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A lively couple of months

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It has been a busy two months since the 2015 AGM of the NASRPC.

Recently we held the first of the new quarterly Club Meetings where all the member clubs of the NASRPC are invited to send one or two representatives to comment and contribute on the previous quarter and the coming months. This was a great success.

We have seen a number of clubs return to the NASRPC—with both Fermoy Rifle Club (FRC) and Dublin Rifle Club (DRC) now joining the 17 clubs that today make up the NASRPC.

We have completed the 2015 National Championship finals and the first two National Competitions with the annual trip to Eagle Rifle & Pistol Club in Saggart Co. Dublin and the first competition at Mourne Shooting Grounds outside Ardee in Co Monaghan. Both were a great success with a very good turnout. We trialled online pre-registration for the Mourne match, which was a great success and having received some suggestions at the Club meeting we have altered it for upcoming matches.

There of course has been a lot more going on—we will try to touch on all of it in this newsletter.

If there is anything else you would like to hear about in the newsletter or you would like to contribute an article, then please drop us a line.

NASRPC Committee.

All Leader boards have been updated with recent scores.

PLEASE review your scores as we do, sometimes, make mistakes here at NASRPC Headquarters.



A few likely lads

From The Range

Germany By Car—the 201 German Open, Leitmar, Germany **Karl O'Brien, Hilltop Shooting Club**

With the IGRF World Championships being held in Germany for 2015 it was decided by a small group of us to go against traditional means of air travel and drive to Germany.

There were allegedly bets being taken on us not making it to Germany after it was discovered who was travelling in the car. The logistics behind the travel were very simple in travelling with the use of the European Firearms Pass.

The check in process was the normal check in for a ferry journey with the usual questions including "are you sure you have enough guns with you". In a close call with ending up on the Fishgaurd boat.

The journey began with a 17 hour ferry journey from Rosslare to Cherbourg on not the most luxurious ferry with an 8 hour drive on the other end, across France and Belgium, into Germany. We arrived in our house at 1 in the morning, heading straight to bed for a 9 start the next day on the range.

Arrived at the range the following morning bright and early to find our German hosts had carried out some work since our visit last year which included a much needed central heating system.

A quick zero with firearms to check they were working after their journey. Then comps began at a nice consistent pace of 5 comps a day with several of us opting to the Sunday completely off after the party that was thrown by our hosts on the Saturday night.

Dietmar, Anna, the BDMP and the whole gang from Leitmar put on a great evenings Entertainment with a great meal and the usual presentations. The Irish had travelled in great numbers alongside the UK and a great turnout from South Africa. Following the festivities a few civilised shandies were had and a Microphone got passed about allowing us to hear the dulcet tones of a few of our compatriots. The less said about that the better. I was told by someone that they heard the Germans singing Flower of Scotland in German, whether that's true or not tells you all you need to know.

The IGRF international matches were scheduled for the Monday with the small bore match being shot first and the centrefire second.

The matches were well shot by all parties involved with excellent scores being entered by all teams. Of particular interest were some of the South African shooting positions and the full hunting loads they were using. We could all learn a lot from these guys.

In the end Team GB won both the Smallbore and the Centrefire IGRF matches.

The Irish group took an impressive haul of medals back from Germany with many people shooting personal bests over the weekend - some suitcases were definitely touching on excess baggage.



From The Range

Eagle Rifle & Pistol Club, Saggart, Co. Dublin

Yet again this year saw the Competitive circuit start off in the Eagles range outside Dublin.

Strictly a Prone Sporting Rifle affair, nonetheless there was a good turnout—with 15 competitors from 6 clubs.

While it might sound like much, it saw a few new faces taking part which bodes well for the future of Sporting Rifle.

Not long after the National Championship finals, our current Champion Wes Halliday didn't manage to make it—so the field was wide open.

Eagles own John Walsh took the top honours in A class with a score of 395, well ahead of David Ball and Tom Egan on 388 and 385 respectively. Brian Kelly and Alan Fitzpatrick battled for B class with Brian taking the honours on 375 only a whisker ahead of Alan on 373.



You can view the full results of the match here [Eagles—March 2016—Results](#)

With a few more sporting rifle events this year—including talk of a Prone event during this years NASRPC Irish International Open—hopefully we will see those scores increase and see some very stiff competition in the run up to this years Championship.

From The Range

Mourne Shooting Grounds, Ardee, Co. Monaghan

Competitors from throughout the country travelled to Mourne Shooting Grounds outside Ardee, Co Monaghan for the First NASRPC National to be held there.



Long established as a premier clay shooting facility, Mourne added a 50m Pistol & Rifle Range a few years back and it was high time the NASRPC put it through its paces.

