661.052
9	Mr SA Hunting	O	582.041					41.001	623.042

My recollections of the King's Final – Chris Watson



When I started shooting TR back in 1993, I vividly remember meeting an OU called Ant Ringer – who had won the Queen's. I recall the team immediately putting him on a pedestal, and thinking to myself "well, the Queen's... that's the ultimate shooting goal!".

In my early years of competing, I enjoyed Bisley so much that I got the bug and kept coming back – mainly due to the social life... something I focused on a little more than the shooting. So, while Ant was busy winning the Queen's two more times, I was still very gradually working out what shooting was all about and whether I was any good at it.

Perseverance paid off. After a fair few finals (18) with placings across the whole spectrum from the 90's up to 3rd, and with everything from unexplained misses, to every weather except snow, the stars finally aligned on a very sodden afternoon last year.

The King's I cut for King's II was thankfully very low – it went down to 99.10. I say thankfully because after a challenging 600 yards shoot, my 100.6 only secured me 275th place. Time to pull my socks up! Due to issues with

my elbows and shoulders, I had missed a couple of shoots in the Grand Agg, which helped make up my mind to try the new barrel I had been putting off.

This turned out to be a wise decision – I secured 13th place in the second stage with a 149.17. I'd been in this ball park before though, and when I trundled out to target 45 on the 900 yards firing point in the dismal rain, much to my delight, I was paired with James Cook. He was equally keen to get on with it and get out of the rain as quickly as possible. We were first off the range, and I'd dropped 2 points – it felt like most previous finals I'd shot, in that I'd not embarrassed myself, but for once I hadn't been given a miss. I was told I was still in 13th place once the stats had been corrected.

I'd got to the point where I don't let my hopes get up, and was just enjoying the chance to shoot in another final – albeit not that keen on the rain! However, I got to target 20 only to discover I was paired with Ian Shaw, a friend and more importantly, another fast shooter. Focusing on getting through the shoot trying to stay as least wet as possible, I was opening and closing my weather writer every shot, trying hard to keep my scorecard dry and legible.

My wind bracket was only about a minute wide through the majority of the shoot, and I couldn't really understand how others were going out quite so wide... but I definitely took on board the trends on the targets. By the time I reached the last 3 or 4 shots, I could hear the noise of a crowd gathering nearby behind us, but presumed that one of the 12 ahead of me at the start of the shoot was also nearby on the range and on for the win. It didn't actually occur to me that I hadn't dropped a point in the shoot, or that I was in serious contention until I fired my last shot. Only when my brother James, who'd been marking my board for me, stepped up and tapped my ankle to tell me I'd won, did I realise it had actually happened.



It took some time to sink in – even now it seems like a dream – but I certainly celebrated hard, eventually getting to bed at 11pm Sunday!

There you have it – the first King's Prize winner since 1951. Just 2 more to go to catch up with Ant – unless he gets there again first!

2023 AGM Minutes

Held at the Old Sergeants Mess, Bisley
at 21:20 on Wednesday 14th July 2023

Present:

Ant Ringer (TAR); Chris Watson (CW); David Mathieson (DM); Dominic Symington (DS); Henry Reynolds (HR); John Webster (JGMW); Jonathan Hull (JH); Jonathan Rainbird (JR); Kev Gladding (KG); Michael Horrell (MRH); Nick Hinchliffe (NH); Reg Curtis (RC); Robin Pizer (RP); Sam Hunting (SAH); Simon Belither (SB).

1. Apologies

Ben Bullard, Simon and Jeanie Pattinson, James Watson (JAW), Jo Dickson, Stephen Merton-Jones, Nigel Griffiths, Robert Kenwood, Emma Cannings, and Gareth Morris.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

No copies were handed out but were instead available on the website.

The 2022 minutes were therefore not approved during the meeting and will instead be distributed to the club by email for approval. *Action for SAH.*

3. Treasurer's Report (AR)

In (JW)'s absence, the Treasurer's report was presented by TAR, which summarised that the account was in good standing, with a minor surplus of approximately £42.

It was noted that Jeremy Mumby has now inspected our accounts (as Independent Examiner) for 20 years and in recognition of this, it was proposed that he should be awarded Honorary Life Membership for UVRC. This was proposed by JAW (ahead of the meeting), seconded by DM and passed unanimously.

An Honorary Life Membership was also proposed by JAW for Walter Brown in recognition of the years of service he has given the club including writing the club report for over 40 years. The proposal was seconded by DM and passed unanimously.

The Club's Home Office Approval renewal was approved in 2023. The increased costs of this may lead to membership fees going up, but the Treasurer recommended no changes for the current period.

