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# THE TEAM



<b>Captain -</b>	David Calvert GM3, SB3 SC2	Ireland & Ulster
<b>Vice-Captain -</b>	Chris Hockley	Wales & South Wales
<b>Adjutant -</b>	David Rose	England & Leics, N'hants and Rutland
<b>Main Coach -</b>	Nick Tremlett GM, SB	England & Berkshire
<b>Coaches -</b>	Matthew Charlton	England & London
	Matthew Ensor	England & Surrey
	Derek Lowe	England & Surrey
	Bruce Winney	England & Hertfordshire
<b>Team Members -</b>	Jack Alexander	Ireland & Ulster
	David Armstrong SB2	England & London
	Nigel Ball GC, SC, SM	England & Norfolk
	Simon Belither GC2, SM	England & Essex
	Matthew Button SB	England & Lincolnshire
	David Crispin SB	England & Surrey
	Tom Drysdale	England & Durham
	David Luckman GM, GC3, SM, SB2, SC4	England & Somerset
	Jane Messer GC, SB, SC	England & Sussex
	Matt Millar	England & Surrey
	Parag Patel SB2	England & Surrey
	Toby Raincock	England & Surrey
	Kelvin Ramsey	England & Surrey
	Tom Rylands SC	England & Cheshire
	Rick Shouler	England & Nottinghamshire
	Jon Underwood GM, GC2, SM2	England & Surrey
	Sandy Walker	Scotland & London
	James Watson	England & Leics, N'hants and Rutland
<b>Team Physio's</b>	Jackie Davies	
	Zoe Stirling	
<b>Reserves -</b>	Anton Aspin	England & Cheshire
	Will Broad	England & Surrey
	Peter Holden	England & Norfolk
	Tom Laing-Baker	England & London
	Chris Milton	England & Surrey
	Matthew Purdy	England & Norfolk
	Steph Ward	Wales & Gloucestershire





CLARENCE HOUSE

As President of the National Rifle Association, I am delighted that Great Britain Rifle Teams continue to compete strongly throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. These exchanges do much to cement relationships and understanding between countries, forged through a shared history and culture. Added benefits include the broader personal perspectives which arise from experiences in the international arena and the friendships which grow from a mutual commitment to amateur sport in its purest form.

It therefore gives me great pride to see such strong teams leave these shores, and I have no doubt that they will be shown a warm welcome by their New Zealand hosts who will be among several teams to offer both fierce and friendly competition. I have every confidence that our team will make us all immensely proud.

I wish the teams every possible success, and look forward to hearing all about the tour upon its completion.

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As Chairman of the NRA of the UK it gives me great pleasure to introduce David Calvert and the 2019 Great Britain Rifle Team as they embark upon their quest to retain the Palma trophy. This is the 31st Palma Match since its inception in 1876 and the 3rd time the match has been hosted by New Zealand since the first such occasion exactly 40 years ago.

David is one of our most experienced and successful international rifle shots, a veteran of the past 7 Palma matches, and a past captain of both NRA and UK teams. As captain of our Great Britain Palma team he has picked a strong group that includes some who are new to the Palma Match experience as well as a core of truly experienced Palma veterans. They will face some stiff competition and - if Trentham has its way - some testing conditions, which is just as it should be for a World Championship when the aim is to be tested against the best.

So, on behalf of the NRA of the UK, in addition to wishing David and his team the very best of success, I would like to pass on our thanks and best wishes for a successful championships to the NRA of New Zealand, and to wish all participants at the ICFRA Long Range World Championships much enjoyment in the "Land of the Long White Cloud".

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On behalf of the National Rifle Association of New Zealand I look forward to welcoming the Great Britain Rifle Team to Seddon Rifle range for the Long Range World Championships and Palma Match.

I am sure that the competition will be as intense as it always is between the many countries and individuals within those teams.

The Seddon range has a justifiable reputation in our sport as one of the more challenging venues and it is sure to add to that record at some stage during your visit. Embrace the challenge.

The chance to renew old friendships and to make new ones will as always be important and will add to the experiences and memories that you will take away from your visit to New Zealand.

I hope that many of you are taking a little extra time to holiday in our little corner of the world, in our summer, before returning home. Safe travels and roll on January 2019.



Malcolm Dodson  
President  
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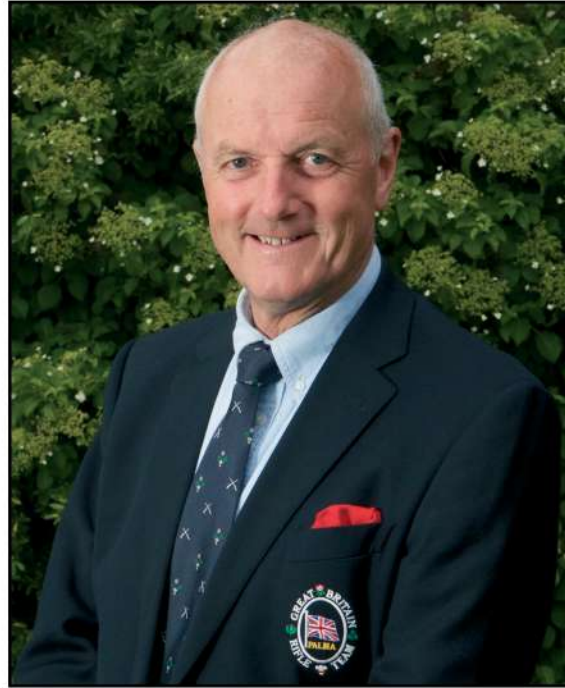
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We wish them and the entire Great Britain Palma Team the very best of luck.



# GREAT BRITAIN PALMA RIFLE TEAM

NEW ZEALAND 2019



It is an honour and a privilege to have been asked by the Council of our National Rifle Association to captain the Great Britain team to the World Championships in New Zealand in 2019. It is also a considerable responsibility and a task that would not be possible without the hard work of a dedicated and effective management team, the enthusiasm of the full squad and of course the support of family and friends left behind.

The team match for the Palma trophy is the pinnacle and blue riband event of the international target rifle shooting calendar, taking place just once every 4 years and attracting teams of the very best marksmen and women from all over the world. As we leave United Kingdom shores for the other side of the globe, it will have been 3 years since our team selection process began and 2 years since we commenced dedicated training with a squad of 36 potential team members.

Our mission is to perform to the highest standards and in so doing to retain the Palma team trophy won by Great Britain at the previous World Championships in the USA in 2015. We have a significant challenge ahead of us, but one that I know our team will embrace and enjoy, doing so in the finest spirit of international competition.

*David Calvert*

David Calvert  
Captain

# ITINERARY



## January

Saturday 19th	Depart LHR 16:50 for HKG CX238
Sunday 20th	Arrive HKG 12:55, Depart HKG 15:20 for AKL CX199
Monday 21st	Arrive AKL 07:35 CX199 Disperse for R&R 12:00
Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th	Group R&R activities
Thursday 24th	Arrive at Totara Lodge 16:00
Friday 25th - Saturday 26th	Individual and Team Practice, Trentham
Sunday 27th	Beginning of the Wellington Rifle Association Championships
Monday 28th	The New Zealand Match (teams of 10 at 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards)
Tuesday 29th	The Masefield Short Range (300, 600, 900 & 1000 yards)
Wednesday 30th - Friday 1st	New Zealand Championships

