

(N.R.A.) H.A.R.C. (N.S.R.A.)

WINTER 2023 / 2024 POSTAL LEAGUES FOR  
**HISTORIC MINIATURE  
RIFLES**

At 15, 20 or 25 yards

The Leagues will recommence at the beginning of November 2023 for:

*PRONE LEAGUES - FOUR CLASSES (can be shot sitting at a table)*

**SERVICE RIFLE** (MILITARY TRAINERS WITH SERVICE SIGHTS OR PRE-1919  
TGT RIFLE WITH OPEN SIGHTS)

**CLASSIC RIFLE** (pre - 1919 with aperture & blade)

**VETERAN RIFLE** (pre - 1946 with aperture & ring)

**POST VETERAN** (PRE - 1966 TARGET RIFLES)

Targets (available from the N.S.R.A.) to be 'TIN HATS' for Service & Classic  
'CADETS & SCHOOLS' for Veteran  
'1989' NSRA for Post Veteran

(Also with N.S.R.A. 'SKIRMISHER' for both Veteran classes)

**COURSE of FIRE:**

**DELIBERATE & TIME LIMIT (or SKIRMISHER) – per Round**

*STANDING LEAGUES - THREE CLASSES – (can be shot sitting on a stool)*

**DELIBERATE** (pre - 1946 design with any iron sights - with post foresight)

**RAPID REPEATER** (pre - 1946 design with any sights - aperture or scope)

**RAPID SEMI-AUTO** (pre - 1946 design with any sights - aperture or scope)

Targets to be used are American "Tin Hats" as used for the 50 yard Summer League Veteran Class

*For further details please*

EMAIL: [Miniatureleague@outlook.com](mailto:Miniatureleague@outlook.com) or ring Gary on 07923 470596

For those already initiated, an entry form will be forwarded.

*Details and results available on the HARC Miniature League Website  
Correct targets are viewable on this site at: <http://www.rifleman.org.uk>*

*Please pin a copy of this flyer on your club notice board*

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ENTRY FORM

Surname (Mr/Mrs): \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Known as: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PostCode: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_  
RANGE to be used: (15, 20, 25 yards) circle \_\_\_\_\_

	Details of rifle/s you anticipate using:	serial no.
<b>PRONE:</b>		
SERVICE	_____	_____
	<i>Service Rifle Sights: ( Open or Aperture - "O" or "A")</i> _____	
CLASSIC	_____	_____
VETERAN	_____	_____
POST-VETERAN	_____	_____
<b>STANDING:</b>		
DELIBERATE	_____	_____
RAPID REPEATER	_____	_____
SEMI-AUTO	_____	_____

Please show **MATCHES TO BE ENTERED** below by filling in entry fees

POSTAL results based entries - 1 x £7.00 Entry fee + £7.00 per match

EMAIL results based entries \* - 1 x £5.00 Entry fee + £ 7.00 per match.

\* EMAIL address: (please enter below CLEARLY in CAPITALS)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY & MATCH FEES: please enter figures and total below

<b>PRONE:</b>	SERVICE - _____	<b>STANDING:</b>	DELIBERATE - _____
	CLASSIC - _____		RAPID REPEATER - _____
	VETERAN - _____		SEMI-AUTO - _____
	POST VETERAN - _____	<b>ENTRY FEE:</b> (One x £7 or £5 only)	_____

CHEQUE TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_ Make payable to S C Derby

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ENTRIES CLOSE at the END of October 2023

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO **S.C Derby**  
return to **HARC-MRL, S. C. Derby R & P Club C/o Newton Solney Village Hall**  
**Repton Road, Burton on Trent DE15 0SG**

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## N.R.A. HISTORIC ARMS RESOURCE CENTRE

### WINTER 2023/2024 MINIATURE (not only RIMFIRE) RIFLE LEAGUES *run solely by volunteers and with the assistance of the N.S.R.A.*

The Postal Leagues recommence in November in the same format as before; i.e. in four prone classes and three standing classes. The aim remains the provision of an opportunity for shooters and collectors to enjoy an informal and historically interesting aspect of small-bore rifle shooting. The Leagues are again being run under the auspices of the National Rifle Association's Historic Arms Resource Centre, with the additional support of the N.S.R.A. Please bear in mind our intention that each league should be more than just a competition. It is hoped that it will prove both educational and entertaining whilst providing an opportunity for research. With a considerable variation in rifles used, the end result is not to be taken *too* seriously. Don't let that stop you trying though!

