

# DRPC News

The Newsletter of Dorchester Rifle & Pistol Club

**BAYEUX EXTRA!!**

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## Dorchester R&PC v. Bayeux Tir Club at Dorchester

This weekend [19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June 2009] Dorchester Rifle and Pistol Club shooters entertained teams from their twin town of Bayeux for the annual rifle and pistol competitions that have now reached their 24<sup>th</sup> year. The matches this year coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning between Dorchester and Bayeux.

Despite arriving late at the Sandringham Sports Centre range on Friday afternoon, following a disrupted journey, the strength in depth of the Bayeux team enabled them to retain the trophy for the 10 metre air pistol competition. This comprises 30 shots for each firer in the teams of five, and although Steve Maros for Dorchester was top scorer on the range with 268 x 300, closely followed by Jean-Jacques Durand 266, and Gill Carter and Jean-Pierre Bouin both on 361, Bayeux recorded 1290 against Dorchester's 1238.

The second competition was the Police Pistol, a rapid and snap course of fire originally designed for cartridge pistols but as they are now prohibited in England it is shot with repeating air pistols. This action shoot involves 12 shots in 2 minutes at 20 yards followed by 3 shots in 4 seconds repeated four times at 15 yards, and finishing with 2 shots in 2 seconds three times at 10 yards. Dorchester's team practice during the summer paid off, with all the team scoring over 200 each, and Steve Maros, Brian Moore, and Ian Davison being the top scorers.

Dorchester were very pleased to win the Police Pistol for the first time in many years by 1123 to 797.



Lynda Renshaw and Pascal Cosne on aim at 50m, watched by Bernard Hamel

On Friday evening a barbeque and social at the Clubroom was attended by shooters, their partners, and other Club members. Both teams were pleased to welcome Mike White, previously Dorchester's rifle captain but now living in Normandy, as the scorer and arbitrator for all the competitions.

Although Saturday dawned clear and sunny, by the time the teams reached the outdoor range at Piddlehinton the sky was covered by heavy cloud and the variable and gusty wind, coming across and slightly down the range, had a nasty chill to it.



Riflemen Rod Hann and Dave Jenkins in action

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### Dates for the Diary;

- June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>—  
County Shoot  
(Piddlehinton Range)

## Shooting News

The .22 rifle competition comprises two targets, each of 10 shots, at both 50m and 100 yard.

Only Lynda Renshaw [Dorchester, 97 & 94] and Marie-Claire France [Bayeux, 96 & 94] shot consistently well at 50m although Dorchester shooters Dave Carter and Dave Jenkins both put up individual cards of 95.

At the halfway stage Dorchester were leading 935 to 892. The wind and variable light for the 100 yards shoots caused the shots to spread, and the home advantage told, with Richard Burden [96 & 94] and Rod Hann [95 & 88] top scoring for Dorchester against Bayeux's top shooters Marie-Claire France [89 & 90] and Jean-Pierre Bouin [87 & 92]. Adding 907 and 865 respectively for the 100 yards team scores, Dorchester ran out clear winners to retain the rifle trophy with 1842 against Bayeux's 1757. The combined top scorers across both 50m and 100 yards were Richard Burden [375] and Lynda Renshaw [370].

Whilst the teams adjourned up the Piddle valley to the Poachers for lunch the weather began to clear, becoming much warmer and sunnier, although still windy, for the Black Powder competition, using replicas of historic duelling pistols, which started at 2pm.

The scoring is different from other shooting disciplines, and to take account of the problems and difficulties of hand loading these arms the best ten of each shooter's 13 shots are scored.

The Mayor of Dorchester, Susie Hosford, accompanied by Tony, joined the teams and saw the measuring of the gunpowder, the loading of the lead ball, and the cloud of smoke when the pistols are fired.



Both teams found the conditions tricky, with the wind buffeting the shooting arm. However, the skill and experience of the Bayeux shooters is formidable, with Jean-Pierre Bouin and Michel Huart scoring 91 and 88 respectively, well clear of Dorchester's top scorer, Steve Maros, with 80. Bayeux won the Black Powder competition by 459 to 390.

The Mayor presented the trophies, two to Bayeux and two to Dorchester, as well as medals for the highest scorer on the losing team.

