

THE ENGLISH EIGHT CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 277108

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1979-01-26

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Activities

Objects: TO FOSTER LONG RANGE RIFLE SHOOTING IN THE INTERESTS OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AND IN PARTICULAR TO ORGANISE THE ENGLISH TEAM IN ANY INTERNATIONAL MATCH SHOT WITH THE MATCH RIFLE.

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Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£61,029	£59,561	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,087	£29,814	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,564	£31,103	-	-
2021-12-31	£39,731	£18,764	-	-
2020-12-31	£26,817	£17,861	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SIMON JAMES WHITBY	Chair	2013-07-26
ALEX CARGILL THOMPSON		
Adam John Leech		2025-07-12
Dr Michael Robert Horrell		2024-07-13
FIONA KATHRYN DAY		2023-07-08
Harriet Jane Mansell Asquith-Beard		2025-07-12
KATE A FITTON		2011-08-04
MICHAEL JAMES HISSEY		
MICHAEL JAMES JUDGE		2017-07-09
MR NICK TREMLETT		
ROBERT JAMES LYGOE		

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2024

Introduction

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Results

In the 151st staging of the Elcho Match, the England team was victorious, beating Scotland by 14 points (and 29 V-Bulls). This represented Alex Cargill-Thomson's first match as Captain of the Eight, and a first victory (taking England's winning run to ten years, with victory in every match since 2013, with the match not being shot in 2020 due to COVID, and 2022 due to the fires). Notably, Alex was a member of the shooting Eight, and scored a perfect 75.15 at his first range as England Captain.

The Club did not enter a team into the FW Jones this year, and there is no record kept on the NRA website of the result of the 2024 Five Nations Match.

A number of members of the Club have been selected as part of the Great Britain training squad for the Woomera Match, to be shot against the Australians at Bisley in 2025. We wish all of them the best of luck, both for selection and in the match itself.

Spring Meeting

The 133rd meeting of the Club was held at Bisley on the 11th/12th May 2024, with 83 entries. It is pleasing to report that the number of entrants is now back in line with the meetings immediately pre-COVID, and approaching record highs.

The results of the Annual Jewels Competition of the English Eight Club were:-

The Gold Jewel and Lord Cottesloe's Cup	N R J Brasier	(439.55)
The Silver Jewel	R J Lygoe	(434.54)
The Bronze Jewel	A Abrahams	(433.50)

The results of the open trophies were:-

The Welsh Aggregate Trophy (Overall Competition)	R Scaglione	(441.61)
The H G Courth Memorial Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	R Scaglione	(222.31)
The Martin Smith Challenge Cup (Sunday aggregate)	N R J Brasier	(220.28)
The L D Ranken Memorial Trophy (1200 Sunday)	R Scaglione	(145.20)
The Powell Trophy (Ladies)	Z Woodroffe	(429.34)
The O.C.R.A. Trophy (under 25)	E Stratford	(412.34)

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Autumn Meeting

The Autumn meeting held on the 28th/29th September attracted 58 entries. As with the Spring meeting, that was an increase in the participants from 2023, and was again in line with pre-pandemic numbers. As for 2023, the meeting followed the 'traditional' format, being shot on the Saturday afternoon and the Sunday morning. The results of the meeting were as follows:

The Stamford Young Trophy (highest MR score)	N R J Brasier	(444.61)
1200 Club Salver (1200 aggregate)	N R J Brasier	(149.18)
The Dram Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	R Scaglione	(221.31)
Donegal Badge	N R J Brasier	(444.61)
Irish Cup (Sunday aggregate)	C E S Dickenson	(225.30)
The Ladies Trophy	E Stratford	(433.43)
The Under 25 Cup	E Stratford	(433.43)
Pilcher Platter (English Spring & Autumn Meeting agg)	N R J Brasier	(883.16)
Auditor's Cup (English Hopton, Spring & Autumn agg)	N R J Brasier	(1886.248)
The Under 25 Spring and Autumn	E Stratford	(845.77)

In addition to the superb all round showing by Nick Brasier, the 225 (ex 225) shot by Charles Dickenson on the Sunday should be highlighted. Despite the improvement in ammunition and equipment over the last few years, such a score is still a rare occurrence – well shot Charles!

The organisation necessary to mount our meetings is considerable. As ever, I would like to thank in particular Michael Hissey for arranging squadding (sent out by text to those who provide their mobile number) as well as for providing excellent statistics which are well displayed and now instantly available on the day (including on the website).

Thanks also go to Fiona Day for organising the receptions after shooting, and Ashley Abrahams, and Adam Leach for supervising safety and assisting with administration over the course of the weekends. I would also like to thank Jim Stevens for arranging markers and HPS for their continued support of our receptions.

Especial thanks also go to our excellent ROs, Frank Carlin and Andrew Forrester, who do a wonderful job of running the range efficiently and safely, but also within the true spirit of Match Rifle. Sadly, Frank has let us know that this will be his last year as an RO, but has generously offered to introduce us to a suitable replacement.

Membership

Those eligible to shoot in the English Eight in the Elcho Match may apply to become full members of the Club, while those not eligible to shoot in the English Eight may apply for honorary membership. All applicants must be full members of the National Rifle Association, Cambridge University Rifle Association or Oxford University Rifle Club. Applications must be made in writing to the Membership Secretary (Fiona Day). All applications must be supported by two existing members of the Club. Details of other club memberships, firearm certificate number and issuing Authority must also be provided. The Club is affiliated to the NRA.

To confirm, the club does not operate as a primary club for licensing purposes for members.

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Club House

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Richard Whitby for all his hard work so generously undertaken in the time consuming role of looking after the clubhouse, both inside and out.

Though we continue to undertake some work necessary as part of our dilapidations schedule, all major work is currently on hold, pending the outcome of the clubhouse lease renewal. The current lease comes to an end in 2025, and there is now, somewhat belatedly two-way communication between the NRA and the Club around the renewal. Subject to a successful lease renewal, it remains the intention of the Club to carry out major works on the clubhouse, over and above that required by the schedule of dilapidations. That is likely to include the replacement of the roof, as well as a new toilet block. We are aware, however, that costs have risen significantly in the c4 years since these works were first envisaged, and communicated to the NRA. A re-appraisal of the affordability of any works will therefore be carried out in due course.

