

WINTER LEAGUES – 2006/7

FIXTURE LIST (Match Table) and other vital information on:-

TEAM LEAGUES: Rifle and Air Pistol.

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUES: Rifle, Ladies, Dewar, 50-Metres, Air Rifle and Air Pistol.

The names and addresses of the statistical officers to whom shot cards must be sent appear on a separate list enclosed with this note. When sending shot cards to the statistical officers, please use the full address without abbreviations. Remember that postage must be fully prepaid, your scorer does not expect to have to pay excess postage. Do not forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope, the result slip and the shot cards. In Individual Leagues, do not delay sending cards if your result slip is not to hand.

LEAGUES are divided into DIVISIONS with **FOUR** Teams or Individuals. These Leagues will consist of **NINE** rounds. Should you receive labels for a 'Round 10', please destroy them. A 'Bogey' substitute will be used to 'make up' Divisions of 3 or less (see paragraph 4 on page 2). Where a wide variation in average persists, scoring will probably be by Percentage Improvement. This will be indicated on the Division List.

NSRA Rules will apply except where otherwise stated; please read these rules with care to refresh your memory as we wish to avoid any misunderstandings and be sure that you are using a current copy of the rules. It is strongly advised that you affix your labels to all the cards on receipt.

Cards may be shot in order at any time up to and including the last day for shooting a round from the date of receipt of labels. Please make use of this arrangement and return shot cards early to avoid last minute snags. Cards must be posted so as to reach the scorer on the Saturday following the last day for shooting the round. **You must inform the Stats Officer if withdrawing or not posting cards!** If a substitute in a team is used, attach the required information on the shooter to his shot card to the cards giving the required information.

MATCH TABLE - Winter 2006/7									
Round No:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	OCT	NOV	NOV	DEC	DEC	JAN	JAN	FEB	FEB
Team No:	23rd	6th	20th	4th	18th	8th	22nd	5th	15th
1 - v	2	3	4	2	3	4	2	3	4
2 - v	1	4	3	1	4	3	1	4	3
3 - v	4	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	2
4 - v	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	2	1

It is important that you check your labels on receipt and advise me of any discrepancies or errors without delay. Best wishes for an enjoyable winter season's competition and good shooting to you all, especially any newcomers to our leagues.

PLEASE NOTE

Only TARGETS accepted by the NSRA for Postal Competitions are to be used in CSSC-TSA competitions !

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICIALS, COMPETITORS & STATISTICAL OFFICERS

***** A PLEA TO ALL CLUB SECRETARIES *****

Please ensure that this document is brought to the attention of all competitors and officials in your club. It contains information that even experienced senior members may not be fully conversant with.

COMPETITORS, SCORERS & SECRETARIES PLEASE READ THIS !

- 1.) **LABELS.** These are numbered in sequence and must be shot in order. Therefore it is strongly advised that you affix all of your labels to cards at the start of the season. The labels should be affixed to the front of the cards. Only in the most extenuating circumstances will replacement labels be issued.
- 2.) **CONDUCT OF SHOOTING.** Please remember that:
 - a. The Competitor's name and the competition sticker must be on the card before it is shot.
 - b. You are not allowed to fire additional shots if a shot misses the scoring rings but is within the scoring area of the card.
 - c. Under no circumstances may competition cards be shot deliberately one behind the other, any such cases reported will be dealt with severely.
 - d. Shot holes must NOT be gauged or interfered with in any way.
 - e. You must observe the rules of witnessing carefully.
 - f. Cards should never be sent in, in arrears.
 - g. Remember that NSRA 1989 series cards may be trimmed to reduce postage but the trim line must remain intact on the trimmed card.

N.B! It has been pointed out that cards posted in a large envelope are prone to rough handling by the Post Office. However most cards when trimmed and folded in half will fit in a 229mm x 161mm (C5) envelope whereby a number of advantages occur, 1.) the package is more rigid and therefore more resilient, 2.) due to the reduced size the package is less vulnerable to rough handling and 3.) Small envelopes are less expensive than larger ones.
- 3.) **CROSS SHOOTING, DAMAGED CARDS** or any other problem: If you enclose a note of explanation with your cards, it will enable your scorer to make the correct decision. If there is no note, your card could be disallowed or penalty points awarded. Please do NOT staple cards together; use elastic bands or paper clips!
- 4.) **ALL DIVISIONS:** Each Team or Individual shoots against each Opponent 3 times during the Season giving 9 rounds in total. In any league, a "Bogey" may be substituted in place of a team or competitor to maintain the total in a Division to four.