The fourth prone class - described as Post-Veteran was previously expanded. This class was originally conceived to permit the dusting-off of those rifles more recently relegated to the cupboard as being "no longer competitive for modern small-bore shooting". Most rifles in that category are the earlier BSA Martini Internationals, Remington 37s and later Winchester 52s. We look forward to a few more entrants in the class this winter. If you have access to either a .310" Cadet or .297/.230" or similar miniature calibre centre-fire rifle, then please use it in the appropriate class if you wish; they break the monotony for the scorers!

#### THE PRONE LEAGUES

The four Classes are: **Service** - for military training rifles or classic target rifles with open sights; **Classic** - for rifles with target sights up to and including 1918 (e.g. BSA Model Nos. 4 to 13); **Veteran** - intended largely for Martinis, but also other actions up to and including 1945, although those bolt action rifles more than a match for BSA 12/15's are for use in **Post Veteran** - for the already mentioned early BSA Internationals now up to Mk.III, Remington 37's and Winchester 52's up to and including Model D, early models of Anschutz, Walther, Finnish Lion, Hammerli, etc. We will be using the rules and accepted practices of the H.A.R.C., the N.S.R.A. and the H.B.S.A., with only minor alteration to rifle classification and prone position limitations. We have, for instance, received enquiries from shooters with disabilities preventing them from lying on the ground and from clubs without prone firing points. If you wish to compete and are unable to shoot prone, then cards may be shot sitting at a table provided that no part of the rifle touches the table, and it is supported solely by the firer's arms with elbows only in contact with the table. These adjustments we think fitting for fairness and ease of participation.

#### EQUIPMENT

In order that the cost of competing can be kept to a minimum, particularly for those not already (or still!) in possession of suitable equipment, then if you only have a state of the art non-stretch sling and heavy shooting jacket, you may use these until you can find an old Tenex or similar jacket and an old sling in the back of someone's cupboard. A self supporting jacket should not be zipped or buttoned up, however. We are attempting to get back to basics here, so please enter into the spirit of the competition.

#### RIFLES

Earlier rifles can be used in a later class, but certainly not vice-versa. If you have an old Greener or Bonehill converted Martini-Henry with both Service and appropriate aperture sights fitted then, should you rise to the challenge, you *could* shoot it in all four classes.

For **Service Rifle**, any pre - 1946 military training rifle with original battle sights or pre - 1919 target rifle with open sights ( blade and "V") is acceptable. We also include Enfields Nos. 5, 7, 8 and 9 with their *SERVICE* sights (no target adapters), these all being of the same basic design.

For **Classic Rifle**, any pre - 1919 military or target rifle; e.g. Bonehill, Greener or BSA models up to 12 ( a Model 13, which is technically out of class, is really a lightweight 12 and will be allowed). Aperture rear sights of the appropriate age may be used with blade or barleycorn foresight.

For **Veteran Rifle**, any pre - 1946 service or target rifle; e.g. BSA's up to model 12/15 or Vickers Standard / Empire, Winchester 52's below s/n 16,036, etc. The BSA Century is again technically out of class but we will allow this to be used since it would be outclassed in Post Veteran. Aperture sights of the appropriate age may be used both front and rear: (no perspex foresight elements for instance).

For **Post Veteran**, any Mk. I, II, or III BSA Martini International. Any Remington 37, or Winchester 52 including Model D. The class "upper" limit is *no longer* set so that no rifle with a fully-floating barrel is eligible. Thus you may now use early models of Anschutz, Walther, Finnish Lion, Hammerli, etc. The rifle design dateline has been moved to encompass these and equivalent rifles up to and including 1965. Perspex foresight elements are here in order.