**Richard Burden**  
DRPC Chairman

**Dorchester v Bayeux**  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Dorchester

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

### 10 Metre Air Pistol

Dorchester	(x 300)
Steve Maros	268 1 <sup>st</sup>
Gill Carter	261 3 <sup>rd</sup> =
Tony Cooke	239
Chris Slade	238
David Carter	232
	<b>1238</b>
Bayeux	
Jean-Jacques Durand	266 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jean-Pierre Bouin	261 3 <sup>rd</sup> =
Michel Huart	260
Marco Dal Pont	255
Bernard Hamel	247
	<b>1290</b>

### Police Pistol

12 shots @ 20 yards in 2 minutes; 12 shots @ 15 yards [3 shots in 4 seconds x 4];  
& 6 shots @ 10 yards [2 shots in 2 seconds x3]; total score = 300

Dorchester	20 yards rapid	15 yards snap	10 yards snap	Total
Steve 1 <sup>st</sup> Maros	101	88	48	237
Brian 2 <sup>nd</sup> Moore	104	80	49	235
Ian 3 <sup>rd</sup> Davison	94	88	51	231
Gill Carter	98	74	45	217
Richard Burden	92	73	38	203
	<b>489</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1123</b>
Bayeux				
Marco dal Pont	108	76	38	222
Jean-Jacques Durand	95	56	45	196
Jean-Pierre Bouin	70	49	50	169
Michel Huart	77	23	26	126
Bernard Hamel	63	4	17	84
	<b>413</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>797</b>

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**.22 Rifle**

Dorchester	50 metres	100 yards	Total
Richard Burden	91 + 94 185	96 + 94 190 1 <sup>st</sup>	375 1 <sup>st</sup>
Lynda Renshaw	97 + 94 191 1 <sup>st</sup>	86 + 93 179	370 2 <sup>nd</sup>
David Carter	93 + 95 188	89 + 92 181 3 <sup>rd</sup>	369 3 <sup>rd</sup> =
Rod Hann	94 + 88 182	95 + 88 183 2 <sup>nd</sup>	365
David Jenkins	94 + 95 189 3 <sup>rd</sup>	91 + 83 174	363
	<b>935</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1842</b>
Bayeux			
Marie-Claire France	96 + 94 190 2 <sup>nd</sup>	89 + 90 179	369 3 <sup>rd</sup> =
Jean-Pierre Bouin	92 + 91 183	87 + 92 179	362
Pascal Cosne	91 + 91 182	84 + 92 176	358
Patrick Venara	79 + 88 167	87 + 84 171	338
Patrick Bertrand	82 + 88 170	80 + 80 160	330
	<b>892</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>1757</b>

**25 metre Black Powder Pistol**

Dorchester		
Steve Maros	80	
Sean Thomas	77	
Martin Cake	76	
Paul Eales	76	
Gill Carter	75	
	<b>384</b>	
Bayeux		
Jean-Pierre Bouin	91	1 <sup>st</sup>
Michel Huart	88	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Marco Dal Pont	83	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bernard Hamel	81	
Jean-Jacques Durand	76	
	<b>419</b>	

**Best Wishes to ...**

**.22 targetman Vernon Moffet ...** who missed last weekend's action, and is on the mend, following an operation on his Achilles tendon. (*ouch!*)

Vernon says .. *"the cast is due to be replaced with a fancy Boot next Thursday. Meanwhile, I am hopping around almost as well as Kermit the Frog"*

Enough said really! - Get well Vernon.

**Piddlehinton Bookings for 2009**

Saturday 27 June – Dorset County

Saturday/Sunday 28 June – Dorset County

Sunday 26th July - Bridport Shooting Club

Sunday 30th Aug – Bridport Shooting Club

Saturday/Sunday 12/13 Sept – Dorset County

Sunday 27th Sept – Bridport Shooting Club

Sunday 25th Oct – Bridport Shooting Club

Sunday 29th Nov – Bridport Shooting Club

Sunday 27th Dec – Bridport Shooting Club



Sean Thomas and Michel Huart on aim with black powder pistols

**WANTED:** .36 Black Powder Pistol. Single shot, **Wendy Thomas** would be interested in a Pedersoli or in an under hammer - if anyone has one of those!

££ - Price negotiable.  
contact through newsletter please.

## Committee News; Minutes of a committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009

### Matters arising:

CCTV has now been purchased and installed. As it powers down when the range is closed it should be activated by pressing the second button up on the right hand side.

There was a discussion about National Shooting Week. 28 people visited the club as a result of the event and several expressed an interest in joining.

### Membership:

This item was taken together with item 8 (new membership application forms).

The following probationary member had his membership confirmed:

Nigel Richardson – SM to send membership card. Agreed that SM would write to new probationary members who would be given a specific card which they would need to get signed when shooting and submit it for consideration when their application for full membership is discussed.

EP explained that after much consultation and fine tuning, the new membership form was available and copies could be found in the orange folder in the desk drawer. The first page is to be completed by the applicant and submitted, they keep the remaining pages as these contain lots of useful information about the club.

### Finances:

The Club currently has £1060.32 in its current account. The business account has £2008 in it and the savings account has just under £5000 in it. The Auditor has requested some further information regarding the payee for 4 cheques. As DJ now has the old cheque books, it will have to wait until he returns from holiday.