## February

Saturday 2nd	Overseas Clubs Match (teams of 5 at 300, 500 and 600 yards) Ballinger Belt (NZ TR Championships final top 20) Prize Giving at Wellington Racecourse
Sunday 3rd	Day off (Vets, U25 & U21 Team Matches)
Monday 4th	Long Range World Championships Opening Ceremony 14:00 Long Range Stage 1 at 800 yards
Tuesday 5th	08:30 Long Range Stage 1 at 900 and 1000 yards 14:00 Long Range Stage 2 at 800 yards Stage 1 prizegiving
Wednesday 6th	08:30 Long Range Stage 2 at 900 and 1000 yards 14:00 Long Range Stage 3 at 800 yards Stage 2 prizegiving
Thursday 7th	08:30 Long Range Stage 3 at 900 and 1000 yards 14:00 Long Range Final at 1000 yards Palma team photo and Palma Dinner at Wellington Racecourse
Friday 8th	Palma Match Practice Day at 800, 900 and 1000 yards
Saturday 9th Sunday 10th	Palma Match Day 1 at 800, 900 and 1000 yards Palma Match Day 2 at 800, 900 and 1000 yards
Monday 11th	Depart Wellington Airport at 10:45 NZ420 Depart AKL 15:00 for HKG CX198 Arrive HKG 21:15, Depart HKG 23:55 for LHR CX251
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# GB TO NEW ZEALAND 1937



## GREAT BRITAIN'S FIRST TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND

Official Great Britain rifle teams have toured to New Zealand eleven times, with five of those visits occurring since 1990 and the most recent in 2010. New Zealand's first tour to GB was by ship in 1911 (and then by air in 1953), but GBRT's first reciprocal visit was in February 1938, at the end of a long voyage by a 14-man team. Prior to arrival in New Zealand for a short visit, the team toured South Africa and Australia extensively, before shooting in the Empire Trophy Match at the Empire Games in Sydney. Touring was a very different proposition in those days. As Lord Cottesloe wrote at the time, Commander Swanston's GB team "was absent from home for six months and circumnavigated the globe." Almost half that time was spent at sea.

### Itinerary in summary:

16 Oct - 4 Nov 1937	Sail from Liverpool to Cape Town
12 Nov - 2 Dec 1937	Matches at Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban, Chase Valley, Bloemfontein, East London, Grahamstown, Cape Town
5 Dec - 22 Dec 1937	Sail from Cape Town to Fremantle
24 Dec 1937 - 7 Feb 1938	Matches at Perth, Port Adelaide, Melbourne, Hobart, Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney
14 - 15 Feb 1938	Empire Trophy Match, Sydney
17 - 21 Feb 1938	Sail from Sydney to Wellington
24 Feb 1938	Test Match at Wellington
1 Mar - 5 Apr 1938	Sail from Wellington to Southampton



His Majesty's Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire  
Colonel The Lord Cottesloe C.B.

After long sea voyages, a defeat by South Africa and Southern Rhodesia in the Bloemfontein test match and good hospitality in both South Africa and Australia, the Great Britain team shot in the Empire Match at the Empire Games, reversing Australia's 2 point short range lead to win by 23 points. In that match Swanston proved himself at least sixty years ahead of his time. Most international teams and many others these days have firers shoot on both sides of the coach, no matter their dominant eye/hand, following the 2007 GB Palma team's adoption of the technique that the County of London team had tried out successfully a few years earlier. They had believed it to be an innovation; however, Swanston's account of the 1938 Empire Match explains: "In order to keep within the time limits and to facilitate coaching, the person next to fire took up his position on the other side of the coach from that occupied by the firer some four or five shots before his predecessor had finished. There was, therefore, no break in the continuity of firing - No. 2 starting immediately No. 1 had finished, and so on throughout." While the coaches were not in the habit of winding sights for their firers in those days and Swanston concedes of his wind readers that "we did not collaborate as a general rule", this was otherwise a thoroughly modern practice, as was Swanston's arrangement of pre-tour training matches against the English XX Club and his preference for "young men rather than veterans in his team", which "was well justified by the event."

# GB TO NEW ZEALAND 1937



## GREAT BRITAIN'S FIRST TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND cont...

Commander Swanston's official account of the New Zealand leg of the tour reads: "On February 18th, we left Australian territory for New Zealand in S.S. 'Awatea', having spent the meantime in quarters at Coogee while some took advantage of the opportunity presented by our hosts to see the Genollan caves. Hoddle remained in Australia on business. We were accompanied in the 'Awatea' by the New Zealand and South African teams, all being seen off by Mr. Jamieson, Major Dakin, Mr. Spencer, and many others who had contributed to our happy stay in Sydney. The Governor-General of New Zealand – Lord Galway – was returning in the ship from the Sydney celebrations and the three teams had the honour of being presented to him on board. Our arrival in Wellington on 21st February was delayed a few hours by fog, which caused some difficulty in making punctual attendance at Parliament House where all teams, together with the returning New Zealand athletes [from the Empire Games] were given an official welcome by Ministers acting on behalf of the Prime Minister.

"The New Zealand National Rifle Association's National Meeting was due to take place from February 25th to March 2nd, but it was not possible for us to remain for a later sailing and take part in it. The Wairapa Rifle Association, however, were good enough to hold their Meeting on 23rd February at Trentham for our convenience and both the South African team and ourselves took part. We found an organization similar to those existing in Australia, though on this occasion the number of rounds had to be reduced owing to the large number of competitors. Several of the British team took high places in the aggregates and matches that were shot, and we looked forward to the test match the following day with some optimism. Whatever the reason, however, we did not excel in this match. The conditions were certainly difficult – a strong rear fishtail producing variations from 1 to 9 right, but our diagrams show that we did not lose an undue proportion of shots laterally and that the elevations maintained by nearly all the team did not compare with those they had recently been achieving at Sydney, particularly at 300 yards. The match conditions were for teams of 10 firing 2 convertible sighters and 10 shots to count at 300, 600, 800 and 900 yards.

Team	Captain	300x	600x	800x	900x	Total
South Africa	Col. R. Bodley	462	458	461	450	1831
New Zealand	Capt. W.N. Masefield	471	457	451	424	1803
Great Britain	Cdr. D.S. Swanston	456	453	457	435	1801

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# The Bisley V Club

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The Bisley V Club congratulates Jack Alexander on his selection for the Great Britain Palma Rifle Team

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- 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

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# GB TO NEW ZEALAND 1937



## GREAT BRITAIN'S FIRST TOUR TO NEW ZEALAND cont...

“The Match was attended by the Governor-General and by the Minister for Defence, the Hon. F. Jones, who congratulated South Africa on the conclusion of the Match. There could have been none more conscious than ourselves that South Africa were not in their usual form in the Empire Match, and this return to winning form must have been a source of justifiable satisfaction to their leader – Col. Bodley, who went on to win the New Zealand King’s on the same range less than a week later. We shall remember our matches with them in Africa, Australia and New Zealand, with particular pleasure, and although we were fortunate enough to win the Empire Match, they have the satisfaction of scoring the rubber against us.

“In New Zealand, as in everywhere else, we received hospitality we cannot forget. Colonel Cresswell – a past Chairman of the N.Z.N.R.A. – made it his business to be our particular host. We had the advantage of being the neighbours at Liverpool, Sydney, of Captain Masefield and the N.Z. team and the friendships started there were cemented by our stay in their country. It is the aspiration of all those interested in Rifle Shooting in New Zealand to send another team to Bisley. We hope that our visit may help them to gain that object, because their tenacious effort in the Empire Match and their victory over us in the New Zealand Match indicate that they have the marksmen to make the venture a successful one.”

The current GB team’s budget is in the region of £160,000 (NZD300,000). In 1937-38, the team was funded by £2,791 6s. 3d. in donations from third parties and £100 5s. 11d. from the Overseas Teams Fund, of which £24 10s. 4d. was returned. The team spent:

- on steamship fares	£1,748 5s.
- on travel and hotels	£897 10s. 11d. (no hotel costs at all in South Africa!)
- on clothing	£142 2s.
- on rifle equipment, spoons etc.	£65 13s. 5d.
- on sundries	£13 10s. 6d.
- in total	<b>£2,867 1s. 10d.</b>
	- just over £200 a head for six months’ touring (c.£13,000 in today’s money)



# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



## David Calvert - Captain



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. His first GB team representation was in 1975 on tour to Canada, though followed by a self-imposed 15 year gap due to work and family commitments. International shooting involvement then picked up again and David has since represented GB on around 50 occasions, both at home and abroad; mostly in Target Rifle, but also in the Service Rifle, Match Rifle and Small-bore Rifle disciplines.