Donegal target club traveled to Mourne today for the first time to take part in a NASRPC national match and what a great success.

The facilities are one of the best in the country with a range that had neither detail or expense spared.

And of course when the NASRPC come to town the atmosphere is enhanced 10fold

Another we'll run show we are looking forward to next time.
Thanks lads.

Donegal Target Club



7 club members of Bracken made the trip to Mourne on the 12 March
This was a new venue for all and proved to be an Excellent Range with a well stocked and reasonably priced shop... all were very impressed with the set up

The organizing and running of the event was as usual very precise with all competitions run according to schedule and shooters knowing when they were next up

A very good days shooting for all and looking forward to returning to Mourne

Bracken Projectile Club

From The Range

Mourne Shooting Grounds, Ardee, Co. Monaghan (cont'd)



clear those waiting for a free line.

Sean Gilliland and the gang at Mourne set up our registration is his very well stocked shop, allowing people to browse while queuing to register.

There was hot food, tea, coffee and refreshments available all day and many people took the opportunity to take a look

Mourne is a bit different to other ranges in that it has a fixed, covered, 9 lane firing line and target boards are raised and lowered at various distances. This makes for a different match as you can raise and lower the various target boards through out, say a T&P1, and when the match is over score the lot and hang new targets.

We found this to be a bit more work for ROs—but it made the match run very smoothly and we even managed to squeeze in an extra T&P1 detail and



at the clay shooting grounds during the day. David Corr from Corr Tactical was also on hand with all his 5.11 equipment for sale.

On Saturday the 12th March 2016, all roads lead to Mourne Shooting grounds as nearly 40 shooters competed in both the NASRPC rifle and pistol matches held on the Co. Monaghan range for the first time. Clubs from North, South, East and West were well represented as was the Mourne Club - with 11 clubs of the affiliated clubs to the nasrpc sending shooters to the covered range.

Competitions consisted of T&P1, GP40 and the endurance match of the 1500. The clubs represented at this the NASRPC competition were:

Harbour House Sport Club
 Munster Target Shooting Club
 Hilltop
 IPA Pistol Club
 Donegal Target Club
 Bracken
 Lough Bo
 An Riocht
 East Coast
 Midlands
 Mourne

The IPAPC would like to thank the organisers, the Range Officers and Jeff McCann for producing the scores so quickly. New shooters from the club are looking forward to the next NASPC event.

IPA Pistol Club

This was the first time NASRPC had used pre-registration for a National—and we were lucky we did—with all 120 details being booked out in the first 24 hours. A number of people had booked in on standby, a few came on spec and everyone was catered for—but had there been much larger numbers not everyone would have got to shoot.



From The Range

Mourne Shooting Grounds, Ardee, Co. Monaghan (cont'd)



There were some very good scores on the day—Gallery Rifle in particular was very well represented—with many Ireland Team Strips on the line. With not long to the Phoenix match @ Bisley in the UK it was good to see some extremely good 1500 scores.

Not to be left out there was some very good pistol shooting also—with 4 scores in the 290s in CFP T&P1 and 2 scores in the 290s in SBP T&P1.

You can view the full results of the match here [Mourne—March 2016—Results](#)

So I think we can say our first outing to Mourne was a great days shooting and we look forward to the next outing.



This was my first visit to Mourne shooting club.

On arrival I registered for my three competitions which were GRCF T&P 1, GRCF 1500 and CFP T&P 1.

All the competitions started on time and were very well run. I was impressed with the target set up which made the competitions run smoothly. Each distance had a line of target frames which could be lowered or raised depending on what was being shot.

My GRCF T&P1 was not too bad, unfortunately the same could not be said for my CFP T&P1 which I am usually fairly good at but I was very disappointed with my result.

This was my first GRCF 1500 so I was looking forward to trying it. There were quite a few lads from the Ireland team present and I was beside one of them, Pat, who was a great help with advise throughout the event.

I shot fairly ok but could not reload quick enough in the fast sections, in fact I could not reload on the first stage because my reloader got stuck in its holder. On the other fast stages I reloaded 4 rounds instead of six as I figured it was better to get four rounds on target instead of none at all. Despite my fumbles I really enjoyed the event. Will just need lots of reloading practice.

The set up in Mourne is very good and there was a wide selection of gear in the shop, which I spent some time browsing in.

It was an enjoyable days shooting on a good range very well run with a friendly crowd as usual.

Brendan Murphy, ECSC

Competitions—Pre Registration

Match Scheduling & Pre Registration

For the last couple of years we have had pre-registration for the NASRPC Irish International Open and, while it has had a few hiccups, it has been very successful.

We have had a number of problems highlighted and requests over the last year or two with regard to match admin

[1] ROs not getting to shoot.