4. Captain's Report (RC)

The captain welcomed the club and noted the abysmal and changing weather no doubt due to climate change. He announced that the Veteran's performed in accordance with the status quo during the Vet's match for once, with the A team beating the B team beating the C team.

5. School report (KG)

KG shared the success of the school team who placed third in the Ashburton IVs for the second year in a row. It was also noted that if the team had achieved this year's score last year, it would have earned them first place. One Uppingham cadet placed in the "Cadet 100" this year.

There was also success in the Bermuda Cup where they beat both Oakham and Oundle.

6. Election of officers

JH proposed all roles be re-elected *en bloc*, which was seconded by SB.

Whilst not mentioned in the meeting, it was noted separately that Oliver Howard-Vyse has not been in contact with the club or active in his role as Under 25 Captain, so a replacement is recommended.

7. Awards

Club Championship: The 2022 Championship had been won by TA Ringer

Donegall Badge: Was not awarded this year, as all members in attendance had received one.

As per the 2022 minutes, Jo Dickson is owed a Donegall badge and so this one shall be reserved for her.

Pattinson Trophy: Ant Ringer, with a score of 50.6 (A Team) in the Vet's match.

Presidents Tankard: Jeremy Tsai

Watson Bowl: Sofia Kim

Ferrand Cup: Jeremy Tsai

School Shooting Ties: Sofia Kim and Ethan Cousins

8. School Captain's Speech

Alastair White gave a rousing speech as the school captain, thanking all in attendance.

Special note was given to the club's generous donation of £3000, which was matched by the school.

9. Any other business

The President's Tankard is owed to the following members, who were unable to receive one due to absence or Covid-related reasons:

2020 – Abi Howe

2021 – Hugo Turnbull-Hall

2022 – Alastair White

(SAH) to arrange retroactive issuing.

There being no other business the meeting concluded at 21.42 hrs

UVRC Accounts Year Ended 31st December 2023

Income and Expenditure Account							
				Notes	2023		2022
					£		£
Income	Subscriptions			1	1,080		740
	Donations				30		70
	Club BBQ				675		542
	Club ties				10		11
	Refund of NRA entry fees				-		104
	National Savings interest				110		13
					1,905		1,480
Expenditure	Bisley entry fees				420		475
	NRA Affiliation fee (includes insurance)				440		413
	Club BBQ & room hire				675		528
	Cost of ties sold in year			2	17		6
	President's Tankards				51		-
	Postage				7		-
	Website				14		-
	Grant to school				3,000		-
	Home Office approval			3	62		16
					4,686		1,438
Surplus of Income over Expenditure					(2,781)		42
Balance Sheet							
					2023		2022
					£		£
Assets	Rifles (5 at £1 nominal value)				5		5
	Stock of club ties at cost (18)				67		83
	Stock of President's Tankards				-		-
	Club trophy				12		12
	Prepaid Home Office approval (expires 2023)				310		-
	Due from Uppingham School			4	175		-
	Cash at bank Barclays				521		3,880
	National Savings Investment Account				14,238		14,129
					15,328		18,109
Creditors	Sundry creditors				-		-
Net Assets					15,328		18,109
Accumulated	Balance as at 1st January 2022				18,109		18,067
Reserve	Surplus of Income over Expenditure for year				(2,781)		42
	Balance as at 31st December 2023				15,328		18,109
We approve the above accounts and confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information necessary for their preparation.							
President:	T A Ringer		Hon. Treasurer:		J A Watson		Approved on:
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 2023 prepared from the accounting records maintained by the Treasurer and certify that they are in accordance therewith.							
J A D Mumby FCA							
Chartered Accountant							
Wellingore Hall, Lincoln							
4 February 2024							
Notes							
1.	Includes £200 of outstanding subscriptions						
2.	Includes Ties awarded to new Hon Life Members						
3.	Cost of Home office approval £372 for 6 years						
4.	Includes £175 for Uppingham School (invoiced late)						

Club Website

Our website allows us to provide updates to members with more flexibility and keep our records up to date. Whilst this is still a work in progress, it already has records up to 2020 in most cases. In addition to all the records we normally list in our annual report, you will find copies of AGM minutes and annual accounts for the last 10+ years and club reports going back to 2002.



Visit <http://uvrc.uk>

Should you find any corrections, please notify uvrc@watsonhome.co.uk

Club Records

Club records are now available on our website, please see the links below.