Finance

Our Treasurer, Rob Lygoe, continues to do an excellent job in administering the Club's finances and preparing the accounts. The unaudited accounts show the financial result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £1,328.53. Though an improvement on 2023, this was almost entirely due to an increase in the interest earned on cash, together with the one-off benefit of assisting with a guest day.

The Spring and Autumn meetings for 2024 generated a surplus of £3,729.36, which is a gradual improvement on that achieved in 2023 and 2022. The funds generated by the meetings remain a hugely important source of income for the Club, meeting as they do c50% of the regular costs of the clubhouse (rent, rates, insurance etc.). Without that source of income, the Club would struggle to maintain the clubhouse, which operates as a base throughout the year for the students of CURA and OURC (regardless of shooting discipline or nationality), and as a hub for Match Rifle shooting in general. The Club would therefore like to thank all of those who support the Spring and Autumn meetings; support without which Match Rifle in the UK would be in a considerably worse position.

The Club continues to implement a policy of pricing meeting entry for younger shooters which results in a loss to the Club on such entries. We take the view that this is an approach which is line with our charitable objectives, and which is vital to the health of Match Rifle shooting.

While the Club has strong reserves (£61,840.82 in cash at year end), it should be noted that a significant proportion of this (in excess of c£30,000) remains earmarked for expenditure on major clubhouse refurbishment in the next c18 months.

England Training Days

As has become customary, there were two practice days held by the Club in 2024; on the Friday before the Spring meeting, and the Friday before the Hopton. Both were strongly supported, with 25 shooters at the former, and 26 at the latter, and there was a good mix of new and familiar faces at each.

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Website

The Club already has a functioning website on which Elcho match, Spring and Autumn meeting results can be found together with photographs and match reports. As mentioned in previous reports, a club history is also available, though is now some 10 years out of date. If anyone would like to volunteer to write up the history of the club for the last (hugely successful) decade (and counting), do not be shy in coming forward. The website address is www.englishviii.org.uk.

While not strictly Eight Club business, I would, as always, highlight here that there is a dedicated website for all things Great Britain match rifle related. I would encourage all members to visit and support that endeavour at www.gbmatchrifle.org.uk.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Committee not already mentioned who have given time and effort in helping with the administration of the Club.

S J Whitby
Hon. Secretary

June 2024

English Eight Club Income and Expenditure account – 1 Jan 2024 to 31 Dec 2024

<u>Income</u>	2024	2023	<u>Expenditure</u>	2024	2023
Subscriptions	4345.00	3855.00	Clubhouse Expenses	1676.99	1063.86
Meeting entries	24984.25	20433.50	Rent/Rates	4328.06	4328.58
Reception sponsorship	300.00	300.00	Insurance	1531.23	1519.88
Jewel/Badge sales	600.00	450.00	Clubhouse Refurbishment	75.60	46.00
Interest	541.88	148.12	Meeting expenses	21254.89	16844.36
Donations	135.00	275.40	Elcho Match	1087.56	933.02
Elcho Folder / Record sheets sales	0.00	0.00	Member Dev't ¹	2365.80	2220.65
Member Dev't ¹	2637.00	2316.75	Receptions	163.65	309.83
Gift Aid Reclaim	609.72	590.79	Elcho Folders / Record Sheets	0.00	0.00
Scorebooks + clothing + badges ²	947.36	1717.02	Jewels: Cost of Sales	543.60	407.70
RAF Guest Day	24000.00	0.00	Affiliations	666.00	554.75
Tremfest Dinnner	1929.00	0.00	Secretarial / Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	61029.21	30086.58	Clothing + badges ²	708.35	1584.96
			RAF Guest Day	23250.00	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1468.53	272.98	Tremfest Dinnner	1908.95	0.00
				59560.68	29813.60
	<i>Check</i> 59560.68	29813.60			
Net Income	1468.53	272.98			
Notes					
1. practice days in May and July					
2. Incl. Elcho 150 match badges. Tremfest dinner in 2024 plus Guinness corporate day sponsorship.					

English Eight Club Balance Sheet at 31 Dec 2024

<u>Assets</u>	2024	2023				
			<u>Stock at Cost @ 31 December 2024</u>			
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00		No.	@price	
Santander current account	3,146.31	2,563.79				
Santander deposit account	18,694.51	56152.63	Elcho Jewels	1	135.90	135.90
HTB deposit account	40000.00	0.00				
Total cash and bank	61840.82	58716.42				
PhotoAlbums at cost	0.00	0.00	EVIII Gold Jewels	6	58.64	351.82
Jewels at cost	1107.08	1825.96	EVIII Silver Jewels	6	54.64	327.84
Debtors	4693.10	5430.10	EVIII Bronze Jewels	6	31.83	190.97
	67641.00	65972.48	Elcho Cloth Badges	10	10.06	100.56
Creditors	-200.00	0.00				
	67441.00	65972.48				1107.08
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>						
General Fund						
At beginning of Year	15972.48	15699.49	DEBTORS		At end of:	2024 2023
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1468.53	272.98				
Transfer from Clubhouse Fund	0.00	0.00	2023/2024 NRA affiliation			0.00 666.00
At end of Year	17441.00	15972.48	Elcho 150 badges			0.00 456.00
			OURC subs			385.00 0.00
Clubhouse Fund						
At beginning of Year	50000.00	50000.00	Rent early payment			4308.10 4308.10
Transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00	CREDITORS			
At end of Year	50000.00	50000.00				
			Early subs payment			200.00 0.00
Total Funds at Year End	67441.00	65972.48				

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I have examined the accounts and confirm they are prepared from the accounting records. There is no matter to which the member's attention needs to be drawn.

Paul Arthur
 PAUL ARTHUR CHARTERED FCA (Retired)
 IND. EXAMINER

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Results

After two false starts (caused by COVID and then the range wildfires), the 150th Elcho Shield Match was staged in 2023. The England team was victorious, beating Scotland by 13 points.

The Eight Club finished second to Ireland in the Five Nations match, losing out by the small matter of 3 V Bulls.

The Club did not enter a team into the FW Jones this year.

Club Captaincy

After another successful Elcho Match, with Club members assembled on the firing point ready to ratify his re-election for another year, Nick Tremlett stunned the throng by announcing that he would be standing down as England Captain.