Many Range Officers find that, after working hard for half the day, do not get to shoot as all lines are full.

This is obviously not fair - those working the match should get preference on details - as without them, there would be no details.

They should also be able to plan their day, with when they are shooting and when they are working.

[2] People arriving mid day, not getting to shoot.

A Number of people have highlighted that as some events, if you do not arrive at a match for first shots, the odds of you getting to shoot at all are quite low.

This is also not fair as it is not right that we should ask someone travelling to Sligo, from Dublin or to Limerick from Donegal or vice versa to be there for 10am.

[3] People who cannot stay all day, not getting to shoot.

A Number of people have highlighted that they cannot always stand around all day waiting for a free slot - they may have to go to work or leave early for whatever reason.

This should not prevent them from getting to shoot the details they wish.

[4] Not enough details of one discipline and too many details of another.

Different sports gain and lose popularity from year to year. It is not possible to hold all disciplines at all matches so it is a bit of a balancing act to ensure there are sufficient details at each match.

You get the point To this end we decided to do Match scheduling, RO scheduling and Pre-registration for our first match at Mourne.

From a match admin perspective, this was very successful - with 120 details shot - on one 9 lane range in an 8 hour day.

We had 3 or 4 free slots on the last 1500 detail of the day - everything else was fully booked.

All details ran on time, ROs got to work and shoot, some people arrived in the middle of the day, other left in the middle of the day, some people were on standby and got to shoot when free slots became available because of no shows.

A straw poll on the day showed that people were very happy with the system.

But not everyone was - obviously the match sold out very fast - within 24 hours - so not everyone, who had planned to shoot Mourne, got to.

That being said, had we not had pre-reg we could very easily have been massively oversubscribed and the problems highlighted above would have been as bad, or worse, than ever.

We received quite a bit of feedback since and have made some alterations as a result.

[1] We will open registration to Range Officers one day before everyone else.

It will be mandatory to schedule the RO details where you will work, aswell as the details you will shoot during the RO pre-reg.

As with Match details - there are RO Details - which have quotas - on they are full - they will no longer be available for selection.

This is to ensure that we get an even spread of ROs across all details from first shots to last.

Anyone found to be gaming this - may be prevented from using pre-reg at a future match as a penalty.

Competitions—Pre Registration

Match Scheduling & Pre Registration (cont'd)

[2] We will hold a certain number of slots for "walk-ins" and those who either did not see, or simply did not use pre-reg.

These will be used on a first come, first served basis, on the day.

People should inform the CRO they are waiting on a slot, and they will determine who it is that will get any free slots that come up.

[3] We will announce each match well in advance.

We will include the opening dates and times for RO pre-reg and General Pre-reg in the announcement

We will include the match schedule in the announcement

We will include GPS co-ordinates for the range in the match announcement

Announcements will be made to a) The NASRPC Mailing List, b) NASRPC Facebook page, c) Shooting Forum on boards.ie & d) IrishShooter.com

We also expect our member clubs to distribute the announcements to their own members to maximise the exposure before pre-registration opens.

[4] We will make mistakes

NASRPC is volunteers, doing this stuff on their own time.

They, like you, will make mistakes from time to time and will make a best effort to rectify them.

For example - should there be a massive load of bookings, with errors, for a match

e.g. People booked to RO and shoot at the same time or People booked to shoot two discipline at the same time or

People booked into the match multiple times.

Then we will endeavour to fix the problems - but it may not always be possible

e.g. there may not be any free slots for the discipline you double booked - in which case you will go on standby.

So bear with us

Competitions—Leaderboards

Online Leaderboards

Over the years there has been much to'ing and fro'ing over who qualifies for championship finals, who qualifies for National Team Selection, etc.

A Number of years ago it was agreed that leaderboards would be maintained for all disciplines - championship finalists and team selection would all be based on merit, from those leaderboards.

Last year it became apparent that the existing leaderboard system was incapable of correctly distinguishing between peoples scores at the top of the board, due to a lack of precision in the calculation of averages.

NASRPC committed to fixing this for the next competitive season, namely 2016.

To that end we have now published all leaderboards online.

Each Leader board contain all relevant scores for both championship and team selection criteria for all sports on the National Circuit.

Rankings are calculated by adding the three best scores in the 12 months to date (including X multiplied by 0.001)

National Championship Finalists are the top 10 on the board and anyone on the same score, discounting X, as the 10th place finalist. So if the 10th place in GRSBT&P1 is on 299.012—then anyone else on 299 also qualifies for the final. The only caveat to this is Benchrest Rifle —where only the top 10 qualify. There is no facility for subs—only the finalists compete.

