



THE ENGLISH EIGHT CLUB



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

English Eight Club Income and Expenditure account – 1 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020

<u>Income</u>	2020	2019		<u>Expenditure</u>	2020	2019
Subscriptions	3505.00	4210.00		Clubhouse Expenses	570.93	723.89
Meeting entries	6527.50	18131.50		Rent/Rates	3489.27	3273.46
Reception sponsorship	150.00	1078.00		Insurance	1043.78	940.80
Jewel/Badge sales	0.00	150.00		Clubhouse Refurbishment ²	0.00	1646.99
Interest	176.81	166.07		Meeting expenses ³	5547.50	14020.68
Donations	30.00	150.00		Elcho Match ⁵	288.00	760.15
Elcho Folder / Record sheets sales	0.00	0.00		Member Dev't ¹	2508.94	1221.58
Member Dev't ¹	3531.04	1358.00		Receptions	115.00	968.68
Gift Aid Reclaim	515.04	590.04		Elcho Folders / Record Sheets	0.00	0.00
Scorebooks + clothing	1046.78	103.00		Jewels: Cost of Sales	0.00	135.90
COVID income ⁴	11334.00	0.00		Affiliations	451.75	430.25
				Secretarial / Treasurer Expenses	0.00	0.00
	26816.17	25936.61		Clothing	823.36	0.00
				Headsets	3022.50	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	8955.14	1814.23				
					17861.03	24122.38
<i>Check</i>	17861.03	24122.38				
Net Income	8955.14	1814.23				
<u>Notes</u>						
1. 2019 - practice days in May, July. 2020 - practice day in Aug, plus MR seminar in March						
2. Refurbishment: flagpole 2019						
3. 2020 - trophy baseplates, engraving and scorecards, plus Aut Mtg NLRC dinner cheque						
4. 2020 - incl. small business COVID grants						
5. EVIIC entered FW Jones in 2020						

English Eight Club Balance Sheet at 31 Dec 2020

<u>Assets</u>	2020	2019					
			<u>Stock at Cost @ 31 December 2020</u>				
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00		No.	@price		
Girobank current account	2,329.68	3,255.76	Elcho Cloth Badges	0	5.50	0.00	
Girobank deposit account	36585.12	29408.31	New Elcho Jewels	9	135.90	1223.10	
Total cash and bank	38914.80	32664.07					
PhotoAlbums at cost	0.00	0.00	New EVIII Gold Jewels	10	58.64	586.36	
Jewels at cost	2855.15	1404.11	New EVIII Silver Jewels	10	54.64	546.40	
Debtors	3716.19	3557.82	New EVIII Bronze Jewels	10	31.83	318.28	
	45486.14	37626.00	New Elcho Cloth Badges	18	10.06	181.01	
Creditors	-215.00	-1310.00					
	45271.14	36316.00				2855.15	
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			Photo Albums			0.00	
General Fund							
At beginning of Year	16316.00	24501.77	DEBTORS		At end of:	2020	2019
Excess of Income over Expenditure	8955.14	1814.23					
Transfer from Clubhouse and Rifle Fund	-10000.00	-10000.00	GBC 2020 rates refund			81.92	0.00
At end of Year	15271.14	16316.00	Uncashed Aut Mtg Chq			145.00	0.00
			OURC subs			0	350.00
Clubhouse and Rifle Fund			Rent early payment			3489.27	3192.82
At beginning of Year	20000.00	10000.00	CREDITORS				
Transfer from General Fund	10000.00	10000.00	Uncashed cheque (Aut Mtg Dinner NLRC)			0.00	1275.00
At end of Year	30000.00	20000.00	NLRC food uncashed chq			180.00	0.00
			Early subs payment / overpayment			35.00	35.00
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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 respect the requirements to keep accounting records, to prepare accounts which accord therewith and comply with accounting requirements, have not been met, or, to which I 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
10 July 2021

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