



General Meeting of the British Field Target Association

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

On Saturday 27th June 2015

In the absence of the Chairman the Secretary chaired the meeting.

Meeting open at 09:50

1. Chairman's Report and welcome

The Acting Chairman (after item 3 referred to as Chairman) welcomed everyone and read the Chairman's report see Appendix A.

Introduction to the building, new attendees made welcome and all made aware of fire exits, trip hazard, toilet location and smoking areas.

2. Persons and regions present

BFTA Officers Present

Name	Title
Roger Moy	President
Shaun Shore	Secretary and Competition Manager
Andrew Slade	Treasurer
Simon Evans	Grading Officer (SWEFTA)
Sam Reece	Minute Secretary
Neil Long	HVP
Kevin Sayers	Trade Liaison
Rob Farnworth	Web & Forum Manager (CSFTA)

Regions Represented

FFTA	Liz Moy
FFTA	Richard Greenwood
MFTA	Andrew Gillott
NEFTA	Trevor Ryan
NEFTA	Martin Calpin
NWFTA	Carl Knapper
NWFTA	Martin Gibbins
SEFTA	Barry McDonald
WAFTA	Mark Bassett

17 persons present and 8 regions represented.



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3. Apologies for absence

The Secretary received apologies from Phil Gee (Chairman), Brian Samson (Results Officer) and Dave Robinson (NEFTA)

4) Minutes of AGM on 22nd November 2014 to be read and accepted

Proposed by NEFTA and seconded by WAFTA

5) Items arising from the AGM 2014

- i. New trophy for Inters? (Kevin Sayers)

Kevin is liaising with Rowan about the production of a new Inters trophy and sponsoring trophies for the silhouette competition. The Chairman asked that Kevin met the deadline of the AGM else a trophy would be purchased from another supplier for the 2016 Inters.

- ii. Main Shoot Rules were updated for implementation at the BFTA Championship/Inters weekend.

Thanks to the shoot committee who updated the rules and published them in-line with the agreed schedule.

- iii. Motion required from the EFTA regarding the EFTA to become a sub-committee of the BFTA.
(Rob Farnworth)

[EFTA] Roll EFTA into BFTA as a sub-committee of 3 to represent the English regions in the WFTF.

- i. To be Mick Woodhead, chair, Rob Farnworth, sec and Brian Samson as technical advisor.

The suggestion is that the sub-committee acts with autonomy but reports to the BFTA as matters progress. Officers to be voted in each year.

Rationale: This negates the need for an EFTA treasurer and insurance, the latter saving £200 a year. Funding can continue as per now via BFTA cards. It also allows closer links to the regions as it appears that communication within the EFTA management committee is not a priority of its members.

Questions arose at the last meeting as to our eligibility with the WFTF and at the time Andy Kays stated he saw no reason why the EFTA/SARPA/WAFTA could not remain as individual members of the WFTF with their own voting rights.

(Can't see that as being an issue. As you rightly state, WAFTA and SARPA are already in the same situation. Email 26th November 2014)

For the future, with England possibly hosting the WFTF World Championships, it's suggested that the



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EFTA expand the sub-committee to take on additional officers with specific skill sets, reporting to the BFTA as they progress. However it would be a core philosophy of the sub-committee organising the event that all those involved in the organisation (inc the BFTA) are indemnified for any arising liability where possible.

Apart from those considerations I have not received any other questions, nor can I think of any matters for consideration, however, I would only propose if it's considered with a unanimous vote from the EFTA and those BFTA regions present. If the BFTA agree then the EFTA will then vote to confirm.

Kind regards, Rob Farnworth

It was agreed that the first stage of this process was for the EFTA to establish a management committee with the endorsement of the present EFTA structure.

There was general support for the 3 person committee then becoming a sub-committee of the BFTA. This will be finalised at the AGM given that the above condition is complete.

There was wider debate about the support that the BFTA could offer both WAFTA and EFTA when they host the FT World Championships in the near future. This would need dedicated committee discussion time and detailed planning at future meeting.

6) Correspondence.

Sad news from Peter Bocking that Thorndell FTC club Secretary Lenny Mensforth had passed away and the club has now closed.

7) Presentation from Martin Calpin about BFTA merchandising.

Martin presented a vision of what how the BFTA could improve merchandising, communication and advertisement potential.