The current ranking finalists are always highlighted with a Blue background—but obviously this will change throughout the competitive season.

National Team Selection is the Top 5 on the board. Should someone be unavailable for Team Selection, the next highest person, on merit, i.e. 6th place will be asked to sub for them—and so on until a team is fielded.

Leaderboards will be updated after every competition—we would ask everyone to please review their scores and positions after competitions to ensure they are correct.

The Leaderboards can always be found at

[SBTP1 : Smallbore Pistol T&P1](#)

[SBPMT : Smallbore Pistol Multi Target](#)

[SBPGP40 : Smallbore Pistol GP40](#)

[SBP25P : Smallbore Pistol 25m Precision](#)

[CFTP1 : Centrefire Pistol T&P1](#)

[CFPMT : Centrefire Pistol Multi Target](#)

[CFP25P : Centrefire Pistol 25 Precision](#)

[GRSB1500 : Gallery Rifle Smallbore 1500](#)

[GRSBTP1 : Gallery Rifle Smallbore T&P1](#)

[GRSBMT : Gallery Rifle Smallbore Multi Target](#)

[GRSB25P : Gallery Rifle Smallbore 25m Precision](#)

[SPR50Prone : Sporting Rifle 50m Prone](#)

[BR50FS : 50m Benchrest Rifle Factory Sporter](#)

[BR50IS : 50m Benchrest Rifle International Sporter](#)

[BR50LV : 50m Benchrest Rifle Light Varmint](#)

[BR50HV : 50m Benchrest Rifle Heavy Varmint](#)

[GRCF1500 : Gallery Rifle Centrefire 1500](#)

[GRCFTP1 : Gallery Rifle Centrefire T&P1](#)

[GRCFMT : Gallery Rifle Centrefire Multi Target](#)

[GRCF25P : Gallery Rifle Centrefire 25m Precision](#)

Competitions—Classifications

Classification Changes

Centrefire Gallery Rifle—Timed & Precision 1 (GRCFTP1)

Classification Bands

| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Smallbore Pistol Timed & Precision 1 | X | 265-300 |
| | A | 226-264 |
| | B | 0-225 |
| Smallbore Pistol Multi Target | X | 81-120 |
| | A | 66 -80 |
| | B | 0-65 |
| Smallbore Pistol GP40 | X | 361-400 |
| | A | 300-360 |
| | B | 0-299 |
| Centrefire Pistol Timed & Precision 1 | X | 286-300 |
| | A | 256-285 |
| | B | 0-255 |
| Centrefire Pistol Multi Target | X | 95-120 |
| | A | 81-94 |
| | B | 0-80 |
| Smallbore Gallery Rifle Timed & Precision 1 | X | 299-300 |
| | A | 292-298 |
| | B | 0-291 |
| Smallbore Gallery Rifle Multi Target | X | 114-120 |
| | A | 106-113 |
| | B | 0-105 |
| Smallbore Gallery Rifle 1020 | X | 1010-1020 |
| | A | 1000-1009 |
| | B | 0-999 |
| Smallbore Gallery Rifle 1500 | X | 1478-1500 |
| | A | 1455-1477 |
| | B | 1425-1454 |
| | C | 1375-1424 |
| | D | 0-1374 |

Late last year—NRAUK—decided to alter the classification bands for GRCFTP1.

It was felt that far too many people have achieved X class grade i.e. A score of 300.

The new bands are now

X Class : 300.021 or higher

A Class : 300.000 to 300.020 inclusive

B Class : 0 to 299.030 inclusive

NASRPC have now recalculated everyone's GRCFT&P1 classification prior to the 2016 competitive season commencing.

The new classifications, along with all scores ever entered, can now be seen on the [GRCFT&P1 Leaderboard](#). Please take the time to review your scores and classification

We will communicate classifications to NRAUK in the run up to Bisley, South African Hunters Association in the run up to the South African Open, BDMP in the run up to the German Open and, of course, they will be applied and updated during all NASRPC events, including the NASRPC Irish International Open.

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|----------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Centrefire Gallery Rifle Timed & Precision 1 | X | 300.021-300.030 |
| | A | 299-300.021 |
| | B | 0-298 |
| Centrefire Gallery Rifle Multi Target | X | 118-120 |
| | A | 111-117 |
| | B | 0-110 |
| Centrefire Gallery Rifle 1020 | X | 1017-1020 |
| | A | 1008-1016 |
| | B | 0-1007 |
| Centrefire Gallery Rifle 1500 | X | 1493-1500 |
| | A | 1485-1492 |
| | B | 1468-1484 |
| | C | 1427-1467 |
| | D | 0-1426 |
| Sporting Rifle 50m Prone | A | 191-200 |
| | B | 181-190 |
| | C | 171-180 |
| | D | 0-170 |

Sporting Rifle

2016 Sporting Rifle Events

| Date | Range |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| March 6th | Eagles |
| April 2nd | Harbour House |
| June 25th | FRC |
| July 8th | Irish Open Harbour House |
| July 23rd | ECSC |
| Aug 14th | BRC |
| Oct 29th | Championship |

Please keep an eye on the calendar for changes but at time of print the following are the provisional dates for 50m Prone Events.

As you can see—current plans include a 50m Prone event at the Harbour House National and in this years Irish Open.

It is great to see another range adopt Sporting Rifle.

We would hope to see a large turnout for both of these events.

I'm sure the Irish Open will attract Sporting Rifle shooters from across the NASRPC.

Nothing Like a Gold at the Irish Open for bragging rights.

Feedback / Suggestions

We would love to hear suggestions from you as to what we can do to improve the sport.

Recently we heard suggestions of resurrecting 100m Prone events. Indeed resurrecting Sporting Rifle 3 Position.

In order for these, or indeed any event, to become part of the National Competition **circuit we will first need it "trials" at club events in two venues and a report from both Ranges as to how it went, difficulties ROing, things to watch, etc.**

So—if you would like to see these events added to the circuit, would like your home range to host

2015 National Championships



NASRPC recently held the 2015 National Championship finals across many sports.

There were insufficient events held in 50m Prone last year to give the normal three heats so we went with the best two events.

This problem will be rectified this year with more Prone matches being scheduled.

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Wes Halliday | Phoenix Sports Club | 381.010 |
| 2 | Michael Tope | Eagles Rifle & Pistol Club | 378.007 |
| 3 | Brian Kelly | Phoenix Sports Club | 371.009 |
| 4 | Declan Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 334.001 |

Benchrest Rifle

New Irish Record

As some of you may, or may not, be aware a new Irish Record was shot in Heavy Varmint Benchrest Rifle last year at the NASRPC event in Hilltop Shooting Club on Oct 8th.

Paul Cassidy, hailing from MNSCI shot a 500.038 out of a possible 500.050.

This is the first time someone has recorded a 500 at a National Event in Ireland.

Well done to Paul, who went on to become National Champion. There is some very healthy competition in Benchrest at the moment with a number of people having their eye on his title.

2016 Benchrest Rifle Events

| Date | Range |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| April 2nd | Harbour House |
| June 25th | FRC |
| July 8th | Irish Open Harbour House |
| July 23rd | ECSC |
| Sept 24/25th | Lough Bo |
| Oct 8th | Hilltop |
| Oct 29th | Championship Finals |

Please keep an eye on the calendar for changes but at time of print the following are the provisional dates for NASRPC Benchrest Rifle Events. There are of course NRBAI and club events happening throughout the year also.

Any feedback or suggestion are as always welcome.

2015 National Championships Factory Sporter

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Blayne Murphy | Hilltop Shooting Club | 456.006 |
| 2 | Jim O Brien | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 448.010 |
| 3 | Peter Deaton | Hilltop Shooting Club | 448.007 |
| 4 | Jane Duff | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 370.002 |

2015 National Championships International Sporter

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Paul Cassidy | Midlands National Shooting Centre | 494.024 |
| 2 | Jim O Brien | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 484.014 |
| 3 | Dessie Owens | Hilltop Shooting Club | 482.016 |



Benchrest Rifle

2015 National Championships Light Varmint

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Paul Hayes | Hilltop Shooting Club | 497.033 |
| 2 | Paul Cassidy | MNSCI | 496.023 |
| 3 | Dessie Owens | Hilltop Shooting Club | 492.021 |
| 4 | Jim O Brien | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 489.018 |
| 5 | Jim O Neill | Hilltop Shooting Club | 488.020 |
| 6 | Peter Deaton | Hilltop Shooting Club | 480.014 |
| 7 | Anne Marie O Connell | Hilltop Shooting Club | 472.012 |
| 8 | Niall Duff | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 463.013 |



2015 National Championships Heavy Varmint

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Paul Cassidy | MNSCI | 499.028 |
| 2 | Paul Hayes | Hilltop Shooting Club | 494.028 |
| 3 | Dessie Owens | Hilltop Shooting Club | 494.026 |
| 4 | Peter Deaton | Hilltop Shooting Club | 494.024 |
| 5 | Jim O Neill | Hilltop Shooting Club | 493.025 |
| 6 | Rachael Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 488.015 |
| 7 | Ciara Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 478.014 |



Gallery Rifle

Pat Grimes : National Discipline Co-Ordinator : Gallery Rifle

NASRPC recently sought individuals to fill the roles of National Discipline CoOrdinator for each of the sporting codes that it administers.