Nick took up the Captaincy in 2007, replacing Stuart Collings, and his first Elcho Match as Captain was in 2008. Throughout his tenure, Nick focused on developing the strength in depth of the England team, and in looking to bring new shooters through. While initial results were 'mixed', that strategy eventually bore fruit, and Nick steps away from the Captaincy with the Club in a very strong position thanks to his efforts – England have won the last 9 Elcho matches, many shooters have received their first caps under his watch, and successful Club training days continue to foster a spirit of togetherness within the Club.

To celebrate Nick's Captaincy, a dinner was held in his honour, with all of those who had been part of an England team during his tenure invited to attend (together with all Captains of the opposition against whom those teams had shot). The event was a huge success (and our thanks to Fiona Day for the organisation of that event).

With Nick having stepped aside, a new Captain of the Club was duly sought.

I am delighted to announce that Alex Cargill Thompson was elected as Captain of the Eight, unopposed and unanimously. Alex has been a stalwart and vital member of the Club over many years, both as a shot and on the organisational side, and we wish him every success as Captain.

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President C.N.Tremlett Captain A M W Cargill Thompson
Hon Sec S.J.Whitby Meetings Sec M.J.Hissey Treasurer R.J. Lygoe O.B.E.

Spring Meeting

The 132nd Meeting of the club was held at Bisley on the 6th/7th May 2023, with 67 entries. That was slightly down on the numbers for the previous year, but that was perhaps not surprising, given the clash with the Coronation.

The results of the Annual Jewels Competition of the English Eight Club were:-

The Gold Jewel and Lord Cottesloe's Cup	R J Lygoe	(446.46)
The Silver Jewel	R W S Whitby	(436.43)
The Bronze Jewel	A Abrahams	(435.50)

The results of the open trophies were:-

The Welsh Aggregate Trophy (Overall Competition)	R J Lygoe	(446.46)
The H G Courth Memorial Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	R Scaglione	(223.26)
The Martin Smith Challenge Cup (Sunday aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(224.24)
The L D Ranken Memorial Trophy (1200 Sunday)	R J Lygoe	(149.11)
The Powell Trophy (Ladies)	F K Day	(427.31)
The O.C.R.A. Trophy (under 25)	T V C F Nightingale	(426.42)

Autumn Meeting

The Autumn meeting held on the 23rd/24th September attracted 54 entries. That was a strong increase in the numbers for the 2022 meeting, and back up to around the usual pre-pandemic numbers. For the 2023 meeting, it was decided to revert to the 'usual' format, and include an individual practice session on the Saturday morning, rather than a team match. That decision was made in order to try and keep costs down for competitors, given the impact of the rising cost of shooting (alongside the general cost of living), as well as continued scarcity of components. The results of the meeting were as follows:

The Stamford Young Trophy (highest MR score)	R J Lygoe	(439.61)
1200 Club Salver (1200 aggregate)	T V C F Nightingale	(146.20)
The Dram Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(221.30)
Donegal Badge	T V C F Nightingale	(437.55)
Irish Cup (Sunday aggregate)	D H W Dashwood	(220.21)
The Ladies Trophy	H Fisher	(435.43)
The Under 25 Cup	T V C F Nightingale	(437.55)
Pilcher Platter (English Spring & Autumn Meeting agg)	R J Lygoe	(885.107)
Auditor's Cup (English Hopton, Spring & Autumn agg)	R J Lygoe	(1873.215)
The Under 25 Spring and Autumn	T V C F Nightingale	(863.97)

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As noted in my report last year, our usual range officers, Mike Turner and Jim Carter, have decided to call time on the majority of their ROing. We have been very fortunate, however, that Frank Carlin and Andrew Forrester have agreed to step into their shoes, and we would like to pass on our thanks for the wonderful job that they both did for us in 2023 – we hope that they will be happy to run the range for us for many years to come!

Membership

Those eligible to shoot in the English Eight in the Elcho Match may apply to become full members of the Club, while those not eligible to shoot in the English Eight may apply for honorary membership. All applicants must be full members of the National Rifle Association, Cambridge University Rifle Association or Oxford University Rifle Club. Applications must be made in writing to the Membership Secretary (Fiona Day). All applications must be supported by two existing members of the Club. Details of other club memberships, firearm certificate number and issuing Authority must also be provided. The Club is affiliated to the NRA.

As previously advised, the Club took the decision to cancel its Home Office approval in late 2022 (prior to the renewal becoming due in 2023). That decision was made on the basis of cost (renewal fees having increased significantly) and need (the club does not have an FAC, and does not operate as a primary club for licensing purposes for members).

Club House

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Richard Whitby for all his hard work so generously undertaken in the time consuming role of looking after the clubhouse, both inside and out.

We continue to undertake work necessary as part of our dilapidations schedule (with the lease coming up for renewal in 2025), and also intend to carry out some significant improvement work. It remains our intention to replace the roof and the toilets, with both being past their best (the roof being repainted is part of the schedule of dilapidations, but would seem a somewhat futile endeavour). This latter work remains on hold, while we continue to seek discussions with the NRA about the renewal of our lease, and the impact (or, more importantly, not) of the improvement works on that renewal.

Finance

Our Treasurer, Rob Lygoe, continues to do an excellent job in administering the Club's finances and preparing the accounts. The unaudited accounts show the financial result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £272.98 (an improvement on the slight deficit produced in 2022). For comparison, in the years prior to Covid, the general position was a surplus of c£1,500 per annum (excluding one-off clubhouse refurbishment costs).

The small improvement in position for 2023 in comparison to 2022 was in part due to an increase in the funds generated by the meetings, with those generating a surplus of c£3,589 in 2023 (c£3,155 in 2022). That represented an improvement in margin, but that still remains below the margin achieved on meetings prior to Covid. That improvement was in spite of meeting entry costs being kept at the same level in 2023 as in 2022 (subject to a competitor taking advantage of the earlier entry discount).

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Due to the increased costs of running the meetings (with the cost of target hire increasing by c15% from 2023 to 2024, while the cost of markers has increased by c12% over the same period), it has unfortunately been necessary to increase the cost of entry for the meetings in 2024. While we remain aware of the impact of passing on the increasing costs to shooters, we do need to strike a balance between making the meetings as accessible as possible, and generating a sufficient surplus to allow the club to meet its ongoing expenses.

