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Main Coach Coaches

Martin Townsend Derek Lowe Graham Nelson

Shooters

Nigel Ball
David Calvert
Liam Cheek *
David Crispin
Lauren Crowson *
Chris Haley
Simon Osmond *
David Rose
Oli Russell *
Jon Underwood
James Watson
John Webster

Reserves

Ian Davison Laura Kennedy Oliver Spencer

David Young *

Stuart Young

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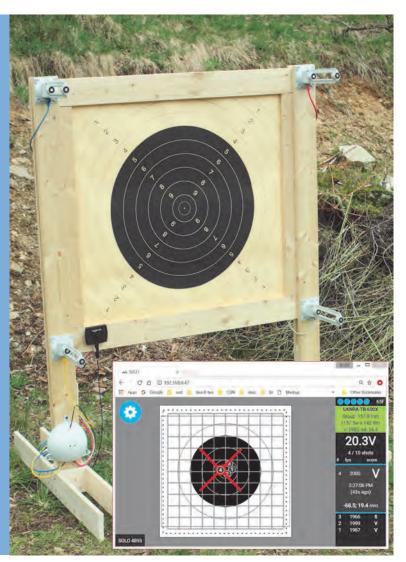
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As Chairman of the NRA of the UK, it gives me great pleasure to write this foreword to the brochure of the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada 2018.

2018 is a special year for the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, as it celebrates its 150th anniversary. The friendship between the NRA and the DCRA has been constant throughout this time, as demonstrated by the regular visits that take place by touring teams representing each at the other's championships. To boot, the DCRA has a 'home' at Bisley. John Warburton leads the GB team on this auspicious occasion. He has been consistently one of our country's leading shots for over 30 years, amply demonstrated by his membership of a very select group of marksmen that have won both Her Majesty the Queen's prize at Bisley, and the Governor General's prize at Connaught as well as the Grand Aggregate in both countries. One could call it the "TR Career Grand Slam". And if this wasn't evidence enough of his prowess, he has also been runner-up in these same competitions a total of six times!

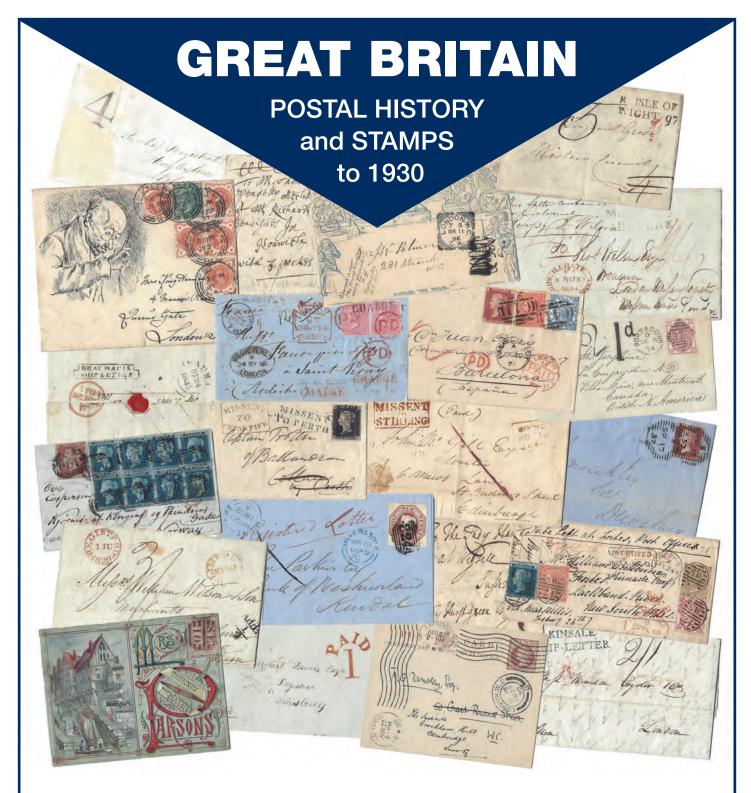
Now he turns to test his leadership abilities by captaining this year's touring team. He has selected a fine group to compete in the Canadian Fullbore Championships that will conclude with the America Match. Normally I have to follow the team from afar - and how we shall miss Jim Thompson's wonderful daily summaries. But in a rare moment of weakness, John has asked me to be a member of his team, so this time I shall have a front row seat. I believe that my role will extend at least as far as supporting him in upholding the honour of Queen's Lodge in any tie shoots against the Wind Club, should that be necessary.

What I can be certain of is that our hosts will be gracious, magnanimous and most welcoming as befits an association between our respective countries that goes back 150 years. On behalf of the members of the NRA of the UK, I wish all members of the GB team a successful tour, every competitor at the Canadian Fullbore Championships much enjoyment in your endeavours, and a very happy 150th birthday to the DCRA.

John Webster

Chairman, NRA of UK

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Dominion of Canada Rifle Association





As President of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association it gives me great pleasure to welcome the Great Britain Rifle Team to Ottawa as we celebrate the DCRA's 150th Anniversary, one that includes a long and historic relationship with the National Rifle Association of the United Kingdom.

One of my best memories from my years at the Canadian High Commission in London was to be invited to spend a day at Bisley and to attend the Canadian Reception. Not only was it a comfortable and friendly occasion to meet marksmen and markswomen from around the world, but also to watch high level, international competition at its best. We look forward to being equally gracious hosts and home to the same level of spirited competition at the Canadian Championships against other official teams from the United States of America and the West Indies Fullbore Shooting Association. In addition, we are honoured to be hosting the America Match, with the permission of the NRA (USA), offering our competitors yet another opportunity to demonstrate their prowess in demanding competition.

