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THE NEWSLETTER OF MUNSTER TARGET SHOOTING CLUB

The newsletter's aim is to keep members of Munster Target Shooting Club up to date on events happening in the club, and benefits available to members.

Chairman's Update

Dave Hayes

Hi All

I am delighted to write a short note on our new look newsletter. Since the AGM we have been working very hard behind the scene to complete the update of the club rules and constitution as per NARGC guidelines and as passed by the members. These are now complete and will be emailed to every member shortly.

We are also trying to formulate a new range officer course so as to train new and update existing members. When this is complete we will roll it out asap.

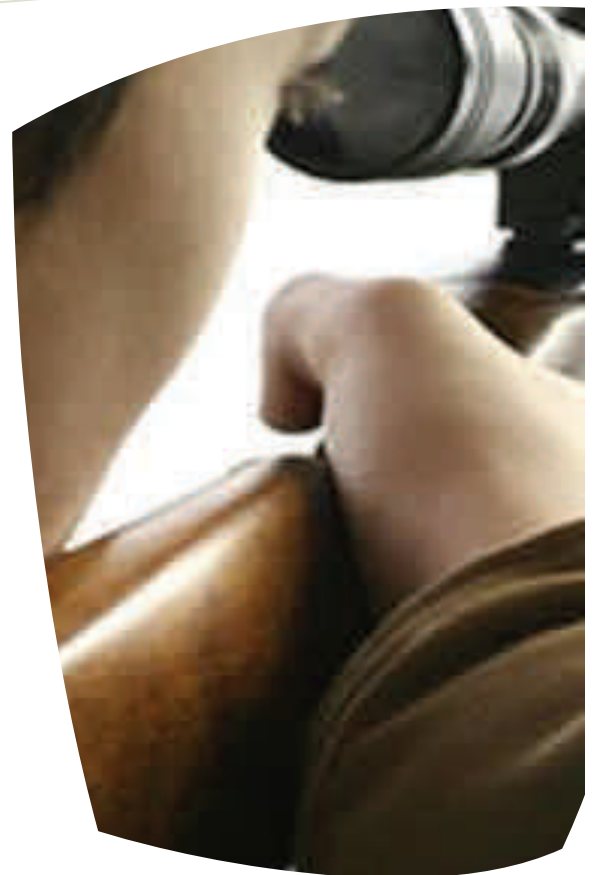
The competition training days which have been run were a great success.

We have received very positive feedback on them. It is now time to put this training to good use at our monthly club competitions and at the Munster league competitions. Members have been issued licenses for target shooting purposes and by participating in these competitions you are putting on record usage of the firearms. All these competitions are recorded and those details are available when license renewal time arrives again.

I look forward to discussing other topics on our future editions of our newsletter.

Your sincerely

Dave Hayes



INSURANCE

It is required for all members to have current (2014/1015) NAGRC Compensation fund insurance to be permitted to shoot on the range, or enter any National Competition. By now, if you pay your compensation fund through MTSC, your card will be available at the clubhouse.



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For 2014/15 If you pay for your insurance through a different club, please send a copy of your card to info@mtsc.ie for our records.



Club News

Jeff McCann



Bounty for New Members

Club membership has decreased during the last number of years, due to a number of reasons. To ensure the club remains viable for the future, we all as club members need to encourage new members to join the club. As an incentive to club members, the club are offering the following:

1. €150 Membership for all new members for remainder of this year
2. €50 rebate for 2015/2016 on membership to the proposer of a new member, when they rejoin next year.

i.e. For every new member you have sign up in 2014/15 the club will give you €50 discount up to the maximum value of your membership, when those new members rejoin for 2015/2016.

Rules & Constitution

The committee have approved the updated rules and constitution, as recommended by the NARGC This brings our policies into line with recommended best practices. A copy will be e-mailed to each member, and a printed copy is on display in the clubhouse.

BBQ 'n Shoot

The club are planning on having a shoot and BBQ to be held on Sunday, 14th September 2014. following our club competition. All club members welcome.

Range Days

We are asking for ALL club members to assist wherever they can on a number of range days. It is crucial that we keep the club looking well for upcoming competitions, and to do this, we have organized two range days:

⇒ **Friday the 8th of August**

To repair the burst bank bags, and general maintenance of the ranges.

⇒ **Sunday the 17th of August**

Brass collection. There is a large amount of Brass on gravel of the ranges. We ask all members to give an hour to help collect brass, which will be recycled. All proceeds from the brass collected will be returned to club funds

Keep in contact

We are using e-mail, the web page and SMS Text message to keep members up to date with events at the club. Please contact jeff@mtsc.ie if you are not receiving these updates or have changed your contact details.

Visitors on the Range

Currently due to the licensing restrictions imposed upon the club, we are unable to have visitors shoot at the club. The Committee are working on this and are planning on presenting a proposal to an Garda on this matter when the new Superintendent has been appointed to Bruff District.



What is WA1500?

By Gerry McCarthy



This is the first in a series of articles by our experienced members, giving guidance in all aspects of target shooting. If there is any topic you would like us to cover in this section, please let us know and we'll do our best to cover it.

What is it?

WA1500 PPC is a Precision Pistol Competition. It is a challenging target shooting competition for centre fire pistols and revolvers. Both special sport guns and stand-ard guns can be used, depending on the particular match.

The WA 1500 was founded at Leitmar, Germany in November, 2000. Founding countries include, Germany, Austria, GB and Czech Republic. Ireland joined in 2005. Today 24 countries are members, including Sweden, Australia, South Africa and Norway.

PPC is a static type of Target Shooting. It is shot at distances from 3 metres to 50 metres. There are several different matches.



Main Match

The premier competition, which counts for the world's rankings list is called Main Match Revolver and Main Match Pistol. (MMR & MMR).

This is a match which is shot at distances from 7-50 metres and requires 150 rounds of ammunition.

The main match competition involves shooting from standing, supported with Post, kneeling and seated firing positions.

A competition on average takes about one hour to complete.

The intent of precision pistol competition is to provide the sporting shooter a competitive program which will improve the competitors skill and competence

Other Matches

WA1500 also support a number of other matches alongside the Main Match:

60 shot . The 60 Shot match takes approximately 30 minutes to shoot, and the maximum distance is 50 metres., and is fired involves shooting from standing, supported with Post, kneeling and seated firing positions.

48 shot. The 48 shot match takes only about 15 minutes and the maximum distance is 25 metres, and is fired from Standing with/without support and kneeling positions.

Firearms Used

WA1500 have very specific requirements for firearms used in competitions. Revolvers from .32 calibre may be used, although 99% are 38 special calibre.

Pistols of a minimum of 9 mm calibre are used and up to .45 ACP. Most shooters use the 9x19 calibre.

Scoring

WA1500 matches are recorded and there is an international scoreboard. On this there are a number of classes:

Class	Score
High Master	1476 to 1500
Master	1440 to 1475
Expert	1379 to 1439
Sharpshooter	1290 to 1378
Marksman	0 to 1289

Find Out more

For more information on WA1500 Target Shooting, see:

<http://www.wa1500.org>



Events Update

Jeff McCann



Club Competitions

Club Competitions will be held on the second Sunday of each month:

- ⇒ 17th August
- ⇒ 14th September
- ⇒ 12th October
- ⇒ 9th November
- ⇒ 14th December
- ⇒ 11th January

Competitions (as required:/requested by members)

- ◆ Bench Rest—50M for Rim-Fire Rifles
- ◆ Timed & Precision
- ◆ Multi-Target
- ◆ GP40
- ◆ WA1500—48 Shot

All members are encouraged to take part in these events

Munster League

The Munster League between An Richot, Fermoy and Munster Target shooting club has re-commenced. Next competition **Sunday 10th August @ An Riocht in Co. Kerry.**

Competitions (as required:/requested by members)

- ◆ Bench Rest—50M for Rim-Fire Rifles
- ◆ Timed & Precision
- ◆ Multi-Target
- ◆ GP40

Alongside these competitions, the range will be open as usual for practice.

The Range Officers will be happy for you to undertake a course of fire on any of the competitions on the day, with agreement of the other club members on the range. This will give those who wish to practice time to do so, outside of the competitions.

Rules, course of fire and scorecards are available at the range. Or for download from the website.



IRISH NASRPC OPEN AT HARBOUR HOUSE

At the Irish International Open on 10-12th July, the Irish team including our own Pat Grimes won both the IGRF Small-bore and IGRF Centre fire events – with only 9 points separating the 3 teams, out of a possible score of 6000.

In the individual competitions, 5 members of the club of varying experience took part in the competitions, All have reported having a fantastic day's shooting, and a great day out.



National Association of Sporting Rifle and Pistol Clubs

National Competitions

Upcoming NASRPC competitions:

- ⇒ BRC in Co. Dublin, on Sunday 17th August
- ⇒ 2 day competition @ Lough Bo, Co. Sligo on 27/28th September.

These events cater for all standards, from novice right through to top-shots, and all are made welcome at the events. The following events will take place:

- ◆ SB/CF Gallery Rifle,
- ◆ SB/CF Pistol, (Including Multi Target, T&P and GP40)
- ◆ Sporter Rifle

MTSC would like to send squads to these events. Anyone interested please let jeff@mtsc.ie know and we can start to organize this.



WA1500

The WA1500 Association of Ireland will hold a sanctioned match on MTSC on **Saturday August 9.**

First shots @ 10:00am.

Competitions to be held:

- ◆ Main Match 1500
- ◆ Open Match
- ◆ 48 Shot match (for fire-arms that meet the requirements)

For further details please contact wa1500@mtsc.ie



Other Bits 'n Pieces

Roundup of other notes for members



Newsletter

As this is our first newsletter, we would really like to hear from members on their thoughts of it. If you have any comments, please let Jeff know. Even better—if you would like to help by writing articles etc. for our next newsletter, we'd be delighted to have those as well

Questionnaire

The club will soon be sending out a quick online questionnaire for all members. This will be anonymous and will ask members for input into the club, what they would like to see us undertake and continue in the future.

Range Use

As a gentle reminder and for the safety and courtesy of all members, whilst on the range please remember to:

1. Ensure you have your 2014/15 ID badge on display at all times
2. Pick up your brass and place in receptacles provided
3. Remove targets from backing when finished and take them home with you
4. Report any range defects to any committee member once discovered
5. Please have your NARGC insurance card to show to RO

Thanks!

Committee Members

Chairman:	Dave Hayes
Secretary:	Trevor Golden
Treasurer:	Jeff McCann
Vice-Chairman:	Gerry McCarthy
Chief RO:	Dean Parker
Maintenance officer:	Pat Grimes



DID YOU KNOW?

The club has a published calendar of upcoming events

To See it, goto:

<http://www.mtsc.ie/upcoming-events/>

OR in Google search:

"Google calendar MTSC.EVENTS"

Contact Details:

Web: www.mtsc.ie
 General queries: info@mtsc.ie

SPECIAL OFFER FOR MTSC MEMBERS

The club have organised a special price on CCI 40g Target .33LR ammunition with Lazy Dog Shooting in Garryspillane.

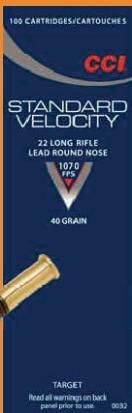
CCI .22LR Standard Velocity Target 40Gr ammunition

500 Rounds: €40
 1000 Rounds: €75

To avail of this offer you need to show your current MTSC 1415 membership card.

Web: www.lazydogshooting.ie
 Telephone: 062 53563 / 087 9079556

(Whilst stocks last)



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