This will be David's 6th shooting tour to New Zealand, having first visited for the Auckland Commonwealth Games in 1990. This will also be his 8th consecutive Palma match and he is looking forward to his move from the firing point to the different responsibilities and challenges of captaincy. Away from the ranges, his main interests are golf, skiing and flying, the latter in a part time role as a flying instructor in the Royal Air Force Reserve.

## Chris Hockley - Vice-Captain

Chris Hockley returns to New Zealand shooting for the 5th time. His first was shooting for Wales in 1990 at the Commonwealth Games and subsequently in 2003 for GB, with an RAF team in 2009 and as an individual in 2018. He has toured to all the major and many of the smaller shooting countries, usually as Manager, Vice-Captain or Captain of RAF, Welsh or GB teams. His individual best moment he says was a bronze medal in the 1998 Commonwealth Games in Malaysia.

Chris spent 36 years in the Royal Air Force before transferring to Cranfield University where he has spent 13 years, teaching and supervising post graduate students and researchers in the fields of reliability, maintainability and logistic support. He retired in 2017 although still runs the occasional short course for the University but hopes to spend more time on the golf course and the bowling green.



## Dave Rose - Adjutant



Dave started shooting at Epsom College where he finished as the Captain in a record setting year and the second of two Ashburton wins, then continuing at Southampton University and with his club The Old Epsomians. Focussing on Fullbore more in recent years he has toured over 10 times and visited all the major shooting nations around the world, to date the high point being part of the victorious Palma team in 2015 in the USA.

A self confessed shooting and touring addict Dave is delighted and honoured to be the Adjutant for the Palma team in 2019 and is looking forward immensely to returning to New Zealand in 2019 after touring in 2018 with the excuse of "needing to recce for logistics and planning". And most essential it was too! Dave seems to have acquired the Adj title over the last few years and is working his way towards the Adj big 5...

Dave lives in Surrey having moved out of the hectic centre of London and in his spare time spends much of his 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!

## Nick Tremlett - Head Coach

Nick is one of the relics on the team, having started his shooting career over 45 years ago, and first competing internationally abroad 42 years ago! He has had his fair share of success over the years, including a Queen's Prize and several Match Rifle championships, but considers it all a question of monkeys and typewriters.

Recently Nick captained a GB Target Rifle touring team for the first time, to South Africa in 2017, where GB completed the rare clean sweep of Australia, Protea and RSA International matches. Not one to shirk a challenge Nick is now looking forward to being main coach for GB on the Palma team.

Having been to Trentham in January 2018 he is relishing the opportunity to compete in the World Championships in 2019, despite Trentham's habit of delivering chastening experiences to any who underestimate its perplexing zephyrs.



# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



Matthew Charlton - Coach

Matthew started shooting at RGS Guildford when he was 13. This is his 11th Great Britain tour and his 3rd to New Zealand. 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 49 "Big Five" appearances under his belt and has coached GB wins in all the major international matches.

Matt is a teacher of modern languages and mathematics, having 'retired' from institutional stockbroking in the City a few years ago to do something he loves. He sculls, having rowed competitively, and enjoys cycling, skiing and snowboarding when there's occasionally time around loving daughter Ursula and being looked after by wife Ellie.



Matthew Ensor - Coach



Matthew started shooting in 1992 at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford and is looking forward to target coaching with his fellow Old Guildfordians (and Bruce) in 2019. This will be his 8th tour with the Great Britain Rifle Team and his 2nd to New Zealand, having visited Trentham ranges in 2010. Whilst he has enjoyed a smattering of individual successes, most notably winning the Long Range Aggregate in the US Fullbore Championships in 2015, he much prefers wind coaching in team matches. This will be Matthew's 5th World Championships having previously represented GB at 3 Palma Matches and once in the F-Class rifle discipline.

Away from shooting Matthew and Sarah live in Chelmsford and were joined by their son, Arthur, in early 2018. He is looking forward to the tour so he can get some sleep.

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. He is looking forward to adding New Zealand to the list on this, his 10th, 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 and, in order to ensure he finds no rest, has served as the NRA's Treasurer since 2013.



Bruce Winney - Coach



Bruce has been going to Bisley longer than he likes to remember and even when work commitments intervened has usually managed to make at least one day of the Imperial meeting. He is looking forward to returning to New Zealand for the second time since he first toured with the first GB U25 touring team 27 years ago. More recently his first full GB cap was with the successful 2014 team to Canada and the USA, and he toured the West Indies with England in 2017. His first National and Mackinnon caps, in 2018, are indelibly etched into his memory.

Away from the range, he spent many years working among the idyllic dreaming spires of Oxford but gave that up for a two year extended sabbatical with his wife, driving round South America in a small yellow van. On returning, he is attempting a mid-life career change into conservation. His other main interest is spending time outdoors (usually hanging from a rope on something vertical or falling off a bike on something bumpy).

# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Jack Alexander



Jack started shooting target rifle under the instruction of his father in 2006 in South Africa and it quickly became apparent that the sport was going to become a large part of his life. Since then Jack has very much enjoyed shooting in the UK and abroad. The main highlight of his shooting career to date is winning the gold medal in the World Under-25 Individual Championships in 2015. Jack is very much looking forward to returning to a World Championships with the senior GB team and is relishing the prospect of taking his shooting to the next level.

Outside of shooting Jack is a self employed plumber, leads a very (un)healthy social life and in his spare time enjoys many sports, particularly motorsports and game shooting.

David Armstrong



David first started shooting at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, in 1983 and has shot the Imperial Meeting at Bisley every year since, apart from 1997 when he was working in Tokyo. This will be David's 9th GB tour, and a long awaited return to Trentham having last visited in 1992 as Captain of the first ever touring GB Under-25 team. He is looking forward to some stiff competition there, making new friendships (whilst trying to remember who he met 27 years ago), and hoping that the fabled Trentham wind has somehow been tamed.

David's top achievements to date include making 19 Queen's Finals (coming 2nd twice, most recently in 2012) and 15 top 50 finishes in the Grand, including unfortunately narrowly missing out on a top-3 place in 2017 courtesy of the Prince of Wales. He has been part of the winning GB Palma Teams in Canada in 2007, Australia in 2011 and Camp Perry in 2015.

Away from Bisley, David is a pension trustee and accountant for the Civil Aviation Authority, managing a government-backed trust fund.

Nigel Ball



Nigel began his shooting career whilst serving in the Fleet Air Arm, the flying side of The Royal Navy, but his 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 Greshams School in Norfolk and for the last 9 years at Wellington College in Berkshire. He is often seen at Bisley with a crowd of pupils avidly trying to wreck the school rifles. Gunsmiths have become his best friend but the school bursar seems to have different opinions.

Nigel has a selection of Grand Agg crosses, Queens final badges etc but his main love is the touring side of GB shooting and the camaraderie that comes with it. New Zealand will be his 26th GB team tour and his 5th Palma Match. Interestingly a fellow team member was the Palma Captain in 2003 and gave Nigel his first taste of World Championship shooting, an appetite he has continued to feed ever since.

When not shooting or organising it, Nigel tries to manage his 5 grandchildren, drink red wine and stay on top of married life, not always an easy task but you only live once.