This will be the 55th time the NRA (UK) Team has visited Canada and its 106th official overseas trip since its first tour in 1877, meaning that over fifty percent of its trips have been to Canada to enjoy the challenges offered by Connaught and many other locations across our country. We are proud to have been a destination of preference for the opportunities we provide competitors to strengthen long standing friendships and to make new ones.

To the members of John Warburton's team, for having been selected to represent Great Britain, especially to the six new caps who will have the opportunity to compete and learn from the many highly experienced senior members on your team. On behalf of the DCRA, I wish you all an enjoyable and rewarding competition with us.

Good Shooting!

Matthew Overton

Brigadier-General (Retired) President, Dominion of Canada Rifle Association







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2018 is a special year for the DCRA, being its 150th Anniversary, and I am delighted and honoured to be leading the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada this year. I find it particularly impressive that the DCRA was founded only one year after the creation of the nation of Canada, surely making the DCRA one of the oldest sporting bodies in the country. Interestingly, the DCRA is only five years younger than the English Football Association, three years older than the Rugby Football Union and over 100 years older than the Toronto Blue Jays. Congratulations to the DCRA on this milestone and good luck for the next 150.

I have always found the challenge of international team competition the most exciting and compelling aspect of rifle shooting, and I am delighted that we shall compete in the America match at Connaught this year in what I'm sure will be a fiercely contested and close fought match conducted in the highest traditions of our sport.

We know the challenges we face on the range and so the team selected has a strong core of international experience, with many Palma and Kolapore caps, and also boasts three captains of GB Palma Teams (including 2019). I'm particularly pleased that we have six new GB caps within the team, spanning an age range from 20's to 60's clearly demonstrating age is no barrier to success in Target Rifle Shooting. I know that they, like me, will form many friendships in Canada that will last a lifetime.

Tours such as this do not just happen, they require a great deal of hard work and I'm indebted to my very able officers, John Stevens (Vice-Captain) and Martin Liversage (Adjutant) who are doing sterling work in planning and preparing. I also want to thank our sponsors who have contributed significantly to making the tour possible, the National Rifle Association for their continued support and most importantly to our families who always make the biggest sacrifice to enable us to pursue our chosen sport.

John Warburton

Captain, Great Britain Rifle Team, Canada 2018





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AUGUST

Sunday 19th

Wednesday 8th Depart London Heathrow for Ottawa

Thursday 9th Rest day and preparation

Friday 10th Ontario Rifle Association Provincial Championships

The Gibson: 10@300yds The Bankers: 10@500yds

Team match GB v Ontario RA: 10@800 & 900m

Saturday 11th The Tait: 10@300yds
The Braccov: 10@500yds

The Brassey: 10@500yds

The McDonald Stewart: 10@600yds

The Brick: 10@800m
Sunday 12th
The Burke: 10@600yds

The Long Branch: 10@900m

The Lt Governor General's Final: 15@900m

Monday 13th Rest day in Ottawa

Tuesday 14th Rest day at Glen House Resort, Gananoque

Wednesday 15th Rest day at Glen House Resort Thursday 16th Rest day, return to Ottawa

Friday 17th 150th Anniversary Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championships

The Ottawa Regiment: 15@800m

Saturday 18th The Gooderham: 10@500yds & 10@600yds

The Army & Navy Veterans: 15@900m The Tilton: 10@300yds & 600yds

The MacDougall: 10@300 & 500yds Monday 20th The Norm Beckett: 10@300yds & 800m

The Norm Beckett: 10@300yds & 800m The John Brick: 10@500 & 600yds

Tuesday 21st The Letson: 7@300,500 & 600yds

The Alexander of Tunis: 10@900m

Wednesday 22nd Coaches Team Match: 10@900m
The Presidents: 10@300,500 & 600yds

The Gibson: 10@800m

Thursday 23rd The Gibson: 10@300 & 600yds

The Outlander Team Match: 15@600yds & 900m

Friday 24th The Gatineau: 15@900m

The Canada Match: 10@300, 500 & 600yds turday 25th The Commonwealth Match: 10@800 & 900m

Saturday 25th The Commonwealth Match: 10@800 & 900m The Governor General's Final: 15@800 & 900m

Sunday 26th The America Match: 15@300, 600yds, 800 & 900m

Monday 27th Pack up and depart Ottawa

Tuesday 28th Arrive London Heathrow



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The County of Lancaster Rifle Association is sending good wishes to Stuart and David Young, Martin Liversage, and the rest of GBRT travelling to Canada to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

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Good luck to John Warburton, John Stevens and Lauren Crowson on the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada 2018, from the Yorkshire Rifle Association.

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Good luck to John Stevens and the Great Britain Rifle Team from Leeds Service Rifle Club

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This will be John's 7th tour to Canada since first visiting as an Atheling in 1980. Over the years he has shot in many countries around the world but is always happy to return to Canada and shoot at Connaught.

John started shooting at Sedbergh School in 1976 and will be forever grateful for their guidance and support that has led to a lifelong involvement in the sport. As a Yorkshireman John's formative years were spent on the "northern circuit" shooting regularly at both Altcar and Huddersfield as well as many of the other wonderful ranges in the north of the UK.

Over the years John has won a few things individually but it is in team shooting that he finds the most excitement, motivation and satisfaction. In particular he is looking forward to the America Match, one he has yet to experience. Despite having gained a PhD in the colour chemistry of lobster pigments (really) he now works as a Marketing Director for a large industrial company.