## COURSES OF FIRE

- Service Rifle:** One card deliberate and one time limit - 10 shots in 2 minutes on N.S.R.A. "Tin Hat" target. Original service iron sights on military trainers or open sights on pre-1919 target rifles. Note: NO target rear sights, including the PH 8/53 target rear sight adapter, which is NOT eligible for Rifles nos. 5, 7, 8 & 9. A jacket with elbow and shoulder pads may be used, and a basic two point sling, but NO glove.
- Classic Rifle:** One card deliberate and one time limit - 10 shots in 90 seconds on N.S.R.A. "Tin Hat" target. A rear aperture sight may be used. Blade fore sight only. A *thin* glove (not a modern heavy one) on the supporting hand, and a basic two point sling are permissible along with a jacket as for Service.
- Veteran Rifle:** One card deliberate on N.S.R.A. "Cadets & Schools" target and one card timed on the N.S.R.A. "Skirmisher" target - as many scoring shots in a minute. These are not available from the N.S.R.A. for 15 yard ranges. We can supply accurately scaled down items on request. Single shot loading only, magazines NOT to be used. Jacket and glove as Classic. Basic single point classic webbing or leather sling permissible.
- Post Veteran:** As Veteran rifle, but using the current NSRA 1989 ten diagram target for for the deliberate card.

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The entry fee will be **£5.00** per match for those willing to accept the results by email and **£7.00** for all others requiring results and communications by Royal Mail. The price of a "snail-mail" entry includes stationery and postage costs. Reduced rates previously available to those who have, in the past, subscribed to the HARC will no longer apply. Costs have risen, even though the league is run as a non-profit making operation by unpaid volunteers. All monies go towards medals, certificates, printing and postage, etc. The N.S.R.A. has again kindly undertaken to assist with the provision of plaquettes at a favourable rate.

Any one round must be shot with the same rifle (i.e. both the deliberate and timed cards), but those fortunate enough to possess more than one rifle suitable for a given class are encouraged to shoot different rifles throughout the competition. As a final thought, may we reiterate the informality and equitable spirit that we hope the League will engender. The divisions will, as usual, be set by the results from the first four rounds. Any competitor whose scores subsequently show exceptional signs of improvement could be moved into a higher division.

We welcome any enquiries relating to these prone & standing 15 to 25 yard leagues,  
e.g. entries, equipment or suitable rifles.

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### THE STANDING COMPETITIONS

*There are three classes on offer here.*

**ALL rifles must be of pre - 1946 design.**

#### **1) DELIBERATE ~ Iron sights**

For any .22" rifle of pre - 1946 design to be used with blade or barleycorn front sight and tangent or "in the spirit of the original" aperture rear sight.  
No ring fore sights or optical sights.

**2) RAPID REPEATER (not semi-automatic)  
- or single shot if you like a challenge! ~ any sights.**

Time limit 20 seconds per diagram ( i.e. 80 seconds for 20 shots; five shots in each of four diagrams)

#### **3) RAPID SEMI-AUTOMATIC ~ any sights.**

Time limit 10 seconds per diagram (i.e. 40 seconds for 20 shots; five shots on each of four diagrams)

Telescopic sights may be used for classes 2 and 3, ideally of a type that might have originally been used on your rifle – Max: 8 x power

### **COURSE OF FIRE**

In each class, in each of ten rounds, competitors will fire 20 shots at two, two-bull targets, five shots in each diagram. All cards are to be shot at 15, 20 or 25 yards standing unsupported. *No slings, palm rests or gloves.* If standing presents a problem, the course of fire may be shot sitting on a stool, providing that no part of the arms, shoulders or torso is supported.

### **TARGETS**

Email:	<a href="mailto:ian.davison365@gmail.com">ian.davison365@gmail.com</a>
My address:	21a Carlton Road North, Weymouth DT4 7PY
Payment by bank transfer to:	Dorchester Rifle & Pistol Club, Sort Code <b>30-92-69</b> , Account <b>00638436</b> , Reference "Tin Hats".
Payment by cheque:	Payable to "Dorchester Rifle & Pistol Club", sent to the Weymouth address above.
The price of the Tin Hat and Round Bull American Decimal targets is now £14 per 100 including P&P.	

If you wish to shoot at 15 or 20 yards, then acquire a target and photocopy reduce it onto suitable paper. The diameter of the **BLACK** should be reduced from **3.875" (3 7/8")** or to 78% of the original size to **3.056" (3 1/20")** for use at 20 yards, by 56% of the original size to **2.237" (2 1/4")** for use At 15 yards

In all other respects, the standing competition is the same as the prone.

i.e. Shooting dates, match system, scoring, etc.

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e.g. re: entries, equipment or suitable rifles.

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