Club Competitions: <http://uvrc.uk/clubcomps.htm>

GB and Home Country Representation: <http://uvrc.uk/representation.htm>

Winners of Principal Competitions: <http://uvrc.uk/comps.htm>

School Awards: <http://uvrc.uk/school.htm>

Finalists in the Sovereign's Prize and other records: <http://uvrc.uk/other.htm>

Club Officers

Records of previous Club Officers are recorded on the website at: <http://uvrc.uk/officers.htm>

Members Roll

Due to data protection, we no longer publish a list of member's details. In accordance with our Data Protection Policy (DPP), and for legal requirements, we maintain a database of members and their respective addresses, email addresses and phone numbers.

The Club DPP can be found at: <http://uvrc.uk/dpp.pdf>

Honorary Members:

EGC (Edward) Allanby (H72)
RAS (Richard) Boston (B56)
SG (Sam) Dewhurst (STAFF)
K (Kevin) Gladding (STAFF)
F (Fiona) Kelsey (-)
RJ (Richard) Maloney (STAFF)
J (Jeanie) Pattinson (-)

Members:

A (Aaron) Abraham (WD10)
TRC (Tom) Adams (LH67)
AP (Paul) Ashworth (F67)
DAR (David) Ballantine (LH63)
JFR (John) Ballantine (LH70)
T (Theo) Barclay (?13)
S (Simon) Belither (L71)
CTS (Chris) Belk (WB51)
PA (Paul) Bellamy (F64)
BE (Ben) Bullard (WB96)
GC (Clive) Burton (WB54)
WS (Willy) Callingham (Fgh56)
EJ (Emma) Cannings (L95)
R (Ross) Carmichael (F14)
C (Chris) Carter Shaw (WB84)
GRE (Giles) Catchpole (F72)
WStGA (William) Cazalet (LH81)
GHC (George) Christopherson (LH81)
R (Reg) Curtis (F76)
JE (Jo) Dickson (FD90)
CL (Lindsay) Dunlop (L80)

TEF (Tom) Frankland (C93)
AGM (Gus) Fyfe (C94)
NR (Nigel) Griffiths (LH65)
ADE (Freddie) Grounds (WB89)
RL (Robert) Haes (C52)
WFN (Neil) Harpham (B57)
NE (Nick) Harvey (LH78)
PN (Nick) Hinchliffe (Fgh71)
M (Michael) Horrell (WD07)
JVW (James) Hough (L65)
O (Ollie) Howard-Vyse (LH11)
A (Abi) Howe (Fd15)
JB (Jonathan) Hull (F74)
JCB (John) Humphrey (C49)
S (Sam) Hunting (M07)
HCG (Henry) Ives (M02)
CJ (Christopher) Jewitt (LH65)
PA (Peter) Kelsey (L64)
RE (Robert) Kenward (WD62)
A (Adam) Lakhani (?)
RAC (Roger) Laville (Hf88)
JE (Jo) Martin (Fd76)
D (David) Mathieson (H73)
PH (Peter) Mayne (B96)
AMD (Michael) McKechnie (L64)
KC (Keith) Meldrum (F50)
SA (Stephen) Merton Jones (LH67)
A (Alistair) Milmore (WB13)
GE (Gareth) Morris (L89)
HM (Harry) Neal (S45)
SJ (Simon) Noble (L73)

SJV (Simon) Osmond (WB85)
NR (Neil) Page (WB53)
SJ (Simon) Pattinson (WB52)
RL (Richard) Pilling (S49)
R (Robin) Pizer (L55)
JC (Jonathan) Rainbird (WB79)
HC (Henry) Reynolds (WB94)
TA (Antony) Ringer (B79)
TJH (Tim) Rushworth (C89)
GCP (Charles) Shea-Simonds (LH55)
GSE (George) Shea-Simonds (LH59)
RAB (Robert) Shea-Simonds (LH57)
A (Archie) Simpson (WB14)
DI (Dominic) Symington (L78)
J (John) Szemerey (Hf54)
K (Kirill) Taradayko (FGH14)
DRJ (David) Taylor (F63)
PJ (Philip) Taylor (LH59)
H (Hugo) Turnbull-Hall (WD16)
H (Harriet) Walker (Fd08)
JD (John) Ward (H73)
JC (John) Wardale (WD58)
CJ (Chris) Watson (M92)
JA (James) Watson (L88)
JGM (John) Webster (C70)
A (Alastair) White (SH18)
BM (Bruce) Wilson (LH67)
RHB (Richard) Winter (LH58)
BH (Ben) Yates (WB99)