Cards must be shot against a "bogey" and in order to gain match points the score must equal (1 point) or beat (2 points) that of the "bogey".

A Divisional 'BOGEY' will be the Submitted Average of the Team or Individual.

WITHDRAWALS & N.C.R.s : If a withdrawal is received before end of Round 1, the 'Bogey' will be substituted throughout the Competition. In ALL other cases of NCR (No card(s) returned), winner's points will be awarded to the opponent.

- 5.) **SCORING DIVISIONS OR LEAGUES ON 'PERCENTAGE IMPROVEMENT' BASIS.** On occasions due to the small number of teams/individuals entered and hence the diverse averages, it is more appropriate to award match points by comparison of percentage improvement. This will be stated against the relevant league where applicable and the averages to be used in the calculations will be shown. In principle the percentage improvement can be expressed as the difference between the 'Average' and the 'Gun score' divided by the 'Maximum possible improvement' multiplied by 100.

Example 1. A rifle competitor with an average of 4 (expressed as dropped points) dropping 3 points on a card gives a difference of 1 divided by 4 (the 'Max possible improvement') and multiplied by 100 giving an improvement of 25%. Likewise if the competitor dropped 5 points on a card this would give a difference of -1 divided by 4 and multiplied by 100 giving an improvement of -25%.

SCORING DIVISIONS OR LEAGUES ON 'PERCENTAGE IMPROVEMENT' BASIS. (Continued)

Example 2. A pistol competitor with an average of 80 (x100) scoring 85 on a card gives a difference of 5 divided by 20 (the 'Max possible improvement') and multiplied by 100 giving an improvement of 25%. Likewise if the competitor scored 75 on a card this would give a difference of -5 divided by 20 and multiplied by 100 giving an improvement of -25%.

The comparison of improvements is logical eg. a (+) positive improvement beats a (0) zero improvement, which beats a (-) negative improvement and a small (-) negative improvement beats a large (-) negative improvement.

In the case of a "bogey" being included in an NPO, MOD or S&K league, match points will be awarded to a team/competitor against a "bogey" if the team/competitor equals or improves on their own average.

The above is given as an outline. More details will be given to the Stats Officers scoring a competition on percentage improvement basis.

6.) **AIR PISTOL, AIR RIFLE, DEWAR and 50METER LEAGUES.** In these leagues all cards of an individual, for a given round, are to be shot on the same day. An individual in this case covers both those shooting in an individual league or as a team member.

7.) **AIR PISTOL AND AIR RIFLE LEAGUES.** Competitors are requested to put 5 shots on each Air pistol diagram (5 per card) and 1 shot on each Air Rifle diagram (5 per card). Hence, 4 labels are provided for each round of 20 shots. Please note Air Weapons rules in 'Blue Book' – page 11.

8.) **TWO THIRDS RULE.** With reference to the deletion of Rule 52(C) from the NSRA Rules and Regulations as approved by the NSRA Shooting Council with effect from the 1st April 1990. (see page 4 of the April 1990 Rifleman) The CSRA fell in line with this change with the commencement of the 1990-91 Winter Leagues. As a consequence Teams/Individuals are no longer expunged for failing to complete a minimum of Two Thirds of the rounds to be shot.

9.) **EXTENSIONS.** Please note that extensions of match period will only be allowed on grounds of non-availability of the range. We would expect competitors to take advantage of the concession allowing cards to be shot, in order, upon receipt of labels.

Applications for extension of a match period should be sent to the scorer giving full details and the length of the extension required. The requests should be made before the last date of the match period.

Sickness should only be given consideration, in extenuating circumstances, in the case of individual competitions. Teams are expected to make use of substitutes.

Inclement weather will not normally be regarded a suitable reason and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. **Please shoot in advance. NOT DOING SO CAUSES MOST OF OUR TROUBLES!**

Shooting will not, under any circumstances, be extended beyond a point two weeks after the completion date of round ten. All cards must be with the scorer by the following Saturday or be excluded from the seasons competition.

10.) **DISPATCH OF SHOT CARDS.** Shot cards should be sent to the scorer as soon as possible after completion and must arrive by Saturday following the last date for shooting that round.