JOHN WARBURTON Captain



JOHN STEVENS Vice-Captain

John is honoured to be asked to be the team's vice-captain, and is looking forward to touring Canada again having been twice before; as a reserve with England, and with David Calvert's Great Britain team in 2000. John has recently celebrated a hundred appearances for Yorkshire (a large proportion of those alongside this team's captain) and has a modest collection of individual finals and team badges, representing England in the National, Lawrence, European Long Range and Protea matches. John splits his club loyalties between his first club Leeds, and his home town club of City of Newcastle, and clocks up a bit of mileage travelling to matches across the north, as well as trips down the A1 to Bisley.

Being a teacher of design & technology John enjoys all things creative, sketching and making things, and to keep in some reasonable shape he likes to take part in open water swims, and some (as short as possible) triathlons. He would like to thank his wife Ruth and daughters Kate and Laura for their longstanding support and patience during summer weekends!

With Martin having served as Adjutant for an England touring team to Guyana in 2017, the captain must have thought him suitably qualified to do the same for a GB team to Canada. This will be Martin's first visit to Canada where he expects there to be considerably less rum than his previous tour.

He initially picked up a rifle with Preston Marine Cadets many years ago, both shooting and coaching to a respectable degree of success. A break followed with the arrival of his daughters and then in 2008 he joined Altcar Rifle Club, where he can often be found on a bleak Sunday afternoon, winter or summer. His first tour was with an NRA team to the Channel Islands 2014 and he represented England in his first National Match in 2015.

Martin is currently in the unenviable position of being honorary secretary for club, county and country. Away from the range he tries his hand at unusual travel, including having driven a tuk-tuk the length of India, a mototaxi across Peru and a monkey bike across Morocco. He is very much looking forward to shooting and socialising with his team and new friends from across the Atlantic.



MARTIN LIVERSAGE Adjutant



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A well-known coach both at Bisley and overseas, Martin has steered his shooters to success for more than thirty years. Highlights including the Centenary Match (1990) and wins in all the great eight international matches: America, Australia, Canada, Kolapore, New Zealand, Palma, Protea and West Indies – especially his wins in 1992, 1995, 2003, 2007 (as captain), 2011 and 2015 Palma matches. Martin was a member of the Great Britain Match Rifle teams of 1997, 2004 and 2016 (as captain) to compete for the Woomera Match.

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 philatetic world, where he is one of the UK's leading dealers in the stamps and postal history of Great Britain.



MARTIN TOWNSEND Main Coach



DEREK LOWE Coach

Derek began his shooting in the cadet force at RGS Guildford, moving on to the Athelings in 1991, Oxford University over 1991 – 1994 and the Surrey county team since the late 1990s. He has been fortunate enough to represent England or Great Britain in various guises in Australia, Canada, Jersey, Kenya, Namibia, Scotland, South Africa and Zimbabwe. After a brief gap of 18 years, Derek is looking forward to touring to Canada again on this, his 9th, tour for GB. Keenest at long range and in a team environment, he also spends a lot of time in match rifle.

Aside from coaching and shooting (usually in that order), Derek is an independent corporate consultant in the areas of finance and governance, following more than twenty years of City banking. He is an experienced charity trustee both in shooting circles and at the church he attends in central London and, in order to ensure he finds no rest, has served as the NRA's Treasurer since 2013.

Graham started shooting smallbore aged 11 at Stamford School, before progressing to fullbore and subsequent selection for the Athelings and then the victorious GB U25 team at the World Championships at Connaught in 2007. As an undergraduate he (along with three friends) refounded the Newcastle University Rifle Club, and it is a source of pride to see the club still going strong some 15+ years later. A post university hiatus in competitive shooting was followed by an NRA tour in 2014, three consecutive National caps for England – both as a shooter and target coach – and his first GB tour to USA and Canada in 2016. Graham is looking forward to his 4th trip to Connaught.

Graham is a member of Manchester and City of Newcastle Rifle clubs, and also a member of council for the English XX club – with a role in running the English Lions talent development pathway.

Away from the ranges Graham is an Anaesthetic doctor in Manchester with an interest in major upper abdominal surgery. He will be packing a small bag of potions, lotions and bandages for the team – just in case – and hopes not to be using them! He is married to Sophie (whose support and understanding he is very grateful for) and they have a wonderful 18 month old son.



GRAHAM NELSON Coach





The Old Sedberghian Rifle Club wish the Great Britain Rifle Team to Canada our very best wishes.

In particular we wish every success to the team captain John Warburton and Lauren Crowson, both of whom have made such valuable contributions to Sedbergh Shooting and who we are proud to have among our members.

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The Bisley V Club Founded 1987



The Bisley V Club congratulates Liam Cheek on his selection for the Great Britain Rifle Team.

We wish him and all the team an enjoyable and successful tour to Canada in 2018.

The Bisley V Club supports young full-bore TR shooters by:

- founding The Arthur Clarke Schools & Cadet LR TR Match at Bisley (usually the last Thursday before the Cadet meeting in July);
- offering scholarships from our Freddy Payne Memorial Fund to Under 25s in need of financial help in applying for their first senior Great Britain Rifle Team tour; and
- donating to GB U19 teams to South Africa and the 2015 GB U21 and U25 teams to the World Championships

Bisley V Club contacts:

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Nigel began his shooting career whilst serving in the Fleet Air Arm, the flying side of The Royal Navy. During his 23 year service career he shot not only service weapons but most pistol and target rifle disciplines as well. He won the Royal Navy and Royal Marine Queen's Medal in 1981 with his service rifle, the SLR, and has represented the GB Service rifle team on many occasions.