While the club has strong reserves (£58,716.42 in cash at year end), it should be noted that a significant proportion of this (in excess of c£30,000) remains earmarked for expenditure on major clubhouse refurbishment in the next c18 months (as per the works detailed in the Club House section above).

The bulk of the Club's regular outgoings continue to be the cost of renting and maintaining the clubhouse, whose principal users are members of CURA and OURC. The Club views the support of younger shooters as being vital to the health of match rifle shooting, and this is reflected in the pricing of entries to the Spring and Autumn meeting for young shooters (pricing which actually results in a loss being made on each entry to the meetings by a young shooter)

We are now in the position that the club subscriptions (£3,855 in 2023) are no-longer sufficient to meet the rental cost and rates of the clubhouse (c£4,329 in 2023). We are therefore proposing an increase in the cost of the annual membership subscription for 2025. For context, the last increase in subscription rates was in 2014 (with the last increase prior to that being in 2009).

England Training Days

After a couple of 'down years' for England training days, for a variety of reasons (the usual culprits of COVID and wildfires, to which was also added the disruption of Great Britain Woomera tour, with associated training schedule), I am delighted to say that things returned to normal in 2023. There were two practice days held by the Club, on the Friday before the Spring meeting, and the Friday before the Hopton. Both were strongly supported, with 21 shooters at the former, and 26 at the latter.

Website

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S J Whitby
Hon. Secretary

June 2024

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English Eight Club Income and Expenditure account – 1 Jan 2023 to 31 Dec 2023

<u>Income</u>	2023	2022	<u>Expenditure</u>	2023	2022
Subscriptions	3855.00	4125.00	Clubhouse Expenses	1063.86	1144.47
Meeting entries	20433.50	19858.00	Rent/Rates	4328.58	3530.23
Reception sponsorship	300.00	300.00	Insurance	1519.88	1380.09
Jewel/Badge sales	450.00	0.00	Clubhouse Refurbishment	46.00	688.66
Interest	148.12	4.51	Meeting expenses	16844.36	16703.10
Donations	275.40	3612.00	Elcho Match	933.02	4577.52
Elcho Folder / Record sheets sales	0.00	0.00	Member Dev't ¹	2220.65	1962.71
Member Dev't ¹	2316.75	1987.00	Receptions	309.83	619.95
Gift Aid Reclaim	590.79	505.56	Elcho Folders / Record Sheets	0.00	0.00
Scorebooks + clothing + badges ²	1717.02	172.00	Jewels: Cost of Sales	407.70	0.00
			Affiliations	554.75	496.00
			Secretarial / Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	30086.58	30564.07	Clothing + badges ²	1584.96	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	272.98	-538.66			
				29813.60	31102.73
	<i>Check</i> 29813.60	31102.73			
Net Income	272.98	-538.66			
<u>Notes</u>					
1. 2023 - practice days in May and July					
2. Incl. Elcho 150 match badges.					

English Eight Club Balance Sheet at 31 Dec 2023

<u>Assets</u>	2023	2022					
			<u>Stock at Cost @ 31 December 2022</u>				
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00		No.	@price		
Girobank current account	2,563.79	2,776.98					
Girobank deposit account	56152.63	56004.51	Elcho Jewels	5	135.90	679.50	
Total cash and bank	58716.42	58781.49					
PhotoAlbums at cost	0.00	0.00	EVIII Gold Jewels	7	58.64	410.45	
Jewels at cost	1825.96	2418.98	EVIII Silver Jewels	7	54.64	382.48	
Debtors	5430.10	4534.02	EVIII Bronze Jewels	7	31.83	222.80	
	65972.48	65734.49	Elcho Cloth Badges	13	10.06	130.73	
Creditors	0.00	-35.00					
	65972.48	65699.49					1825.96
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			Photo Albums				0.00
General Fund							
At beginning of Year	15699.49	16238.16	DEBTORS				At end of: 2023 2022
Excess of Income over Expenditure	272.98	-538.66					
Transfer from Clubhouse Fund	0.00	0.00	2023/2024 NRA affiliation			666.00	554.75
At end of Year	15972.48	15699.49	Elcho 150 badges			456.00	0.00
			OURC subs			0.00	490.00
Clubhouse Fund			Rent early payment			4308.10	3489.27
At beginning of Year	50000.00	50000.00	CREDITORS				
Transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00					
At end of Year	50000.00	50000.00					
			Early subs payment			0.00	35.00
Total Funds at Year End	65972.48	65699.49					

English Eight Club Balance Sheet at 31 Dec 2023

<u>Assets</u>	2023	2022				
			<u>Stock at Cost @ 31 December 2022</u>			
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			OURC subs			0.00 490.00
Clubhouse Fund			Rent early payment			4308.10 3489.27
At beginning of Year	50000.00	50000.00	CREDITORS			
Transfer from General Fund	0.00	0.00				
At end of Year	50000.00	50000.00	Early subs payment			0.00 35.00
Total Funds at Year End	65972.48	65699.49				

I have examined the accounts and the accounting records from which they have been prepared and they are in accordance therewith. There is nothing arising therefrom which needs further explanation.

*Paul Churchill MSc. BSc. FCA
13th July 2024*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2022

Introduction

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Results

Sadly, there was no competition held for the Elcho Shield in 2022 (what was scheduled to be the 150th staging). That was due to the wild fires that swept across the danger area (and some of the range) just prior to the intended start of the Hopton.

As well as putting paid to the Elcho and the Hopton, that also ensured that there were no Five Nations or FW Jones matches in which the Club could compete in 2022.

The Great Britain Woomera Team to Australia

The Club President, Nick Tremlett, captained the Great Britain team that travelled to Australia in September 2022, to compete for the Woomera Trophy.

A large number of Members and Honorary Members of the Club were selected both for the tour, and also for the team on the day of the Woomera Match. The GB team were triumphant, and posted a record score for the match in the process.

Our congratulations go to Nick and all of his team.

Range Fires and the Ashes

As noted above, the large fire in the danger area at the start of July resulted in the Hopton and Elcho needing to be cancelled, at rather late notice.

