



2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

## Summer Newsletter

Dear Members,

With various events already underway and the main Imperial meeting just a few weeks away, it's time for another newsletter! This year, as I am sure you know, we celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so I am sure it will be a very special meeting, and we look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

### **Imperial Meeting Catering.**

We are looking forward greatly to seeing you all at the Club at some point during the meeting and I have attached details of the catering arrangements for information. Pam and her team provide a great range of food and we all owe them a big 'thank you' for what they provide to us and the many visitors to the Club.

I have included with this Newsletter full details of the catering arrangements and would highlight 2 special events on:

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Joint English XX & City RC Fish & Chip Supper.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Annual City Rifle Club Imperial Dinner

You can book for these two events at the bar in the clubhouse, but you can also drop in for lunch/dinner – details of opening times are attached.

### **The Clubhouse.**

We would like to thank all those members who continue to devote time and effort to the upkeep of the clubhouse. Considerable work has been undertaken this year, including the installation of new beer chillers, extensive electrical improvements, the introduction of a card payment facility for drinks and food plus charging points for mobile phones/tablets.

At the recent Council Meeting it was agreed a sub-committee would be established to develop a planned maintenance and improvement programme. I would like to thank John Saunders, elected as Chairman of the Committee, Pat Drummy, Keith Sheead and Pam Mercer for the role they will play going forward in developing and managing the 4 year plan once developed and approved by the Council.

### **Team Matches.**

The Club has in the past had a good representation on camp in Team Matches and has had regular fixtures against the NLRC, L&MRA, RAFTRC, RNTRC, ATRC plus participation in the Bisley Clubs Match. You may recall that in 2018, due to diminishing numbers interested in Team Shooting I, in association with the Council, took the decision to reduce our matches to just 4. 2019 has however been a good year as there has been more interest in the team shooting and the number of matches has now grown to 7. I am hopeful we may now build on this for 2020.

I am delighted to announce that Pat Hunt has agreed to take on the role of Club Captain from August and I know you will give him the same degree of support that you have given me over the last 2 years whilst filling the Club Captain vacancy.

As a club, we are planning to enter a team(s) in the 'Opening Shot' on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July and the 'Imperial 150<sup>th</sup>' on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact me directly if you are interested in being considered for selection. Further details of the 'Imperial 150' match can be found alongside details of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations here <https://nra.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Match-rifle-poster-v7.png>  
If you would like to participate in Team Matches in 2020 please do contact me.

### **Date for your Diary – The City RC Combined Open Meeting.**

The Combined Open Meeting, held in association with The Royal Navy TRC and Hertfordshire RA will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September this year. Similar to last year, the Sunday will be using electronic targets, although with an improved format following feedback from last year and we will be 'string shooting'. We are still offering discounted entry for Under 25 shooters, so please do encourage entrants! Entry forms will be available shortly and on-line booking will also be available via <https://www.shootingcompetitions.org/>

### **New Members.**

Please join us in welcoming Lauren Tuson, Robert Bogie, Anthony Ringer, Eric Stuart-Bamford, Angela Fox and Jonathan Brown to the club.

### **Carol Painting.**

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you that Carol lost her brave fight against cancer and died at home in the evening of Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Her sister, Sue was with her in her final days and at the end. She was one of a kind and will be remembered for her integrity, hard work, loyalty, generosity and her life-long passion for rifle shooting. Carol was a member of many Clubs including Pumas, Hampshire RA and of course the City.

Carol was helped greatly in the last few weeks of her life by the Rowans Hospice at Home nurses. