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RNR SHOOTING

Welcome to the Fourth "Newsletter", the format for this one has changed from earlier news-letters, previously I have attempted to give you a run down of what we knew was happening, plus, selected the "possible's" for any "International" events that may be held overseas. As you all aware, we (RNR) are stretched ever so slightly! With that, the matter of funding is still a problem, but hopefully this is still being worked on.

In this newsletter you will find attached the results from the RNRRA SAM 2005 competition, also there will be short reports on other events that personnel from the RNR have been involved in throughout 2005, and then I'll take a look forward to 2006.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate P0 "Chris" Parr from HMS Cambria, and the Cambria team on their excellent performance at this years SAM. I would also like to congratulate those personnel that were selected to represent the RNRRA in the Inter-Service FIBUA match, their names are listed with scores achieved in the Inter-Service FIBUA match. This was an excellent performance beating the previous years score, well done! My biggest BZ goes to all the people who took part in the RNRRA SAM 2005, this is not just those who competed, but those who helped out behind the scenes to make this a very successful "training" and competitive weekend!

One of the events of 2005 that unfortunately the majority of the RNR are not qualified to enter into is the Territorial Army (TARA) Combat Pistol shoot. We entered two teams this year, unfortunately we lost two people at the eleventh hour, but, everyone enjoyed the outing and the team just missed out on a team prize (results attached), this was the prize we won the previous year. At the prize giving we showed our appreciation to the hosts by presenting Colonel WJ O'Leary TD (Chairman of TARA) with an RNRRA shield.

As some of you are aware, the Reserve Forces Association (RFA) hold many events in different countries:

- The first of which any RNR Unit attended was the event in Edinburgh, here teams from HMS King Alfred and HMS Dalriada attended, KA were successful and managed to come away with some silver. Reports are that everyone enjoyed the competition and the social.
- The second of which any RNR Unit attended was an event in Switzerland, again HMS King Alfred were involved, again they came away with some silver, and apparently managed to get their pictures in the local press – for all the right PR reasons!
- The most recent, being the event in Netherlands (NISC). We the RNR managed a superb turn out with 25 personnel from the following Units: RNR Air Branch, HMS King Alfred, HMS President, HMS Sherwood and HMS Vivid. Congratulations to CPO "Tim" Billows – HMS Vivid for collecting some silver (results file is corrupted, sorry!). At this event, it was traditional to present the hosts with various "gizzits". All RNR Units did this and we also presented an RNRRA shield to Colonel G Lettinga (Chairman Reservists Shooting Committee).

In the following paragraphs I **aim** to give you a feel for what could be on the cards next year, but I remind you that at this moment in time, this is "my personal" view of what can be achieved in 2006 outside the normal RTC training and RNRRA SAM 2006.

1. There will be various RFA events – at home in the UK, and possible overseas (rfa@rfacouncil.org.uk)
2. For the past few years we have entered a RNRRA team in the Inter-Service FIBUA match (See attached), this being immediately after our own FIBUA match on the Sunday of the RNRRA SAM. This I hope will carry on, even though it tends to make the Sunday a very rushed day, because the prize giving and getting on to the road seems to take president.
3. On from the Inter-Service FIBUA above, four years ago we entered a RNRRA team in the Nationals, this takes place in the week (x4 days) following our RNRRA SAM. The main events that we entered were the United Service Match and the Methuen Match, these are what are known as Gallery shooting, rather than the usual ETR shooting we are normally involved with. I would like for us to consider entering these events again.
4. Latter end of year, again there are International overseas events in the Sept, Oct and November period. It would be great for the RNRRA to be involved with such events, but as we all know, at the present time the RNR has other priorities and issues to contend with.
5. The Territorial Army (Combat Pistol) event is to be held at Nelson Ranges, Purbright ATR over the weekend (1st, tbc) September. Due to the limited spaces I hope to enter two teams again. A team consists of four people, I know that the RNR have had their 9mm Pistols taken away, therefore the majority of you will not be in-date. What I would like to know is how many RNR people we have, who are in-date, interested and a reasonable standard.
6. The NISC event is one on the Reserve Forces Association (RFA) calendar (see 1. above), for those not in the know, these events are open to Units, as in RTC's, not essentially the RNRRA. There are others events across Europe and each unit should be supplied with the information in a pack from the RFA Council.
7. On the subject of RFA events, Units can apply for grants to help out with the logistics/transport etc. This again will be through the RFA Council.
8. My final point is that RTC's through their Shooting Officers and PSI's must be encouraged to get onto ranges more often. Please if and when you book range time, open this up to other units, thus sharing the load of the specialities and logistics required.

Note:

- *"You do not actually need to shoot the weapon (live!) to improve your scores, any dry drills will improve your weapon handling, marksmanship basic skills and also match practices!"*

Again I will re-iterate and remind all, for any of the above to actually happen, we require **everyone** to be on side and give as much support as possible.

My final thoughts and thanks go out to the individuals on the various RTC's (Outside the CPO(M)/PSI's), who actually put a great deal of effort into making things happen, this is above and beyond their specialist skills or branch. Without these people, the majority of the good PR mentioned previously in this newsletter, would never happen. We could do with more people like this, and the CO's of these people should be patting them on the back and encouraging more to come to the fore.

If anyone is interested in any of the above, your first point of contact is your Unit shooting officer, or do not hesitate to contact me, through either the RNR Air Branch office or use my personal e-mail address. If anyone is interested in the "Nationals", please get back to me soonest, there will be a requirement for non-shooters.

We should be having our AGM in the early part of next year, please forward any points you would like to be addressed through your shooting officer/and or me. I will collate ready for the meeting.

Signed on Original.

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Attached RNRRA SAM 2005 results
 RNRRA FIBUA Team 2005
 TARA Results 2005

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