With many shooters already at Bisley, or en route, it was decided that something needed to be done, and an alternative shoot, the Ashes, was arranged at even later notice, to replace some of the lost Hopton. This was done through the auspices of the English Eight Club, and it would be remiss not to mention the efforts there of two of our members; Nick Tremlett for taking the lead on the organisation, and Michael Hissey for so quickly getting an entry, squadding and results system up and running (based on his excellent system for the Spring and Autumn meetings). Our thanks in this endeavour should also go to all of those who volunteered as fire marshals, the NRA for their support and for getting the ranges operational again in such short order, and all club members and shooters in general for supporting the event (and for their forbearance as things changed a number of times at such short notice).

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In fact, the event was so successful that Nick and Michael were keen to do it all over again, and the Ashes 2.0 was arranged for later in 2022, to further replace some of the Hopton shooting that was lost.

Spring Meeting

The 131st Meeting of the club was held at Bisley on the 7th/8th May 2022, and I am delighted to report that there were 76 entries, which was back in line with the highs of the pre-Covid years. The course of fire for the meeting also returned to the traditional format.

The results of the Annual Jewels Competition of the English Eight Club were:-

The Gold Jewel and Lord Cottesloe's Cup	C N Tremlett	(439.58)
The Silver Jewel	J A Lindsay III	(438.56)
The Bronze Jewel	R J Lygoe	(432.47)

The results of the open trophies were:-

The Welsh Aggregate Trophy (Overall Competition)	C N Tremlett	(439.58)
The H G Courth Memorial Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	C N Tremlett	(222.32)
The Martin Smith Challenge Cup (Sunday aggregate)	W Meldrum	(219.17)
The L D Ranken Memorial Trophy (1200 Sunday)	G K Alexander	(144.12)
The Powell Trophy (Ladies)	H Mansell	(429.42)
The O.C.R.A. Trophy (under 25)	A R P Harrison	(415.29)

Autumn Meeting

The Autumn meeting held on the 24th/25th September attracted 40 entries. Though the Covid restrictions were no longer in place, this was still well down on the 'usual' entry. There were probably a number of reasons to this, with the main one being that the bulk of the GB team flew out to Australia the day following the meeting – few team members were therefore able to shoot. Scarcity of components, costs in the context of the current economic conditions and proximity to other shoots (including the Ashes 2.0) were also likely factors. The meeting, shot in the traditional pre-Covid format (but with an additional standalone team shoot on the Saturday morning) was still a success, however, and results were as follows:

The Stamford Young Trophy (highest MR score)	R Scaglione	(445.55)
1200 Club Salver (1200 aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(149.18)
The Dram Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	R Scaglione	(223.26)
Donegal Badge	C Halleran	(436.52)
Irish Cup (Sunday aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(223.29)
The Ladies Trophy	C Halleran	(436.52)
The Under 25 Cup	T V C F Nightingale	(420.34)
Pilcher Platter (English Spring & Autumn Meeting agg)	R J Lygoe	(876.107)
Auditor's Cup (English Hopton, Spring & Autumn agg)	Not presented this year	
The Under 25 Spring and Autumn	T V C F Nightingale	(825.57)

The organisation necessary to mount our meetings is considerable. As ever, I would like to thank in particular Michael Hissey for arranging squadding (sent out by text to those who provide their mobile number) as well as for providing excellent statistics which are well displayed and now instantly available on the day (including on the website).

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Thanks also go to Fiona Day for organising the receptions after shooting, and Ashley Abrahams, Rosanne Furniss, Mike Judge and Adam Leach for supervising safety and assisting with administration over the course of the weekends. I would also like to thank Jim Stevens for arranging markers and HPS for their continued support of our receptions.

Special thanks this year are due to Mike Turner and Jim Carter for their roles as range officers over the years – they have always run a tight ship, and ensured that we make it through a sometimes challenging course of fire in good time; at all times, though, they have embraced and promoted the Match Rifle ethos on the point. Both have now decided to call time on the majority of their ROing. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude, and I would like to pass on the thanks of all members of the Club for their efforts on our behalf. They have passed on the torch to two new ROs in the same mould, in Frank Carlin and Andrew Forrester, and we will therefore remain well looked after in future. While we might not see Mike and Jim in high vis on the point again at our meetings, we hope that they will not be strangers, and will pop into the Eight if they ever see a reception or barbecue in full swing!

Membership

Those eligible to shoot in the English Eight in the Elcho Match may apply to become full members of the Club, while those not eligible to shoot in the English Eight may apply for honorary membership. All applicants must be full members of the National Rifle Association, Cambridge University Rifle Association or Oxford University Rifle Club. Applications must be made in writing to the Membership Secretary (with Fiona Day standing for election to that role this year – our thanks go to Mike Spencer for all of his efforts over the years). All applications must be supported by two existing members of the Club. Details of other club memberships, firearm certificate number and issuing Authority must also be provided. The Club is affiliated to the NRA.

As previously advised, the Club took the decision to cancel its Home Office approval in late 2022 (prior to the renewal becoming due in 2023). That decision was made on the basis of cost (renewal fees having increased significantly) and need (the club does not have an FAC, and does not operate as a primary club for licensing purposes for members).

Club House

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Richard Whitby for all his hard work so generously undertaken in the time consuming role of looking after the clubhouse, both inside and out.

We are currently undertaking work necessary as part of our dilapidations schedule (with the lease coming up for renewal in 2025), and also intend to carry out some significant improvement work (the intention is to replace the roof and the toilets, with both being past their best (the roof being repainted is part of the schedule of dilapidations, but would seem a somewhat futile endeavour). The latter work has been delayed, while we remain engaged in discussions with the NRA about the renewal of our lease, and the impact (or, more importantly, not) of the improvement works on that renewal.

Finance

Our Treasurer, Rob Lygoe, continues to do an excellent job in administering the Club's finances and preparing the accounts. The audited accounts show the financial result for the year was a deficit of income over expenditure of £538.66 (compared to a surplus for 2021 of £20,967.02). It should be noted that the 2021 surplus was almost entirely due to receipts of Covid support grants, and was therefore not likely to be repeated. For a more realistic comparison, the 2019 accounts (the last before Covid) showed a surplus of £1,814.23.