One of those Sporting Codes is Gallery Rifle—encompassing Smallbore & Centrefire Gallery Rifle Disciplines.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Pat Grimes to the Role of Gallery Rifle Co-Ordinator

Having been shooting Gallery Rifle for many years and having represented his clubs and country on many occasions Pat brings a broad range of experience to the role.

He will work with the Training and Development Officer to help bring some GR specific training online

He will work with the Competitions Officer to ensure sufficient heats in all GR Disciplines for Championship and Team Selection from the Leaderboards.

He will work with the GR Team Captains to help prepare our National Teams for International Competition.

Be sure to congratulate Pat on the range when you see him—we are told he likes hugs.



As you've never seen him before

Gallery Rifle

2015 National Championships Smallbore Gallery Rifle—Timed & Precision 1

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Mark Nolan | Harbour House Sports Club | 300.016 |
| 2 | Jimmy Byrne | Harbour House Sports Club | 299.019 |
| 3 | Daniel O Flaherty | Lough Bo Rifle and Pistol Club | 298.014 |
| 4 | Andy McGowan | Lough Bo Rifle and Pistol Club | 297.016 |
| 5 | Ray Holohan | Harbour House Sports Club | 295.012 |
| 6 | Glenn Forde | Hilltop Shooting Club | 284.014 |
| 7 | John P Walsh | Eagles Rifle & Pistol Club | 279.014 |

2015 National Championships Centrefire Gallery Rifle—Timed & Precision 1

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Mike Kelly | Bracken Projectile Club | 300.018 |
| 2 | Tony Graham | Bracken Projectile Club | 300.017 |
| 3 | Frank Cullen | Bracken Projectile Club | 299.023 |
| 4 | Declan Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 298.022 |
| 5 | Andrew Hunter | Donegal Target Shooting Club | 296.015 |
| 6 | Pat Grimes | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 288.013 |



Gallery Rifle

2015 National Championships Smallbore Gallery Rifle—Multi Target

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Jimmy Byrne | Harbour House Sports Club | 116.015 |
| 2 | Ray Holohan | Harbour House Sports Club | 116.013 |
| 3 | Mark Nolan | Harbour House Sports Club | 115.014 |
| 4 | Andy McGowan | Lough Bo Rifle and Pistol Club | 114.010 |
| 5 | Daniel O Flaherty | Lough Bo Rifle and Pistol Club | 111.010 |
| 6 | Declan Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 109.007 |
| 7 | Mike Kelly | Bracken /DTC | 107.007 |
| 8 | Stephen Wall | Hilltop Shooting Club | 92.006 |
| | Adrian Cole | Harbour House Sports Club | 92.001 |

2015 National Championships Centrefire Gallery Rifle—Multi Target

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Mike Kelly | Bracken/DTC | 119.017 |
| 2 | Declan Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 118.010 |
| 3 | Billy Goodison | Harbour House Sports Club | 116.013 |
| 4 | Tony Graham | Bracken Projectile Club | 116.010 |
| 5 | Andy McGowan | Lough Bo Shooting Centre | 114.014 |
| 6 | Frank Cullen | Bracken Projectile Club | 112.016 |



Gallery Rifle

2015 National Championships Smallbore Gallery Rifle—1500

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Mark Nolan | Harbour house sports club | 1489 98 |
| 2 | Jimmy Byrne | Harbour house sports club | 1480 95 |
| 3 | James Connolly | Lough Bo Shooting Centre | 1480 90 |
| 4 | Will Danaher | Harbour house sports club | 1471 87 |
| 5 | Daniel O Flaherty | Lough Bo Shooting Centre | 1480 90 |
| 6 | Ray Holohan | Harbour house sports club | 1469 76 |
| 7 | Andy McGowan | Lough Bo Shooting Centre | 1460 88 |
| 8 | Declan Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 1457 78 |

2015 National Championships Centrefire Gallery Rifle—1500

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Mike Nestor | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 1488 98 |
| 2 | Pat Grimes | MTSC / An Rlocht | 1482 87 |
| 3 | Mike Kelly | Bracken/DTC | 1466 85 |
| 4 | Declan Byrne | Hilltop Shooting Club | 1462 82 |
| 5 | Andy McGowan | Lough Bo Shooting Centre | 1458 75 |



Gallery Rifle

IGRF UK—Team Selection

The first of the IGRF International series events is coming up in Bisley in the UK in May. As usual a sizeable Irish contingent are travelling to compete in the wide array of events on offer as individuals.

Ireland will also be fielding teams in the GRSB1500 and GRCF1500 IGRF events.