Martin showed a number of logo options, clothing, banners, magazine articles and tablet articles. The content was very well received and Martin was asked to further develop his ideas for the AGM. It was agreed that the BFTA would supply funding and this would be financed from the present merchandising project that will end this year.

Questions were asked about copyright of items used within the articles and the logo itself. Martin has expertise in this area and will provide full details before the project commences.

8) Officers reports – full written reports are not required.

- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Manager, Results Manager, Grading, Trade Liaison, Web Manager, AMTA and NSRA.



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Secretary

In his report (Appendix B) the Secretary requested that the time frame for submitting items for the AGM was lengthened to ensure that once the agenda had been written then further items would not be added, other than AOB, thereby regional meetings could occur confident that that all agenda items could be discussed.

The date for submission is 30th September 2015. FFTA asked was this set in stone and the Secretary confirmed that it was.

The Secretary also reminded regional reps that at the AGM regions could offer counter proposals as long as the change they suggested wasn't too far from the original (in this case the Chairman would determine if the counter was to be heard).

Treasurer

The Treasurer offered a summary of the accounts (Appendix C) and had fully detailed spreadsheets if required.

The Chairman asked if the impact of the extra £2 entry to the GP series was showing in the accounts. The Treasurer responded that it was too early to tell but did report that entrants to the GP series were high.

Competition Manager

The Competition Manager's report (Appendix D) led to discussion about the following:

Newbury – if Newbury is to hold BFTA events in the future then more support is needed and the money that Newbury receive must be commensurate with that offered to other regions. The Chairman offered thanks to Newbury and FFTA expressed thanks from the committee which was fully endorsed.

Inters Format – the outcome of the debate supported changing the format to 15 shooters with the best 8 scores to count. It was felt that this somehow met the desire for team camaraderie whilst allowing more regions to compete for the medals.

GP series - the Competition Manager thanked the regions for the hard work in providing courses for us all. However, there were two negative points:

- Failure to adhere to the Main Shoot Rules, the GP shoot rules and the requirements for a GP. All these were sent to the regions hosting and other requested personnel on 26th February 2015.
- Difficulty of courses.

This was summed up by the following which was fully supported.

Regions should appoint a person whose responsibility is:



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- 1) Check that the course adheres to the Main Shoot Rules and the GP Shoot Rules. If it does not then the course must be changed.
- 2) Check that the difficulty of course is fair given the weather conditions and varied skill level of competitors. If it does not then the course must be changed.
- 3) Check that all other requirements have been met (signage, toilets etc.).

Brian Samson – the Competition Manager expressed his gratitude for the work carried out by Brian Samson in developing the new results system.

Chronographs – the Prochronos that the BFTA use are good and reliable however they do need to be used consistently. Advice from the Competition Manager is that the chronograph should be tested ahead of the GP in the chosen position and chrono marshals should know how it works. The BFTA has purchased two Polish chronos which are presently being tested by Andrew Gillott and Roger Moy. Feedback was mixed but they showed potential. News of the good performance of the Caldwell chrono led to the following outcome: Roger Moy will purchase a Caldwell and undergo tests with that and the Polish chrono and bring to the AGM his recommendation for which chrono to use in 2016.

Merchandise – reported a slow-down of sales. Presently the £775 has reduced to £453 although there was stock left to sell. The Competition Manager announced that he would not continue selling items and fully supported the venture outlined by Martin Calpin.

Grading Officer – Simon raised a discussion point as to who should be responsible for checking insurance at club level. Neil Long referenced the BFTA Bylaws

- 2.6 All Executive Bodies are required to prove insurance cover annually for themselves and hold proof their Member Clubs also have insurance.

And from the Grading section

- To only issue cards if the application is accompanied by a current Insurance Certificate covering the Club applying for the cards.

This serves as a reminder to regions that if they publish lists with names of clubs affiliated to the region then clubs must provide the region with evidence of insurance irrespective of whether the club applies for BFTA cards.

Trade Liaison – Kevin reported that relationships with the trade were good and particularly highlighted the support offered by Air Arms.

The Chairman highlighted to the committee that the BFTA heavily contributed to the prize draw at the end of the season.

Web Manager – Rob reported that everything was working fine.



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AMTA – Roger reported that the AMTA wanted the BFTA to contribute £250 if we wanted a seat on their committee. Roger was asked did we benefit and he responded that in the past he believed that we did but was unsure that the increase was too much. The Chairman asked Roger whether it was worth a further year and then the committee could consider its impact at the AGM in 2015 and the June meeting 2016. Roger thought that it was so that action will follow. The committee was reminded that the meetings of the AMTA cannot be disclosed and the value of BFTA membership was to bring influence to their decision making and know of pending change.