Scorers are asked to disallow all cards received after the deadline. An exception may be made if the Post Mark proves that the cards were posted immediately after the last date for shooting or suitable proof of posting can be produced. This exception will not apply to cards received after the third Saturday after the last date for shooting round 9.

Appeals against such decisions should be sent to the Chief Statistical Officer via the scorer of the division.

It is pointed out to all concerned that during Public Holidays there are periods when the Post Office is closed for a number of days and that during the run up to Christmas, postal delays can be expected. Care must be taken to ensure that cards are with your scorer on time during these periods. **It is well worthwhile to attach an 'If Undelivered, Please return to: ...'** label to all your envelopes. This may save an enormous amount of time, effort or reshooting if shot cards go missing! The Match Secretary will be happy to provide such labels free of charge.

11.) **SCORING OF 89 SERIES RIFLE TARGETS FOR 15, 20 and 25 YARDS.** You are reminded that along with the introduction of these cards there was a change in the way that they are scored. Please refer to the previous issue of these notes (1990/91 Winter Leagues) or contact the Chief Stats Officer if you are in any doubt.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE TO INDIVIDUAL COMPETITORS :

- 12) **CHECK you have a Result Slip for each League entry!** ; **PINK or WHITE** – Standard scoring; **GREEN** – Percentage Please ensure that you complete the Results Slip before posting to the Scorer with Round 1. Enter the names of ALL the competitors at the top of the columns numbered 1 - 4. Your scorer will fill in the results round by round.
- 13) Please, put your name and address on the back of the result slip with an indication of how frequently you wish your score sheet returned. I would suggest that every other round is the most practical, bearing in mind the time needed to return the result sheet. You will need 6 results (mid-Mar /Aug) for an average for the next season!
- 14) It is useful to provide your scorer with the necessary stamped & self-addressed envelopes at the beginning of the season, to avoid over-looking them later. Remember no envelope; no results slip!
- 15) You may find it easier to return two or more rounds at the same time as this will save you postage. If you do so, remember that the cards must meet the deadline for the earliest card within the batch. Do not wait for your result slip to come back, as it could cost you the Competition. Send your cards off as soon as they are shot.
- 16) Individual league shooters may prefer to dispatch their own cards but, if someone else is performing this duty, you are reminded that it is the competitor's responsibility to see that the cards are with the scorer on time.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE TO TEAM COMPETITORS :

- 17) All club team cards must, for a given match period, be shot on the same range and no competitor may shoot for more than one team in the same league in a given match period (ie. round).
- 18) Will team secretaries please put their name, address and telephone number on the back of their Round 1 result slip.
- 19) Clubs are asked to make suitable arrangements to cover for the absence of club officials with responsibility as team secretary.
- 20) When using reserves in a team make sure that they are within the rules, otherwise you may lose the score of an incorrectly placed reserve. Reserves as nominated on your entry form for a particular team may be used at any time. Alternatively a member with a "current average" that is equal to, or lower than, the average of the member being replaced may be used. The 'current average' is found from the last three recorded scores of the substitute. This average must be entered on the back of the substitutes card and be verified by a Club Official.

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE TO STATS OFFICERS :

- 21) All scorers are kindly asked to return full results as quickly as possible after completion of the league in order that spoons can be distributed to the winners.
- 22) They are also asked to complete the league analysis round by round in team leagues and if they encounter difficulties in getting results out to let me know.
- 23) It would be helpful if stats officers would enter the individuals addresses on the back of the individual division master sheet or complete the team secretary's details on the team division master sheets.
- 24) Scorers are asked to give one warning in the event of a minor infringement but to enforce the rules in the event of a further similar infringement. This will cover in the main infringements of the witnessing procedures. All major infringements must be reported without delay.
- 25) TEAM scoring: The team score is the total of the 4 Individual scores.

Observe the rules, enjoy your shooting and if in any doubt, PLEASE ask.

Chief Statistical Officer:

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Encl: 1] Competition entry list (A4 yellow sheet).

2] League Entrants only: List of all TEAM and INDIVIDUAL Leagues and their Divisions showing appropriate Stats Officer's name & address beneath each Division.

3] Self-adhesive Lables (stickers) for all cards to be shot in Leagues/Competitions (see Note 1!).

4] PINK or WHITE A5 Results Slips (or GREEN for Percent. Improvement) to go with shot League cards to Stats. Officers.

5] Non-league Competition Score Sheets, all A4 & showing Stats Officer address & LDFS (various colours).

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