This will be Simon's 7th international team tour at senior level, his last one being the GB Palma Team to the USA in 1992! Like many others touring was limited by family & work commitments, but now the children have left home and he has swapped structured (and paid) employment for the increased workload of 'retirement' he is really looking forward to touring again before he forgets what the experience was like... This will be his fifth Palma match in four decades, and he has also shot at Trentham twice in the past - in 1984 with the GB team and 1990 as a prelude to representing England in the Commonwealth Games in Auckland where he won Gold in the Pairs event.

On home soil, Simon has Captained Great Britain in the World Championships in 2003, and England in the Mackinnon and National matches.

Off the range, Simon is now spending much of his time making sure his wife, Liz, is kept comfortable, warm and dry in their 500 year old Devon cottage (but would rather be sculpting instead!).

Simon Belither



# HISTORY OF THE PALMA MATCH



## HISTORY OF THE PALMA MATCH

The Palma Match – the World Championship of long range rifle shooting – is the most prestigious team event in our sport. With teams trialling and training shooters and coaches for years before competing, it is no wonder that a Palma badge from a competitive nation is a highly sought after item, and a match medal all the more so.

Shooters have competed to earn these honours since September 1876, when the Great Centennial Match was held in the state of New York on Creedmoor rifle range, more recently the site of a psychiatric hospital. That first Palma Match was contested by Australia, Canada, Ireland, Scotland and the USA on a 36 inch bullseye, with the hosts beating Ireland into second place by 22 points. With no sighting shots and with firers both prone and supine, it had much in common with the Elcho Match, but the .44 cal, 520gr projectiles were rather larger than we're used to.

Since then, there have been a further 29 Palma matches, featuring 30 different countries, including some we might no longer expect to see, such as Peru and Cuba (1928's runners-up). The USA dominated the early years, winning seven of eight matches from 1876 to 1928. 1877 saw Great Britain's first appearance; they hadn't responded to 1876's invitation and, after losing to the USA, didn't reply in 1878, eventually returning in 1901.

That match was at Sea Girt, where black powder had been replaced by bolt action rifles with .30 cal and .303 jacketed bullets. Canada were the first non-American winners and took the match outside the USA for the first time, to Rockville in 1902. There, Great Britain's first win allowed them to hold the match in 1903 at Bisley, where the USA recorded the highest score but the match was declared void rather than claimed by them or the British runners-up after a deviation from service rifle specification.

The first match at Camp Perry was in 1913, when Argentina took second place with 7.65mm Mausers, but the Great War interrupted the series until 1924 when Connaught first played host (to an 'unofficial' match like 1923's uncontested edition and 1925). A 20 inch V-bull was introduced in the 1920s.

There followed a 38 year gap between matches, with the Great Depression and Second World War being factors. The hiatus coincided with the disappearance of the original Palma Trophy, a 7.5 foot tall Tiffany creation with a copper spread eagle and silver laurel wreath atop a panel, mounted on an ornate steel shaft, bearing the word "PALMA", which had been outside the office of the Secretary of War in the 1930s. It had been presented "in the name of the United States of America to the riflemen of the world", for which reason an official Palma Match must feature the USA among the competing nations.



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Before the reinstatement of the match proper, a 'preliminary' match was held at Camp Perry in 1966. The hosts took the honours but Canada turned the tables at Connaught the following year with GB also in attendance. The modern Palma era had begun, comprising yearly matches until 1974, with the home team winning all but once, probably aided by the use of rifles and ammunition issued by the host. The last of the annual matches was the first held south of the Equator, at Bloemfontein where South Africa triumphed just as they did 25 years later.

From the 1976 Bicentennial Match onwards, the Palma moved to a three year and then a four year cycle, encompassing a wider range of venues including Australia and New Zealand. Since 1985, the team size has been standardized at 16 shooters, while 1995 brought the two day course of fire. The 1992 iteration saw the introduction of the World Individual Long Range Rifle Championship; it was also the year that Great Britain first made use of revolutionary team shooting methods that yielded a first victory since 1970, albeit one of six in the last seven matches.

This year's match promises to be a highly competitive affair, following significant advances in team shooting across the globe. The competing teams are Australia, Canada, Channel Islands, Great Britain, Kenya, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States of America. Most of those countries are also entering teams in the Veteran, Under 25 and Under 21 World Championship matches.

To date, the Palma Match has been 'officially' hosted by:

USA 12 times, Canada 8 times, Great Britain 4 times, and Australia, New Zealand and South Africa twice each.

Cumulative standings in terms of wins (including the 'preliminary' match but excluding the void match and the four 'unofficial' matches in two of which only the USA competed:

USA 13 (in 30 attempts), Great Britain 8 (in 20), Canada 4 (in 29), South Africa 2 (in 9), Australia 2 (in 16).

Other countries, continents and provinces to have competed are:

Argentina, Channel Islands, Cuba, East & Central Africa, Europe (CPC), France, Germany/West Germany, Ireland, Jersey, Kenya, Namibia, Natal, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Scotland, Sweden, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia.



Winds are often tricky in Trentham, New Zealand

# THE SILVER FERN



## THE SILVER FERN

To Maori, the silver fern has long stood for strength, stubborn resistance and enduring power. It has been a symbol of New Zealand since the 1880s, following its adoption by the New Zealand Natives, and it was included on the All Blacks rugby jersey in time for their first overseas tour in 1905.

However, its history as a sporting emblem is longer than that, having originated in the sport of rifle shooting.

In 1853 the HMS Sparrow called at New Plymouth, staying in New Zealand waters for ten years and eventually being converted to steam before departing. The Royal Navy challenged the local Army garrison to a team rifle match, shot on the Rewa Rewa range, Taranaki.

The New Zealand shooters picked the silver fern growing in the area and pinned the frond to their uniform pocket as a good luck charm. They beat the Royal Navy and thereafter adopted it as a good luck symbol.



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# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



Matthew Button

Matthew started shooting at the age of 14 as part of his Duke of Edinburgh's award, following his father and grandfather into the sport. He continued shooting through school (winning the Ashburton with Oakham) and has shot for Lincolnshire since 1985. While studying medicine at London University he managed to combine his overseas elective studies with the 1995 World championships in New Zealand and enjoyed a second attempt at reading the Trentham winds in 2018. He has also enjoyed shooting tours to Canada, Kenya, Namibia, South Africa and the USA. Visits to Bisley are now encouraged, as his 3 children have learnt to cycle around camp, with varying amounts of assistance and elastoplast.

Matthew now works as a Vascular surgeon in Brighton where he gets regular practice at remaining calm in challenging situations. Interests in medical education and Trauma surgery make work life busy and varied, he is hoping not to need any of these skills whilst competing in the Palma matches.



David Crispin



David works in his own engineering company building rifles and accessories. This will be David's eighth tour with a GB team having previously toured to New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, West Indies and the USA. His shooting started at age 13 with the Air Cadets, shooting the No.4 .303 rifle at the age of 15. That hurt with its brass butt plate and wearing only a blue shirt, 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's very much looking forward to getting his teeth into a Whittaker's Peanut Slab again.

Tom started shooting with the Air Training Corps at the tender age of 13, initially very unsuccessful but with persistence and training he improved enough to gain a place on the 2006 Athelings team for his first overseas tour. Since 2006, Tom has toured a further eight times to countries such as Australia, South Africa, USA and the Channel Islands where he has represented GB Under 19, GB Under 25, GB and England. Tom's notable successes to date include finishing in the Top 50 of the Grand Aggregate at Bisley and South Africa and winning the Gurkha Appeal with his first ever 75.15. Tom plans to build on the success of 2015-17 where he completed the 'Big 5' and hopes the invaluable experience he gained will lead to an even stronger performance in the 2019 Palma match.

Away from shooting Tom works as a Finance manager in London and in his spare time enjoys watching and playing football and hitting the gym.

