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New Kit for the Inter Services Team

For those that shot in the Home Countries match you will have seen some new kit on the firing point. After several years of shooting next to the Army in their team branded kit it was thought the RAF needed an upgrade. Thanks to Rob Douglas those that are currently part of the Inter Services Team now have new Kit for use during RAF fixtures. As part of the long term plan we are looking to roll out something similar to retired members so please watch this space.

Royal Air Force Shooting Jacket Badge

Thanks to Karen the RAF now has a 'Royal Air Force' Shoulder tile that can be presented to those that represent the RAF at the annual Inter Services match. Following a discussion with the committee earlier in the year it was suggested that we may want an 'RAFTRC' shoulder tile for the wider membership. If this is something you would be interested in, please email the secretary using the email on the top of this newsletter. If there is enough support I will place an order.



RAF vs the Home Countries

The annual RAFTRC vs Home Countries match is one of our highest profile matches of the season and this was telling with 25 members shooting, including 8 serving members! The weather was distinctly average but with benign winds in the morning scoring was high pretty much across the board. Combined with using some of our (very!) limited stock of high-grade ammunition and being fully coached throughout things looked promising. Of course, things are rarely that simple, and so it proved. The fans were turned on at some point during the morning's 600x shoot and scores started to reflect this. They continued to challenge throughout the afternoon. The Captain's fear about the lower scores were not totally justified though. Come the prize giving the sun came out and was pleased to announce that we had done ourselves proud and at

least weren't walking away with the wooden spoon. Top scorer for the RAF on the day was David Calvert with 103.13. It should be pointed out that Chris Fitz, armed with his normal shooting jacket and a sling that actually fitted, shot worse than the previous match with an old jacket and an ill-fitting sling!

	Short Range Match			
Name	300	500	600	Total
Fopp	34.003	34.002	33.003	101.008
Ouston	34.004	34.002	34.003	102.009
Calvert	34.004	34.005	35.004	103.013
Livingston	33.001	34.004	32.001	99.006
Glanville	32.003	35.004	33.003	100.010
Moxon	34.005	33.001	34.002	101.008
Smith	33.004	32.002	33.003	98.009
Crisp	31.001	33.002	35.001	99.004
Clegg	32.002	33.003	33.002	98.007
Jenvey M	32.003	34.003	34.002	100.008
Douglas	29.001	32.002	30.001	91.004
Robertson I	32.004	32.002	31.002	95.008
Silver	30.002	35.003	34.002	99.007
Newman	29	32	34.003	95.003
Ford	34.003	32.002	35.003	101.008
Lindsay	34.004	31.001	32.002	97.007
Fitzpatrick C	33.002	33.004	32.004	98.010
Gregory	31.002	33.003	29.001	93.006
Morgan	33.003	32.001	31.003	96.007
Jones B	31.003	34.002	32.001	97.006
Bailey	33.001	32.002	33.003	98.006
Green	28	33.003	27.002	88.005
Xu	34.003	30.003	35.003	99.009
Parsons	34.002	34.003	34.004	102.009
Robertson A	34.004	34.004	33.004	101.012



Short Range Match Team Scores				
1st	England	1525.148	Tom Rylands	104.014
2nd	Scotland	1504.159	James Shepherd	105.012
3rd	Ireland	1494.134	Luca O'Flynn	105.016
4th	RAF	1487.121	David Calvert	103.013
5th	Wales	1453.115	Asia Hoyle	103.010

The Long Range Match on Sunday looked pretty grey from the outset and had the same benign conditions as the previous morning. Perfect conditions for Sam L to do his first coaching session for the club and the Captain to do his first ever stint as a central coach. It all seemed to go well again but the script seemed the same as for the day before. However, prior to the wind fans turning on, it should be noted that Paul Bailey managed to get a self-coached possible at 900x, the joint highest score at that range (though Mick's was coached!), which surprised us all!! With a few members having to retire for various reasons, the Club was really under pressure. Unfortunately, with the conditions getting much trickier we lost just a few too many points and come the prize giving it was obvious that the extra experience in the Home Countries teams had paid dividends for them. England took the glory again, but luckily the weather saved us from another of the captain's speeches as heavy rain threatened just as shooting finished and prize giving started on the point. Congratulations to Sam Livingston for not only your first coaching stint, but also being top scorer in the team with a 97.05.

The Captain would like to thank all those who attended, with special thanks going to those who were nominated to coach and/or plot with the serving guys. This is ultimately the primary reason for retired members getting free ammunition, but it doesn't make your day any easier! There was some great training from it and development of several members of the team.

Long Range Match			
Name	900	1000	Total
Douglas	43.001	40.002	83.003
Newman	47.003	46.002	93.005
Jenvey M	47.004	40.002	87.006
Parsons	46.003	45.004	91.007



Calvert	48.005	45.001	93.006
Glanville	43.003	46.002	89.005
Silver	45.003	43.002	88.005
Robertson I	44.001	39.001	83.002
Livingston	48.003	49.002	97.005
Xu	49.005	44.003	93.008
Gregory	43.001	42.003	85.004
Bailey	46.004	41.000	87.004
Lindsay	47.001	41.000	88.001
Ford	48.004	48.002	96.006

Long Range Match Team Scores				
1st	England	1154.122	Graham Nelson	99.012
2nd	Ireland	1133.082	Jack Alexander	99.012
3rd	Wales	1126.088	John Evans	97.008
4th	Scotland	1121.089	Alice Ogilvie	97.007
5th	RAF	1087.062	Sam Livingston	97.005