



BFTA Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the General Meeting held at the Meadow Farm, Dagnell End Lane, Redditch, B98 9BJ, Tel: 01527 585639

Meeting open at 10:02am

1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Persons Present and Regions Represented

BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Roger Moy	President /Chairman/AMTA Rep
Neil Long	Secretary CSFTA
Andrew Slade	Treasurer CSFTA
Shaun Shore	Competition Manager MFTA
Tony Cook	HVP / MFTA V Rep
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary

Regions Represented

CSFTA	Rob Farnworth	Rep (V)
FFTA	Liz Moy	Rep
WAFTA	Mark Bassett	Rep (V)
FFTA	Richard Greenwood	Rep
FFTA	Cliff Burt	Rep (V)
NEFTA	Trevor Ryan	Rep (V)

12 members present and 5 regions represented. (V Rep = voting rep)

Quorum Established

3. Apologies for Absence

Received from:-

Simon Evans – Grading Officer / SWEFTA V Rep
Barry McDonald – SEFTA
Andrew Gillott – MFTA
Beryl & Mike Noon – HVP
Kev Sayers - Trade Liaison
Carl Knapper - NWFTA

4. Chairman's Report

(See Appendix A)

5. Minutes of Last Meeting held on 25.01.2014 to be Read and Accepted



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The Minutes from the EGM in January 2014 were read and accepted as being a true record. 5 Action items were noted.

Proposed by NEFTA and seconded by CSFTA, passed unanimously.

6. Action List from January EGM

AP1 Regions to have provided Insurance evidence to the Secretary

NEFTA and WAFTA have presented documentary evidence for their insurance. MFTA and FFATA have shown email evidence that insurance has been sought.

CSFTA have established a revised Constitution which has been sent to NSRA for approval prior to purchasing insurance.

Discussion took place as to the other regions and issues and experiences related to insurances at club and region level.

AP2 Rob Farnworth to investigate communication between Regions and shooters using polls on the web site.

This has been initiated and there was approval to purchase a more sophisticated module for the web site. (Proposed CSFTA, Seconded NEFTA, unanimous in favour). AP RobF to fix Poll to appear on every page as needed.

A long discussion took place unrelated to AP2 but eventually settled on whether there is a need for a January EGM (which tends to be more like an AGM regarding content) and change to 2 meetings per year. Also there are differences between the Regions as to the voting on motions at meetings where some give the Rep a mandate to make a common sense decision whereas some Reps have to vote as determined by their region's meeting. Motions for the AGM should be prepared as far in advance as possible so as to provide regions time to discuss them and prepare modifications or counter-proposals in good time for the final agenda.

Coffee break.

There was unanimous condemnation that 4 Regions failed to provide anyone to attend the meeting.

A motion is requested to be constructed by the AGM to enable alternative regional members to attend and be given a representative vote.

AP2 took 1hour 50mins with discussions which bore no relationship to anything that was on the agenda.

AP3 Chairman to commence investigation of Insurance policies regarding Regional Associations.

This was requested by a region rep who was not present at this meeting. A preliminary discussion with the NSRA Insurer has taken place but some items need much greater clarification. The representative of the insurers will be invited to attend the AGM.

Regions however *must* have insurance for the activities of the Region e.g. as a committee.

Lunch Break.

AP4 – Information sheets and photographs of correct kneeling position elements to be provided for guidance (to marshals and the main web site for all shooters). Confirmed.

AP5 – Shaun to purchase laminator, additional chronographs. Confirmed (A3 Laminator)

8. Matters arising from last meeting(s).

All items covered previously.



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9. Correspondence.

None

10. Officers' Reports

Chairman's Report – see Appendix A

Secretary's Report – Nothing to report. No Nominations received for the 3 vacating positions. Secretary and Competition Secretary will not be filled as things stand. Treasurer will be covered by Andy Slade until a new Treasurer is found but primarily to process the BFTA Insurance requirement. Roger will be prepared to continue as Chairman if so required.

Treasurer's Report – see Appendix C. Consideration to be given on completion of the GP series as to the income split between BFTA and Host or Entry Fee.