NSRA – Mick Woodhead was not present at the meeting.

9) BFTA European Championship – confirmation that Neil Thorneycroft of Far Coley will again manage the course this year.

10) Provisional Dates for 2016 BFTA events

Important dates:

- Easter Sunday = March 27th 2016
- NEFTA Classic = 30th April – 1st May 2016 (tbc)
- World Championship = 18th – 20th August in Portugal (dates not confirmed)
- Events for which there is yet no date: Euskadi Open, EFTF European Championship.

Before provisional dates were considered the committee discussed numbers 6 and 7 from the items for discussion; FFTA announced that they could not hold a GP in 2016.

Event	Date (7GP)	Venue
BFTA Championship	2 nd April 2016	Tondu
BFTA Inter-Regional	3 rd April 2016	Tondu
GP1	17 th April 2016	
GP2	15 th May 2016	Bisley
GP3	29 th May 2016	Tawd Vale
GP4	12 th June 2016	Quarry
GP5	3 rd July 2016	Far Coley
GP6	17 th July 2016	East Devon
GP7	7 th August 2016	Anston
BFTA Masters	3 rd September 2016	Emley Moor
BFTA Showdown	4 th September 2016	Emley Moor
BFTA Europeans	17 th – 18 th September 2016 (tbc)	Weston Park

Trevor Ryan confirmed that Emley Moor would host the Masters/Showdown in 2016

The calendar will be complete at the AGM 2015.



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11) Items for discussion.

Some of the items for discussion were consumed within earlier agenda items.

GP Sessions – there was no support for scoring sessions independently although it was expressed that after a long journey shooters are understandably disappointed if session difficulty is markedly different. It was agreed that FT is an outdoor sport and the weather plays its part.

Neil Long presented his findings about the perceived difference in performance between sessions.

He made the following observations and recommendations:

- If it is assumed that the grades are correct then the scores per grade should have fewer extremes. I suggest that the grades are incorrect.
- In the case where there was no significant difference between the sessions (e.g. GP3-NoXFTC) there is no impact in grading based on session. So far this season there has been significant differences between AM and PM for 3 of the GPs and then Grades should be based relative to the top score within their session.
- AA appears to be working well as a grade but that is more likely to be the case since AAs tend to attend all GPs and there isn't a AAA grade.
- A, B and C frequently show performances significantly better than the grade would indicate. Some A grade shooters should be in AA based on their BFTA Comp results (i.e. the regional grading appear to depress their grade). B and C grade in particular need major re-thinking. There have been "B" shooters outperforming AA.
- I suggest that BFTA Grades should be based solely on BFTA competition results (using the 2015 season to provide the data ahead of 2016).
- I also suggest C grade is an entry-only grade and no B can go down to C. Competitors who do not have a minimum (e.g. 3) BFTA results should be Ungraded and do not enter in to any trophy grade until they have their 3 stripes (they can then be retroactively graded?).

NWFTA suggested that if only BFTA events were graded then what would be the motivation for those who shoot only 1 or 2 BFTA events per season purchasing a BFTA card?

Trophies – the discussion and ideas about trophies were varied. The outcome was that at present there is insufficient support to change the status quo.

There was support for dropping the junior trophy from GP 2016 and increasing C grade end of season trophies to 10 for 2016.

Events in regions – NEFTA expressed concern that regions of the BFTA were not sharing the workload. They highlighted that the motion to move the BFTA weekends around the regions agreed in 2013 has already faltered. NEFTA suggested that it should be imposed on regions that they must host BFTA events on a rota. Some regions clarified why they could not. For example NWFTA said that



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Tawd Vale would be unlikely to get access to their extended ground for a 2 day period; other regions agreed that they had this restriction. MFTA identified that some people were unlikely to help unless there was an incentive. The cash incentive for regions hosting 2-day events will be discussed at the AGM.

Inters Format – suggested from SWEFTA that the Inters could be a 2-day event. This was not supported by other regions.

Veteran Class – from the AGM Minutes 2010 (Veteran is defined as: *aged 60 or above on the day of the competition.*) Concern offered by the Chairman that this would most likely lead to only a few people winning the class. SWEFTA asked to table the motion at the AGM.

