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1. Which team member has been off-roading in the no-go area between the two fences at a very muddy Glastonbury Festival?

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	1st August	Travel		LHR-Toronto
Sat	2nd August	Camp Borden	ORA	Individual championship
Sun	3rd August	Camp Borden	ORA	Team match vs. Ontario
	4th August	Camp Perry	settle in	Familiarisation / practice
	5th August	Camp Perry	USFNC	2+15 @ 3,6,800x
	6th August	Camp Perry	USFNC	2+15 @ 6,9,1000x
	7th August	Camp Perry	USFNC	2+15 @ 3,6,1000x
	8th August	Camp Perry	USFNC	Commodore Perry Match
Sat	9th August	Camp Perry	USFNC	2+15 @10,10; top 10 @1000x
Sun	10th August	Camp Perry	USFNC	Mini-Palma Match
	11th August	R&R	Ohio	Lake Erie & Port Clinton
	12th August	R&R/Travel	drive to	Algonquin Provincial Park
	13th August	R&R	Ontario	Algonquin Provincial Park
	14th August	R&R	Ontario	Algonquin Provincial Park
	15th August	R&R/Connaught	DCRA	Drive; Ottawa Regt (eve)
Sat	16th August	Connaught	DCRA	Gooderham; A&N Veterans
Sun	17th August	Connaught	DCRA	Tilton; Macdougall
	18th August	Connaught	DCRA	Norm Beckett; Col. John Brick
	19th August	Connaught	DCRA	Letson; Alexander of Tunis
	20th August	Connaught	DCRA	President's; Gibson
	21st August	Connaught	DCRA	Gibson; Outlander Match
	22nd August	Connaught	DCRA	Gatineau; Commonwealth Match
Sat	23rd August	Connaught	DCRA	Canada Match; Governor General's Final
Sun	24th August	Connaught	DCRA	America Match
	25th August	R&R/Travel		Toronto-LHR

2. Which team member used to play the bagpipes in a pipe band?



On behalf of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada for our 132nd Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship at the Connaught Ranges in Ottawa, Ontario.

Spirited competition between our national associations, punctuated by friendship and warm camaraderie, has always added to the atmosphere at Connaught and we look forward to this being the case again in 2014. This year, the highpoint of the competition will be the America Matches for both F-Class and target rifle.

To Matthew Charlton and his team, we congratulate you for having achieved the honour of representing Great Britain and extend our sincere appreciation for your efforts to participate at the Canadian Championships. May I also take this opportunity to congratulate the new caps on your team and hope that they will find their first tour an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

May all of you enjoy your time in both Canada and the United States. Best wishes for successful competitions.

I have been honoured to be named Commandant of the Canadian Rifle Team to Bisley. In that capacity, I look forward to meeting your team members, competing with them, and giving them reason to seek retribution when they arrive in Canada!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Romses', written in a cursive style.

Raymond R. Romses
Brigadier-General (Retired)
President, Dominion of Canada Rifle Association



3. Which team member was once pushed off a bridge into a lake by Hugh Laurie (“House”)?



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On behalf of the National Rifle Association, our staff, range personnel and sponsors it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2014 Remington & NRA National Rifle and Pistol Championships. We are excited that you are able to attend and hope you enjoy your stay here.

Friendly competition has existed for many, many years between our two countries and on many levels, including rifle, pistol, and smallbore. In 2012, David Luckman from Great Britain won our Long Range Championship and in 2013 the U.S. won over the British team in the John J. Pershing Match held at Camp Perry. As winners, losers and runner-ups go to and fro over the years, the things that remain constant are our history, our camaraderie, and our love of the shooting sports. The photo of the Bisley Range that I received in 2012 now hangs in my office.

So now we enter into another chapter of competitive spirit; the U.S. Fullbore Championship.

We are hosting this event under ICFRA Rules and on the 5V target, something most U.S. competitors have never done. Perhaps you have the advantage! This event will give the U.S. NRA an opportunity to learn more about International competition and help us prepare for the World Target Rifle Championships in 2015. So if you have suggestions for improving our events, please let us know. We want to make things bigger and better for you.

We do many things differently here so please review National Match program so that you know what you might expect at the National Matches. If you have questions, please ask. We are here to help and make things easier for you.

So as we both prepare for this Championship, let us not forget the special relationship we have, make new friendships, renew old friendships, and enjoy the spirit of competition. We will both take away good memories and we both can look forward to meeting once again in 2015.

Good Shooting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis L. Willing". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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LINDSEY MCKERRELL, ANGUS MCLEOD

AND IAN SHAW

4. Which team member enjoys horse riding almost as much as shooting?

FOREWORD



**Matthew Charlton | Captain
Great Britain Rifle Team**



Canada and the USA rank among the most interesting and beautiful countries on the planet, which makes it a privilege as well as an honour to have been elected by NRA Council to captain the Great Britain Rifle Team to the US National Championships and the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships.

Since I first shot in Canada as a student (before spending a few months living in Montreal, ostensibly to practise my French), the welcome at Connaught has made it hard to stay away. The annual exchange of shooting talent between Great Britain and Canada at both senior and junior level has been a source of many long term friendships as well as the spur for youngsters

from both countries to continue in a sport that they can enjoy for the rest of their lives. Long may that tradition live on.

A nascent “tradition” has been developing in recent years: it has been great to see an increase in touring both to and from the USA. The US National Team has been a welcome and popular addition at ranges around the world; meanwhile, overseas teams have been made to feel at home at Raton and I feel fortunate to have shot in America twice recently: in 2012, on GB’s first TR team at Camp Perry for 36 years, and earlier this year as Captain of the Scottish team to California. The hospitality we encountered was extraordinary.

This year’s Great Britain team will follow in the 2012 team’s footsteps and, in addition to Camp Perry and Connaught, we will return to provincial shooting at Camp Borden, for which we are grateful to the ORA. Our team, which represents all four of the “home nations” and aims in part to help GB prepare for next year’s World Long Range Rifle Championships, contains such a broad spread of experience that its members’ ages cover every decade from teenager to septuagenarian, with nearly every decade featuring among the eight new caps. I offer them my congratulations on their richly deserved selection.

Although each team member will fire well over 500 rounds as an individual, the key moments on tour will be our seven team matches: the ORA International at Borden, the Commodore Perry and Mini-Palma matches at Camp Perry and the Outlander, Canada and Commonwealth matches at DCRA as well as the climactic America Match, to be held this year at Connaught. We expect some very stiff competition and equally friendly rivalry. We aim to win but, whatever the results, we will be pleased with the tour if we all learn something, refresh old friendships, make some new ones and prove to be good ambassadors for GB shooting.

My sincere thanks go to Vice-Captain Jane Messer and Adjutant Martin Whicher for all their hard work, and also to all the team members who have committed time and energy not just to training but also to fund raising, firearms permits, brochure, website and all the other jobs before and on tour that are essential to a successful touring team. My thanks also to the reserves for pushing the team members so hard. We are all grateful to our sponsors, advertisers and the NRA Overseas Teams Fund, to team members’ families and partners for their understanding and support and, most of all, to our Canadian and American hosts. We look forward to welcoming them when they next come to shoot in Great Britain.



