

# LOTHIAN SMALLBORE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

## County Captain and/or Vice Captain

### Synopsis of Duties

The first thing which needs to get done in any shooting year (i.e. post-AGM) is to arrange for a team in the County Sextette at the NSRA Scottish meeting in late June/early July, wherever it happens to be. If you aren't going yourself, then you must find someone who is and delegate the responsibility. This also applies to the Bisley meeting in August for the Sextette and County 50 Metres comps, but we haven't had enough people there for a few years now. Live in hope though. I shall be at Castletown myself this year (2011) on holiday, so I guess I could do it if required. Ian Thomson usually goes and will know what to do, so I can recommend him too. Our (outdoor) County Champion should be asked to shoot in the Champion of Champions match on the Sunday after the Bisley meeting.

The job really starts in mid-late July when the indoor league teams have to be selected. You should acquire averages from the previous season's County teams and the top performers in the LSSA Team Postal and S/S leagues (I can help there). Read the instructions on the entry forms carefully – they mean what they say. The top 20 are the Main team and the next 10 are the Reserves team. Check out the available ladies for the Women's team(s) – some might not want to shoot in both the Main/Reserves team as well as a Women's team. Juniors can be tricky as they get older and take themselves out of it, so you have to find out who comes under the age-limit (under 21 on 31st Dec of the year of entry). The entry forms might have gone to the County Secretary so ask him to let you have them by late July so you can see what you're supposed to be doing.

When the stickers arrive stick them on the cards you should have obtained beforehand. Subtract (at least) one week from the NSRA's last date for shooting and stamp the corner of each card with that date. Send them out to the clubs. Then sit back and wait for the shot cards to be returned to you, collate them into teams & rounds and post off to the scorers after making a record of estimated scores. The NSRA will send you results periodically – keep a spreadsheet with all the scores and results and send it out to the clubs occasionally (say, once a month).

In late February you will have to start thinking about selecting teams for the Edinburgh teams in the Cities & Boroughs and the Commonwealth Cities matches as well as the Lothian teams in the BSA Cup and Women's County matches. We try to shoot these in late March or early April while people are still shooting. The C&B has to be shot by end April, but the match period for others goes on till the end of September: try to avoid shooting at the start of the next season as everyone is very rusty. You must arrange the shooting dates and negotiate with a local club to hold the matches at. John Buchanan will enter the City comps but you should enter the others. He is usually available to do the official witnessing for all of them.

This is a brief summary. If you think you might be willing to give this a go I have a much more detailed description you might like to see.

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