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The difference in position for 2022 in comparison to 2019 is broadly a result of increased costs, and a lower margin on the meetings (with the club generating proceeds after costs for the meetings of c£3,155 in 2022, compared to £4,110 in 2019 and £3,268 in 2018). This represented a c15% margin for 2022, and in excess of 20% for each of 2018 and 2019. That lower margin was in spite of raising the meeting entry fees in 2022, to reflect some of the increased cost of arranging the meeting (with the costs of targets and markers having increased, together with the new NRA cancellation policy also making things more difficult in terms of the charges for cancelled targets).

While the club has strong reserves (£58,781.49 in cash at year end), it should be noted that a significant proportion of this (in excess of c£30,000) will likely be spent on the clubhouse in the next c18 months (as per the works detailed in the Club House section above).

The bulk of the Club's regular outgoings continue to be the cost of renting and maintaining the clubhouse, whose principal users are members of CURA and OURC. The Club views the support of younger shooters as being vital to the health of match rifle shooting, and this is reflected in the pricing of entries to the Spring and Autumn meeting for young shooters (pricing which actually results in a loss being made on each entry to the meetings by a young shooter)

Sadly, the costs of both organising the meetings and keeping the clubhouse continue to increase. The cost of target hire rose by 12.5% in 2023, the clubhouse rent increases with RPI every three years (it has therefore increased by £818.83, or just over 20%, for 2023), and our service charges for 2023 have increased to £384.86 (from £166.90 for 2022, and with further annual increases scheduled).

While not strictly business for the 2022 Secretary's Report, it is still therefore just worth highlighting that we will likely be forced to review the entry fees, and potentially the membership subs, for 2024 (those being our two main sources of income). While we have frozen entry fees for 2023 (subject to sufficiently early entry), as we wish to acknowledge the difficult current economic environment and do not wish to drive shooters away, we cannot allow the Club, as a charity with a long term remit, to run at a significant or regular deficit for very long.

England Training Days

As in 2021, the England training days were somewhat limited. This was in part due to a Great Britain practice day for the Woomera, which clashed with the usual Friday practice prior to the Spring Meeting, and in larger part due to the fires on the range in early July. The latter sadly saw the traditional pre-Hopton Friday practice entirely cancelled. A practice was held prior to the Spring Meeting, however, and there were 15 attendees to that (a good number, considering Woomera squad participation). I am delighted to announce, however, that things have returned somewhat more towards normal in 2023, and this section of my (or my successor's!) report for next year will tell of far greater success and participation in this regard.

Website

The Club already has a functioning website on which Elcho match, Spring and Autumn meeting results can be found together with photographs and match reports. A club history is also available, though is now some 10 years out of date. If anyone would like to volunteer to write up the history of the club for the last (hugely successful) decade, do not be shy in coming forward. The website address is www.englishviii.org.uk.

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While not strictly Eight Club business, I would, as previously, highlight here that there is a dedicated website for all things Great Britain match rifle related. I would encourage all members to visit and support that endeavour at www.gbmatchrifle.org.uk.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Committee not already mentioned who have given time and effort in helping with the administration of the Club.

S J Whitby
Hon. Secretary

July 2023

English Eight Club Income and Expenditure account – 1 Jan 2022 to 31 Dec 2022

<u>Income</u>	2022	2021	<u>Expenditure</u>	2022	2021
Subscriptions	4125.00	3690.00	Clubhouse Expenses	1144.47	512.51
Meeting entries	19858.00	14643.00	Rent/Rates	3530.23	3510.18
Reception sponsorship	300.00	0.00	Insurance	1380.09	1230.36
Jewel/Badge sales	0.00	150.00	Clubhouse Refurbishment	688.66	0.00
Interest	4.51	60.25	Meeting expenses ²	16703.10	11357.10
Donations	3612.00	65.00	Elcho Match ⁴	4577.52	812.57
Elcho Folder / Record sheets sales	0.00	0.00	Member Dev't ¹	1962.71	517.00
Member Dev't ¹	1987.00	631.50	Receptions	619.95	209.90
Gift Aid Reclaim	505.56	552.54	Elcho Folders / Record Sheets	0.00	0.00
Scorebooks + clothing	172.00	140.00	Jewels: Cost of Sales	0.00	135.90
Covid income ³	0.00	19799.00	Affiliations	496.00	478.75
			Secretarial / Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	30564.07	39731.29	Clothing	0.00	0.00
			Headsets	0.00	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-538.66	20967.02			
				31102.73	18764.27
	<i>Check</i> 31102.73	18764.27			
Net Income	-538.66	20967.02			
Notes					
1. 2022 - practice days plus NOPTON and ASHES2.0 monies					
2. incl GBMRT dinner					
3. 2021 - small business COVID grants					
4. New scoreboard, plus date bar purchases					

English Eight Club Balance Sheet at 31 Dec 2022

<u>Assets</u>	2022	2021					
			<u>Stock at Cost @ 31 December 2022</u>				
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00		No.	@price		
Girobank current account	2,776.98	3,133.80					
Girobank deposit account	56004.51	56000.00	Elcho Jewels	8	135.90	1087.20	
Total cash and bank	58781.49	59133.80					
PhotoAlbums at cost	0.00	0.00	EVIII Gold Jewels	8	58.64	469.09	
Jewels at cost	2418.98	2564.09	EVIII Silver Jewels	8	54.64	437.12	
Debtors	4534.02	4575.27	EVIII Bronze Jewels	8	31.83	254.62	
	65734.49	66273.16	Elcho Cloth Badges	17	10.06	170.95	
Creditors	-35.00	-35.00					
	65699.49	66238.16				2418.98	
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			Photo Albums			0.00	
General Fund							
At beginning of Year	16238.16	15271.14	DEBTORS				At end of:
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-538.66	20967.02					2022
Transfer from Clubhouse Fund	0.00	-20000.00	2023 NRA affiliation			554.75	2021
At end of Year	15699.49	16238.16	Uncashed Aut Mtg Chq			0.00	135.00
			OURC subs			490.00	455.00
Clubhouse Fund			Rent early payment			3489.27	3489.27
At beginning of Year	50000.00	30000.00	CREDITORS				
Transfer from General Fund	0.00	20000.00					
At end of Year	50000.00	50000.00					
			Early subs payment			35.00	35.00
Total Funds at Year End	65699.49	66238.16					

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In connection with my examination, no matter (other than as disclosed) has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the requirements to keep accounting records, to prepare accounts which accord therewith and comply with accounting requirements, have not been met, or, to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul AE Charlton
Hon. Independent Examiner
8 July 2023

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

Introduction

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Results

The result of the 2021 Elcho Shield Match was that England beat Scotland by 17 points.