Rules not adhered to:

Kneeling – the debate continues about those shooters who do not adhere to the kneeling rule. Views from the committee varied from remove kneelers altogether, marshal each kneeling lane to kneeling without restriction. The Chairman called time on the debate as it was clear that no consensus would be reached. The MFTA expressed that they would table the motion of kneeling without restriction at the AGM; the Secretary asked that he received their written proposal.

The Chairman shared the view that ideally FT would be like golf and that is competitors know the rules and adhere to them.

Bags – Roger explained why the bag limit was set at 4 inches and that was because shooters with higher bags loosely filled were using them as back supports. There was further discussion but no consensus reached.

Armed Forces Shooters – whilst there was support for the sentiment that members of the Armed Forces should be supported it was felt that concessions should be dealt with at club level.

12) Any other business.

Rule 10 clarifications – It was identified by Brian Samson that rule 10 referred to rule 17c in the Main Shoot Rules and rule 17c did not exist. The Competition Manager informed the committee that he had rules that dated back to 2008 in which 17c was referred to but did not exist. The rule has been modified and will be endorsed at the AGM

SARPA – the Treasurer raised that SARPA had not attended a meeting for some time and the committee should discuss their absence and whether they contribute to the association. Roger Moy informed the committee that SARPA had been involved in countering recent changes to Scottish airgun law.

The Secretary has emailed the SARPA Secretary.

Meeting closed at 16:00



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Next meeting is the AGM on 21st November 2015.

Shaun Shore (BFTA Secretary)



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Appendix A – Chairman's Report

Firstly I'd like to sincerely apologise for my absence today, I hope and expect this to be the first and last time I miss a BFTA meeting as Chairman.

I'd like to welcome you all to today's meeting and hope you have a meaningful and fruitful discussion.

I'd like to thank everyone who has welcomed me into the role of Chairman; I hope to occupy the role with the same good grace that has been the common trait of former Chairmen of the BFTA.

On the subject of former Chairmen, I can't let this opportunity pass without mentioning my predecessor, Roger Moy.

As you all know, Roger has occupied most if not all roles within the BFTA at one time or another, and, after his recent health issues, he decided it was time to relinquish his role as Chairman.

It was heartening to see him in good form at the Champs/Inters weekend and it appeared that the troublesome chrono had met its match in Roger.

I hope you will all join me in sincerely thanking Roger for his efforts over many years and I personally hope he stays on as President in order that we have access to his wealth of experience and advice for many years to come. Thank you Roger!

On a sadder note, it was with regret that I learnt of the recent passing of Alan Forrest. Alan, along with Roger, Mike, Beryl and others, were the founding fathers of the BFTA. Without them the sport as we know it would not exist. Alan's family members were honoured to learn that the trophy awarded at the Euros to the top junior was named after Alan.

Maybe consideration should be given to inviting Alan's family to the Euros this year in order to award the Alan Forrest trophy?

RIP Alan.

Best Regards

Phil Gee

BFTA Chairman



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Appendix B – Secretary's Report

Future developments

Today is a new venture, in my BFTA experience, and that that this is the first year that we have only scheduled 2 meetings. This means that attendance to this meeting is essential if regions are going to engage upon the discussion of future developments of the BFTA so I hope that I am addressing a full representation today.

A major part of the day will be the items for discussion. The purpose is to discuss the items to establish if there is worth in drafting a proposal for voting upon at the AGM. If there is ambivalence then regions are entitled to still propose a change at the AGM but we will not squander time on the issue today.

The BFTA bylaws require items for the AGM agenda to be received by the Secretary no later than 35 days before the date of the AGM which will be confirmed today as 21st November 2015. This means that the cut-off date is 17th October 2015.

I'd like us to consider a new format: it will be better if regions received AGM proposals in such a time frame that no regional meeting took place before the agenda items are served. This would allow regions to consider the proposals and their voting position and also construct counter proposals as required.

I feel that this is needed because as an experienced regional secretary I find last minute additions served after the regional meeting are not helpful.

Therefore I suggest that any proposals for the AGM are with me on or before 30th September 2015. This may mean that regions need informal discussion, email contact etc. to establish if the regions has proposals for the AGM.

Thus I could provide the Agenda early in October and regions would be confident that no further addition to proposals would be made.