Tom Drysdale



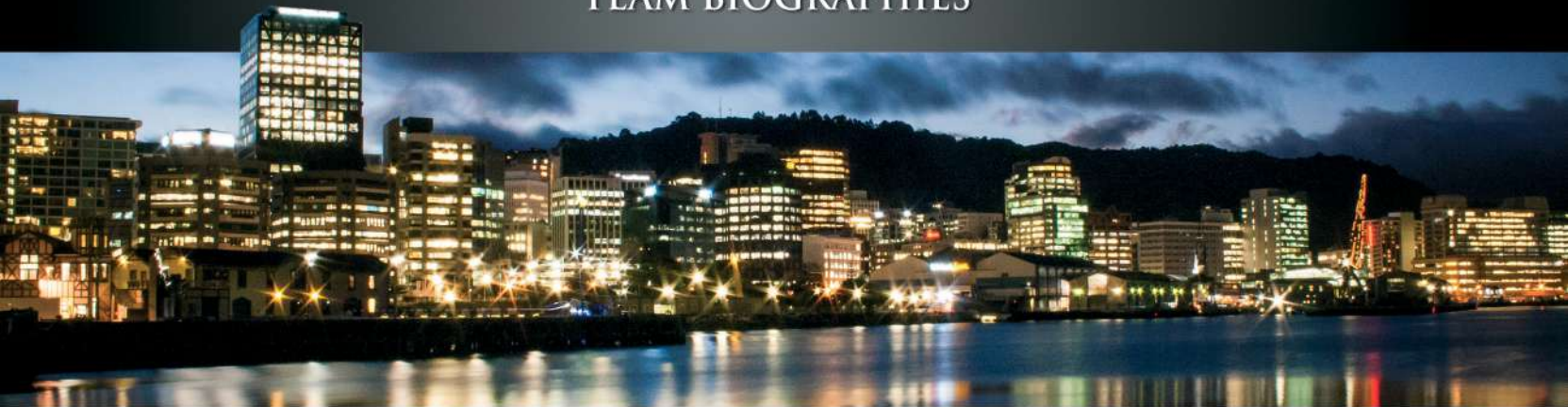
David Luckman



David is looking forward to returning to New Zealand after a 19 year absence. This will be David's sixth Palma team and he is relishing the opportunity to potentially compete in the match that will complete the set of Palma matches in all of the major venues. Back home, David's successes include winning The Queens Prize, Grand Aggregates, the St George's and golds at the Commonwealth Games. In 2015 after a long eight years he finally managed to shed the title of 'the oldest ever World Individual Long Range rifle champion'.

David started shooting with Sedgemoor Target Shooting Club and represents Somerset. He is married to Susie and they live in Bristol with their son Thomas and daughter Sophie. When he has time, David is a keen sports player and enjoys cycling, tennis, swimming and surfing.

# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



Jane Messer



Jane is one of a select few to have both shot and coached the 'Big Five' matches in which British shooters compete (the National, MacKinnon, Kolapore, Australia and Palma matches). A keen advocate of team shooting, Jane has toured widely, including to Australia, Barbados, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Trinidad, the USA and Zimbabwe. This will be Jane's fourth visit to New Zealand and the renowned Trentham ranges, of which she has fond memories -and she is of course very much looking forward to taking part in what will be her eighth Palma match.

Whilst team shooting is Jane's favourite, she is also an accomplished individual shot having won a number of important individual competitions, including the Grand Aggregate and St George's Vase at Bisley. Away from the ranges, Jane enjoys skiing, gardening- and walking her enthusiastic Labrador.

Matt started shooting at Epsom College in 2001. What turned from an after sport activity to a yearlong pursuit, Matt became captain of the team winning the Ashburton in 2006. He also travelled with the GBU19 team in 2004 and Athelings in 2006. In 2011 he toured with the GBU25 team to Australia for the World Championships and, whilst he was a main coach then, has since switched back to shooting for all senior tours.

This will be Matt's 3rd senior tour, having been on the last Palma tour to Ohio in 2015 and most recently South Africa for the Australia match in 2017. As a new father Matt is unsure whether he'll get more rest at home or on tour, but nevertheless Matt is very much looking forward to shooting at Trentham, a brand new range for him, and battling the infamous conditions and of course, sampling the local wine!

Matthew Millar



Parag Patel



Parag first started shooting at Epsom College and his prodigious talent was in early evidence as he won the Canadian Grand Aggregate as an Atheling in 1994. This is his 13th tour with the GB team but his first to New Zealand. Accomplished in both team and individual shooting, Parag has shot in all 'Big 5' matches with 58 appearances to date (including the last five Palma matches), and has won the Bisley Grand Aggregate twice – in 2001 and 2003. His most recent and sweet Bisley success was winning HM Queens Prize in 2017 having missed the imperial meeting the year before due to illness. In 2018 he added two further Commonwealth Games medals to his tally taking him to 4 Golds, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze for England over the last four Commonwealth Games.

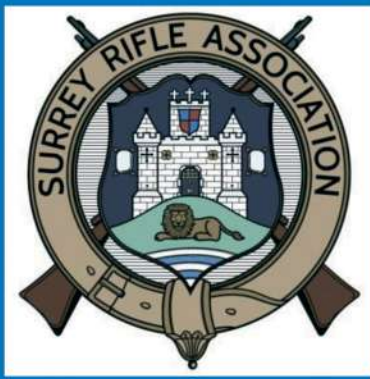
When not on the range, Parag is an ear, nose and throat surgeon. He and his wife, Urvi, have three young sons, so he has little time left for golf. For the meantime, all his slicing is therefore done with a scalpel.

Toby began his shooting career at Aberdour Prep School, but it was Epsom College where he matured into an international competitor, having been part of a winning Ashburton Team on three occasions. His first international tour was to Canada with the Athelings in 1993. Since then he has embarked on a series of successful tours with GB to America, Canada, South Africa and Australia, including three victorious Palma matches. He has also participated in many Mackinnon, National and Kolapore Matches, and finally, after many, many years of waiting, he achieved his Big 5, by representing GB as part of the winning Australia Match team in South Africa 2017. Toby has yet to visit New Zealand and is therefore very excited to do so as part of the team for 2019.

When not on the range, Toby has been known to swing the occasional golf club, although these days, his two young sons seem to occupy more of his non-shooting time. During the week and to earn some money to pay for his shooting tours, Toby is the CEO of Shard Capital, a brokerage and asset management firm based in the City.

Toby Raincock





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Good luck to everyone in the World Championships 2019 competing in New Zealand, especially our Old Uppinghamians, James Watson and Simon Belither on the Palma Team and John Webster, Captain of the Veterans.

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Kelvin Ramsey

Kelvin started shooting at the age of 12 while at Epsom College. He was a member of several Ashburton winning teams, was an Atheling in 1992, and subsequently captained the British Universities Rifle Team. This was followed by 6 years at Cambridge University where he won a Full Blue and studied medicine in his spare time.

Kelvin has been fortunate to have been selected for a number of international tours, representing England (USA 2008 & South Africa 2013), Great Britain (West Indies 2002, Canada 2011, 2012 & USA 2012, South Africa 2017) as well as travelling to Australia with GB to the World Championships in 2011.

Having spent more than two years working and travelling in Australasia, Kelvin is delighted to be returning to New Zealand to renew old friendships.

When not shooting, Kelvin tries to balance life as a surgeon with spending time with his wife and new baby daughter.