A large number of Members and Honorary Members of the Club have been selected for the Great Britain team to tour to Australia in October 2022, where they will compete for the Woomera Trophy. The team is captained by the Club President, Nick Tremlett. We wish him, and his team, the very best of luck.

Contrary to predictions following the humiliation at the hands of the Hopton Supper Club in 2020, the Eight Club did enter a team in the FW Jones for 2021. While the Supper Club were this time vanquished, the Eight were again the bridesmaids, this time falling by 2 points to the International MR Ladies team.

Spring Meeting

After the enforced cancellation of the Spring meeting in 2020, it was with great pleasure that the 130th Meeting of the club was held at Bisley on the 8th/9th May 2021. There were a total of 60 entries. Due to continuing COVID restrictions, this was lower than usual years, but represented the maximum entry for the Sunday. Due also to COVID requirements, the format of the meeting differed from previous years (hoped to be a one-off), with a team shoot on the Saturday, followed by a Spoon shoot on the Sunday morning, and then the shoot for the Jewels and trophies on the Sunday afternoon. Some trophies were not therefore shot for this year.

The results of the Annual Jewels Competition of the English Eight Club were:-

The Gold Jewel and Lord Cottesloe's Cup	C N Tremlett	(244.31)
The Silver Jewel	A Cargill Thompson	(244.26)
The Bronze Jewel	R J Lygoe	(243.19)

The results of the open trophies were:-

The Welsh Aggregate Trophy (Overall Competition)	G J James	(246.28)
The H G Courth Memorial Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	No competition this year	
The Martin Smith Challenge Cup (Sunday aggregate)	G J James	(246.28)
The L D Ranken Memorial Trophy (1200 Sunday)	G L James	(75.09)
The Powell Trophy (Ladies)	S Wentges	(237.23)
The O.C.R.A. Trophy (under 25)	C Flanagan	(235.18)

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Autumn Meeting

The Autumn meeting held on the 25th/26th September attracted 47 entries. While well down on a 'normal' year, this was again a strong turnout in light of COVID, and the restrictions in place with regard to the number of shooters per target. The results were as follows:

The Stamford Young Trophy (highest MR score)	R J Lygoe	(447.68)
1200 Club Salver (1200 aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(198.25)
The Dram Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	K M Willingale	(274.38)
Donegal Badge	Z Woodroffe	(445.57)
Irish Cup (Sunday aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(174.23)
The Ladies Trophy	Z Woodroffe	(445.57)
The Under 25 Cup	T V C F Nightingale	(428.34)
Pilcher Platter (English Spring & Autumn Meeting agg)	R J Lygoe	(690.87)
Auditor's Cup (English Hopton, Spring & Autumn agg)	R J Lygoe	(1707.247)
The Under 25 Spring and Autumn	T V C F Nightingale	(428.34)

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Though the club is currently Home Office approved, it is proposed that this is cancelled/allowed to lapse (with the renewal due in 2023).

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Finance

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Income for 2021 increased in comparison to 2020 due to a combination of meeting income returning towards pre-pandemic levels (though still lower, due to restrictions on meeting entries), and the receipt of further COVID support grants.

It is hoped that meeting income will return closer to normal for 2022, though it is likely that there will also be increased costs to running meetings, not all of which the Club will, in reality, be able (or wish) to pass on to competitors. Overall income will likely fall from 2021 levels, however, due to no further COVID grants being received.

Expenditure was slightly higher in 2021 than in 2020. While there was a significant increase in meeting expenditure, due to holding two meetings in 2021 compared to only one in 2020, there were a number of one-off expenditures in 2020.

Cash reserves were c£59,134.80 at year end. The bulk of the Club's outgoings continue to be the cost of renting and maintaining the clubhouse, whose principal users are members of CURA and OURC. The Club views the support of younger shooters as being vital to the health of match rifle shooting. The Club anticipates significant outlay over the next c12 months on clubhouse repairs (this outlay had been expected to be incurred in 2022, but it appears will now mainly fall into early 2023).

England Training Days

Due to the dual impact of continuing restrictions around COVID and many members being involved in training and selection for the Woomera squad, there were no formal England training days during the year. The Captain did, however, organise practice targets for Club Members use prior to the Hopton, which helped to build on the ethos of the Club, and integrate new faces into the larger squad.

Website

The Club already has a functioning website on which Elcho match, Spring and Autumn meeting results can be found together with photographs and match reports. A club history is also available. I would remind members that a kit board was previously added to afford members the opportunity to acquire and dispose of equipment, and would encourage members to consider its use. The website address is www.englishviii.org.uk.

While not strictly Eight Club business, I would, as previously, highlight here that there is a dedicated website for all things Great Britain match rifle related. I would encourage all members to visit and support that endeavour at www.gbmatchrifle.org.uk.

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S J Whitby
Hon. Secretary

July 2022

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Reception sponsorship	0.00	150.00	Insurance	1230.36	1043.78
Jewel/Badge sales	150.00	0.00	Clubhouse Refurbishment	0.00	0.00
Interest	60.25	176.81	Meeting expenses ²	11357.10	5547.50
Donations	65.00	30.00	Elcho Match ⁴	812.57	288.00
Elcho Folder / Record sheets sales	0.00	0.00	Member Dev't ¹	517.00	2508.94
Member Dev't ¹	631.50	3531.04	Receptions	209.90	115.00
Gift Aid Reclaim	552.54	515.04	Elcho Folders / Record Sheets	0.00	0.00
Scorebooks + clothing	140.00	1046.78	Jewels: Cost of Sales	135.90	0.00
Covid income ³	19799.00	11334.00	Affiliations	478.75	451.75
			Secretarial / Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	39731.29	26816.17	Clothing	0.00	823.36
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Excess of Income over Expenditure	20967.02	8955.14			
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	66273.16	45486.14	Elcho Cloth Badges	17	10.06	170.95	
Creditors	-35.00	-215.00					
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General Fund							
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Transfer from Clubhouse Fund	-20000.00	-10000.00	GBC 2020 rates refund			0.00	81.92
At end of Year	16238.16	15271.14	Uncashed Aut Mtg Chq			135.00	145.00
			OURC subs			455.00	0.00
Clubhouse Fund			Rent early payment			3489.27	3489.27
At beginning of Year	30000.00	20000.00	CREDITORS				
Transfer from General Fund	20000.00	10000.00					
At end of Year	50000.00	30000.00	NLRC food uncashed chq			0.00	180.00
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SECRETARY'S REPORT 2020