Counter proposals – it is quite right that regions can submit a counter proposal at the meeting as long as it is not too far removed from the original that has been shared via the agenda. The decision of whether it is will rest with the Chairman.

Shaun Shore

BFTA Secretary



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Appendix C – Treasurer's Report

I am happy to provide a summary of the BFTA accounts, part way through the 2015-2016 season.

The BFTA accounts and reserves of money 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 3 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 **£33.91** 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 14 and a another transfer from BoS current to NatWest current ready to by the 2015 season trophies (third time this has taken place, hence why the deposit account is £15,000 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 **£20,461.80** (as of 11 May 2015) and earns approximately ~£16 per month in interest.

The **National Westminster Current Account** statement shows a balance of **£12,288.89 (as of 19th June 2015)**.

The total monies paid into NatWest account by Sam, Shaun, Simon and I and the transfer from BoS deposit account is **£13,209.50** and the total withdrawals by cheque is **£6,160.47**.

This includes the income from the BFTA Championship and Inter-Regionals weekend and GPs 1, 2, 3 & 4. £150 cash is held in reserve to pay the prize raffle draws at ETL

Income so far from the 2015-2016 season BFTA cards is £3,867.50, with an associated £780 printing cost.

The largest expenditure since November has been the purchase of a bulk order of glass block hologram trophies for 2015 season amounting to £3,027 and BFTA NSRA affiliation and insurance cover of £312.00.

I have repaid the EFTA the following amounts equal to, 50p for every BFTA card purchased in the 2014-2015 season (back-dated). Monies refunded to equals EFTA 949 cards = **(£474.50)** and WAFTA 152 cards = **(£76.00)**. The SARPA monies [SARPA 12 cards = **(£6.00)** from 2013 -2014 and SARPA 25 cards – **(£12.50)** from 2014-2015] is yet to be paid, as I have no contact details for SARPA Treasurer.

With the abolition of the Team Entry fee, Air-Arms made a generous £200 contribution towards the cost of producing and printing the 2015-2016 season BFTA cards. This was all organised by Chris



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Large of FSG design, in return for AA sponsorship of the BFTA cards. How many of you have noticed the Air-Arms advert/logo of the reverse of your BFTA card?

The BFTA made a **£250** contribution towards the Paul James Memorial Shoot 29th March 2015 as agreed at the BFTA November 2014 meeting. This contribution meant that a greater sum of money was donated on behalf 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 and re-ratified in November 2014, which have been well received by members.

We purchased another 50 timers for use at shoots at a unit cost of £3.00, £150 in total.

We have also purchased two small Polish made Chronographs for evaluation at a cost of **£80.84** each, £161.68 in total the equivalent of 217 Euros. One has been passed to Roger Moy for lab style testing, the other to Andrew Gillott, for field testing.

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. This season we increased the shoot fees to £12.00 with £6.00 going to the club/region holding the event and £6.00 going to BFTA, noting the BFTA provides both the trophies and 3 X £50 (£150) raffle prize draw monies at each GP round.

Andrew Slade

BFTA Treasurer – 27th June 2015



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Appendix D – Competition Manager's Report

BFTA Championship

Firstly, many thanks to Newbury FTC for setting and marshalling the courses and to Berty, Dorian and John who journeyed from Wales a day early to help.

Congratulations to Peter Bygrave on becoming the BFTA Champion 2015.

Now to a theme that will be revisited within my report – in my role as competition secretary I am very happy to offer praise to those that work hard to provide events for the BFTA. However, we do need to hear the warts and all thereby, hopefully, improving future events.

Marshals were in short supply at Newbury – much of the burden was handled by Andy and Peter.

Do we expect that Newbury provides marshals?

Should the BFTA provide marshals?

Roger Moy and Johnathan Noone volunteered their help and it was much appreciated but do we need more rigour or is it Newbury's responsibility? If it is then I think that we need to reconsider how much they receive for the event to ensure that it is commensurate with that offered to other clubs that stage the event.

The toilets were awful. They were not on or near the course and they were filthy.

The plinking range is well below par.

My observation is that shooters enjoy visiting Newbury. Later in this meeting we will determine if Newbury will feature in the BFTA calendar. If it does then we need to detail what level of support is needed and what are our expectations of what Newbury should provide. I think Andy and Peter deserve a mention because they worked tirelessly throughout the weekend but they need help.

BFTA Inter-Regional

What was the impact of changing from teams of 15 to teams of 8?