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5. Which team member has shot at targets on 6 continents... only Asia to go...?

THE TEAM



Captain

Matthew Charlton

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Vice-Captain

Jane Messer *GC SC*

GB, England & Sussex

Adjutant

Martin Whicher

GB, England & Berkshire

David Armstrong *SB2*

GB, England & London

Nigel Ball *QM GC SM SC*

GB, England & Norfolk

William Broad*

England & Surrey

Phil Chapman-Sheath*

England & Lincolnshire

Tom Drysdale*

England & Durham & Northumberland

Jonathan Ford*

Scotland & Gloucestershire

Alastair Haley

GB, Wales & Gloucestershire

Lindsey McKerrell*

Scotland

Angus McLeod*

Scotland & East of Scotland

Emma Nuttall

GB, England & Lancashire

Ian Shaw *CSM*

GB, Scotland & Surrey

Martin Townsend

GB, Ireland & Hertfordshire

Jon Underwood *GM GC2 SM2*

GB, England & Surrey

Dominic de Vere

GB, England & London

Paul Wheeler*

England

Bruce Winney*

Hertfordshire

Stuart Young

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Reg Roberts (GB, England & Sussex).

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6. Which team member won a prize and featured in the press... as a Father Christmas?

TEAM MEMBERS



Matthew Charlton (Captain)

Matthew started shooting at RGS Guildford when he was 13. This is his 9th Great Britain tour, his 8th tour to Canada and his 3rd to the USA. His most recent overseas captaincy was of the Scottish team which enjoyed some success in wonderful California earlier this year, but his first - of the Oxford & Cambridge team - was to Canada all of twenty years ago!

Wind coaching is Matt's main strength and was his role on previous GB, Scotland and club tours to Canada, Australia, South Africa, USA, New Zealand and the West Indies. Matt has 41 "Big Five" appearances under his belt and has coached Great Britain to wins in all the Great Eight international matches featured in this brochure (with record scores in over half): the America, Australia, Canada, Kolapore, New Zealand, Palma, Protea and West Indies matches. A proud Scot, he is an even prouder Briton and hopes that the coming independence vote doesn't make him the last Scotsman eligible to lead Great Britain.

Matt has an institutional stockbroking background but has "retired" from the City to use his Oxford languages degree more fully when, upon our return, he embarks on a more fulfilling second career as a teacher. He sculls, having rowed competitively, and enjoys cycling, skiing and snowboarding when there's time.



Jane Messer GC SC (Vice-Captain)

A keen advocate of team shooting, Jane has toured widely, including to Australia, Barbados, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Trinidad, the USA and Zimbabwe, winning all the Great Eight international matches featured in this brochure: the America, Australia, Canada, Kolapore, New Zealand, Palma, Protea and West Indies matches. This will be Jane's sixth tour to the US and her seventh to Canada. Her last visit to Canada was as Captain of the GB team in 2010, which she greatly enjoyed. Jane's shooting experience in the US has been confined to Raton, a range that she loves for its flora, fauna (except the rattlesnakes and spiders!), interesting winds and stunning scenery. Her most recent foray there was as a coach for the GB F-TR team at the F Class World Championships last summer. Jane is looking forward to seeing Camp Perry, about which she has heard so much - and as Captain of the GB Palma team for 2015, while on tour she will be keeping a watchful eye on the performance of fellow GB squad members.

Although team shooting is Jane's favourite, she is also an accomplished individual shot, having won a number of important individual competitions, including the President's Prize at the DCRA Meeting in Ottawa and the Grand Aggregate and St George's Vase at Bisley. Away from the ranges, Jane enjoys walking, skiing and gardening - and is currently trying to train her labrador puppy not to 'help' with the latter!



Martin Whicher (Adjutant)

Archie started shooting at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, but he refuses to say when this actually was! He toured Canada the first time with the Athelings in 19-eighty-something and continued shooting through University of London but then career and far flung postings curtailed activity. Resuming in the mid 2000's, he picked up where he left off and now regularly shoots for, and is Captain of, the Old Guildfordians and the Royal County of Berkshire.

Internationally he has toured with the NRA team to the Channel Islands in 2008 (Adj), Old Guildfordians to South Africa in 2009, Great Britain to Canada in 2010 and then back to the Channel Islands with the OG's to Jersey in 2011 and as Captain of the NRA team in 2013.

Off the range he spends his time working "far too hard" and when not working can be most often found in his garden. He has recently developed an intense dislike of skiing which stems from the recent acquisition of a chunk of titanium in his shoulder. One of Archie's aims for this tour is to try and see a bear, at a safe distance, as his only previous experience was a very brief glimpse of the back end of one disappearing into the woods. The other is to have recovered so that he can shoot!



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7. Which team member once travelled over 3000 miles around Australia purely by hitchhiking?



David Armstrong SB2

David first started shooting at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, in 1983 and this year will see him compete in his 29th Imperial Meeting at Bisley. This will be David's 7th GB tour, his 6th to Canada and 2nd to America after travelling to Raton with the England team in 2008. He has, however, never been to Camp Perry so is looking forward to the hot competition there and making new friendships.

His top achievements include making 16 Queen's Finals (coming 2nd twice, most recently in 2012) and 12 top 50 finishes in the Grand. He has been part of the winning GB Palma Teams in Canada in 2007 and Australia in 2011 and hopes to win again at Camp Perry in 2015. David also hopes to do as well as on his last tour to Canada in 2010, when he placed 3rd in the Canadian Grand and scored 150.26 and 300.42 in winning the Canada Match and America Match respectively.

Away from Bisley, David is an accountant for the Civil Aviation Authority and has also recently taken on the role of one of the CAA pension trustees.



Nigel Ball QM GC SM SC

Nigel has been around the shooting scene for many years now, both as a Service Rifle shooter during his time in the Royal Navy and more recently as a Target Rifle competitor. He now uses this experience to train the next generation of marksmen and women as Shooting Master at Wellington College in Berkshire.

His first GB target rifle team was to Canada in 1991 and other tours include visits to the Channel Islands, Zimbabwe, South Africa, USA, Australia, the West Indies and New Zealand. He has toured with GB to Canada several times before but this will be his first time at Camp Perry and he is relishing the challenge of learning what is, to him, a new range.

Nigel has a selection of Grand Aggregate crosses, George's Final badges and Queen's Final badges but enjoys shooting big team matches most. He has been involved with GB Australia Match and Palma Match teams for the last 17 years and ranks them among the highest team shooting experiences, but any chance to represent his country is an honour he will readily accept, for as long as his back will allow him to!



William Broad

William is in his final year studying Geography at Durham University. He took up shooting while at Epsom College and left in 2011 as Ashburton winning captain.