Nigel's main role since becoming a civilian has been to impart marksmanship skills to the youth of the nation through his position as a shooting master first at Gresham's School in Norfolk and for the last nine years at Wellington College in Berkshire.

Nigel has a selection of Grand Aggregate crosses, Queen's final badges etc. but loves the touring side of GB shooting most and this will be his 25th tour of which half have been to Canada, it would have been cheaper to live there and visit England!!



NIGEL BALL



DAVID CALVERT

David started fullbore target rifle shooting in Northern Ireland at Campbell College School, Belfast, in 1965. His first international team experience followed three years later with Ireland, which he has represented over each of the past 50 years. This will be his 8th GB team tour to Canada, his first being in 1975 when the accommodation was in tents on the range. It was a further 15 years until he toured with GB again (due to work commitments not the tents!). He has since been making up for lost time, touring with GB teams most years since 1990, variously as shooter, coach and captain.

David has now represented GB on around 50 occasions, both at home and abroad; mostly in Target Rifle, but also in the Service Rifle and Match Rifle disciplines. Away from the ranges, he balances his time between golf and a part-time role as a flying instructor in the RAF Reserve, with occasional forays onto snow and below water.

Liam began shooting in 2007 at school under the expert supervision of teammate Jon Underwood. Representing Surrey and Inter-County at Smallbore, he ended his school career as captain, with the team's highest placing for many years during the Ashburton competition. On leaving, he joined the Old Guildfordians Rifle Club and also continued his training at Exeter University, later becoming club president.

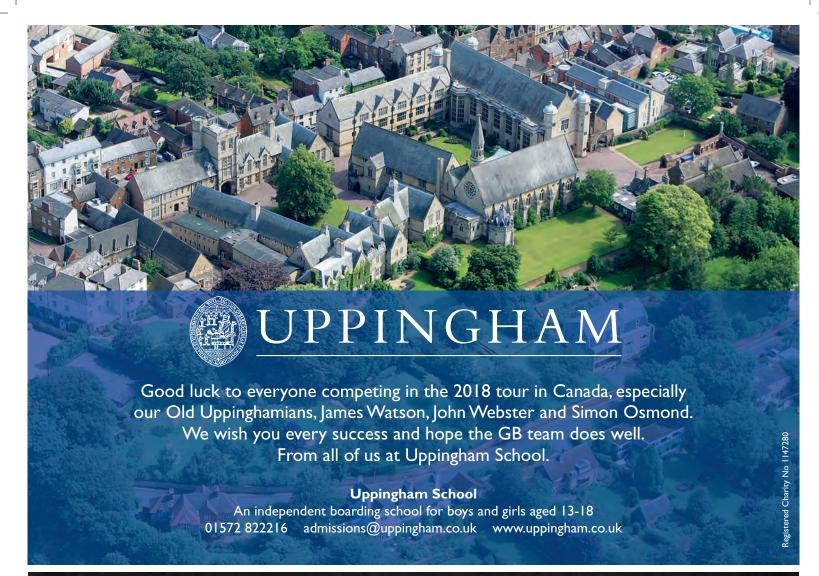
Liam has earned eight caps with the Ireland team; five Nationals, two Mackinnons and a European Long Range. He has also captained their U25 team for the past three years. Taking his Irish roots to heart, he also recently joined the Ulster county team in 2017. His first touring opportunity came in 2015 with the Great Britain U25 team to the world championships in America. Liam has now been elected Captain of the GB U25 team for the 2018 season, and has been selected for the NRA tour to the Channel Island

Off the range, Liam is a qualified Chartered Accountant, in his sixth year working at KPMG as an auditor, and more recently as part of the Deal Advisory division. He enjoys photography, cooking and travelling when work and shooting allow.



LIAM CHEEK







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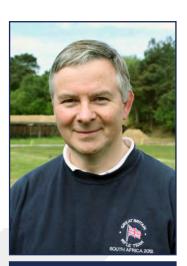
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David works in his own engineering company building rifles and accessories. This will be David's seventh GB tour having been to New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, West Indies and the USA. He lived in the USA for six years. There was not much TR shooting where he lived in Rochester, NY so he used to head north across the border to Canada and shoot with folks from the Ontario Rifle Association. He made some lifelong friends there and is very much looking forward to seeing them again.

David spends a lot of time at Bisley as Chairman of the Surrey Rifle Association. He started shooting at age 13 with the Air Cadets and at 15 shot the No.4 .303". That hurt with its brass butt plate and only a blue shirt on but after the bruising subsided he was back for more with a hand towel for shoulder padding. After doing the Cadet Bisley meeting in 1979 and 1980 he was set for a lifetime of Bisley shooting. He hopes to improve the Dairy Queen share price through milkshake consumption.



DAVID CRISPIN



LAUREN CROWSON

Lauren first started shooting after joining Sedbergh School back in 2005. She was then selected as an Atheling in 2010 where she first visited Canada. Since then Lauren has toured as reserve with the Great Britain team to South Africa in 2012 and more recently toured with the Great Britain Under 25 team to America from where they came back gold medal winners. She shoots for Yorkshire and has most recently won the Daily Telegraph competition and placed 14th in last year's Grand Aggregate at Bisley.

Since graduating from university, Lauren has joined the family smoked foods business in North Yorkshire. In her spare time, she is a keen skier (although doesn't think she'll get much practice in August in Canada!) and is also training to run a half marathon in the Great North Run this coming September. This will be Lauren's first senior Great Britain cap and is immensely looking forward to it and the experience that she will gain.