Competition Secretary – see Appendix D

Grading Manager – see Appendix E

The Committee was in unanimous agreement to minute a **vote of thanks** for all the work Shaun has done (and continues to do) as Competition Secretary in light of his decision to step down at the AGM.

Development Officer – Not present

Web Manager – System is working well.

NSRA Representative – Not present

AMTA Delegate – This is covered in the Chairman's report.

Forum Manager – RobF to assume role.

Official Photographer – see Appendix E.

Trade Liaison Officer – see Appendix F

Getting sponsorship for the GP's is getting harder. Kevin to get in touch with Sheila Cooper at AirArms to confirm the FTP and drinks at the Euro's. Shaun mentioned the CLS 2015 – Andy Calpin. Kevin to check with Best Fitting to confirm use of air bottle at the Euro's.

11. 2014 Competition Dates and Venues.

The GP calendar for 2014 has been proposed and shown below for confirmation at the AGM. Dates for 2015 can also be listed but the dates for the Worlds (WFTF) are seldom known with any degree of confidence for such a time scale. The Euros will provide the qualifications for places in the EFTA Team for the WFTA in Lithuania, 2015.

BFTA Events 2014.

Mothering Sunday = March 30th 2014

Easter Sunday = 20th April 2014



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May Day = 5th May 2014

Worlds? = First week of September.

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	5 th April 2014	Redferns	
BFTA Inter-Regional	6 th April 2014	Redferns	
GP1	27 th April 2014	Castle	MFTA
GP2	18 th May 2014	ETL	SEFTA
GP3	8 th June 2014	Rivington	NWFTA
GP4	29 th June 2014	Newbury	CSFTA
Mid-season break			
GP5	27 th July 2014	BlaenauGwent	WAFTA
GP6	10 th August 2014	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP7	24 th August 2014	Emley Moor	NEFTA
European Championship	20 th / 21 st September 2014		
BFTA Masters	4 th October 2014	Anston	
BFTA Showdown	5 th October 2014	Anston	

BFTA Events 2015.

Mothering Sunday = 15th March 2015

Easter Sunday = 5th April 2015

May Day = 4th May 2015

Worlds? = we may have to adjust to accommodate this event – no idea when!

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championships	11 th April 2015		
BFTA Inter-Regional	12 th April 2015		
GP1	26 th April 2015		
GP2	17 th May 2015		
GP3	31 st May 2015		
GP4	14 th June 2015		
GP5	28 th June 2015		
GP6	12 th July 2015		
GP7	26 th July 2015		
GP8	9 th August 2015		
GP9	23 rd August 2015		
BFTA Masters	5 th September 2015		
BFTA Showdown	6 th September 2015		
European Championship	19 th / 20 th September 2015?		



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12. Euro Championships. The Euros organization will now be led by Neil Thornycroft with Tony Cook lending his experience if required. Score cards are needed and Chris Large is aware. Air Arms have agreed to supply a FTP900 for 1st prize but it may be delayed until 2015 for delivery.

13. Items from Regions

None

14. Any Other Business

15 Date, time and place of next meetings.

- a. AGM - Saturday 22nd November 2014, 10am start, *Meadow Farm*, Redditch.
- b. GM – Saturday 30th May 2015, 10am start, *Meadow Farm*, Redditch

Meeting closed at 17:05

Neil Long



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Appendix A.

Chairman & AMTA Report to the BFTA Meeting, Saturday June 14th 2014.

AMTA meeting/s reports a meeting has been convened for Tuesday 17th June, next Tuesday.

Chairman's report the Paul James Spring Gun Shoot was a super event with many shooters that would never consider using a spring gun actually borrowing a springer to take part. The general atmosphere at the shoot was pretty laid back with the thought of winning completely alien. I enjoyed shooting with a Sporter and an HFT shooter, the three of us had a great time and consoled each other as the misses built up on our score cards.

Liz and I managed to visit (but not shoot) Round 2 of the GP Series at ETL, a hot dry day and shooters were huddling in the shade wherever possible and trying to find a breeze to keep cool.