Tom Rylands



Tom coaches shooting at Ellesmere College and Shrewsbury School and spends the rest of his time working as a gunsmith and making ammunition. His business, Ellesmere Target Sports, supplied the ammunition for the highly successful GB Team to South Africa in 2017, some 20,000 rounds! he has made some 50,000 rounds over this last year for various teams, including 5 teams here in New Zealand. Tom started shooting full bore at University, has shot for Cheshire since 1982 and gained his first GB cap in 1988. Tom has toured with GB to South Africa (4 times), Australia (twice), Canada (3 times) and the USA. He has represented GB in 4 Palma Matches and 6 Australia Matches and currently holds the record score in the latter with 200.26. Tom has captained England on tour to South Africa in 2009 and is taking the England team to Canada in August this year.

Tom is married to Jane and they have 3 grown up children, 2 married, and 2 not so grown up grandchildren! In his spare time, Tom shoots, occasionally!!

Rick Shouler

Rick has been visiting Bisley since only a few months old. Since first picking up a rifle at Oakham School in the early '90s Rick has become a key member of the Nottinghamshire Rifle Team and has since shot for the NRA, England and Great Britain, regularly. Team shooting is where his passion lies and he has had the privilege of tour the Channel Islands, South Africa and Canada. This will be Rick's 6th Great Britain Tour but first tour to New Zealand which he is very much looking forward to.

Over the last couple of years Rick has had his best shooting results; coming 3rd in the Grand Aggregate at Bisley, winning the St Georges Prize and the British Columbia Rifle Championships.

When not shooting, Rick currently works as a Senior Manager for the Manufacturing Technology Centre in Coventry. Rick is married to Izzy and has 3 boys, Samuel, Alexander and Harrison which he devotes much of his spare time to and dotes on completely.



Jon Underwood



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, 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 Queens 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 RGS to help coach the current schoolboys. Jon also has the responsibility of looking after Ted - 'The Underdog'!

# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



## Sandy Walker



Sandy started shooting at Framlingham College in 2000 and went on to represent Scotland and Great Britain at junior and senior levels. A member of the OF Rifle Club, he has enjoyed notable individual success including winning the British Commonwealth Championships in 2015, the St George's Prize in 2016 and has multiple top 10 finishes in the Bisley Grand Aggregate (most recently, 3rd place in 2018). Since being part of the winning GB U25 Team at the 2007 World Championships, he has toured multiple times with GB, was selected for the Kolapore Team in 2017 and 2018 and competed for Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Australia 2018 where he won a Bronze Medal in the Pairs Event.

Away from Bisley, Sandy lives and works in London as a Chartered Surveyor at Cushman & Wakefield. This will be his second tour to New Zealand having shot there in 2010 but his first as a member of the Palma Team. He is very much looking forward to re-visiting one of the most notoriously difficult ranges in the world.

## James Watson

Since James started shooting at Uppingham School, he has toured with England and Great Britain senior teams on seventeen previous occasions over the last 23 years. This will be his second shooting visit to New Zealand where in 2010 he won the Ballinger Belt Series before succumbing to the notorious Trentham winds in the final.

A member of the last three GB winning Palma teams he has also earned his "Big Five" Matches badge with some 26 appearances in the qualifying matches. James is now working his way up into the higher age percentiles of the team although happily still an active shooting member of the squad and he has successfully avoided team management positions since the 2011 Palma in Australia (with the exception that he is currently the captain of the British Commonwealth Rifle Club).

James is married to Ellen with young children Edward and Zoë and after 17 years of working for SAP as a sales director he is taking some months off to spend with the family and shooting before starting a new role sometime after the Palma.



## Jackie Davies - Physiotherapist



This will be Jackie's third Palma competition and fourth GB team tour as team physiotherapist. She has been a physiotherapist for 30 years, working in the NHS, military and private sector. Jackie was first introduced to the rifle world at Bisley in 2004 and she has been known to shoot a rifle, but she is far better known as "the physio" than a shooter. However, at her new club for sports clays, no-one yet knows she is a physio, and she is trying to keep it that way!!

She now lives and works in Canada, enjoying all that the mountains can offer, but still can't resist the pull of seeing old friends from the GB team and those around the world. This is Jackie's second time in New Zealand – the first not related to shooting but more to seeing family and having some youthful fun: she seems to recall being part of a flash mob dance in Wellington back in 1993!"

## Zoë Stirling - Physiotherapist

Zoë first toured with the GB team to the World Championships in 2015, shortly after a chance meeting over dinner a few days after graduating from Cardiff University. It's fair to say her introduction to the sport and the team was both a steep learning curve and very enjoyable. Since 2015 Zoë has worked in different specialities within the NHS and finally specialised in musculoskeletal physiotherapy earlier this year... enhancing her skills ready for the 2019 New Zealand tour!

She is currently based in the Midlands and working in the NHS, occupying her spare time with plenty of netball or sailing. She has recently taken a short career break to travel South America and Canada and is continuing the travels after her work with GBRT is done in New Zealand.



# THE CLUBS AT TRENTHAM



## THE CLUBS AT TRENTHAM

The make-up of the clubs at Seddon Range has changed a little since the Great Britain team's last visit in 2010, though a couple have changed a little.

### KARORI RIFLE CLUB

The Karori Club was formed as a defence rifle club in 1892. It was made up of local volunteer militia to promote shooting, which took place at various ranges around Karori Borough at distances up to 1000 yards. The Pearce Shield, awarded to the Karori Club Champion, is named after a former Karori Borough Mayor who was a member. Other prominent members of the club have included Judge Ongley, Major Ron Wakefield, Brigadier General Johnson (head of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force to France in the First World War) and HT Marshall who won the Military Cross. The Marshall Shield, another Karori trophy, is a replica of his award.

Karori Club moved to Trentham in 1904 due to residential growth in the borough. Over the years it has had a proud record in shooting and its members have won the Ballinger Belt multiple times, starting in 1910 with Mr. G. Halliday. Karori has won the Commonwealth Postal Shoot and also the New Zealand Postal Match in 1995 and 1997, both times with a record score. The club has also had numerous members represent New Zealand and a couple have even shot for Australia.

In the 1978 season, when the Karori Club rooms were rebuilt following a fire, the club won every competition it entered. Karori has a history of being innovative and embracing change and is also the host of the New Zealand 1000 yard championship.

### PETONE RIFLE CLUB

Petone is one of the oldest rifle clubs in New Zealand, having its origin in the Petone Martini-Henry Rifle Club, founded in 1890 by a group of Petone Naval Volunteers. In 1902 the club became known as the Petone Defence Rifle Club, having become part of the nationwide defence scheme. Since 1956 the name has been The Petone Rifle Club (Inc.). Today the club has one of the best clubrooms in New Zealand, including some unique and historical items. Its members range from Canterbury to Hawkes Bay.

The oldest sports trophy in New Zealand, the Ballinger Belt, owes its existence to a member of the club. The Ballinger family from Wellington were among the prime movers in the formation of the club. In 1873 the Government donated for annual competition a black leather belt with a silver-ornamented cartridge pouch, the whole supported by a shoulder strap. It was won by Arthur Ballinger in 1893 and twice more by 1907, when he was entitled to retain it under the rules. He donated it to the NRA of NZ for perpetual competition and it became known as the Ballinger Belt. It has been back in Petone members' hands on numerous times since.



# THE CLUBS AT TRENTHAM



## TRENTHAM RIFLE CLUB

Trentham Rifle Club was formed earlier this decade from the merger of two old clubs: Upper Hutt RC and Onslow RC. It uses the former premises of Upper Hutt, with Onslow's building used from time to time by community groups.

The origin of the Upper Hutt side of the club is lost in the mists of time but by the 1870s, local farmers, bush and mill workers who were all members of the volunteer militia established a rifle range in the area of Dunlop's Factory and Maidstone Park. Soon afterwards, the railway from Wellington to Wairarapa was constructed and a substantial goods shed built adjacent to the range, conveniently on those days when shooters needed shelter.