Individually, William has won the Bisley 500 Yards Aggregate and the Olle Beckett Memorial trophy and was selected for the first of his (hopefully, eventually) 'Big Five' when he represented England in the National Match in 2012. He has shot in Canada once before when he captained the Athelings in 2011, but has never shot in the USA. He looks forward to the challenges that lie ahead on his first tour representing Great Britain.

Will's interests outside shooting are diverse, with wine figuring prominently among them. He has been trying to help co-ordinate the team's fund raising all through his final exams!



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8. Whilst attempting to run over someone who was gesticulating at him, which team member ran over the 10 rifles his target had been trying to warn him about?



Philip Chapman-Sheath

Phil started shooting smallbore at Stamford School many years ago, migrating into Fullbore and moving through school, local clubs and London University. A busy career as a junior doctor and too much rugby, coupled with working in Australia and Canada and the rather rapid arrival of 4 sons, meant that he had “a few years” away from shooting. A chance meeting with another medical NLRC member whilst operating revitalised his sporting aspirations.

Returning for the Imperial Meeting in 2003, he has shot regularly since and is currently Lincolnshire captain. Philip thoroughly enjoyed his first experience of touring with the NRA Channel Islands Team in 2012 and represented England in the Lawrence and National Match the following year. Philip spends the winter months frustratingly trying to become better at smallbore shooting.

His spare time, when not working hard to produce this brochure, is occupied with supporting his children (from the sidelines) and skiing. He is very much looking forward to this first GB Tour, to being official Team Doctor and to making many new friends in Canada & USA.



Tom Drysdale

Tom started shooting at the tender age of 13 with the Air Training Corps, initially very unsuccessfully, but with persistence and training he improved enough to gain a place on the 2006 Athelings team for his first trip to Canada. He has been biding his time for the perfect opportunity to return ever since, and two countries in one tour is something not to be missed!

Since 2006, Tom has toured a further five times, to Australia, South Africa (twice) and the Channel Islands (twice) where he has represented GB Under 19, GB Under 25 and England. Tom’s notable successes to date include finishing in the Top 50 of the Grand Aggregate at Bisley and in South Africa, winning an individual bronze medal in the World Long Range Championships in 2011 and finishing second top scorer in his first major international team match in South Africa – on a team containing legends such as Patel, Barnett and Underwood! This will be Tom’s first full GB cap and he is very much looking forward to the challenges, experience and new friends it will bring.

Tom currently works as a Financial Analyst in London where he is studying towards his CIMA qualification. In his spare time he enjoys watching and playing football (not the one with an egg shaped ball), running, activities with the Air Training Corps and most of all... sleeping.



Jonathan Ford

Jonathan is 26 and started his shooting career whilst at school in Cheltenham before going on to set up the Birmingham University Rifle Shooting Club during his time there. He has spent most of his life in Gloucestershire, although he now travels further afield in his job as a pilot.

Jon has shot for his county since the age of 16 and for the GB Under 25 team on numerous occasions. His first Scotland cap came in the National in 2012, followed by further caps in the National and the European Long Range and some strong performances on the Scottish tour to California earlier this year, including a 448 against the USA and Canada. This will be his first Great Britain tour.

Outwith shooting and his passion for flying, Jon is also a keen rugby player when time allows. Venice will always hold a special place in his heart... as that is where he learned of his call-up to the team.

9. Which team member was once locked up for mounting an assault on HMS Daedalus?



Alastair Haley

Alastair had his first foray into the world of shooting at the age of 8, albeit at a cold and dark outdoor small bore range in the middle of winter. That was quickly abandoned for a decade until he went to the University of Southampton, where he picked up the sport again, going on to Captain the university team in '99-'00. It wasn't until after University that he took up full-bore shooting, and he has never looked back.

He has competed at County level for 11 years, and has represented Wales in the National match for the last 8 years consecutively. This will be his 7th overseas tour, and his 2nd GB tour following his début last year. He is our sole remaining Welshman.



Lindsey McKerrell

Lindsey started shooting six years ago at Dollar Academy, aged 13, subsequently participating in four Schools Meetings and three Imperial meetings at Bisley. Her most successful year so far was 2013 when she was part of the team that won the Ashburton Shield and individually won the Imperial Cadet Grand Aggregate. She earned her Scotland cap for the first time on her 18th birthday, selected for (and winning) the Lawrence match at Blair Atholl. She also shot in both the National and Mackinnon matches the following month.

With a shooting career as short as she is (very), Lindsey has only been on a couple of tours so far. In 2012 she shot with UK Cadets in the Channel Islands, and helped to win the Cheshire Cup. Then in 2013 she went to Canada with the Athelings, coming 3rd overall and winning 2 out of 6 individual shoots in the Canadian Cadet Meeting. She was part of the team that won the Rex Goddard and the U25 Long and Short range matches in Canada.

Outside of shooting, Lindsey is working towards a Masters degree in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Glasgow, and is a keen member of the university riding club as well as the rifle club.




Angus McLeod

Angus began his shooting career with school target rifle in Edinburgh, going on to shoot for Scotland and tour with the Athelings and NRA Channel Islands teams. On joining the Army he switched to service weapons events, winning HM Queen's Medal in 1990, as well as shooting on numerous GB Service Rifle teams and touring with Army teams to Australia, Canada and the US. He switched back to TR events in the mid-'90s, shooting for the Army and Scotland with further overseas representation in the US, Canada, South Africa and the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, where he won a Silver Medal along with his teammate Ian Shaw in the full-bore Pairs event.

As someone who has always been interested in the technology of the sport, Angus took up Match Rifle in the 2000s and has notched up 2 Hopton wins since. He has also regularly represented Scotland in the Elcho and shot for GB in the Woomera Match.

Angus left the Army in 2013 after 28 years' service as an Infantry Officer and now works as an 'Experimental' Engineer for QinetiQ Land Systems in Farnborough. Non-ballistic down time is spent trying to gain altitude by running, cycling or flying.



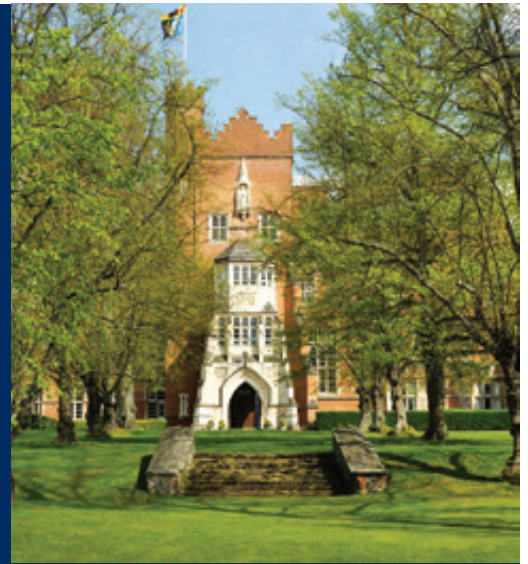
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10. Which team member once made an appearance on popular TV show “Come Dine With Me”?