As per the current NASRPC rules The team will be selected on Monday May 16th—making the MTSC match on May 14th the last selection event for the UK Leg. All events since, and including the 2015 Phoenix event will count. The minimum criteria for team selection are as follows:

Gallery Rifle Team Selection Criteria

The Process whereby the team for any International Match selected will be on merit from the GR leader board based on National and International match scores.

Shooters must have shot in at least 3 matches in the preceding 12 months in Ireland, but scores from all officially recognised matches (IGRF) they shoot in will be taken into consideration .i.e., National & International.

The cut-off for scores will be 2 weeks before each International with the preceding 12 months being taken into consideration.

Shooters must show consistency and willingness to participate in NASRPC National shoots throughout the year.

Any shooter who has not, or has not shot a match in the previous 12 weeks before an International Match will not be eligible for selection for the team, unless a medical or valid reason is supplied to the relevant team captain and GR- NDC.

Team Selectors and Ranking Criteria

The team will be made up of the top 5 available shooters taken from the published GRSB 1500 & GRCF 1500 leader board.

The leaderboard ranking is based on the following criteria:

Average of each shooters top 3 scores in the preceding 12 months

In the event of a score tie to determine placing - 2 decimal place results will be used.

In the event of a score and decimal place tie – total X count from the 3 scores used for the initial criteria will be used.

In any case of dispute the 2 Team Captains, the GR NDC and Stats officer will make any final decision.

In certain exceptional circumstances and if for some unforeseen reason, the Irish team cannot fill all team places, then the Team Captains and GR NDC may select another member of the Irish squad who has travelled to the event even if that person has not qualified using the qualification criteria. This will ensure Ireland can field a team so as to give it the best possible chance in each International match.

A leader board will be maintained and published so that all qualified squad shooters will be able to observe their position and that of their fellow squad members in the overall GR Rankings.

Any queries on GR Team selection will be arbitrated first by the 2 Team Captains, the GR NDC and Stats officer and can be further arbitrated by the NASRPC committee for a final decision if required.

GR Qualifying Scores:

A Minimum qualifying score of

1450 (Small-bore) &

1470 (Centre Fire)

is required for selection to the respective GRSB and GRCF Shooting Teams.

Target Pistol

2015 National Championships Smallbore Pistol—Timed & Precision 1

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | John P Walsh | Eagles Rifle & Pistol Club | 284.007 |
| 2 | Mike Nestor | Harbour House Sports Club | 281.002 |
| 3 | Ray Holohan | Harbour House Sports Club | 280.000 |
| 4 | Mark Nolan | Harbour House Sports Club | 279.004 |
| 5 | Mike Kelly | Bracken/DTC | 273.001 |
| 6 | Jim O Donohue | An Ríocht Rifle and Pistol Club | 271.003 |
| 7 | Frank Cullen | Bracken Projectile Club | 269.003 |
| 8 | John Cox | Harbour House Sports Club | 254.003 |
| 9 | Stephen Wall | Hilltop Shooting Club | 247.003 |



2015 National Championships Centrefire Pistol— Timed & Precision 1

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Frank Cullen | Bracken Projectile Club | 295.008 |
| 2 | Denis Linehan | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 294.010 |
| 3 | Norman Oglby | Bracken Projectile Club | 278.001 |
| 4 | Gerry McCarthy | Munster Target Shooting Club | 275.003 |
| 5 | John Reynolds | MNSCI | 267.005 |
| 6 | Ellen McCormack | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 267.002 |
| 7 | Tommy Breslin | Bracken / Donegal | 261.005 |
| 8 | Pat O Mahony | An Ríocht Rifle and Pistol Club | 242.003 |
| 9 | Michael Tope | Eagles Rifle & Pistol Club | 241.003 |

Target Pistol

2015 National Championships Smallbore Pistol —Multi Target

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Denis Linehan | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 101.003 |
| 2 | Ray Holohan | Harbour House Sports Club | 92.004 |
| 3 | John P Walsh | Eagles Rifle & Pistol Club | 91.001 |
| 4 | Mark Nolan | Harbour house sports club | 89.002 |
| 5 | Stephen Wall | Hilltop Shooting Club | 87.003 |
| 6 | Mike Kelly | Bracken/DTC | 83.002 |
| 7 | Jim O Donohue | An Ríocht Rifle and Pistol Club | 82.001 |
| 8 | Andy McGowan | Lough Bo Shooting Centre | 54.000 |