Not much else to talk about this time except for a thank you to the few people keeping things running in the background.

Roger Moy
BFTA Chairman.

Appendix B.

Secretary Report – June 2013

There are no items to report



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Appendix C.

BFTA Treasurer's Report (November 2013-June 2014)

I am happy to report that the BFTA accounts and reserves of money still remain healthy, continuing the good work to keep everything in order financially, however the reserve in the deposit account is not as buoyant as it once was 2 years ago.

The BFTA has three (3) banks accounts, two (2) with Bank of Scotland (BoS) and one (1) current account with National Westminster.

The Bank of Scotland Current account is effectively dormant and contains **£25.18** and has not changed since the transfer in from the BoS deposit account of £5,000 and then the transfer out of £5,000 to NatWest Current Account in Nov 13 (second year this has been done, hence why the deposit account is £10,000 less than it once contained!).

The Bank of Scotland Deposit account again has not been accessed apart from the transfer out of £5,000 explained above. The account contains **£25,363.69** (as of 9 May 2014) and earns approximately ~£15.50 per month in interest.

The **National Westminster Current Account** statement shows a balance of **£7,774.23 (as of 9 June 2014)** but this does not account for the cheque made out to FSG Design (£470) for additional assorted score cards etc. and the BFTA income from GP3 Rivington for the sum of £524 which has not yet been deposited. So the corrected balance should be **£7,828.23**.

The total monies paid into NatWest account by Sam, Shaun, Simon and myself and the transfer from BoS deposit account is **£11,988.15** and the total withdrawals by cheque is **£8,840.10** so money is accumulating rather than diminishing, and should increase with payment of monies from the remaining 2014 GPs (GP4+), Euros and Masters.

If you review the Income tab of the attached spreadsheet, you will see no income from GP1, only other monies received. The BFTA revenue from GP1 (£470) has been used to fund the raffles for GP2, GP3 and GP5, (I'll sort out GP4 which is the Newbury round). So it may look like there was no revenue from GP1 and to counter this the revenue from GP2 and GP3 is actually £150 more from each of these GPs than would be expected.

I have only repaid the EFTA the following amounts equal to, 50p for every BFTA card purchased in the 2013-2014 season. Monies refunded to equals EFTA 1140 cards = (£570). The SARPA monies [SARPA 12 cards = (£6.00)] and [WAFTA 165 cards = (£82.50)], is yet to be paid. I need to double-check with Simon Evans as I was holding the WAFTA monies in-lieu of not having received payment of the WAFTA Inter-Regional Team entry fee (agreed with Dorian Falconer and Mark Bassett), but I'm led to believe it has now been paid by WAFTA treasurer directly to Simon Evans, which he has banked along with BFTA card monies. BFTA card number totals for each of the National Bodies were taken from 16th Nov 2013 BFTA meeting minutes.

Nine teams, (including one spring gun team) have entered the Team Competition and have each paid the £25 entry fee.

The Inter-Regional competition and BFTA Championship were this year held at Redfearn (NEFTA region), £500 was the sum of monies agreed that would go to the hosting club.

The BFTA made a £250 contribution towards the purchase of the Jaffa Orange T shirts for the Paul James Memorial Shoot as agreed at the BFTA November meeting. This contribution was approximately half the total cost of all the T-shirts (£493) worn with pride by the spring gun shooters on the day of the shoot. This contribution meant that a greater sum of money was donated on behalf



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of the memorial shoot, to the hospice which assisted Paul. Shaun dealt with this matter, so it is not itemised in the accounts, but a receipt is available for audit purposes.

Without pre-empting Shaun's Competition Secretary Report, we have continued with the float of £775, (not shown in the accounts) towards the purchase of BFTA branded clothing and hats to sell, as agreed at the BFTA meeting in November 2013, which have been well received by members.

We have also purchased a two further Chronographs with large sky screens (difficult to shoot the sensors – this is not a challenge to shooters!) and two tripods to mount them on, this is in addition to the similar chronograph and tripod BFTA purchased during last season that was trialled at GP2-2013 Far Coley.

We have increased the stocks of various score cards, so that we have sufficient for the next few years and we have pre-bought sets of medals for competition trophies as there was a set up cost involved.

In summary, most of the money in the BFTA funds has been generated by the Competitions and most of the money paid out is also in Competition Trophies and prizes and the anticipated end of season draw prizes.

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet which provides details of the BFTA accounts, income and expenditure. As always I am available to answer specific questions relating to the accounts and BFTA monies.

Andrew Slade
BFTA Treasurer - 14th June 2014



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Appendix D.

BFTA Competition Manager's Report June 2014

1) BFTA Championship 2014.

This was the first time in many years that the event has moved from Newbury. I offer many thanks to Redfearns for their course setting, marshalling of the day and the excellent facilities that they offered for stats.

The Champion for 2014 was Conor McFlynn who has now added this trophy to his long list of successes; well-done Conor.

What was the impact of moving from Newbury upon numbers shooting and regions represented?

		CSFT	NWFT	MFT	SARP	NEFT	WAFT	SWEFT	SEFT	FFT	Tot
13	No.	11	9	32	5	18	10	5	13	17	120
	%	9.2	7.5	26.7	4.2	15.0	8.3	4.2	10.8	14.2	100
14	No.	4	17	28	2	41	12	0	4	8	116
	%	3.4	14.7	24.1	1.7	35.3	10.3	0.0	3.4	6.9	100
Diff		-5.8	+7.8	-2.6	-2.5	+20.3	+2.0	-4.2	-7.4	-7.3	

4 less shooters competed but the proportion of the hosting region accommodated most of the difference.

Let us see what happens when the event moves to another region for 2015.

2) BFTA Inter-regionals 2014.

Well done to the MFTA who won the event this year. Second place went to NEFTA and NWFTA were third.

It is disappointing to report that there was no representation from SWEFTA and SARPA only fielded two shooters. The latter is perhaps understandable given the recent relations between Scottish GP competitors and SARPA. The SWEFTA no-show raises concern about their status as a member of the BFTA. In August we shall provide a GP in SWEFTA that, if it is like last year, will raise the region in excess of £600 because many will travel south to compete in the event. Add to this the circa £330 that the trophies cost, the £150 raffle, the prize draw and the money spent upon consumables and this totals to a big investment from the BFTA hence the shooters of the BFTA. Also consider the loss of revenue from the no region entry fee (£75). It seems to me that this is one-way traffic!

This is my fourth year of administering the Inters and it is clear that realistically only two regions can win: MFTA and NEFTA. When the early scores are coming in the event appears competitive but other than these two regions teams do not have the strength in depth to post 10 high scores and also to accommodate a few low scores. It is therefore that for the AGM in November I propose the following changes and hope that regions will offer their support.

Each region can enter one or two teams of 8 shooters; entry fee of £40 per team. The best 6 scores from the 8 shooters count towards the region's total score

The present system

Each region pays £75 for 15 cards. The best 10 scores from the 15 shooters count towards the region's total score.

Change to

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How would it affect this year?

10 from 15					6 from 15				
Region	Scores in	Best 10	Rank	Lowest	Region	Scores in	Best 6	Rank	Lowest
MFTA	15	316	1	28	MFTA	15	199	1	30
NEFTA	15	308	2	29	NWFTA	15	192	2	30
NWFTA	15	304	3	27	NEFTA	15	192	2	29
WAFTA	13	283	4	24	WAFTA	13	181	4	28
SEFTA	14	269	5	24	CSFTA	15	174	5	26
CSFTA	15	269	5	23	FFTA	15	172	6	24
FFTA	15	260	7	21	SEFTA	14	170	7	26
SARPA	2	55	8	22	SARPA	2	55	8	22
SWEFTA	0	0	9	0	SWEFTA	0	0	9	0

The table shows the best 10 from 15 and the best 6 from 15; MFTA wins under both measures. However, this does not tell the full story because I can only show the best 6; I have no idea from which of the A or B teams that they may have been members of.

Other implications

- Revenue: may well reduce as regions that struggle to make 15 might choose to send only one team. This would potentially also impact upon the numbers attending the champs.
- It's possible that one region might take two places; I see that as a positive.
- SWEFTA and SARPA will hopefully be able to field one team of 8.
- I hope that the big regions would enter 2 teams. There is, in my opinion, great kudos in representing your region.

Finally: in my opinion the Inters is the best contest of the year. It is exciting to administer and there is great interest in the scores. It must be a nerve-racking event to compete in. By reducing team size I think that this will increase both the interest and the tension and make for a cracking day's sport.

I think that we need to replace trophy.

3) Kneeling rule

I think the BFTA should offer thanks to Rob Farnworth for his writing of the kneeling rule and the pictures prepared to support it.

There was, not surprisingly, plenty of web moaning and discussion at events prior to the Inters weekend. In essence the 2014 rule allows everything that was implied legal from 2013 and outlaws the adaptations that were seen and deemed to give advantage.

So what did we see at the Inters and at GP1-3?

In most cases the rule was adhered to, as was the case up to 2014, but there were some who persist in skirting with the rules. I observed infractions but did nothing about them; why is this? It is because we write rules and then ask people to adhere to them but neither police the rules with informed marshals or have a procedure should they not. This will eventually lead to the previous situation where people will deem it okay to not adhere to the rule.

It is my view that at BFTA events we should cease to use the kneeling position. All events should consist of 20% of the lanes being standing lanes and the rest freestyle.

May I stress that I think that the requirement for this is disappointing but as a rule the standing position cannot be adapted hence is easy to ensure adherence without the need for marshalling. I also see this as the BFTA leading on two fronts: 1) internationally they cannot define a rule 2) kneeling is uncomfortable for some. Number 2) may lead to Open Class competitors able to shoot in grades.



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4) Grand Prix Series

I was pleased to see that the opening GP course at Castle offered something for all the grades and this was continued at ETL. I must document that the organisation from the team at ETL was excellent.

GP 3 saw us make a debut visit to Rivington. I'd like to thank the Rivi team led by Steve Wilson for their work and hope they take the positives from the day.

GP attendance is around 410 from 3 GP; we were oversubscribed at GP1 and around 130 attended GP2 and 3.

Competitors will see that I have made some kneeling guidance boards. These were not cheap in cost or time so I am inclined to use them until they return to nature or perhaps their message is understood.

Also, for convenience clocks, chrono and tripod are now stored within some big plastic boxes.

The new team competition is going well with 4 AA teams and 5 non AA teams.

Trophies – I continue to be disappointed with the number of trophies that are not collected on the day.

My own view is that we should scrap them despite my own desire to win one!

5) Chronographs

All 3 are working well.

Let them see the sky. If the sky is blue then put the filters on and if it's dull then leave them off.

6) Expenditure

As I said at the January meeting I have kept an itemised account of competition expenditure. The purpose of which is to justify any increase shoot fees for 2015 or for fees to remain unchanged. At time of writing the data indicates that we will spend approximately £2000 more on competitions than we gain in entry fees. I suggest that an increase in £12 for GP entry would cover much of the difference and then the process can be repeated in future years.

7) Merchandise

This year I managed to find a supplier that allowed me to offer lower costs to shooters. The downside was that I had to buy in bulk. Some items have sold well and other will probably not; unfortunately I am my best customer.

At the end of the season I shall, as last year, buy some of the gear from my comp money and donate the gear to the end of season raffle.

I do not anticipate offering gear next year but will continue to sell any leftovers.

8) Grading

I think that the grade thresholds are working. However, I think a refinement on the rolling 20 would be beneficial. Why? We can all have a bad day(s); if the percentage on the day is well below your average then this will affect your grade and take 20 shoots to remove. For example if you are averaging 86% and submit a 60% then this could drop you from AA to A. In statistics to guard against spurious results it is common practice to remove outliers, I think we should do this. How? Instead of the average of 20 shoots use the average of the best 16 from 20 shoots. This is easily done in Excel. In particular I am focussed upon the shooters on the AA/A border. Using this method would increase the grade average of all shooters hence moving a few more from A into AA.

