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Club News

Hello, and welcome to the Spring edition of the SPRC Times!

In this edition of the newsletter, we announce competition winners, small changes to the range and premises updates.

Early January 2023 saw us celebrate the 40th anniversary of our time at Eureka Road. It was a great afternoon of fun games, "friendly" competitions and a great quiz and raffle.

Huge thanks to those who helped in the organisation, set up, scoring and catering of the event. It was a great success and huge fun! Special thanks to Roger, Alan, Barry, Simon, Steve and Paula!

While our location may change, we're looking forward to celebrating the next several decades of the club.

As ever, if you have any ideas on potential feature articles, contact Sarah on communications@surbitonpostalrifleclub.com. We're keen to give you an opportunity to contribute and be part of the newsletter.



RECENT RESULTS

Winter 22/23 season winners:

- Surrey 50m Team:
Winners Div 2
- Surrey 50m Individual:
Winner Div 5
- Croydon League:
Winners Div 1
- Surrey LSR Precision:
Winner Div 9
- Surrey LSR Timed:
Winner Div 2
- Surrey Benchrest:
Winner Div 2
Winner Div 8
- NSRA Individual
Standing and Kneeling,
0.22 League:
Winner Div 1
- Surrey LSR Precision
Team:
Winners Div 2
- Surrey LSR Precision B
Team:
Winners Div 3

Competitions

It's been another season of competition success for SPRC. Competition entries were down on previous years, but our members remain successful across multiple disciplines!

Winter 2022 season is complete and entries closed for the Summer 2023 season. If you're new to the sport and uncertain about competitions, we'd encourage you to consider entering them, both because it's fun (unless you leave your shoots until the last minute!) and a great way of experiencing competition conditions.

We'd especially encourage you to consider competitions that take place away from the club as it can be a wonderful way of experiencing other clubs, range set ups and meet new people.

It can be daunting to enter a competition – rules can differ between competitions, some are indoors and other outdoors, distances can be different. To help, we've put together a guide to competitions, which is available in the Competitions section of the members' site and also via this link:

[Guide to competitions](#)

Our incredible competition winners can be seen in the left hand column of this page but some other results of note include:

- In the Browne Martin final on March 19th at Bisley, our team of Barry D, Fanar P, Ian P, Josh and Rhid T won their quarter final against Wimbledon Park but lost their semi-final to the eventual winners, Bookham.
- Ian P has been selected for the 2023 Dewar Team trials which will be held at the Appleton range in July. The Dewar Match is an annual smallbore prone postal competition between Australia, Canada, Sri Lanka, Great Britain, New Zealand, South Africa and the USA.
- All members of the Division 1 team who entered the Croydon league have qualified for the individual final, to be held at Gally Hill on 18 June.
- In the final of the Surrey Short Range Championship (held at Bookham on 16th April), Ian P was 3rd in the Championship and Fanar P was 3rd in the Ladies Competition.

Huge congratulations to all!



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Rifle Club

Minor changes to the range

As you may have noticed, we've made a few changes to the layout of equipment at the main range, to support more efficient and respectful preparation.

Jackets have been moved to the main club room, giving members who use club equipment an opportunity to look for and find an appropriate jacket without feeling the pressure of holding people up from shooting. It also means those shooting competition cards are able to remain focused, without distractions as arriving members set up their positions.

Gloves, scopes and mats are regularly checked and repaired, as needed. Should you spot an issue, do let the desk officer or member of the committee know.

As ever, we would remind you that the firing ranges themselves are for shooting and not for chatting. Many of our members are limited for time and so we would appreciate if everyone can be mindful to keep their focus in any range on shooting. We have a comfortable club room with tea and coffee (and chocolate) where you can socialise and converse, adjust your rifle set up etc.

Similarly, some members have reported people chatting and moving about whilst the red light is on and people are still shooting. Again, we'd remind members of the safety rules of the club and the importance of keeping still and respecting your fellow shooters, some of whom might be concentrating on competition cards.

Finally, we ask that you help us keep the range tidy – whichever part of the club you may be in. The club is run and maintained by the volunteer committee and a huge amount of time and effort goes into keeping things running. If you see mess, you help us by cleaning it up. We are very proud of our club and we hope you are too, and that you can help us by playing your part in keeping it an impressive and welcoming place to come to.



Premises

It has been a little while since we last provided an update on our search for new premises.

The latest update from the Cambridge Road Estate Regeneration Team is that works have fallen behind schedule by approximately 2 years. As such, our expected leave date (when the building we are located in is expected to be demolished) is now early-mid 2026.

We have been hard at work looking for suitable locations, including talking to other local clubs about potential collaboration. We have also gained a contact at RBK, who has been asked by Ed Davey to assist us as a matter of urgency. Our overall aim is to clarify as many different options as we can, so that these can then be presented to members for a formal decision. This decision will also include a commitment from members for the work that will be involved in the move.

Barry has been taking the lead on the RBK investigations and is continuing conversations with Ed Davey and members of the council. Three years does seem like a long time, but we are very conscious that anything involving RBK, legal agreements and financial outlay will take a lot of time and effort to conclude. Also, once we have decided on new premises we will then have to spend considerable time bringing them up to the same standards as we enjoy currently.

We will continue to keep you abreast of our progress so that there are no surprises when the final options are presented for review. In the meantime, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to ask any of the committee when you are next in the club.

Please be aware that these discussions with third parties are still at an early stage and are taking a lot of time. As a consequence, we may not be able to give members answers to specific questions, as we ourselves do not yet know the answers. We will, however, always ensure that members are kept fully up to date with our investigations.