There was a discussion about range fees and the need to sort out some discrepancies. At present, visitor and associate member range fees are the same. Associate members pay 50% of a full member's subscription, therefore the range fee should be 50% of a full members range fee. This means rounding up the visitor and associate range fee to bring it in line with this policy. This was agreed with immediate effect. DJ to amend amounts accordingly in the range book. All RO's to note and action please

LR informed the committee that K. Barfoot and A. Mackey were no longer shooting. She would ask them to return their front door key to the range and inform SM when this was done so that he could update his key holder records.

### Range updates:

#### Piddlehinton :

MC has improved the sockets for the pistol target frames. He has also found a local source of sleepers and will pass on details to RH.

#### Dorchester range:

CCTV has been installed but it cannot be put in the annexe without having to buy more cable. It works well in its current position.

The leak at the target end of the range is from the ventilation shaft where there is a split. RH has sealed it with foam but it might require proper excavation and treatment before the winter.

There is a work party arranged for the 6<sup>th</sup> June in order to get the range tidied up ready for the Bayeux visit. The Linotex curtain will also be repaired. Some rifle shooters complained that they were experiencing splash back.

The spotlight has been repaired.

Gordon Deakin is trying to repair the broken blind and hopefully it will be fixed before the 19<sup>th</sup> June.

The turning target control box seems to be faulty and the repair / the purchase of a new one is being pursued by EP

### Protocol for range hire

SM has agreed to put together a protocol for range hire procedure and hire costs.

### Sale of surplus rifles

The monitoring of use is still ongoing and range duty officers need to ensure that records are kept.

Colin Thompson has offered to buy the CO2 rifle for £150. The committee accepted his offer.

### Rifle coaching

This is proving to be very difficult to get somebody to do it, there is nobody close to Dorset. People who want coaching will need to go to Bisley for it. LR will put up Robin Taylor's contact details and members can make their own arrangements.

### RCO training / certification

LR has found somebody in Devon who can do RO training / certification – she will chase this up for the next meeting.

### AOB:

The committee were informed that Mary Pays had passed away. Condolences were offered to her family. Her input to the club over the years was highly valued and she has been a great benefactor to the club for a long time and her presence will be missed. She has left two old Webley air pistols which have been given to the club. SM will speak to Brian Moore to see if they have any re-sale value. If so, they will be sold and the money raised will go to club funds. If not, then they will be put in the cabinet on display as examples of old air pistols. SM will contact her solicitor and get her range front door back.

LH outlined the key points of the e-mail he had sent to the committee and explained why he was keen to get involved in improving communication between the various parts of the club. The committee were keen to support this. LH agreed to produce a regular electronic newsletter and disseminate it to all members who sign up to it. It was made clear that this is a separate role from managing the Club website which is being successfully done by Chris Britton. Its success would depend upon LH being given information to put into the newsletter. Members were asked to provide him with relevant information such as – monthly shooting results, events, range bookings, team captains section, for sale/wanted section, welcome to new members, photos, etc. SM to contact all members to see if they wish to be on the mailing list.

Colin Thompson has asked to book the range for a scout air weapons evening. SM to process his request. MC to speak with Friday evening shooters in order to pre-warn them.

Gamo pellets to be purchased by MC.

When Tony Cooke opened up on the previous Friday he found empty .22 cases and the fresh smell of cordite indicating that somebody had shot recently but there was no record in the signing in book. We need to monitor who is using the range outside normal opening times; and all members with keys are reminded that the entry log should be completed whenever the range is opened and closed.

**Present:** R. Burden; M. Cake; S. Maros; E. Parry; G. Phillips; R. Hann; L. Renshaw; D. Smart; A. Squibb; L. Hodgkinson

**Apologies:** D. Jenkins

## Everything Else ...

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2009**

Committee meetings for the remainder of the year are scheduled at the Dorchester Clubhouse for the following dates;

5<sup>th</sup> August  
7<sup>th</sup> October  
4<sup>th</sup> November **AGM**  
2<sup>nd</sup> December

Members wishing to bring items forward to the Committee for discussion should provide details either to the Secretary or a Committee member a week before the meeting takes place.

**Steve Maros;**  
*Hon. Secretary*

## Your Thoughts and Contributions are very welcome ...

**The DRPC Newsletter will be produced about once a month.**

This is the second for June as I thought that an edition to cover the Bayeux match might be a good idea—many thanks to Richard for the report and photos. Also, Steve emailed me the committee minutes, so I'm spreading the info around.

Ideas for content are up to you, but a starting point might be diary dates for the coming months including shooting events, social get-togethers, working parties, etc. Also it would be great to include news (big & small) from the various disciplines; air shooting, .22lr prone rifle, black powder & gallery rifle, etc., and also to give all club members an opportunity to distribute information .

This newsletter will only work if club members like you and me, including the committee members, the captains of the various disciplines and all regular members; full, probationary & associate , take a little time now and again to put fingers to keyboard and send in their contributions.

This club belongs to **all** of it's members, and the idea is to give every one of the 200 or so members of DRPC a chance to reach each other.

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