It is believed that the Upper Hutt Defense Rifle Club came into being between 1885 and 1890, using the goods shed as a club base. In 1908 the club venue and range moved to McGhie's farm at Maori Bank, then after the Great War to Burrell's Farm in Mangaroa and later to the bigger, better Trentham ranges used today.

Over the years, Upper Hutt has won the BNZ Champion Teams and Hawkes Bay Collins Shield more often than any other club and the Commonwealth Postal Match several times, but it had to wait until 1973 before Barry Price became its first member to win the Ballinger Belt, in a year when the club won all the team matches.

The Onslow side of the club was rather younger, formed in 1943 at a voluntary parade of B Company Ngaio and C Company Khandallah of the Marshall Home Guard, under Major Alex Ross. The club started shooting on Prosser's Farm in Elsdon, Porirua and moved its activity to Trentham in 1949/50 and its clubrooms there in 1953 – later replaced in 1981. Onslow's first Ballinger Belt winner, Keith Walshe, worked a night shift during the whole week of the shoot in 1963, and talked of practising in the weeks before the shoot by dry firing at flies!

Having enjoyed a few sociable evenings in the Trentham RC clubhouse under its former guise, we wish the combined club well and look forward to some more.

## PROVINCIAL RIFLE CLUB

Great Britain team members have also enjoyed a great deal of hospitality at the Provincial Rifle Club during past visits, including in 2010. It is more a base for shooters visiting from outside the Wellington area than a local club. Its (theoretical) list of Ballinger Belt winners is thus quite lengthy!





# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



Anton Aspin - Reserve

Anton started shooting at Terra Nova School in 1958 and full bore shooting with Manchester Rifle Club in 1973. Has been hon. secretary of Manchester Rifle Club for 40 years and a member of the Altcar Range Committee for 25 years representing civilian rifle clubs. Anton is a co-opted member of NW RFCA. Anton shoots for Cheshire and has shot for England in the National, MacKinnon, and Lawrence matches. He has captained England in the National and MacKinnon and Great Britain in the Kolapore, has toured with GB on 5 occasions and was vice captain of the Great Britain Palma team in 2003 and a member of the 2007 and 2015 GB teams to the World Championships. Individually has won the Prince of Wales, Sunday Agg., St Georges 2nd stage and the Scottish Grand.

As a manufacturing engineer Anton is mostly required nowadays for his armouring skills and has attended over 30 international matches during the Imperial Meeting as armourer. As a non travelling reserve Anton will be assisting team members with their rifles before they travel. For reasons he cannot understand Anton finds that his caravan at Bisley has become a form of social hub.



Will Broad - Reserve



William started shooting at Epsom College in 2006, captaining the winning Ashburton and Athelings teams of 2011. During his three years at Durham University that followed, he regularly participated at Bisley, although he believes he probably spent more time on the East Coast mainline travelling to and from fixtures than putting rounds down range! Previous GBU19 tours to the Channel Isles, Canada and South Africa prepared William for his first GB tour to Canada and the USA in 2014, while on home turf he regularly competes for Surrey and England. Notable successes include winning the Bisley 500 yards Aggregate, Olle Beckett Memorial Trophy, the Times and St. George's Stage II as well as competing in multiple Queen's Finals.

When not on the range, William works as an Equity Trader in the City of London, enjoys cross country running and has a passion for British-made socks... a story for another time!

Peter Holden - Reserve



Pete started his shooting career 26 years ago at Gresham's School in Norfolk, guided at first by John Rowley and later by Nigel Ball. Pete first toured Canada in 1999 with the Athelings and then again in 2002 and 2007 with the GB and GB Palma Teams. He has also toured the Channel Islands with the National Team in 2001 and 2017, Australia in 2005 with GB and South Africa in 2006 with GB, and been involved with the Mackinnon, the National, the Kolapore, the Norfolk Team and OGRE.

When Pete is actually at home in Norfolk and not spending weekends on the range, he enjoys spending time with his very loving, supportive and understanding wife, Abby and three gorgeous children, Sophia 8yrs, Theo 4yrs and Connie 1yr. The family enjoys gardening, boating on the Norfolk Broads, dog walking and bike riding.

Pete, and his wife, run a logistics business based in Eye, Suffolk where they store and distribute palletised freight for customer to the UK and Europe with a 35 strong vehicle fleet.

Tom Laing-Baker - Reserve



Tom has had a rapid progression in the shooting world. He started shooting at Lancing college, and after a 20 year break took up full bore shooting with the LMRA. Over the past 4 1/2 years, Tom has represented the County of London and England, in both the Mackinnon and National. In 2017 Tom received his first GB cap on tour to Canada, following a very successful 2016 Imperial meeting; finishing in the top 20 of the Grand Aggregate, winning the Sunday Aggregate, and making his first Queens Final.

Outside shooting and work, Tom spends what time he has with his old border terrier Archie and enjoys running and travel.

# TEAM BIOGRAPHIES



## Chris Milton - Reserve



Chris started shooting at the RGS Guildford in 2006 under the watchful eye of Jon Underwood and Archie Whicher. Chris has progressed as both a shooter and a coach through the years representing various teams including coaching Great Britain and England Under 25 teams both home and abroad and club achievements with The Old Guildfordians. Most notably coaching the GB U25 Blue team to the silver medal at the 2015 World Long Range Championships. More recently he toured to South Africa 2017 on his final GB U25 team where he was placed as the top U25 in the Open meeting and then travelled with the NRA 2018 team to the Channel Islands.

Away from shooting Chris has a serious passion for polo. After studying Sport and Exercise Sciences at the University of Birmingham, Chris currently trains horses and coaches at Rugby Polo Club where he aims to further his polo career, with dreams of playing professionally.

## Matthew Purdy - Reserve

Matt is currently serving as an Officer in the Royal Artillery. He first started shooting at Gresham's School and progressed through the cadet world culminating in touring to Canada with the Athelings in 2010. He also toured to South Africa with the GB U19 team in 2011. Matt first toured with Great Britain in 2012 to the USA and Canada aged 19, and was fortunate to join the England team to South Africa the year after.

Matt has been in the Army for three years now and is making best possible use of the opportunities available for serving personnel. It is definitely one of the perks of the job!



## Stephanie Ward - Reserve



Steph started off shooting in the Gloucestershire Army Cadets where she was so small that her coach had to stand on her feet to stop her from sliding backwards from the recoil. Even though the rifle was almost bigger than her she was hooked and went onto bigger and better things after she left the Cadets. Steph was fortunate enough to be selected to represent Great Britain on tour to Canada in 2010 and 2013 and she regularly represents Wales in both the National Match (which they won in 2016!!) and the Mackinnon. Her biggest challenge was to be selected to represent Great Britain in the Palma Match and whilst she may only be a reserve this time she is soaking up all the knowledge she can so that she is a shoe-in for the next one. As always, it's a pleasure to train with people with much more experience.

## The Cover Design...

New Zealand is well known for its elaborate patterns in most art work and marketing. But what does it mean? Traditionally the New Zealand artwork is taken from the indigenous Maori but in Wellington, the closest city to Trentham, there is a population made up of various ethnic origins including European, Asian and Pacific Islanders.

To reflect this, Rick wanted to design something that wasn't specifically tied to any one ethnicity or indeed any civilisation or society within them but something that celebrated the art work derived over many years of history and diverse culture.



# HISTORY OF THE BALLINGER BELT



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In 1873, the Government donated for annual competition a black leather belt with a silver-ornamented cartridge pouch, the whole supported by a shoulder strap.

The second of five members of the Ballinger family to win the belt was Arthur Ballinger, in 1893. He won twice more, the third occasion being in 1907 when, under the rules as well as in accordance with sporting tradition of the era, he was entitled to keep it. He donated it to the National Rifle Association of New Zealand for perpetual competition and it became known as the Ballinger Belt.

