



THE ENGLISH EIGHT CLUB



SECRETARY'S REPORT 2021

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 to arrange its annual Spring and Autumn meetings (after something of a hiatus in 2020), 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

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)

The organisation necessary to mount our meetings is considerable. As ever, I would like to thank in particular Michael Hissey for arranging squadding 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, (the retiring) Mike Spencer for ensuring memberships are up to date, and Ashley Abrahams, Rosanne Furniss and Mike Judge for supervising safety. I would also like to thank Jim Carter and Peter and Mike Turner for acting as range officers, Jim Stevens for arranging markers and HPS for their continued support of our receptions.

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 (this post is currently being handed over by the incumbent, Mike Spencer, and until notification is provided of his successor, applications can be made to the Honorary Secretary in his stead). 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, together with place of birth. The Club is affiliated to the NRA.

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

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 draft accounts show the financial result for the year was a surplus of income over expenditure of £20,967.02 (compared to a 'like for like' surplus for 2020 of £8,955.14).

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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.

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 2022

English Eight Club Income and Expenditure account – 1 Jan 2021 to 31 Dec 2021

<u>Income</u>	2021	2020		<u>Expenditure</u>	2021	2020
Subscriptions	3690.00	3505.00		Clubhouse Expenses	512.51	570.93
Meeting entries	14643.00	6527.50		Rent/Rates	3510.18	3489.27
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
				Headsets	0.00	3022.50
Excess of Income over Expenditure	20967.02	8955.14				
					18764.27	17861.03
<i>Check</i>	18764.27	17861.03				
Net Income	20967.02	8955.14				
<u>Notes</u>						
1. 2020 - practice day in Aug, plus MR seminar in March. 2021 - practice day in July						
2. 2020 - trophy baseplates, engraving and scorecards, plus Aut Mtg NLRC dinner cheque						
3. 2020/2021 - incl. small business COVID grants						
4. EVIIC entered FW Jones in 2020						

English Eight Club Balance Sheet at 31 Dec 2021

<u>Assets</u>	2021	2020					
			<u>Stock at Cost @ 31 December 2021</u>				
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00		No.	@price		
Girobank current account	3,133.80	2,329.68					
Girobank deposit account	56000.00	36585.12	Elcho Jewels	8	135.90	1087.20	
Total cash and bank	59133.80	38914.80					
PhotoAlbums at cost	0.00	0.00	EVIII Gold Jewels	9	58.64	527.72	
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Debtors	4575.27	3716.19	EVIII Bronze Jewels	9	31.83	286.45	
	66273.16	45486.14	Elcho Cloth Badges	17	10.06	170.95	
Creditors	-35.00	-215.00					
	66238.16	45271.14				2564.09	
<u>Accumulated Funds</u>			Photo Albums			0.00	
General Fund							
At beginning of Year	15271.14	16316.00	DEBTORS		At end of:	2021	2020
Excess of Income over Expenditure	20967.02	8955.14	2022 NRA affiliation			496.00	0.00
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
			Early subs payment			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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