Emma Nuttall

This is Emma’s second full GB cap and her fourth tour to Canada, where she has been with the ACF, Athelings and Great Britain. She has also toured South Africa with the GB U19s, Australia with the U25s and in 2008 shot in Raton with the England team. Emma shoots for the County of Lancaster and in the last few years has won six HM Queen’s Final badges and represented England in the National Match as both shooter and coach.

Currently Emma is working as a private tutor as well as coaching at Wellington College and in Surrey ACF. Having benefited from the ACF system herself, she is a strong supporter of youth shooting.

In her spare time Emma volunteers at a wildlife rescue centre, enjoys museums, reading and chocolate. Her two cats are quite the mini celebrities at Bisley. One of them likes to get into cars and once ended up 20 miles away in Reading!



Ian Shaw CSM

Ian began shooting at Epsom College and has toured extensively with GB and Scotland. He has competed in the last 5 Commonwealth Games and has shot in winning teams in each of the ‘Big 5’ including two record breaking Kolapore teams. He hopes to shoot in the America Match on tour - the only one of the Great Eight international matches he has yet to experience.

Individually, Ian has won the Ballinger Belt and Grand Aggregate in New Zealand, both Scottish and English XX Championships and the British Open Target Rifle Championship at Bisley along with a few other competitions over the years. Ian has shot in both Canada and America before, indeed winning the Canadian-American Championship earlier this year. This will be his first time at both Perry and Borden. He is very much looking forward to the challenge of two new ranges.

Having enjoyed a good career in the London Insurance Market, Ian now takes life at a slightly slower pace looking after the Surrey’s ale and doing a little consultancy work.



Martin Townsend

A well known coach both at Bisley and overseas, Martin has steered his shooters to success for more than thirty years. Highlights include the Centenary Match (1990) and wins in all the Great Eight international matches featured in this brochure: the America, Australia, Canada, Kolapore, New Zealand, Palma, Protea and West Indies matches - especially his wins in the 1992, 1995, 2003, 2007 (as Captain) and 2011 Palma Matches. Although he has captained two Great Britain teams to Canada, this is Martin’s first trip to Camp Perry, where he hopes to return and compete in 2015 with both the Palma and GB Veterans teams.

Poppy Lodge at Bisley is where Martin and his wife Pearl spend most of their summer weekends. When not on the ranges, Martin works in the philatelic world, where he is one of the UK’s leading dealers in the stamps and postal history of Great Britain.

Martin has been working tirelessly to try and raise funds for the tour, including hosting a number of guest days at Bisley.

11. Which team member represented Russia in the 2011 World Aikido Championship?



Jon Underwood GM GC2 SM2

Jon's passion for target shooting started at the tender age of 11 at Aldro School on a 20 yard range in a converted greenhouse. Jon continued to enjoy the sport and learn about fullbore shooting and Bisley when he moved on to the Royal Grammar School, Guildford. With the sport becoming more than just a hobby, he continued his shooting career at London University, subsequently making regular appearances for Surrey County.

Jon has achieved a number of notable successes over the years, including winning the Grand Aggregate in 2005 and 2009 and the Queen's Prize in 2006. He has also been a member of many successful teams, representing England and Great Britain 49 times in 'Big 5' matches and winning a Bronze Medal representing England at the Commonwealth Games. This will be his 10th trip to Canada and his 16th GB tour.

Back home, Jon looks after his family business interests in Surrey (handy for Bisley), including a tool hire business and property rental business and in his 'spare time' he has returned to the Royal Grammar School to help with the coaching, alongside the team's Adj. Jon also now has the added responsibility of looking after Ted – 'The Underdog'!



Dominic de Vere

Dominic has been shooting on and off since his days at the Dragon School and Marlborough College. "Off" was mainly a 15 year leave of absence, pursuing other interests. Returning six years ago, he's worked hard at trying to beat as many of his friends as possible. He received his first caps for England in 2012, and in 2013 was selected to tour with England to South Africa and with Great Britain to Canada.

He is glad to be back, and thrilled to be touring to USA for the first time. He's also looking forward to returning to Canada, where he has two trophies to defend from last year!

Outside the shooting world, Dominic occupies his time doing property development in London, and squeezing in as much skiing as he can. He enjoys ski touring, but hasn't yet tried it with a rifle slung over his shoulder.



Paul Wheeler

Paul started shooting at RGS Guildford and quickly discovered an affinity with the sport. After school shooting, he was part of Athelings, GBU19, GBU25 and NRA teams. He is looking forward to returning to Canada after 16 years and shooting in the US for the first time.

Paul now shoots and tours regularly for his club the Old Guildfordians as well as undertaking regular trips to Jersey with "Archie" Whicher for the JRA Autumn meeting, both to shoot and visit the in-laws - he is married to a Jerseywoman.

A waterpolo player in earlier life, Paul now puts his maths degree to use in investment banking and doing stats for the team.

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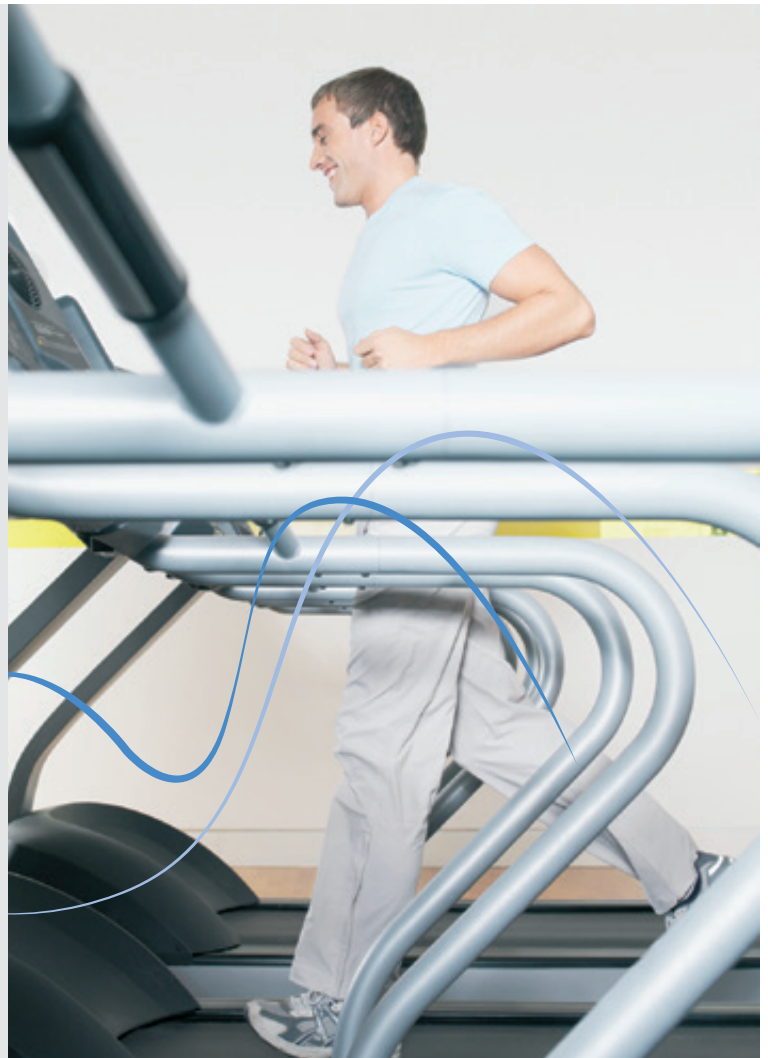
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12. Which team member claims he can drink a bottle of beer in 1.96 seconds?