Chris started shooting on his parents' farm in Surrey, sharing an ancient air rifle with his three brothers. He advanced to fullbore in the 1990s whilst at Cambridge University, where he gained his Full Blue and captained the university rifle association. His shooting career has since included nine Queens Final appearances, a top twenty place in the World Championships, team golds at European Long-range Championships, and winning the UK Territorial Army Pistol Team Championship.

He now shoots and coaches primarily with the Oxford & Cambridge Rifle Club, the City of London and the County of London. When not on tour or at Bisley, Chris may be found in Hertfordshire with his wife and two daughters, or else directing research at Nesta, the UK's innovation foundation. This is his fourth tour to Canada.



CHRIS HALEY



Simon works for Rothschild & Co, where he joined as a graduate in 1994, and is a director in the Real Estate Debt Management team. Although living on the edge of the beautiful English Lake District, Simon works in Wilmslow, Cheshire and is responsible for a portfolio of loans secured on UK-wide commercial property on behalf of insurance company investors.

Simon started shooting fullbore when at Uppingham School. He was part of the Athelings tour of 1990, and subsequently toured with the NRA, LMRA and England in the Long Range Championships in Germany. Following a sabbatical from shooting while his children were very small, Simon came back to fullbore in 2011 and since then has shot three times for England in the National and has been a regular Lincolnshire shooter (and less regular coach). This will be his first senior GB tour.

Simon is married to Sarah and has three children, Liddy, Georgie and Patrick. When not shooting, Simon can often be seen holding a horse for Georgie at various shows around the country and has run the odd half marathon and completed a couple of Tough Mudders – next stop on the mid-life crisis could well be a triathlon.



SIMON OSMOND



DAVID ROSE

David (Dave) is a self-employed Operations and Systems consultant who works mainly in London. He lives in Surrey and spends a lot of his time finding slots in the diary to enable him to go on tour.

Dave started shooting at Epsom College where he finished as the captain in a record setting year and the second of two Ashburton wins. Focusing on fullbore more in recent years he has toured over 10 times and visited the USA, Canada, West Indies, Channel Islands, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa; to date the high point being part of the victorious Palma team in 2015 in the USA.

Dave lives in Surrey having moved out of the hectic centre of London and spends much of his spare time at Bisley (funnily enough). A committed petrol-head he has decided recently to slow down and the BMW M3 has made way for the comfort and practicality of a Range Rover - complete with fridge! Often overheard saying "I think I'll take a year off touring next year..." this phrase is yet to ring true. Well perhaps in 2020!

Oli will be taking part in his first tour to Canada. He is another Old Guildfordian having followed the cadet, school and university route. Outside Bisley, Oli likes to spend time walking his Welsh Springer Spaniel or doing up his house with his fiancee Alana. He has a love for aviation which is handy as he is a commercial pilot flying out of London Heathrow on the Airbus A320. He describes the job as an eating tour of Europe... he just gets himself there!

This is Oli's first GB cap but has six National and five Mackinnon representations for Wales, including as a member of the winning team in 2016. Oli would like to express his thanks for his parents' love and support and his fiancee's continued understanding.



OLI RUSSELL



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, learnt about fullbore shooting and 'Bisley' when he moved to the Royal Grammar School at 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 including representing England at the Commonwealth Games. 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 'spare time' has returned to Guildford Grammar School to help with the coaching. Jon also has the responsibility of looking after Ted – 'The Underdog'!



JON UNDERWOOD



JAMES WATSON

Since James started shooting at Uppingham School under the direction of Simon Pattinson, he has toured with England and Great Britain senior teams on sixteen previous occasions over the last 22 years. This will be his tenth shooting visit to Connaught ranges where he first visited as an Atheling 25 years ago.

Having earned his "Big Five" representation, he has so far notched up 26 appearances in qualifying matches. In Canada, James has won the occasional "pot" over the years including the City of Ottawa however his greatest successes have been in team matches, particularly in the Canada Match and was a member of the 2012 team that scored a perfect 1200 points. James is now working his way up into the higher age percentiles of the team although happily still as an active shooting member.

James is married to Ellen with young children Edward and Zoë and works for SAP a very large software company as a sales director managing a team selling to businesses in the UK. He's looking forward to catching up with friends and reacquainting himself with ranges.

John is making his 10th tour with the Great Britain Rifle Team, and is no stranger to shooting in Canada, having toured on seven different visits, including captaining the GBRT in 2004. He started shooting at Uppingham School and progressed to full England and GB honours via the Athelings in 1974 and the NRA team to Zimbabwe in 1981.

He has shot in all the 'Big 5' matches, as well as in the America Match, the first time being in the inaugural match at Connaught in 2002. Now semi-retired, he spends a lot of time at Bisley these days, although less and less with a rifle as he is Chairman of the NRA of the UK. It seems that there must have been something in the water back in 1974, since as Captain of the Athelings, his opposing captain of the Canadian Cadets was Des Vamplew, who is now EVP of the DRCA in its 150th year.

Even at Bisley, Canada is never far away as he is one of the denizens of Queen's Lodge, next door to Canada House. John is a member of the Uppingham Veterans Rifle Club and shoots for Cheshire.



JOHN WEBSTER









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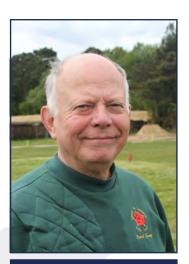




Having started as an air cadet David defaulted into serious rifle shooting when as a fresher at Strathclyde University the trials for hockey were cancelled twice for weather. He never scored another goal but has not missed an Imperial since.

