

COMMITTEE INFO

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Club News

Hello, and welcome to the Spring/Summer 2024 edition of the SPRC Times!

In this slightly later edition of the newsletter, we learn about the air rifle discipline, say hello to new members and find out how we performed in the Winter 2023/24 competition season!

The January AGM saw the Committee voted in for another year, with the exception of Barry as Membership Officer. As we continue conversations and investigations into potential new premises (as well as continuing to maintain the current one), it is important that we dedicate the necessary time and energy to these endeavours. As such, Barry stepped down from his role of Membership Officer to stand instead for the role of Premises Officer. Jon was nominated, and voted in, as Membership Officer. Congratulations to both on their new roles! For more information on the AGM, please visit the Member website.

In sad news, we heard news of the passing of **Gill T** on 3rd April. Gill had unfortunately suffered ill health in recent years, which had limited her ability to visit the club and partake in the sport she loved so much. Our thoughts are with her family and friends, including those at the club who knew her.

As ever, if you have any ideas on potential feature articles, contact Sarah on communications@surbitonpostalrifleclub.com. We're keen to give you an opportunity to contribute and be part of the newsletter.



RECENT RESULTS

Winter 23/24 season winners:

- Surrey Individual Prone:
R Tinkler Div 4
B Duckett Div 10
- Surrey LSR Precision:
A Swinton Div 9
- West Kent Autumn 23:
J Luke Div 21
- West Kent Spring 24:
P Luke Div 27
- Surrey Benchrest:
B Walker Div 6
- West Kent Autumn 23:
J Luke Div 21
- Hendon Benchrest:
G Evans Div 18

Competitions

With results from the Winter 23/24 season complete, we had a modest number of winners. Well done to all who competed and congratulations to our winners!

Those who have made it through to the 2nd stage of the Eley 2024 competition are:

- I Potts: 10m Air Rifle and 3P
- F Potts: 10m Air Rifle
- R Tinkler: Prone
- J Tinkler: Prone
- N Vafina: Prone
- D Leask: LSR Precision, LSR Timed, 10m Air Pistol, Benchrest

With Summer 24 season now underway, remember to make a note of your card deadlines and get some practice in to ensure you are as ready as possible.

Good luck to all participants! Looking forward to celebrating your efforts in the next few editions!



Air Rifle

As part of our desire to explore the different disciplines available at the club, we have asked Ian P to give a brief overview of the Air Rifle discipline...

Air Rifle target shooting is a popular discipline within the rifle target shooting community, offering opportunities to shoot from beginner up to Olympic level. The usual distance for shooting is 10m, with between 20 to 60 shots per round or competition.

Air rifle is shot from a free-standing position, without a sling. Typically, pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) rifles are used and are extremely accurate. The target sizes are the smallest of those used for any rifle discipline - the 10 is a ½mm dot, which the innermost part of the shot-hole must at least touch.

In terms of equipment, beginners are advised to start with a glove for the supporting hand and to supplement this with a shooting jacket (the club has a number available to borrow). For those keener to progress, shooting boots and trousers will be beneficial, together with a rifle stand.

The club has an excellent selection of PCP target air rifles available to members. If you wish to purchase your own, second hand target air rifles start at about £1000 but can be difficult to find due to the demand. A tin of 500 match pellets is approx. £12.50.

The Club has an excellent track record in this discipline, being the most successful club in the National league since 2000. We have a eight lane air range, where instruction and coaching is available to those new to the discipline, as well as there being a wide range of competitions to suit all skill levels.



Member-related

Some quick updates about the member base to share:

New members:

The following members recently passed their probation and are now full members of the club:

- Fran T
- John M
- Chris M
- Andrew M

Congratulations and welcome!

Published author!

In exciting news, Chairman Don L has published his first book! The first of a sci-fi trilogy, Soffee is available in both Kindle and paperback formats.



Safeguarding

A Gentle Reminder of the Club's Safeguarding Policy from our Child Protection Officer, Phil

We have a healthy cohort of 16 junior members shooting regularly at Surbiton. Everyone in the NSRA and its member clubs and organisations has a part to play in looking after the children with whom they are working. This is both a moral and a legal obligation. Surbiton Postal Rifle Club follows the policies and procedures provided by the NSRA in their guidance document - Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults in Target Shooting. You can find a copy here:

<https://www.nsra.co.uk/home/reference/codes-guidance>

We encourage everyone at the club to familiarise themselves with this guidance and will make sure there are printed copies for the noticeboard and desk.

While a lot of it may seem like common sense, there are excellent 'Dos' and 'Don'ts' summaries. We won't reproduce them all here but a few that may be more pertinent to our activities include:

- Do – Set an example for others to follow
- Do – Plan activities that involve more than one other person being present, or at least within sight and hearing of others.
- Do – Follow the recommended adult to young person ratios for meeting and activities. Avoid being alone with young people. (i.e. Unless a parent or guardian, no adult member should be alone with an under 18 at any time)
- Don't - Take part in physical contact games with young people
- Don't - Take part in inappropriate behaviour or contact (difficult when instructing – use common sense and always ask permission if physical contact cannot be avoided – emergencies notwithstanding!)

These may seem obvious, and we realise that they may add additional challenges to some activities – particularly for our coaches, but they are there to protect everybody and we do ask our members to follow them. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to Phil direct at the club or email him at cpo@surbitonpostalrifleclub.com (in confidence).

Thank you for your continued support.