Bruce Winney

Bruce has been coming to Bisley longer than he likes to remember and even when work commitments have intervened, he has usually managed to make at least one day of the Imperial meeting. In the past, he toured New Zealand with the first GB U25 touring team and he has recently been on two NRA teams to the Channel Islands. This will be his first GB touring team and his second trip to Canada (with a 25 year gap between), but his reassuringly thorough approach to dealing with firearms matters has been that of a veteran.

Away from the range, when he can tear himself away from the idyllic dreaming spires of Oxford, Bruce's other main interest is spending time outdoors (usually hanging from a rope on something vertical or falling off a bike on something bumpy). Alternatively, he can often be found in town halls all over the country demanding that people give him blood so that he can get on with his job, which is to make a genetic map of the British Isles.



Stuart Young

Stuart started his shooting career at the age of 13 when he was introduced to the world of Target Rifle shooting by his father David. It was a certainty that he would continue in the sport as it's considered a way of life in the Young household with 5 out of 6 family members competing regularly in TR. Once he became competitive behind a rifle he progressed through the team ranks, starting with several GB U19 and England tours to South Africa and he was privileged to be Vice Captain of the GB U25 team to Australia for the World Championships in 2011.

This will be Stuart's second senior GB cap and a return to the challenges of Camp Perry and Connaught after a successful tour in 2012 where his highlight was winning the Alexander of Tunis.

Stuart now finds himself totally immersed in shooting whilst at home, living a literal stone's throw away from Bisley ranges whilst plying his trade as a carpenter everywhere from the home counties to the North West. He continues to refurbish Club Row and his favourite bar! In the not too distant future, Stuart would like to use his training in hand crafted furniture to make the ultimate custom rifle stock - after all, real wood is most aesthetically pleasing. In his free time, when not shooting, Stuart enjoys some new found hobbies including cycling, a recent triathlon and teaching himself to play the guitar, although progress is slow!



John Halahan (Travelling Reserve)

John's first experience with shooting of any form was pest control, shooting at monkeys in Malaysia which were destroying the young rubber trees. It is doubtful that he actually hit anything but he certainly succeeded in scaring the things off. He commenced proper target shooting at Framlingham College in Suffolk and carried it on in the Army with the good old SLR. The inevitable break in shooting activities due to life intruding then took place and he returned to target shooting in the 1990s and has since shot for both London and Derbyshire.

John has toured the Channel Islands with the NRA team and was a member of the team which won the Parting Shot, beating the USA Bald Eagles. He is hoping to be provided with the opportunity of repeating that achievement against marginally younger opposition.

He is the General Manager of a company which develops software for the steel fabrication industry and is based up in Derby during the week and returns home to London for the weekends. He is married to Ann and has two daughters.

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13. Which team member has wrecked and written off an armoured personnel carrier in Germany?

CAMP PERRY

History

Camp Perry is named in honour of Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812, and has been home of the US NRA's National Matches since 1907 as well as being a current National Guard base.

When the United States replaced the ineffective Krag Jorgensen with the Springfield after the Spanish American War in Cuba in 1898, one result was a greater effective range which rendered the Ohio National Guard's Newark range obsolete and unsafe, so a new range had to be found.

By the time of Camp Perry's construction, US Congress had, in 1903, enacted Title 10 of the United States Code, part of which called for "An annual competition called the 'National Matches' and consisting of rifle and pistol matches for a National Trophy, medals, and other prizes." For the first three years they were held at Sea Girt, New Jersey under the direction of the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. In 1905, sale of military surplus rifles to civilian clubs was legalised and in 1907 Ammon B. Critchfield's powers of persuasion resulted in those matches moving to the newly constructed Camp Perry, the largest outdoor rifle range in the world. Critchfield served as Ohio's Adjutant General for six years and had overseen the development of the new facility after surveying all of northern Ohio's lakefront in the search for a new training camp for his fellow Ohio Guardsmen as well as other military and civilian shooters from across the United States, from each of which a civilian team at the National Matches was authorised by 1916's National Defence Act.

The inaugural matches were conducted in August and September 1907 and continued until the United States entered World War I, which put a stop to competition in 1916 and 1917 although the ranges were used for marksmanship instructor training. The matches returned to Camp Perry in 1918 and again from 1920 until the onset of World War II, after a one



year move to the US Navy's Caldwell, NJ facility in 1919. 1920 saw the addition of the Small Arms Firing School, which trained thousands in the skilled use of military small arms, including many who subsequently saw action in Europe and the Pacific in WWII as well as others who trained those who would serve on the front line in their stead.

During World War II, orderly rows of 14 foot by 14 foot huts were built to contain Italians who were shipped there for internment in 1943, as well as German prisoners of war who started to join them soon after the Allied forces landed in France in 1944. They were later to become, for some, an important part of the (voluntarily housed competitive shooter's!) Camp Perry experience.

Although the National Matches started up again in 1946 with pistol and small bore events at Camp Perry, the ranges were not available for the next three years, so they were held at sites around the country until the North Korean invasion of South Korea caused the 1950 matches to be cancelled. In 1951 the matches were again conducted but they did not return to Camp Perry until 1953.

In 1954, the four major ranges were named in honour of members of Ohio's 37th Infantry Division who were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for courage above and beyond the call of duty when fighting Japan – Private Roger

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Young, PFC Frank Petrarca (pistol range), Technical Sergeant Cleto Rodriguez (600 yards range) and 2Lt Robert Viale (1000 yards range). Because of a clerical error the 'i' and the 'a' in Viale's name were transposed and, for 36 years, shooters wrote "Vaile Range" into their scorebooks. Viale's son - then Colonel Charles Viale - spoke at the rededication of the range in 1990, after the error was discovered.

Matches

The first matches fired each year are the NRA Muzzle Loading Rifle and Pistol matches. There was some black powder activity in the 1960s and after a ten-year absence the muzzle loaders returned in 1978.

Next are the National Pistol Championships, formalised in 1935 and involving .22, centre fire and .45 pistols shooting slow, timed, and rapid fire events which have been dominated by members of the military and law enforcement.