2015 National Championships Centrefire Pistol—Multi Target

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Denis Linehan | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 110.004 |
| 2 | Gerry McCarthy | Munster Target Shooting Club | 104.004 |
| 3 | Toby O Brien | Harbour House Shooting Centre | 85.001 |
| 4 | Pat O Mahony | An Ríocht Rifle and Pistol Club | 81.002 |
| 5 | Ellen McCormack | An Ríocht Rifle and Pistol Club | 71.000 |
| 6 | Michael Tope | Eagles Rifle & Pistol Club | 69.000 |

Target Pistol

2015 National Championships Smallbore Pistol—GP40

| Ranking | Name | Club | Score |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| National Champion | Ray Holohan | Harbour House Sports Club | 379.014 |
| 2 | Mark Nolan | Harbour house sports club | 360.005 |
| 3 | Stephen Wall | Hilltop Shooting Club | 341.006 |
| 4 | Ellen McCormack | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 307.003 |
| 5 | Nigel Norris | Harbour House Sports Club | 303.002 |
| 6 | Les Walker | Harbour house sports club | 302.004 |
| 7 | Colin McCormack | An Ríocht Rifle & Pistol Club | 238.002 |



Captions please to competitions@nasrpc.ie—best one gets published in next newsletter

Range Officers

Thank you

Perhaps it is not said often enough—but Range Officers are the backbone of our sport—indeed all shooting sports.

Every NASRPC match from one end of the island to the other is run by our Range Officers; Stats Officers, Chief Range Officers, Range Officers & Assistant Range Officers—they are what make these matches happen.

This year we have already had the National Championship Finals, The National @ Eagles & the National @ Mourne—aswell as the countless matches in previous years.

All of these matches are run to an extremely professional standard, which is often commented on by range operators, competitors and indeed international visitors.

The NASRPC committee, on behalf of the NASRPC itself would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that work so hard to ensure our sport runs to such a high standard.

Match Entry Fees

It is NASRPCs intent to waive entry fees for ROs who are pre-scheduled and then work more than a certain % of a given match. By default this will be 25% - namely two hours out of an 8 hour shoot.

Where there is pre-registration, ROs will have the opportunity to choose the details they wish to work.

There will be a quota for ROs per details - so they can be booked the same as match details - until they are fully subscribed. This should help us ensure an even distribution of ROs throughout the day.

This should allow ROs to plan their day better and ensure they get to shoot adequate competition and build in some breaks between ROing and competing.



Committee Report

The new committee was elected on the 16/1/16 at the AGM in Naas.

The new committee is

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|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Gerry McCarthy | Chairman | MTSC |
| Karl O'Brien | Vice-chairman | Hilltop |
| Mike Nestor | treasurer | Harbour House |
| Nicholas Flood | Secretary | East Coast |
| Mick McGrath | Assistant secretary | An Riocht |
| Jeff McCann | National Competitions Officer | MTSC |
| Declan Keogh | Development and training officer | Harbour House |
| James Connolly | PRO | Lough Bo |
| Noel Thompson | Child Protection Officer | Harbour House |

The new committee has had a few busy weeks trying to organise the needs for the shooters including the National Championships and a comprehensive shooting calendar taking us from Kerry to Donegal and back.

The majority of this organisation takes place via teleconferencing and email due to the vast distance between all the committee members. This has allowed us as a committee to meet 16 times in a short 12 week period.

All clubs within the association were contacted in relation to their affiliation for the year with 17 clubs giving very definite commitments paying their affiliation fees immediately. There were further clubs that have been contacted in relation to joining the association but at present we are awaiting confirmation from them.

The comprehensive shooting calendar is also complemented with the introduction of pre registration at NASRPC events for the foreseeable future to ensure that ROs and competitors get to shoot so there will be no more hanging around to wait all day and will allow competitors to plan their days comprehensively.

The organisation of the NASRPC Irish Open is proceeding and we have received paperwork from our German and some of our British visitors who are looking forward to attending the International match in Ireland. The licenses are currently being processed by the Gardai in Naas.

There was a consultation meeting held with the clubs on the 16/3/16 in Abbeyleix. This consultation meeting allowed the clubs to voice any concerns in relation to the running of the organisation this included the FCP, finances, international teams and matches. More information in relation to this meeting will be passed onto you from the club representatives that were at the meeting.

A Very Special Birthday

Mary Hickey, the 'Queen of Kilmead' celebrating her 100th birthday in the Clanard Court hotel Athy, on Easter Sunday.

Mary Hickey is the mum of Maura O'Brien and Tommy's mother in law. (Harbour House Sports Club)

Mary was born 5 days after the Easter Rising, on 29th April 1916.

Harbour House Sports Club are very proud of Mary our oldest member and mum, grandmother and great grandmother.

NASRPC would like to take this opportunity to wish Mary a very happy birthday and indeed many more.

We are sure the O'Briens and everyone else at Harbour House will spoil her no end.

