

SCOTTISH POLICE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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THE THIRTY-SIXTH FULL BORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A POLICE SPORT UK APPROVED CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Championships will take place at the Jubilee Range, Glen Tilt, Blair Atholl, Perthshire, on Wednesday 7th June and Thursday 8th June 2017, and will include F Class. (see p2).

ELIGIBILITY

The Meeting is open to serving and retired British Police officers, and Support Staff members of Police Sports Clubs, their friends and guests.

Competitors may enter both classes i.e. Target Rifle and “F” Class as follows

1. F/TR = shot off bipod/rear bag, and restricted to 156gr 7.62.
2. F/OPEN = any calibre within range safety template, shot off a front & rear rest.

PROGRAMME

THE MEETING WILL USE THE ELECTRONIC TARGET SYSTEM.

Shooting will commence at 09.30 on Wednesday and 09.00 prompt on Thursday.

There will be 24 minutes for a pair of competitors to shoot 2 + 10, timed by the RCO: shots fired after “STOP” is called will score zero. 24 minutes is ample for 24 shots. A warning will be given after 10 minutes and 22 minutes. String shooting will apply. A timing device would be a distinct advantage. There is no 45 second rule for each shot.

If the detail finishes early, by all means fill in with equipment etc., but do not fire until the RCO gives the order for the next detail to commence. Shots fired before “Carry On” is called will score zero.

Please clear the firing point after completion of the detail and do the secretarial work **off the point.**

The scorer must clear the firer’s rifle by looking through the action and barrel with the bolt removed, then sign the score card. The RCO will not.

On **Wednesday**, the programme for the Short Range Championship consists of two sighting shots and ten counting shots at 400, 500 and 600 yards as above.

On **Thursday**, the programme for the Long Range Championship consists of two sighting shots and ten counting shots at 900 and 1000 yards as above.

Shooting will be completed in **early afternoon** and will be followed by a **Presentation meal at 3.30pm within the Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl.** www.athollarmshotel.co.uk

To encourage lesser shots the competition will be divided into A & B classes. Those with an average of over 135 will be in Class A, and those with 135 or less in Class B for the Short Range. The Long Range break point will be 85 and placings will be based on the last three UK full bore competitions.

Any **OBJECTIONS** to placings must be made to the organisers **BEFORE SHOOTING COMMENCES.**

This system may result in a different placing for each distance.

TEAM COMPETITION

A short and long range Team Championship, open to teams of three, will be awarded on the aggregate scores for each day.

Teams should be nominated before shooting commences.

A concurrent **Team International** shoot will be held at 600 and 900 yards.

Teams of SIX must be notified by the National Captain no later than the end of the 500 yard shoot.

RULES

N.R.A. Rules will apply except where otherwise stated.

The new electronic targets will only allow two competitors on the point (one shooter and one scorer). A pair of shooters should be ready to commence at the completion of the first pairings detail. String shooting will apply.

It should be noted that the size of the hit shown on the screen is an exaggeration of the actual shot to enable it to be seen. Do not make a challenge on the basis the screen shows the shot cutting the line. Both sighters, **OR** the second sighter only, can be converted to a scoring shot.

RIFLES AND AMMUNITION

Entry fees do not include ammunition costs. You may supply your own **WHICH MUST NOT EXCEED 156 GRAINS**. Some 7.62mm ammunition **may** be available on the range.

F CLASS:

The Jubilee Range allows the use of rifles up to .308/7.62 calibre. A silencer is permitted but a muzzle brake is not permitted. Ammunition Muzzle Velocity must not exceed 3250 f.s.

Muzzle Energy must not exceed 5125 ft.lbs.

FLAGS MUST BE INSERTED IN THE BREECH WHEN RIFLE IS NOT IN USE.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation should be booked direct by competitors. The Atholl Arms Hotel may have special deals available. Tel. 01796 481205. www.athollarmshotel.co.uk

See also www.blairatholl.org.uk which lists all accommodation in Blair Atholl.

In case of difficulty contact the Pitlochry Tourist Office on Tel. No. 01796 472215.

RANGE CATERING.

Entry fees include soft drinks, tea, coffee, sandwiches etc., which will be served at the range cabin.

ENTRY CLOSING DATE AND ENTRY FEES

All entry forms must be in the hands of the meeting organiser by **FRIDAY 2nd June 2017**.

All cheques should be made payable to "**Scottish Police Rifle Association**".

RANGE LOCATION see www.westatholl.org.uk

There is a 20 MPH speed limit on all Estate Roads. If the transgressor is identified he/she will be BANNED. If not we will all be BANNED. We need the goodwill of the estate management & residents. Our continued use of the range may be in danger if further complaints are received. See also page 3.

Beware of horses, children & tractors etc.

The range is two miles from the village of Blair Atholl, which is situated just off the A9 Perth to Inverness Trunk Road, 33 miles north of Perth, and 7 miles north of Pitlochry. In Blair Atholl, turn right opposite the Bridge of Tilt Hotel, onto a minor road, signposted "Old Blair" and "Glen Fender". Take first on left, signposted "Old Blair", and follow this surfaced road through Atholl Estate to cross roads. Turn right up hill past "Home Farm" and continue along unsurfaced road through gate to wooded area. At second gate enter Range area and **report to Range Portacabin not later than 9am on Wednesday and 0830 on Thursday.**

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Competitors please note.

1. DRIVING TO THE RANGE: After turning off the village road opposite the Bridge of Tilt Hotel you are on a narrow, winding public road with passing places. Drive slowly and cautiously for your own protection. After you turn left at Old Bridge of Tilt take the hairpin bend under the bridge VERY slowly: there have been several head-on near misses. You are on a narrow road used only by estate staff and residents. Please keep to 20mph on this road until you reach a "crossroads", where you turn right up the hill past the Home Farm. **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP TO 15 MPH BETWEEN THE "CROSSROADS" AND THE RANGE.** 15 mph seems painfully slow when driving, but the time lost is less than two minutes. It is particularly important to observe the limit when passing the Home Farm cottages, and Blairuachdar steading (the large farm steading on the left at the top of the hill above the Home Farm). Be especially careful coming down the hill after leaving the range. There have been complaints about irresponsible driving by range users, which threaten the good relations we must maintain.

2. TICK WARNING: Ticks are abundant in this part of Scotland and many carry the agent of Lyme disease. Lyme disease can be very serious indeed. For your own safety please look at www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/ and read the appropriate sections, including how to remove a tick.

After reaching home, check yourself for ticks. Ticks like soft skin so you need to check those areas which need the use of a mirror (or someone you know very well). One other place hard to see is the point of your elbow, where a local stalker eventually found a tick when he had severe acute symptoms.

The gadgets for safe removal are sold in chemists, outdoor shops and vets' surgeries and by www.bushwear.co.uk.

3. CAMPING ON THE RANGE: The Trustees of Atholl Estates do not allow "mechanised camping" - ie the use of caravans, camper vans or motor homes - anywhere on the estate except in the recognised caravan park close to Blair Atholl village. An exception is no longer made for users of Jubilee Range. This does not prevent someone using a camper van or motor home in place of a car to access the range but the vehicle must not remain on the range overnight, and caravans must not be taken to the range at any time. Camping "under canvas" is not affected by this ban. Anyone wishing to camp in that way is asked to contact Keith Baxby (kbaxby@btinternet.com) for advice on where to camp (please NOT at the 1100 yard point) and on how to access toilet facilities.

Thanks for your co-operation.
West Atholl Rifle Club.