While pistol, smallbore prone and highpower rifle have always

been long term fixtures, it was only in 1957 that smallbore position shooting was added to the programme. Few people have won national smallbore rifle titles at Camp Perry more than once but, between 1963 and 1992, Lones Wigger took the title a record 21 times, with one stretch of nine consecutive wins (and a 6399 ex 6400 prone in 1975) that spawned the apocryphal Camp Perry match report "Nothing out of the ordinary - the wind blew and Wigger won."

There are two distinct parts to the pistol and highpower matches (in the latter of which David Tubb has been the leading exponent with titles into double figures). One segment is the National Rifle Association National Championship, open to any firearm that meets NRA rules, while the other, the National Trophy Matches, known as "The Board Matches", are fired with the current service firearm. The National Trophy Matches are where competitors vie for points towards earning the prestigious 'Distinguished' Badges and membership in The President's Hundred. Competition is fierce because The National Trophy Individual Match is the only Excellence-In-

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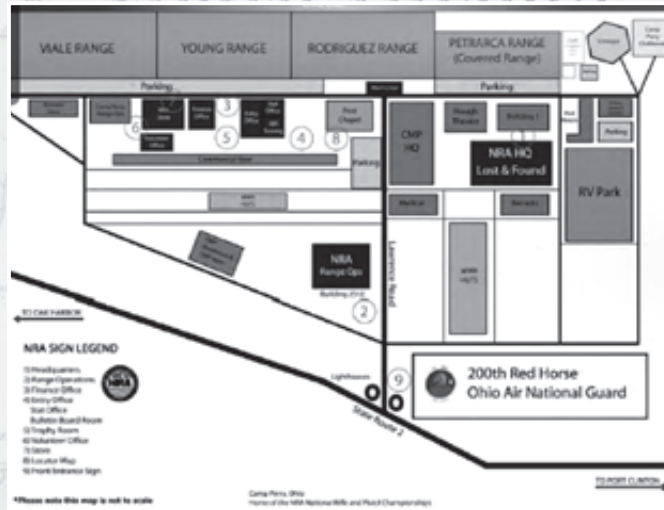
'Targets are closely spaced with sky as the background.'

"The great body of our citizens shoot less as time goes on. We should encourage rifle practice among schoolboys, and indeed among all classes, as well as in the military services by every means in our power. Thus, and not otherwise, may we be able to assist in preserving peace in the world... the first step - in the direction of preparation to avert war if possible, and to be fit for war if it should come - is to teach men to shoot!"

- President Theodore Roosevelt's last message to Congress

14. Which team member's dog's name is "Bullet"?

Competition Match where any score in the top 10% earns a civilian ten points towards 30 needed to earn a "Distinguished" badge. Unlike at Bisley, there is a lot of focus on XTC (across the course) matches, a form of three positional highpower.



Of course, long range 'highpower' shooters have competed on Viale Range for the world long-range championship in many iterations of the Palma Match which will return in 2015 after a long period overseas and, in 1992, at Raton, NM. This year to help the USA and International teams rehearse for the Palma Match, there will be a US National Fullbore Championship under ICFRA rules and two team matches: the Commodore Perry Match and a Mini-Palma.

Until the mid 1960s the matches were heavily supported by the Department of Defense, with the ranges operated by the major services. All a shooter had to do was shoot. Anti-gun campaigning in the 1960s resulted in Congress drastically reducing the support offered to the Nationals, but several hundred volunteers came forward and now spend weeks each summer scoring targets, running the ranges, operating telephones and performing numerous other tasks essential for the safe and efficient operation of the matches. Their reward is room and board, a small enamel badge after ten years' service, and the knowledge that, without them, the matches could not exist.

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The Nationals also play host to some international competition, including the America Match which will be held at Camp Perry for the first time this year. At Camp Perry, pistol shooters compete for places on the Mayleigh Cup Team and the NRA/USA Civilian Pistol Team Postal Match; smallbore prone rifle shooters try to make the Dewar International Trophy Team; and women vie for selection for the smallbore Randle Trophy Match.

Every eight years, teams from Great Britain, Canada and other English speaking nations meet at Camp Perry to shoot a prone match, shoulder to shoulder, for the Pershing Trophy, in which 2012 Great Britain fullbore team member John Pugsley has participated.



"The flags at Perry are a riddle, wrapped in an enigma, and battered with carelessness."

"The flags lie. Read the mirage!"

15. Which team member, when in the police, was filmed, shooting, for television?

DCRA & CONNAUGHT RANGES

History

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association was founded in 1868 to promote and encourage the training of marksmanship throughout Canada, prompted by the imminent departure of the British garrisons (who all left by 1871) and the recent experience of the Fenian raids which had occurred in 1866 against Canadian territory. On April 1st 1868, the Adjutant General of the Militia, General MacDougall, through the Honourable Minister of Militia, Sir G.E. Cartier, called a meeting in Ottawa of representatives of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, at which it was decided to proceed with the formation of the DCRA. Governor General his Excellency Viscount Monck accepted the role of Patron, a position held to this day by the current Governor General.

The Association brought together 33 independent rifle associations. The first Annual Prize Meeting was held at Laprairie, just outside Montreal, with over 900 competitors competing for \$5,500 in prize money. The annual DCRA prize

meetings have been held every year since, except during the two World Wars.

The DCRA's national range became, until 1897, the Rideau Range, just behind the current location of the Russian Embassy in Ottawa. It then moved to a more suitable location, with greater scope for long range shooting, at Rockcliffe. The 380 acre site permitted shooting from 200 yards to 1000 yards with room for extension back to 2000. That year, the DCRA also constructed its own permanent accommodation at Bisley, where Canadian Teams had competed ever since Ontario's visit in 1870 - the first DCRA Team went to Wimbledon in 1873 and continued to do so each year until 1889, after which the matches moved to Bisley.

The DCRA continued to hold its Annual Matches at Rockcliffe until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914 and again in 1919 and 1920. During its period of occupancy at Rockcliffe the DCRA built a large Administration building and a substantial set of quarters for competitors, but pressure began to mount to have the site of the range made available for other purposes.

16. Which team member learned to play the trumpet very badly as a child?



The DCRA, in conjunction with the Minister of Militia, selected the current site of Connaught Ranges for development and, since the DCRA was being required to give up its buildings at Rockcliffe, the Association was granted use of the Connaught Range in perpetuity. The original plans for the ranges are still in the DCRA archives. Connaught opened in time for the DCRA to hold the 1921 Annual Prize Meeting, as it has done every year since then except the 1939 to 1946 period.

During the early years the Annual Prize Meetings consisted of smallbore, pistol, Service Rifle (A) (Military Targets) and Service Rifle (B) (Target Rifle Targets). Upwards of 3,000 competitors, including 800 Cadets, attended the 10 day competitions. All competitions were under the control of DCRA staff. In those years all members of the DCRA Bisley Team were Military members, as was the majority of the membership.

In 1931, in honour of a visit by Sir Lionel Fletcher CBE's Great Britain team, the Canada Match and Commonwealth Match trophies were donated by Canadian National Rail for international team competition (see separate articles).

