



The English Twenty Club

Governing Body of English Fullbore Target Shooting

SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2021

Dear Member,

I start this newsletter with two main thoughts. The first is to thank my predecessor, Martin Liversage, for over 9 years in the role (whilst also silently cursing him for setting a tough act to follow). That said he doesn't get away that easily, being now elected to Council and having taken on the role of Competitions Secretary.

The second is that with patience and perseverance, and not to mention the hard work of our medics and scientists (a number of who are members of this very club), there is light at the end of the tunnel. The UK (and so target shooting) look to be getting back to normal, or at least close enough for the time being. To that end, I think that this newsletter involves less use of the word "cancelled" than it did last year and I hope as many of you as possible will be able to take full advantage of that fact.

The Spring Meeting

Conveniently following on from my last and after 2020's change to the advertised billing, the Spring Meeting is back in spring! The usual format returns over 29th-31st May and though the Grand Aggregate is currently full, Martin has a reserve list and also a few spaces here & there, which may be of interest to those who can't make the full event. Get in touch with him at competitions@englishtwenty.org.uk to book your slot.

The club have not organised a Saturday dinner this year, but for those who would like to do something the NLRC have offered to lay on a meal on our behalf which should suit all palates and pockets. Main course is £8.50 (choices of Homemade cottage pie, Minced beef and onion pie, Quarter pounder beef burger, Chicken tikka skewers) and dessert £3 (Cheesecake and raspberry coulis, or Chocolate fudge cake). Please contact Alison at the NLRC (steward@nlrc.org) to book.

The Championship and Varley

With the TR Imperial Meeting going ahead as planned, the Championship and Varley will again be taking place this year. For those who pay their entry as part of their membership standing order then you will be entered automatically, but for those who don't then again, please contact Martin (competitions@englishtwenty.org.uk) who will happily arrange to take you money at some point!

The KGV

With the Imperial Meeting taking place again, the KGV final is again also possible and regional heats have started. Congratulations so far to Surrey (Home Counties) and Berkshire (Southern) for having already secured their places.

Jewel Competitions

With more shooting returning we hope to see these go ahead where possible. If any District Superintendents have not yet claimed their jewels in order to allow this, please do get in touch with Graham Nelson (membership@englishtwenty.org.uk) who can arrange to get your County entitlement to you.

The English Twenty v RAF Matches

Unfortunately, finding a suitable date that was convenient for the RAF, EXX and the commitments of the fullbore calendar as a whole has not been possible. We expect to see this match return in 2022.

The Lawrence

The Lawrence is back on its usual footing for 2021, to be held at the Scottish Open TR Championships at Blair Atholl but slightly later than usual (18th-20th June). For those considering it, more information and entries can be found [HERE](#). Martin Liversage will be deputising for Jane Messer and serving as captain for the match.

The National and Mackinnon

The National and Mackinnon matches are expected to go ahead as planned, under their originally-planned 2020 captaincies of Jane Messer and Jeremy Thompson, respectively.

The Lions Talent Development

The Lions programme continues to identify and develop talented shooters from across the country. The club is indebted to Graham Nelson, the management team and the skilled volunteers for their dedication to the delivery of this programme. With last year's plans being so heavily interrupted, the 2020 squad has been rolled over into 2021 and we hope to see as many as possible making an appearance in the National team in July.

This means that a new squad for 2022 will be selected later this year. If you, or anyone you shoot with, is performing well and has the desire to improve and represent their country then I would encourage giving this serious consideration.

Touring Teams

The club remains on track to maintain a regular programme of sending touring teams to compete in the National Championships of our fellow nations, albeit a year later than planned with Andy “Turbo” Barnes’ 2021 team now aiming to be in South Africa & Kenya in 2022 instead.

Changes to club management

As well as myself having been [~~coerced~~] invited into taking over the Hon Sec role, we hope to confuse you all with two Adams on the executive, Adam Fowler having been elected as treasurer at last year’s AGM. Once again, many thanks to Steve Thomas for his six years in-post and his management of the club’s finances during this time.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held in a very 2020 style, being via Zoom in November. It seems that by that point of the year most people were quite used to this, the meeting being well attended and smooth running.

The 2021 AGM date is to be confirmed but may be later in the year due to the proximity of the late 2020 meeting. More details to follow closer to the time.

Commonwealth Games

Plans remain unsurprisingly fluid, especially given the recent severe impact of Covid in India. Confirmation of final details is therefore still pending, but the indication remains for a shooting event to take place and to include fullbore rifle. In the meantime, we send our best wishes to our fellow Indian shooters.

Club Competitions 2020

Despite the reduce 2020 programme, the Mackinnon and Lawrence (run in place of the National during the late TR Imperial Meeting) did manage to go ahead. Congratulations to Nick Tremlett and Nigel Ball respectively for captaining their teams to victory.

Details of all competitions can be found in the appropriate sections of this yearbook.

Yearbook

The yearbook is available for printing on request and for a small fee to cover printing costs, please contact your DS if you would like one. Each DS will be given a yearbook at no charge. All the information in the yearbook is also available on the website.

England Rolls

The rolls have been updated with the 2020 England matches and are now posted on the website.

<https://englishtwenty.org.uk/about/historical-match-records/>

To help us maintain club records, please check that your detail is accurate and let us know of any omissions.

Payments to the club

In an effort to clearly define the club account streams and simplify the treasurer's role, members must use a simple code along with your name in the notes field when making payments online.

List as follows:

CCV - Championship and Varley

SUB - Subscription

KGV

MER – merchandise

SM – Spring Meeting

Please use these references for future payments.

General Admin

If you haven't already done so, please let me have a current email address for you; it saves the club money and simplifies communication.

Please make sure your subs payment is up to date; if you're not paying £15 (£25 including the club championship) by standing order then please amend it for next year. You can then make a one-off payment using the account number and code mentioned above. If you're not sure that you're up to date, or that we have up to date details, then please contact Graham (membership@englishtwenty.org.uk) who is working hard behind the scenes to ensure we have an accurate and useable membership recording system from which to run the club for the greatest benefit to its members.

Please note that the English Twenty Club is NOT a primary club and does not issue Shooter Certification Cards. These MUST be obtained from your primary club.

Finally, and apparently with the worst of the last 12 months' problems behind us, I hope to see you out on range again soon.

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