Introduction

The Club's objectives continue to be to foster long range rifle shooting in the interest of national defence and in particular to organise the English Team in any international match shot with match rifle. To this end, it has continued (COVID allowing) to arrange its annual Spring and Autumn meetings which produce ever higher standards of accurate shooting at long range. Interest in experimentation continues. The Club continues its policy of encouraging new entrants to match rifle shooting. With this particular aim, the Club makes its facilities available to members of Cambridge University Rifle Association and Oxford University Rifle Club and to other young people. It also encourages F Class and TR shooters to enter club meetings.

Results

Sadly, the Elcho Shield Match was not shot in 2020, due to COVID restrictions. We look forward to a return of the match in 2021.

A large number of English shots have been selected for the Woomera Training Squad, and we wish all of them the very best of luck in their attempts to win selection for the tour to Australia with Great Britain, currently due to take place in late 2022.

As there was no Elcho Shield Match, England instead rather foolishly chose to enter a number of sides of four, hand-picked from amongst their finest shooters, into the FW Jones teams match. Somewhat predictably, all were swept aside by the unstoppable shooting juggernaut that is the Hopton Supper Club. In light of this humiliation, we can only assume it is unlikely that the club will seek to enter the FW Jones again in future.

Spring Meeting

Sadly, due to the COVID restrictions, it was not possible to hold the Club's usual Spring meeting in 2020.

Jewels were not therefore awarded in 2020, and neither were the Spring meeting trophies.

Autumn Meeting

The Autumn meeting held on the 25th/26th/27th September attracted 44 entries. That the entry was down on previous years was in large part due to COVID, which necessitated limitations on entries and the course of fire, as well as preventing some regulars from making the trip. The shoot on Friday 25th was a standalone Spoon shoot, and the usual course of fire was not possible on the Saturday and Sunday (scores were ex 275 on the Saturday, and 175 on the Sunday as a result).

The results were as follows:

The Stamford Young Trophy (highest MR score)	J Sweet	(434.51)
1200 Club Salver (1200 aggregate)	J Sweet	(193.21)
The Dram Trophy (Saturday aggregate)	J Sweet	(265.31)
Donegal Badge	A M Gent	(429.21)

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Irish Cup (Sunday aggregate)	J Sweet	(169.20)
The Ladies Trophy	F Day	(425.43)
The Under 25 Cup	C Flanagan	(415.35)
Pilcher Platter (English Spring & Autumn Meeting agg)	Not competed for this year	
Auditor's Cup (English Hopton and Autumn aggregate)	R J Lygoe	(1431.174)
The Under 25 Aggregate (Hopton and Autumn)	C Catuogno-Cal	(1358.103)

The organisation necessary to mount our meetings is considerable under usual circumstances, and was more so this year. I would therefore like to thank in particular Michael Hissey for arranging squadding (much of which required last minute adjustment as target availability and course of fire changed) as well as for providing excellent statistics which are well displayed and almost instantly available on the day. Thanks also go to Mike Spencer for ensuring memberships are up to date and Ashley Abrahams for supervising safety. I would also like to thank Jim Carter and Peter Turner for acting as range officers, and Jim Stevens for arranging markers. Sadly, the usual reception was not possible due to social distancing restrictions, but I would like to again go on record to thank HPS for their previous support of those receptions, as well as those during the Hopton meeting.

Membership

Those eligible to shoot in the English Eight in the Elcho Match may apply to become full members of the Club while those not eligible to shoot in the English Eight may apply for honorary membership. All applicants must be full members of the National Rifle Association, Cambridge University Rifle Association or Oxford University Rifle Club. Applications must be made in writing to the Membership Secretary, Michael Spencer, and be supported by two existing members of the Club. Details of other club memberships, firearm certificate number and issuing Authority must also be provided. The Club is affiliated to the NRA and is Home Office approved.

Club House

On behalf of the Club I would like to thank Richard Whitby for all his hard work so generously undertaken in the time consuming role of looking after the clubhouse, both inside and out.

Finance

Our Treasurer, Rob Lygoe, continues to do an excellent job in administering the Club's finances and preparing the accounts. The accounts show the financial result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £8,955.14 (compared to a 'like for like' surplus for 2019 of £1,814.23). Income for 2020 increased in comparison to 2019 despite a fall in meeting income, due to receipt of COVID support grants. I would note that income will likely be impacted for 2021 due to restrictions on meeting numbers. Expenditure also reduced in 2020, due to only one meeting, but there was an increase in spending on member development. Cash reserves were c£38,915 at year end. The bulk of the Club's outgoings continue to be the cost of renting and maintaining the clubhouse, whose principal users are members of CURA and OURC. The Club views the support of younger shooters as being vital to the health of match rifle shooting. The club anticipates significant outlay over the next c12 months on clubhouse repairs.

England Training Days

The Captain arranged an MR seminar and a practice day during the year, but clearly COVID restricted the usual training regime. It is hoped that we will be able to return to our usual schedule next year.

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Website

The Club already has a functioning website on which Elcho match, Spring and Autumn meeting results can be found together with photographs and match reports. A club history is also available. I would remind members that a kit board was previously added to afford members the opportunity to acquire and dispose of equipment, and would encourage members to consider its use. The website address is www.englishviii.org.uk.

While not strictly Eight Club business, I would also just highlight here that a new website has recently been launched for all things Great Britain match rifle related. I would encourage all members to visit and support that endeavour at www.gbmatchrifle.org.uk.

In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Committee not already mentioned who have given time and effort in helping with the administration of the Club.

S J Whitby
Hon. Secretary

July 2021

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