In 1957 the Canadian Army introduced the FNC1 as the military rifle. DCRA members were entitled to borrow these firearms from DND for competition purposes in the Service Rifle matches. The .303 continued to be the firearm utilized for target rifle competitions.

In the mid 1970s the military staff at NDHQ decided to take over the conduct of the military Service Rifle competition. This arrangement lasted for about four years when DND approached the DCRA to take responsibility for the SR matches again, which continued until the late 1980s when Army staff again took control of SR.

Since before the turn of the century, the DCRA has been conducting a smallbore Winter Postal Programme which has included a programme specifically dedicated to Cadet Units across Canada. This programme is still in existence and will continue for the foreseeable future. Cadets also remain among the mainstays of the Annual Prize Meeting, where they compete for places on the following year's team to Bisley.

The DCRA is composed of 10 Provincial Rifle Associations plus the Yukon Rifle Association and the National Capital Region Rifle Association. A small staff runs the DCRA from Connaught and, thanks to them and the excellent seasonal markers and range staff, DCRA continues to put on a very well run and enjoyable Annual Prize Meeting, in which we look forward to taking part this summer. Long may it continue!

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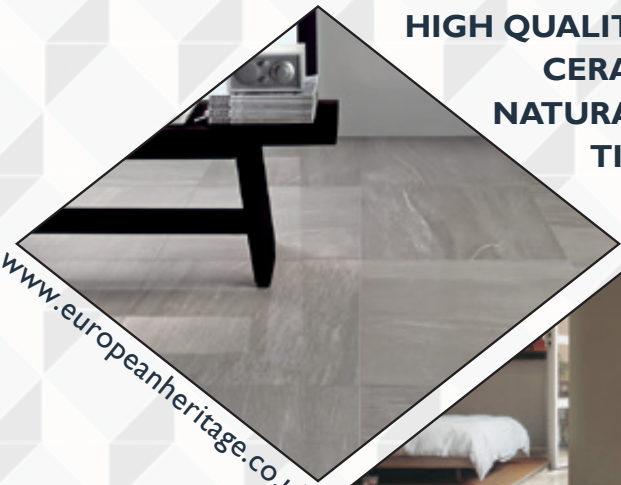
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17. Which team member has got married twice... to the same person?

TEAM TROPHIES

America Match

The America Match is for a team of eight shooters, two sub-coaches, a main coach, an adjutant, a captain and two reserves. Each firer shoots 2 sighters and 15 shots to count at four distances. At Connaught those are 300 and 600 yards & 800 and 900 metres. At Camp Perry in 2012 they were 300, 800, 900 and 1000 yards.

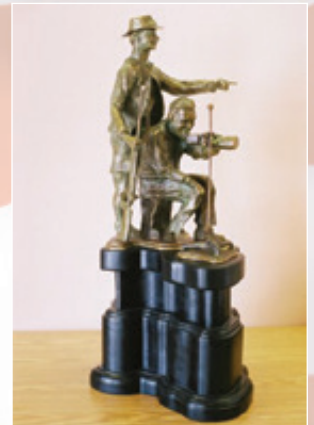
First shot in 2002, the match can only take place when an official US team is present and competing. The intention has been to hold the match every two years, with the venue alternating between the USA and Canada, but South Africa became the first hosts from outside North America last year. The trophy (pictured) was presented in 2002, having been made possible by a Precision Shooting Magazine fund-raising effort. The two figures depicted in the sculpture, made by George Chase of New Brunswick, are Jim Thompson of Canada – an immigrant from Britain - and Alan Warner (standing) of the USA.

In 2002, USA, Canada, Great Britain and Germany competed in the first match. Great Britain won from Canada by 48 points with the USA a further 9 points behind them. John Pugsley was top scorer with 298.30. In the next iteration, the USA beat Great Britain in Raton, New Mexico.

The record score is 2392.317 by Great Britain in 2006, with three firers scoring 300s. The highest individual score in the series is 300.46 by Des Vamplew (Canada) in 2010. No away team has won the match on US soil... yet!

Winners:

2002	Great Britain	Ottawa, Ontario
2004	USA	Raton, NM
2006	Great Britain	Ottawa, Ontario
2008	USA	Raton, NM
2010	Great Britain	Ottawa, Ontario
2012	USA	Camp Perry, Ohio
2013	South Africa	Bloemfontein, SA



Canada Match

The Canada Match is always shot in Canada, by teams of eight firers with 2 sighters and 10 shots to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards. The trophy is a Challenge Cup, for competition between teams representing the Mother Country (now Great Britain) and Canada, presented by The Canadian National Railways in 1931 on the occasion of Great Britain's visit that year. It is a Sheffield Sterling Plate Bowl style cup with two handles, a lid on which stands a Victory Figure, a long stem tapering to a tiered and flared base. In the photo, it is in the hands of 2012 GB captain Jeremy Langley.

Prior to 1931, there were no regular international matches in the DCRA schedule and the Kolapore Match at Bisley was used as a model for the new Canada Match. Great Britain's 2012 score of 1200.156 is the current record and the highest individual score is 150.28 by David Luckman (Great Britain) set in 2007.

In years that GB or UK 'home country' teams have been present at Connaught, the tally of wins is:

Great Britain	27
Canada	27
Australia	2
England	1

Commonwealth Match

In 1931, the same year as the first Canada Match, the Commonwealth Trophy was presented to the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association by The Canadian Pacific Railway Company for annual competition between Empire (now Commonwealth) teams. It is a Sheffield Sterling Bowl with two handles and a prone figure of a marksman mounted on the stem base (see photo). The bowl is mounted on a three tier black wooden base upon which the names of winning teams are recorded on small silver shields. The Commonwealth Match is a long range match, always fired in Canada, based on the Mackinnon at Bisley, with twelve marksmen firing 2 sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each of 900 and 1000 yards (now 800 and 900m). Prior to World War II it was known as the Empire Match (as was the Australia Match until more recently, which is shot under different conditions).

The highest individual score is 100.18 by Jim Paton (Canada) in 2013. The highest GB score was 100.17 by David Luckman (Great Britain) in 2007 and Parag Patel (Great Britain) in 2002 - the team that set the record of 1189.140. The overall tally of wins from years in which GB or UK 'home country' teams have been present is:

Great Britain	26
Canada	23
Australia	4
New Zealand	2
England	1





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David Luckman, winner of the Governor General and the USA Championships 2012



Chris Watson with JJ Jackson, owner of Lone Star and his tie-shoot target

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The GB Rifle Team 2012, winners of the Canada Match with a record score of 1200 ex 1200

18. Unknown to most people, which team member took part in the London 2012 Olympics on the rifle range?

PERRY'S PEACE

United States Navy Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry (August 23, 1785 – August 23, 1819) was born in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, the son of USN Captain Christopher Raymond Perry, a direct descendant of William Wallace.



