

English Twenty Club



As I write this newsletter I, like most of the members of the Club, am at home hoping to avoid getting the Coronavirus that is impacting all our lives. I know that some of our members have already contracted it and I have no doubt that many more will.

I would like to thank the members of our club that are working in harm's way to try and keep the country functioning as close to normality as possible. There are many professions that have been identified as key and I will not list them for fear of missing one out. I would however, like to make particular mention of the club members that are working for the NHS, you have our deepest gratitude for the work you are doing.

You will without doubt be aware that all NRA organised events at Bisley are suspended until 31st August, and possibly beyond. The ranges will open to civilians when the Government restrictions mean it is safe to do so. As well as the frustration of not getting out on the ranges, it also means that a number of the club competitions will not take place, and if they do, it will not be until much later in the year.

It is with sadness that I report the recent passing of Brian Gill. Brian was often found in the English Twenty Clubhouse, where he carried out many essential maintenance tasks to the building and installed the much-needed log burner. In 2014 Brian was made an honorary life member of the club for his selfless service.

The Spring Meeting

The Club will be hoping for range space to be available in October to hold a meeting, albeit with an amended format.

The Championship and Varley

As the TR Imperial Meeting will not take place, the Championship and Varley will not be held this year. If the NRA hosts a competition later in the year, then this will be reviewed. The club is very grateful to those members who pay their membership and championship entry by standing order, however if members would like their £10 entry to be returned then please let the treasurer know and a cheque will be sent; please do not amend your Standing Order for 2021.

The KGV

No heats can be held at Bisley before September and it is very unlikely that a final can be scheduled during the latter part of the year with full representative teams from the Counties, therefore this competition will not be held in 2020.

Jewel Competitions

We would like these to go ahead where possible. Whilst I appreciate that this cannot be until later in the year, I would like District Superintendents to make every effort to nominate a shoot or competition where members can compete for their jewels.

The English Twenty v RAF Matches

Cancelled

The Lawrence

Cancelled

The National and Mackinnon

These matches have been cancelled and the Captains that have been appointed for 2020 will retain their captaincy for the 2021 matches.

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. The squad for 2019-20 has been selected and the first training weekend has been held, with much support from many senior England shooters and Coaches.

As the primary reason for the programme is to prepare shooters for selection for the National Match, the Lions management has decided that this squad will run for two years. This will give members an opportunity to be selected in 2021.

Touring Teams

The club is now on track to maintain a regular programme of sending touring teams to compete in the National Championships of our fellow nations; Guyana in 2017, Canada in 2019, South Africa and Kenya in 2021 and there is the seedling of an idea for a team to New Zealand in 2024.

Whilst it is hoped that the team can still travel to South Africa and Kenya in 2021, the current pandemic may stop it from happening. The team has obviously cancelled the first training weekend due in April, but it is hoped that a training weekend will be possible later in the year.

Changes to club management

Steven Thomas will be stepping down as our treasurer this year, having spent the last 6 years getting a tight grip on the finances of the club and steering us through the handing back of the clubhouse. Whoever steps into the role will have a very clear and healthy set of accounts to take forward and I wish them luck.

Another recent change for the club is the occupier of the Membership Secretary role. Graham Nelson has taken over the reins with his usual enthusiasm and no doubt you will have heard from him in recent weeks. I would like to thank Ben Craig for his time in office and his handover to Graham. I am stepping down as Hon Sec at the next AGM, but I would like to continue involvement as Competition Secretary for the club. I would like to thank Peter Kelly for organising the KGV competition for many years.

Annual General Meeting

Historically this has been held either during the Spring Meeting or the Main Meeting. As neither of these will be taking place, it is the intention of the Executive to hold the AGM at a convenient date later in the year. Ideally this will be during an Open Meeting hosted by the club.

Commonwealth Games

There has been a positive outcome for shooting in Commonwealth Games, albeit hosted now in India. At this time, it is not known whether TR will be included in the programme.

Club Competitions 2019

English Twenty Club teams had wins in the short and long-range matches against RAFTRC, and for the fourth year in a row, England won the Lawrence Match at Blair Atholl.

The 2019 Imperial Meeting also saw victories for England in The U25 International Match, The Mackinnon, The National Match and The America Match. Unfortunately, in August, the club was unsuccessful in the International match against Wales.

Details of all of the 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 of the information in the yearbook is also available on the website.

England Rolls

The rolls have been updated with the 2019 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.

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, I hope that all members avoid the worst of the virus and that we meet on a firing point at some time this year. Stay Safe.

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