Starting with Cpl. W. Ballinger in 1879, the Ballingers have won the belt seven times in total over a 117 year period (1879, 93, 95, 97, 1907, 69 and 96). More recently, the Collings family has been in the ascendency, with five wins since 1977.

The famous W.N. Masefield has been the most successful individual, with five wins (the last four as Captain Masefield) from 1914 to 1948.

In 2000, three-time winner John Whiteman became the first to clean all the ranges; Brian Carter has been the most successful recent competitor, with three wins since 2006 and was also the highest placed New Zealander last year.

The Ballinger Belt has been won by overseas competitors on 17 occasions, with Australian Mark Buchanan the only foreign double winner. We should expect the local shooters to face another stiff challenge this year.



The Ballinger Belt

## OVERSEAS WINNERS:

- 1938 Col. R. Bodley, South Africa
- 1949 S. Kannar, Australia
- 1966 J. Caspers, Australia
- 1968 T.R. Hills, GB
- 1972 J. Cooper, Australia
- 1974 W.H. Magnay, GB
- 1979 K. Golder, Australia
- 1986 M. Buchanan, Australia
- 1991 G.W. Berman, Australia
- 1992 Dr. M. Sweet, Australia
- 1994 A.J. Luckman, GB
- 2003 I.T.G. Shaw, GB
- 2004 E. Newman, USA Veterans
- 2007 M. Buchanan, Australia
- 2009 D. Rich, Australia
- 2010 J. Cload, GB
- 2017 J. Bailey, Australia



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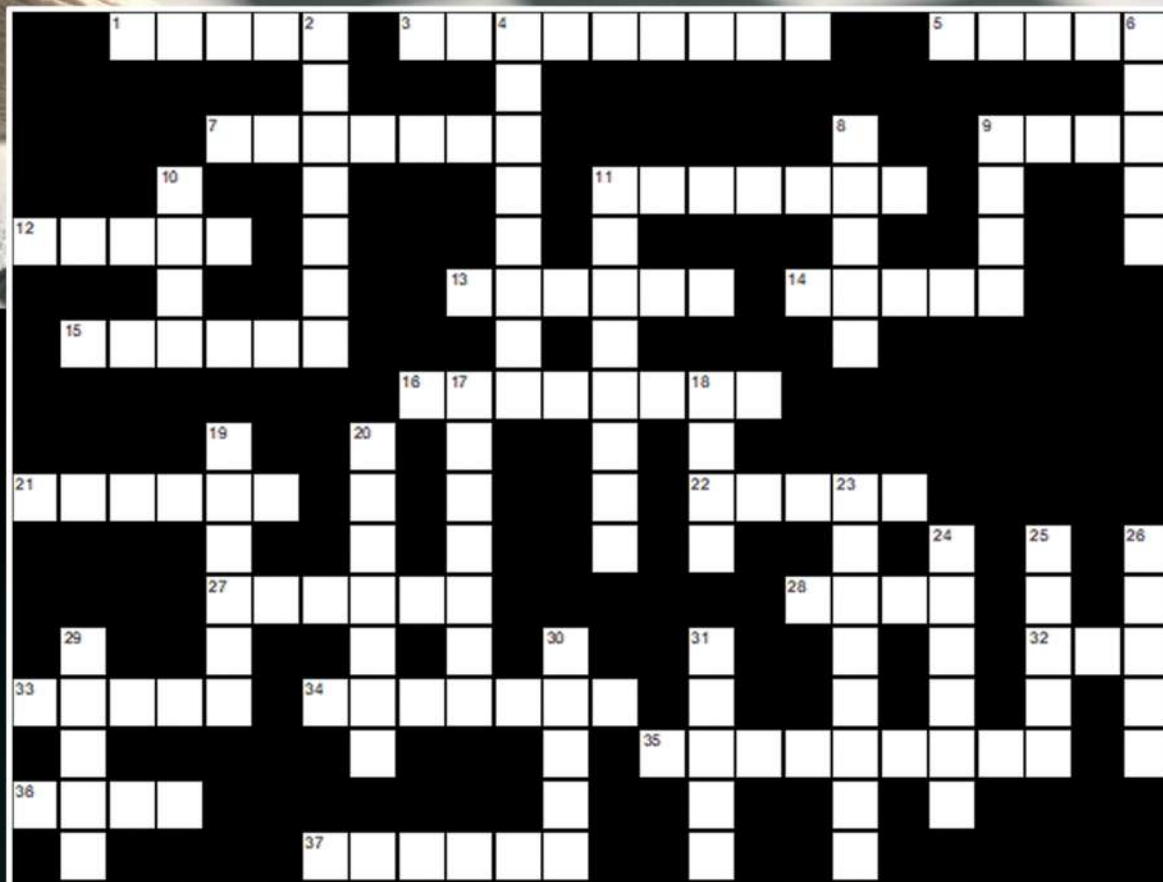
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# CROSSWORD



Unless specified, solutions are either surnames or first names of GB Palma squad members. When you finish the puzzle, tell Matt C via e-mail/website.

There's a prize for the first non-team finisher!

## ACROSS

1. Who has a 21 year old grandson? (5)
3. Who was for a while known as "Jaws" at school? (9)
5. Who can truthfully sing "I used to work in Chicago..."? (5)
7. Whose Private Pilot's Licence was gained despite crashing a Chipmunk into a lorry? (7)
9. Whose inherited love of scenic drives once led team-mates down a tricky path? (4)
11. Whose stag party raced around a circuit... in hovercraft? (7)
12. Who once appeared on TV's Come Dine With Me? (5)
13. Who once appeared in a TV episode with Rod Hull and Emu? (6)
14. Who danced the waltz for his college team? (5)
15. Who has completed three Brighton Marathons? (6)
16. Who was sought by police in relation to possible human remains by the tracks, stopping all trains? (8)
21. Who went through the early stages of gaining a kart racing licence? (6)
22. Whose project made the front cover of Nature in 2015? (5)
27. Who was a contestant on Junior Krypton Factor? (6)
28. Joint-most common first name in the GB Palma squad (abbr.) (4)
32. Name of the school that educated the joint highest number of GB Palma squad members (abbr.) (3)
33. Which descendant of King Æthelstan won a resort-wide downhill ski race when on holiday aged 15? (5)
34. Which left handed team member has landed a light aircraft 211 feet below Sea Level? (7)
35. Whose father designed the SAS's amphibious training facility? (9)
36. Whose secret passion is listening to The Archers on Radio 4? (4)
37. Whose other sport has eight yard goals on a 300 yard field? (6)

## DOWN

2. After whom did Battersea Cats & Dogs Home name a black cat? (7)
4. Who spent over 1200 hours playing one video game in 18 months? (8)
6. Whose childhood dream was to be a lorry driver? (5)
8. Who won the British Under 21 standing 10m air rifle title at age 16? (5)
9. Who has never missed a year at Bisley since birth? (4)
10. Joint most common first name in the GB Palma squad (abbr.) (4)
11. Who ran 25 miles of a coast-to-coast relay when aged 14? (8)
17. Whose great-uncle's vision led to the building of RMS Queen Mary and RMS Queen Elizabeth? (7)
18. Which keen gardener has a man-crush on Jenson Button? (4)
19. Which country music fan can complete a Rubik's cube? (6)
20. Who has won four Commonwealth Golds at three consecutive Games? (7)
23. Who has played cricket with Kumble, beaten Barrichello karting and won a Yugoslav swimming contest? (8)
24. What is the name of the range on which 2019's Palma Match will be held? (6)
25. Who has won gold medals at four consecutive Commonwealth Games? (5)
26. Name of the school that educated the joint-highest number of GB Palma squad members (5)
29. Who hosts others at The Shed? (5)
30. Who used to coach synchronised swimming? (5)
31. Whose name would be Alice if he had been born female? (5)

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