- Desire – a closer competition with more regions able to compete for medals.
- Outcome – a very close competition between NEFTA and MFTA for top spot with WAFTA taking 3rd and the region has the potential to challenge for the win.

Feedback:

MFTA consider splitting into two teams is not good for moral and comradery. What does their second team gain from competing in the event?

The reason I suggested two teams of 8 was to provide a shoot weekend. There was nothing to stop regions putting in a strong team and a developing team etc. There are many who would like to shoot the Sunday but do not make the team which indicates to me that there is desire for the opportunity



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to enjoy a weekend's shooting for those who do not qualify for their regional team. This year this was facilitated by no show from Scotland and only one team from SWEFTA which freed 24 cards to be used.

Are teams of 8 and two teams the way forward?

I think the ideal is one team of 10 with 7 to count.

If we did this then this would reduce the Inters to 80 entrants, this would leave space for others but I think the Champs the day before would be affected.

Options:

- 8 shooters 6 to count
- 10 shooters 7 to count
- 12 shooters 9 to count
- 15 shooter 10 to count
- Other

GP Series

4 GP are now complete.

Many thanks to all the regions for their hard work in organising their GP.

Special mention and welcome to Avon Hawks; I thought all facets of GP1 were fantastic.

Some warts:

- This committee creates and endorses the rules for GP. They are sent to all regions and specifically to contacts if requested. Therefore it is expected that these rules are adhered to.
- At GP3 five targets broke the Main Shoot Rules.
- I'm inclined towards asking "then what's the point?" but would rather that together we agree that it is the responsibility of the regions to set courses with the rules.
- At GP3 Simon and Paula could not find the entrance to Weston and missed the GP. When the question as to signage was mentioned at booking-in the response was "that's the BFTA responsibility". Let us all be clear IT IS NOT!
- As above the requirement for signage is in the information sent to regions – useless if ignored or if you want to make up your own.

Course difficulty

Some BFTA GP facts 2011 – June 2015

- Number of GP = 37
- Number of shooters = 5192
- Number of clearances = 0

Is there a fear that courses are too easy?



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For example:

1) Written: 25mm reducers – minimum 10 yards maximum 35 yards

Practice: most at 35 yards.

Why?

2) Written: 15mm reducers – up to 2 can be used (0, 1 or 2)

Practice: always 2. Are they a good test of skill in high wind?

3) Written: 15mm reducers – it is recommended that these are not set in an inclined position.

Practice: ignored.

The GP shoot rules demand some limitation on course build but none regarding target length and this is left to the discretion of the setters to provide a challenge to reflect the varied skills and experience of the entrants and the weather conditions.

Each region that sets a course must appoint someone to inspect the course before it is shot.

Are GP rules adhered to?

Is the course a fair challenge for all given the weather?

I'd be interested in the views around the table, in particular those that have held GP.

Brian Samson

I offer a huge thanks to Brian for his work in producing the results service. It is quite simply stunning.

Chronographs

Ongoing

Feedback from Roger and Andrew about Polish chrono

Looking at another Chrono at ETL

Trophies

I know that this will be discussed later. Here are my findings so far this year.

At each GP I have taken home trophies of those people that I know – this is out of courtesy not duty.

At the last GP there were 9 of the 22 trophies unclaimed and a few taken for the winners who were not present.

At each GP I have observed people shoot the afternoon session win a trophy yet not stay for the presentation of their award.



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I'd suggest their argument is that they want to get home; which is what the am shooters have likely done anyway.

So – is it worth it?

Let us use the polling facility and capture the views of all GP shooters. We spend approximately £330 per GP for a handful of people to collect them and most to remain unclaimed. Do those that receive them late want them? Who knows? Personally I think that we should scrap the lot and invest the money into better end of season trophies. I'd also suggest that the junior trophy has been trialled and failed and hence is money wasted.

Merchandise

As of today I have turned last year's £775 into £453. With the remaining stock I hope to at least break even. This year had been the slowest sales of caps and hoodies and is perhaps not surprising in that there is only a limited field to serve. Whatever the financial position that I am in I will bring all cash to the AGM and continue to sell any leftovers. I hope that the money I return will be invested into the venture that Martin has presented today.

I end this project by reiterating that it was not, and any future venture shouldn't be, about profit. It was about getting the BFTA logo out there and based on that criterion I think it has been successful.

Shaun Shore

BFTA Competition Manager