9) CLA game fair 2015

Air Arms have contacted me to ask if we would be willing to hold a shoot at the CLA next year. After a number of emails we have now established that Andy Calpin will take a team to lay out a course (format yet to be decided – AA keen to involve FT/HFT; perhaps the Anglo American format). Clearly this would need to fit in around our calendar; the date for the CLA is not yet determined but neither are our dates for 2015.



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10) End of my tenure as Competition Manager

A reminder that I will be stepping down as Comp Manager at the AGM; this roll is varied and involved and now, that I know fully what it entails, I think we should consider sharing some of the responsibilities.

I would also like to offer the parting shot that today the BFTA is only represented by 5 of its 9 regions. One might consider what is the value in attending a meeting and laying foundations for future development only to engage in the same discussion at the next meeting when absent representatives raise points already discussed today!

Shaun Shore (June 2014)



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Appendix E

Membership Sec.

2014/15 BFTA cards

So far I have sent out 1,052 BFTA 2014/15 Cards

We did not get anywhere with advertising on them this year, but Chris Large has kindly offered to look at this next year.

Insurance gathering was easier this year as I allowed clubs to submit applications by the March deadline, but supply copies of insurances by Gp1 if they were awaiting them. This, for Clubs who struggle to get their certificates from their insurers I think made it much easier, as such I shall do similar next year?

Quick breakdown as of 11/6/2014 is:

SARPA 25 cards
WAFTA 126 cards
EFTA 901

Grading

All regional competitions are being graded. It is essential for the rolling 20 to work that scores are as up to date as possible.

I have over the last three years used a colour coding system to help track scores which has been of benefit to myself in observing how the system is working, or not.

My observations so far have lead me to think that Scores older than 3 years are probably too out of date to be of any accurate input to a shooters current ability and Grade setting. Thus I "may" propose come the AGM that all scores over 3 years are deleted?

I will keep a running score of all open and Piston class shooters, just for reference. I will at some point include these on the BFTA forum.

I have also come to the conclusion that with Ungraded / new shooters, although we grade them after 3 results, perhaps a further re-grading is needed after say 6 results?

There have been numerous shooters who have achieved low scores (C or B grade) in the first three results entered but from there on in some cases rapidly improved!

This it would give the impression of them then being in the wrong class for potentially most a season. Of course, it could be nothing more than an equipment change or a great deal of practice paying off, but is it fair to other grade members they are left in what is obviously too low a Grade?

Again, something perhaps for the AGM?

Speaking of the AGM, I shall put myself forward to continue in the role of membership & grading Sec and I may well also opt for the role of Comp Sec if Shaun does indeed stand down. I believe the two roles are close enough so I could do both, though I and I am sure many others would be delighted to



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see Shaun continue his excellent work as Comp sec.

Updated Rolling 20 are being published on the BFTA Forum, as and when I receive results. Updates are being advertised on the BFTA Facebook page and STB.

Shooters requesting their up to date Rolling 20 are being emailed as and when requested via Email.

Photographer.

Not much really, its very time consuming and with little thanks for what can be nearly a full day on the Monday (unpaid!) to sort and edit the photos.

I did have the "speed camera" out at gp2 and one shooter was observed using what I believe to be an item of clothing in an unfair advantage on the standing lane. This I think will lead to a proposal to change the wording on the standing rules come the AGM?

I will endeavour to have two cameras out at the Welsh GP and possibly a third doing Video.

I have been told most of the lanes will be either steeply inclined or steep downward angle shots, so these will make for some unusual angles I hope.



Appendix F

Trade Liaison

Deben are happy to sponsor the BFTA, however they have requested that we invoice them on an official letterhead. Rob to produce a letter head template, Shaun has since created the letterhead and Kevin has now sent this to Deben.

We need to thank the following suppliers for their continued support:

Intershoot

Robert Knibbs

System Gemini

Rowan Engineering

Deben

At Newbury. Rowan Engineering will have a stand and be sponsoring the GP with a DSW and 3 x £100 vouchers.

Sponsors for the other GP's include:

AirArms

Aim Shooting

Drag Bags

Napier will be sponsoring the last GP as usual.