Perry served in the West Indies during the Quasi War with France, the Mediterranean in the Barbary Wars and in the Caribbean fighting piracy and the slave trade. He earned the title "Hero of Lake Erie" for leading American forces in a decisive naval victory against Britain at the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 – a war viewed as vital to the interests of Britain to prevent the annexation of Canada by the USA. For this victory he received a Congressional Gold Medal and the Thanks of Congress.

His leadership materially aided the successful outcomes of all nine Lake Erie military campaign victories, and the fleet victory was a turning point in the battle for the west in the War of 1812.

At the beginning of the War of 1812 the British Navy controlled the Great Lakes, except for Lake Huron, while the American Navy controlled Lake Champlain. American naval forces were very small, allowing the British to make many advances in the Great Lakes and northern New York waterways. The roles played by commanders like Perry at Lake Erie, Isaac Chauncey at Lake Ontario and Thomas Macdonough at Lake Champlain all proved vital to the naval effort that provided the most redeeming US military feature of that war.

Hero of Lake Erie

On September 10, 1813, Perry's command fought a successful fleet action against a task force of the Royal Navy in the Battle of Lake Erie. It was at the outset of this battle that Perry famously said, "If a victory is to be gained, I will gain it." Initially, the exchange of gunfire favoured the British. Perry's flagship, the USS Lawrence, was severely disabled in the encounter. Faithful to the words of his battle flag, "DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP", Perry personally fired the final salvo and then had his men row him a half-mile through heavy gunfire to transfer his command to the USS Niagara which he steered toward



the damaged British ships. Like Nelson's Victory at Trafalgar, Niagara broke the opposing line and heavily pounded the British Fleet until they could offer no effective resistance and surrendered.

Perry's battle report to General William Henry Harrison was famously brief: "We have met the enemy and they are ours; two ships, two brigs, one schooner and one sloop." This was the first time in history that an entire British naval squadron had surrendered.

The victory had disproportionate strategic importance, opening Canada up to possible invasion, while simultaneously protecting the entire Ohio Valley. The loss of the British squadron directly led to the critical Battle of the Thames, the rout of British forces by Harrison's army, the death of Tecumseh, and the breakup of his Indian alliance. Along with the Battle of Plattsburgh, it was one of only two significant US fleet victories of the war.

In 1814, Perry was offered command of the USS Java, a 44-gun frigate which was under construction in Baltimore. Whilst overseeing the outfitting of the Java, Perry participated in the defences of Baltimore and Washington, DC during the British invasion of the Chesapeake Bay. In a twist of irony, these land battles would be the last time that Perry, who died 5 years later of yellow fever near Port-of-Spain, saw combat. The Treaty of Ghent was signed before the Java could be put to sea and the United States has been at peace with Britain and Canada ever since.

The Great Britain team intends to visit Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial to mark 200 years since the Treaty of Ghent negotiations opened in August 1814.



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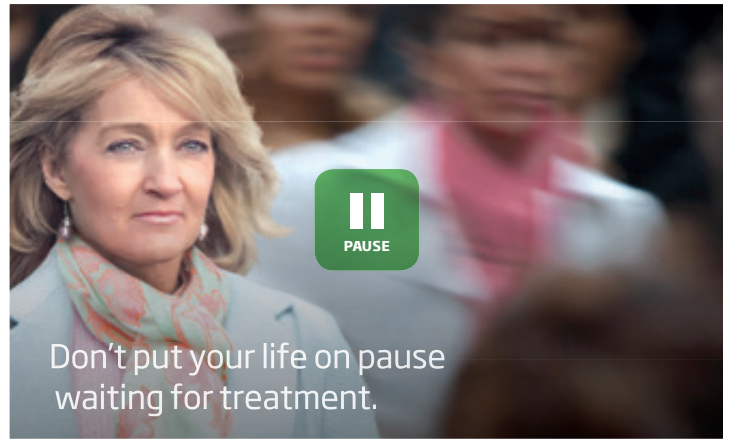
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19. Which team member once won “Sales Newcomer of the Year” at the National Sales Awards?

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Accomplished British shooters refer to the number of “Big Five” matches (National, Mackinnon, Kolapore, Australia and Palma) that they have shot in. These are the three major international matches at Bisley plus the top two ICFRA matches. Only Britons can take part in the first of these as it is open to England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Those who have completed the “Big Five” proudly wear their Great Britain tie with a subtle “5” woven into it.



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British shooters also famously “love to tour!”. In addition to the Kolapore and the Palma - the ultimate matches at Bisley and globally - the trophies on this page represent the most prestigious matches in each of our major touring destinations. Three of this year’s team have won all of the Great Eight matches, while a fourth is seeking selection for the last of his. Given that all of these matches are open to any country, it would be interesting to see how many overseas shooters have also completed their “Great Eight”, or who might do so by going on one more tour...

20. Which team member once played in National Water Polo League Division 1?

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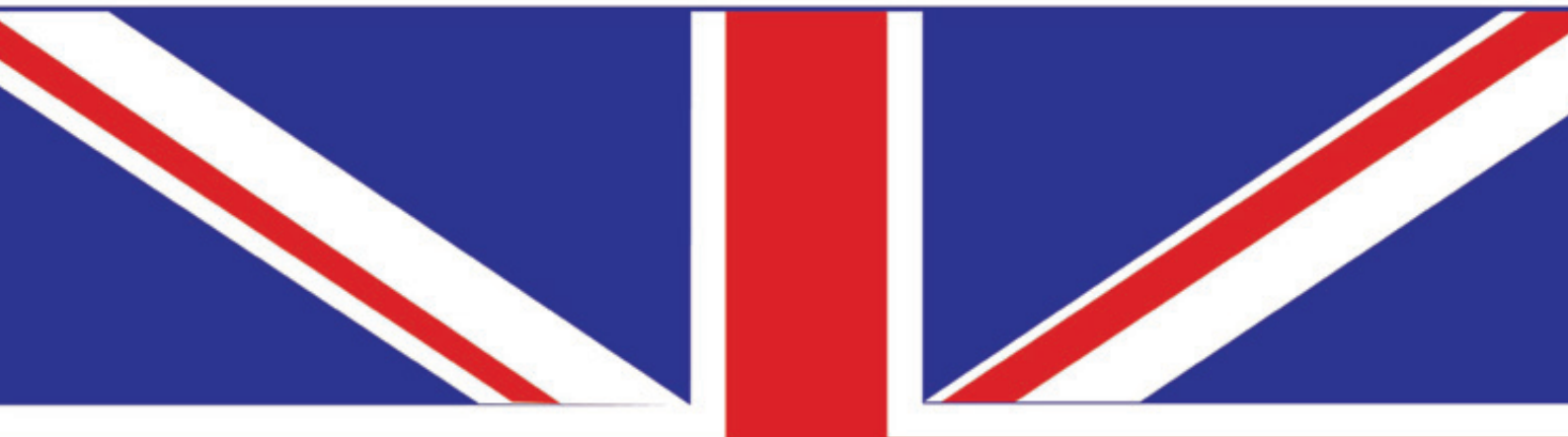
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