No shooting ancestors but married to Marion whom he met shooting, had children who compete (see below) and some in turn have married other shooters. Mostly to be seen in Manchester and Lancashire, David practices as an architect and has designed indoor ranges including Salford 25m and Wigan 50m, the latter being used for national training.

Whilst having 14 Queen's final badges and representing England in the National and Mackinnon, David has decided to spend a little less time waving the dynasty off and go on a GB tour himself!



DAVID YOUNG



STUART YOUNG

Stuart was introduced into the world of Target Rifle shooting by his father David (also on the team) from a very early age. It wasn't long before he became competitive behind the gun and had to make a choice between rugby and shooting; an easy choice when considering career longevity and long term health. Since then, Stuart has progressed through the team ranks very quickly and has represented regularly for the County of Lancashire, England and Great Britain both home and away.

Originally raised in Manchester, Stuart studied hand crafted furniture once leaving school and has run his own company ever since. Now residing in London he trades under the aptly named Century Bespoke Interiors Limited which undertakes large scale property developments and domestic refurbishments in Surrey and South West London, ensuring he's always close to the range should the opportunity arise for some impromptu training.

When not covered in sawdust or gunpowder Stuart enjoys keeping active with regular marathons of various forms, cycle touring, skiing and.....some more shooting of the shotgun variety!

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MEET THE RESERVES

Ian's introduction to shooting came as a small boy, sitting in the back of an uncle's Morris "Woody", watching in fascination as uncle took pot shots at rabbits and empty .22 cases came tinkling down from the roof. Fortunately he was too young to know what an 'accessory to poaching' was, so remains at large! His curiosity had been piqued however, and the incident led to him joining a smallbore club in his early teens and subsequently taking up Target Rifle in his twenties.

He now dabbles in many branches of the sport, from deer management to clays, reloading to shooting classic firearms. He is honoured to shoot TR for Yorkshire, his birth county, and smallbore for Dorset, where he lives with wife Sandy. He also enjoys touring, having visited Europe in 1995 and the Channel Islands in 2002 and 2007 representing the NRA, but it was touring to South Africa with Steven Thomas' GB team in 2008 that Ian regards as the high point of his shooting career to date.

Ian is a retired Project Manager based in the heart of the Jurassic Coast, trying to juggle diverse demands on his time, and wondering how he ever found find time to go to work.



IAN DAVISON Reserve



LAURA KENNEDY Reserve

Laura followed her family into shooting at the age of 13 with Nottingham City Rile Club, starting with smallbore and moving to fullbore a year later. She has shot the Imperial every year since 2009 and has shot for Nottinghamshire since 2012. In 2017 she got her first chance to represent England in the National Match.

Laura's first tour was as part of the 2017 NRA team to the Channel Islands, where her highlights were in the matches where she scored 149.17 in Jersey and 150.17 in Guernsey. The same year Laura also joined the England team on their tour to the West Indies where she finished as top scorer in Trinidad over the individual and team shoots.

Outside of shooting, Laura is a keen politician. She is standing to be a Borough Councillor in Cheltenham where she now lives. And so, when she is not shooting or working as a project manager, she is out and about talking to local residents about their concerns. Come the tour, we will know whether Laura is Councillor Kennedy or not!

Oliver's shooting career started in 2002 when he joined Oxford University Rifle Club whilst studying for a degree in Psychology with Philosophy (PPP), holding successively the positions of Secretary and Captain of the Club. Under his Captaincy in 2005 the Oxford Team won the coveted Chancellors' Varsity Match against Cambridge for the first time in 25 years - a cause for great celebration (and relief!).

Oliver shoots for both City and Manchester Rifle Clubs and has shot regularly for Cheshire since 2004, recently taking over the Cheshire Captaincy. He earned a first cap for England at Blair Atholl last year, as well as being reserve in the National Match at Bisley. When not shooting fullbore he also regularly shoots smallbore for the Borough of Wandsworth Rifle Club, particularly enjoying timed shoots.

Outside of shooting, as a Managing Consultant for an innovation firm, Oliver helps large corporates build new business propositions to commercialise cutting-edge technologies. His hobbies include a wide variety of technology-focused projects across software and hardware; he also enjoys photography, composing music and flying light aircraft.



OLIVER SPENCER Reserve



CANADA MATCH

The Trophy

The Canada Match is a Challenge Cup presented by The Canadian National Railways 1931, for competition between teams representing the Mother Country and Canada at the Annual Prize Meeting of The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

The trophy 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. With the lid in place the trophy stands 657 mm high, 430 mm across the handles, 280 mm in diameter at the top, 178 mm in diameter at the flared base. The Trophy stands on a wooden base which is mahogany in colour and which measures 134 mm high and 330 mm square.

The History

In 1931 Great Britain sent a rifle team to Canada under command of Sir Lionel Fletcher, CBE to compete against Canada's best marksmen at the Annual Prize Meeting of the DCRA. Prior to that year no International team matches were included in the regular schedule of events. It was considered fitting therefore that a short range event following the traditional conditions prescribed for "The Kolapore" at Bisley be introduced. The conditions called for teams of eight marksmen each firing two sighting shots and ten shots for record at each of 300, 500 and 600 yards within a specified time limit. The match was titled "The Canada Match" and with the assistance and generosity of The Canadian National Railways, the Canada Trophy was placed in competition.