Rules of the Club *(adopted 26th April 2023)*

1. The **CLUB** shall be called the **Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club (UVRC)**.
2. **OBJECTS** of the Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of target shooting and marksmanship with rifles, and the training of Old Uppinghamians and pupils of Uppingham School in marksmanship and the use of target rifles as a shooting discipline.
3. **MEMBERSHIP.** Any person who has ever been refused by the police to hold a Firearm Certificate (FAC) or a Shotgun Certificate shall be ineligible for election to any class of shooting membership of the Club. Members who wish to shoot and do not hold a FAC must inform the Executive Committee of any medical health issues or medications that may pose a risk to bear firearms. Any Uppinghamian, being a member of the Uppingham Association, shall be eligible for election as a member:

(A)**Probationary Member:** Before attaining Full Membership applicants must undergo a probationary period of six months to satisfy the Executive Committee of their medical health in respect of suitability to bear firearms, safe conduct on shooting ranges, and the safe handling and security of firearms and ammunition. Applicants shall be proposed by a current Full 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 the safe use of firearms. Probationary Members may not vote at any General Meeting. A Probationary Member will not pay a subscription until he or she becomes a Full Member.

(B)**Full Member:** Full Members will be approved by the Executive Committee. To qualify as a Full Member, one should have either, completed satisfactorily Probationary Membership (sub para A above), or be a current member of a Home Office approved target rifle club, or hold a current FAC authorising possession of a rifle. This is subject to satisfactory references and that the applicant is known personally by a current member of the Club. These rules apply equally to **Life Members**.

(C)**Honorary Member:** Any person who has rendered service to shooting either at Uppingham or among Uppinghamians may be proposed at a General Meeting as an Honorary Member by the Executive Committee. Such persons may participate in the Club's shooting events only if they fulfil the requirements for Full Membership (sub para B above). The Executive Committee may also elect, as 5-year Honorary Members, pupils who have recently left Uppingham School and who fulfil the terms of Probationary Membership.

(D)**Non-Shooting Member:** With the approval of the Executive Committee, all Old Uppinghamians who do not fulfil the requirements for shooting membership are eligible to join the Club as Non-Shooting Members

4. **MEMBERS** will be entitled to wear the Club's colours and represent the Club in competitions.
5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS.** Full Members shall pay an annual subscription set by the Executive Committee, which shall be due by 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 or email 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 Membership Secretary shall report to the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) which members have been removed from the Roll under this clause. A member so removed from the Roll may re-join on payment of one years' back subscription. A member who resigns may re-join subsequently without back payment provided his or her subscription was paid in full at the time of resignation. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, where members have failed to pay the full amount due (such as not updating a standing order), and hence, have built up an amount owed, they will be deemed to be inactive members. Inactive members may still receive the Club

communications and the report but may not participate in Club activities until they have made a back payment of at least the last two years of debt. **Life Members** shall pay a single payment of fifty times the current annual subscription rate.

6. **INCOME** and property of the Club whencesoever derived shall be applied solely towards the Objects of the Club (para 2). If on a winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any income or property whatsoever, this shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be donated to some charitable association or object. Such an association or object shall be determined by the Club members at or before the time of dissolution.

7. **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 AGM for agreement of the members.

8. **FINANCIAL CONTROL:** The Honorary Treasurer and at least one other committee member will be signatories on the Club bank accounts and any investment accounts. Any single signatory will be permitted to conduct banking activities on behalf of the Club. The signatories will have access to internet banking (where available) to manage the accounts in accordance with the Club's financial policy given above.

9. **OFFICERS** of the Club shall consist of a President, Captain, Under 25 Captain, Membership Secretary, Club Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer. The President, Captain, Under 25 Captain, Club Secretary, Membership Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Schools Liaison Officer, the Master in Charge of Shooting at the School, Past Presidents still living and up to three elected members 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 AGM. 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. Any decision of the Executive Committee requires the support of at least four of its Officers.

10. 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.

11. **MEETINGS** will generally be convened in person however where this is not possible or practical, the Executive Committee may permit a Committee or General Meeting to take place by means of telecommunications. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year, or whenever deemed necessary and called for by a member of the committee. There shall be an AGM of the members of the Club after the Veterans Match at Bisley each year, at which the officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to hold office until the next AGM. At the same meeting, the year's accounts of the Club shall be submitted, and any report which the Executive Committee may have previously requested. When an AGM cannot take place following the Veterans Match, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to attend to any required Club matters. Any three members of the Club may at any time request an Extraordinary General Meeting by application to the Executive Committee. Notice of at least ten days must be given for any Extraordinary General Meeting. The quorum at any General Meeting shall be ten members.

12. **RULES** of the Club may be added to, altered, or amended by a clear majority of Club members voting at any Annual or other General Meeting.