



Bicester Town & District Rifle and Pistol Club

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Chairman's Newsletter

14th March 2022

As the short days and cold nights slowly give way to brighter and hopefully dryer skies our club continues to thrive. Following the annual renewals, I am pleased to confirm that our club remains healthy and financially secure. Despite the lack of an indoor range over the winter months, we have managed to endure the wind and rain to keep the outdoor range busy. My thanks to the duty RO's who ensured the sessions remained available and enjoyable.

New Indoor Range

As you will be aware, last year the BSA were successful in their appeal and secured planning permission for their expansion of the Chesterton facilities. Our new indoor range is at the heart of these plans and the BSA have undertaken to prioritise our club first, having specifically acknowledged the hardship created by the loss of Oxford Road.

The granted planning permission contains several preconditions which prevent the BSA breaking ground without them being satisfied. Negotiations are ongoing between the local council and BSA to find resolution for each of these items, allowing building to start. The BSA have asserted that these clauses do not directly relate to the rifle club and are seeking to have them set aside in relation to our club and the cricket scoreboard specifically. I understand that the BSA's professionals are now pursuing a two-pronged approach to ensure that, either way, building will commence before the 2 year planning permission expires. We remain in the BSA's hands, but I will continue to offer club support to ensure things keep moving wherever possible.

Chesterton Roadway

Over the winter, our regular vehicular access to the outdoor range has been hampered by both the wet weather and the position and use of the football pitches. Our unrestricted long term right of access to the outdoor range, no matter the weather or football/cricket club activities, has been contested with the BSA over the past few years. Negotiations were ongoing but with the loss of Oxford Road, and the terms imposed on our temporary armoury by TVP, the BSA have been forced to acknowledge that a long-term solution is required. I am pleased to report that the BSA have now actioned the purchase and installation of a dedicated mesh roadway. This plastic mesh reinforces and protects the grass, as well as providing a clearly defined year-round roadway for use by our club. This has come at some considerable cost to the BSA and I can confirm that, with the help of some of our members, installation is now almost complete.



Please note, use of the new roadway will require some ongoing restrictions to ensure its longevity. A strict 10mph speed limit is in force. Please do not drive off the roadway and venture onto the grass or pitches, there are passing places and a new parking area next to the range. If cricket is in play, please wait until the current over has completed before driving across bowler/batsman's line of sight.

Air Shooting

The temporary 10m air range is now fully operational inside the covered firing point. Floodlit evening sessions together with weekend options are now available to book. Please check to booking system for new sessions as they are added.

NRL22

Matt Kino-Wylam will shortly be offering sessions of a new air rifle-based discipline. He is hoping to develop this through the club to introduce members to different skills and disciplines within the shooting world. He is starting with an air only version of NRL22x, shot from a variety of positions and rests. Although this is traditionally shot with .22LR, please note that this is for sub FAC air rifles only. Please contact Matt directly for more information. (kinowylam@gmail.com).

Booking System

You may have noticed that the booking system has been unavailable over the past few days. We are experiencing some technical issues caused by a 'helpful' upgrade at our webhosting. The system remains online as we work through the issues, and I remind you to ensure you book in advance for every session. The booking system can be found at www.bicrp.club/book

AGM

Finally, following the extended hiatus during Covid and the move to Chesterton I would like to formally announce the club AGM will be held in the Tudor Jones building, Chesterton on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm. We are hoping to open the bar for refreshments.

I encourage you to get involved and to help with the management of our club over the coming year, meetings are monthly and are currently held virtually. We are always looking for members with the skills and available time to help our club continue to thrive.

The current management committee consists of the following members, all of whom have indicated their willingness to continue for another year. Below them are listed the available non-committee positions representing each club section and the discipline committee.

Management Committee	
Position	Currently held by
Chairman	Alex Robertson
Vice Chairman	
Secretary	Alex Robertson (pro tem)
Treasurer	Frank Slade
Membership Secretary	Frank Slade (pro tem)
Ordinary Members (5 Seats)	Stuart Bateman
	Bob Bracey-Wright

	Mark Slaymaker
	Richard Granger
	David Dashwood
Non-Committee Positions	
Stats Officer	
Smallbore Captain	Richard Granger
Air Captain	
LSR Captain	
Fullbore Captain	
Black Powder Captain	
Discipline Committee	
5 Positions Available	

 Indicates position is vacant for 2022/23.

Please note:

- Nominations for all positions must be received by the Secretary on or before the 31st March 2022 preferably via email at secretary@bicrp.club
- Nominees for the management committee must be proposed by 2 full members.
- Nominees for the management committee must be full members of at least 1 year standing.
- Nominees for the management committee may only declare for a single position.
- All positions are open for nomination whether an incumbent exists or not.
- Members of the discipline committee should not sit on the management committee and will (hopefully), not be required to meet regularly.

Details of the nominees together with voting information will be published immediately following the close of nominations on the 31st March.

I invite you to attend the AGM in person, it's a great opportunity to get the club together and I hope to see you all there.

Good Shooting,

Alex Robertson
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