The Canada Match is always shot in Canada, by a team of 8 firers. Each shooter fires 2 sighters and 10 shots to count at 300, 500 and 600 yards. In 2012 Great Britain scored 1200 with 156 v-bulls out of 1200 with 240 v-bulls, breaking the previous record of 1199 set in 2007. This is the first time any team has achieved a maximum score in an international team match. The highest individual score is 150 with 28 v-bulls by David Luckman (Great Britain) in 2007. ■

Number of wins
29
23
2
1

Match results listed are those when a GB or home nations team was present





COMMONWEALTH MATCH

The Trophy

The Commonwealth Trophy was presented to the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association by The Canadian Pacific Railway Company for annual competition between Empire Teams in 1931.

It is a Sheffield Sterling Bowl with two handles and a prone figure of a marksman mounted on the stem base. The bowl is mounted on a three tier black wooden base upon which the names of winning teams are recorded on small silver shields. Hallmarked M & W, the crown, Lion Passant and year of manufacture symbol. The bowl is 215 mm in height, 420 mm across the handles, 286 mm in diameter at the top and 193 mm in diameter at the base of the stem.



THE WINNING 2017 GB TEAM

The History

In 1931 Great Britain sent a rifle team to Canada under command of Sir Lionel Fletcher, CBE, to compete against Canada's best marksmen at the Annual Prize Meeting of the DCRA. Prior to that year, no international team matches were included in the regular schedule of events. It was considered fitting that a long range event following the traditional conditions of "The Mackinnon" at Bisley be introduced. The conditions called for teams of 12 marksmen each firing 2 sighting shots and 10 shots for record at each of 900 and 1000 yards within a specified time limit. The match was titled "The Empire Match" and with the assistance and generosity of The Canadian Pacific Railways Company, the Empire Trophy was placed in competition.

While the general conditions of "The Empire Match" have continued through the years, it was renamed "The Commonwealth Match" following World War II and is currently fired at 800 and 900 metres.

Match Conditions

The Commonwealth Match is always shot in Canada, by a team of 12 firers. Each shooter fires 2 sighters and 10 shots to count at 800m and 900m. The highest individual score is 100 with 18 v-bulls by Jim Paton (Canada) in 2013. Lindsay Peden's Great Britain team from 2016 holds the record score of 1194 and 138 v-bulls. ■

Country	Number of wins
Great Britain	30
Canada	18
Australia	4
New Zealand	2
England	1
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Match results listed are those when a GB or home nations team was present



THE MATCHES

AMERICA MATCH

The Trophy

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 and Alan Warner (standing) of the USA. Sadly, Jim Thompson passed away in 2018 but his memory will stay with us through his depiction in the trophy.

Match Background

First shot in 2002, the match can only take place when an official US team is present and competing. The match is held every two years, with the venue alternating between the USA and Canada.

There is a provision for the match to be shot between the regular matches at any location given the USA and Canadian approval in 2013 this was granted to South Africa and on the other occurrence of this provision, 2015, a Palma year, saw a match in Camp Perry. The 2016 Match due to be shot in the USA was not competed for so the 2018 match is the first for three years.

In the first match held at Connaught ranges in 2002, USA, Canada, Great Britain and Germany competed. 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. Since then, it has been held on a further eight occasions with match tallies now at USA 4 wins, GB 4 wins and South Africa 1 win. The largest number of teams competing was in 2015 where the competition included Great Britain, Australia, South Africa, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, West Indies, Barbados and Japan.



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 Ottawa this year they will be 300 and 600 yards, 800 and 900 metres.

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. ■



Previous winners

Date	Winners	Venue
2002	Great Britain	Ottawa, Ontario
2004	USA	Raton, New Mexico
2006	Great Britain	Ottawa, Ontario
2008	USA	Raton, New Mexico
2010	Great Britain	Ottawa, Ontario
2012	USA	Camp Perry, Ohio
2013	South Africa	Bloemfontein, RSA
2014	USA	Ottawa, Ontario
2015	Great Britain	Camp Perry, Ohio



THE DOMINION OF CANADA RIFLE ASSOCIATION 1868 to 2018

This year the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association

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younger than the nation of Canada as we know it today.



This article charts the evolution of the DCRA from its

The Rideau Range

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 this meeting it was decided to proceed with the formation of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association and the Governor General, his Excellency Viscount Monck accepted the role of Patron of the Association, a position held to this day by the current Governor General.

The Association at that time brought together thirty three independent rifle associations. Rules, a Constitution and By-Laws were drawn up, a Council and Executive selected and a date was set for the first Annual Prize Meeting which was held at Laprairie, just outside Montreal. In excess of 900 competitors turned up to compete for \$5,500 in prize money. The DCRA has continued to hold prize meetings every year since, except during the two World Wars.

The National Range of the DCRA became the Rideau Range, just behind the current location of the Russian Embassy in Ottawa. In 1897 the last Annual Prize Meeting was held on the Rideau Range since the Association had selected a more suitable location, with greater distances for long range shooting, at Rockcliffe. The site consisted of 380 acres and permitted shooting from 200 yards to 1000 yards with room for extension back to 2000.

It was also in 1897 that the DCRA constructed is own permanent accommodation at Bisley, England. Canadian Teams had been attending the Annual Matches in England since 1870, the first Team being sent by the Ontario Rifle Association. The first DCRA Team went to Wimbledon in 1873 and continued to do so each year until the matches moved to Bisley in 1889. 1997 marked the Centennial of the construction of the Macdonald Stewart Canadian Pavilion at Bisley.



The Rockcliffe Range

The DCRA continued to hold its Annual Matches at Rockcliffe until the outbreak of the First World War in 1914. Teams regularly visited from England, the United States and Australia. Following the First World War the matches resumed at Rockcliffe for 1919 and 1920. During its period of occupancy at Rockcliffe the DCRA had built a large Administration building and a substantial set of quarters for competitors. Pressure began to mount to have the site of the range made available for other purposes.

It was at this time that the DCRA, in conjunction with the Minister of Militia, selected the current site of the Connaught Ranges for development. Since the DCRA were required to give up their buildings at Rockcliffe, the Association was granted use of the Connaught Range in Perpetuity. The Association was called upon to design the layout of the ranges. The original plans are still in the DCRA archives.



THE DCRA AT 150



Connaught Ranges

The Connaught Ranges opened in time for the DCRA to hold its Annual Prize Meeting in 1921. With the exception of the period 1939 to 1946, the DCRA Annual Prize Meeting has been held on an annual basis at Connaught.

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. Additionally, in those years all members of the DCRA Bisley Team were Military members, as was the majority of the membership.

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. The matches continued to be conducted by DCRA staff members.

In the mid 1970's the military staff at the National Defence Headquarters 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 again take responsibility for the conduct of the Service Rifle matches. This arrangement prevailed until the late 1980's when the Army staff again took control of the Service Rifle matches. Since that time the Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Competition (CAFSAC) and the DCRA National Service Arms Competition (NSAC) have been conducted conjointly.

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.

The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association is composed of 10 Provincial Rifle Associations, the Yukon Rifle Association and the National Capital Region Rifle Association. All Provincial and Territorial Associations are affiliated with the DCRA and utilize DCRA rules and standards in their competitions. The management structure of the DCRA consists of a President, Executive Vice President, a Council, a Comptroller, an Executive Committee, Life Governors and an Executive Director with a small staff who are located at the DCRA Headquarters at the Connaught Ranges in Ottawa.



The DCRA conducts national championships for a variety of disciplines including Target Rifle, F-Class, Black Powder, Service Rifle, Service Pistol, and Precision Rifle. In addition the DCRA continues to work closely with the Canadian Armed Forces to further enhance marksmanship throughout the Regular and Primary Reserve Forces.

In addition to our National Championships, as a member of ICFRA (International Confederation of Fullbore Rifle Associations) the DCRA will occasionally be granted to opportunity to host the Long Range World Championships (and the famed Palma Match), and the F-Class World Championships.





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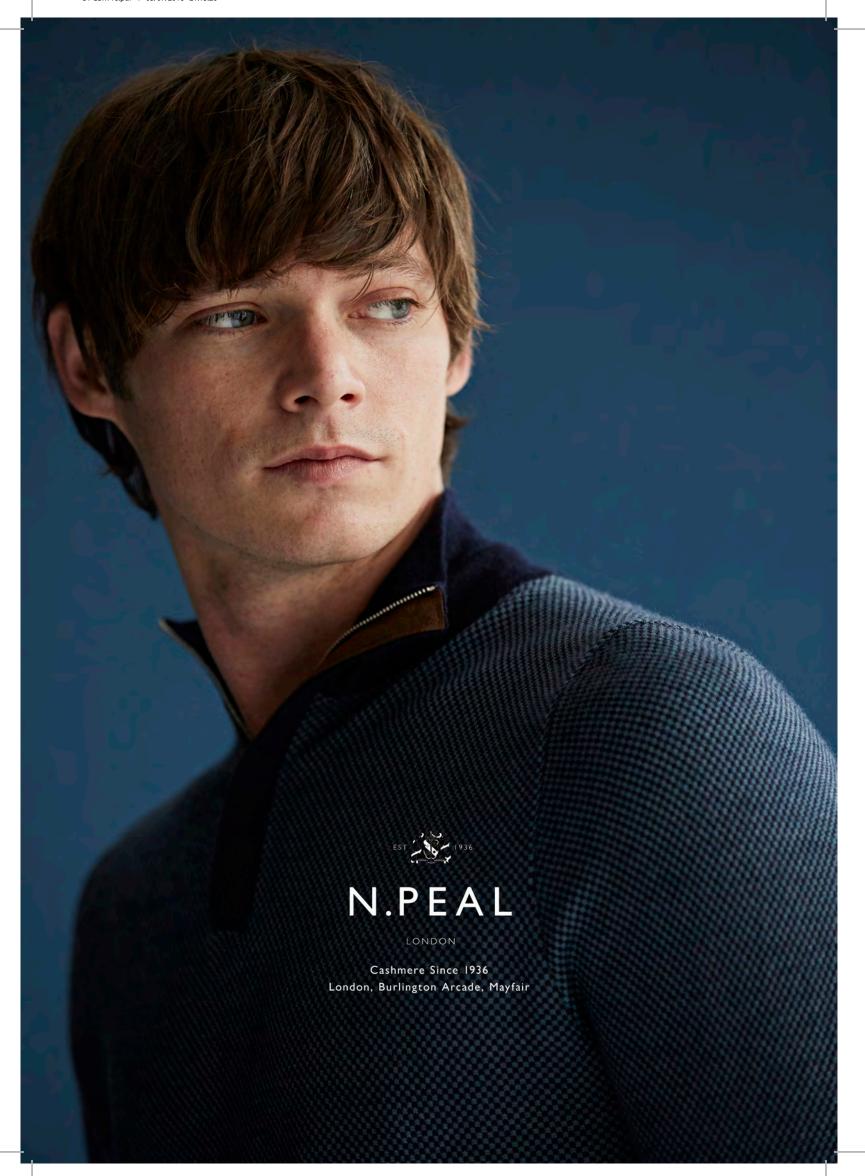
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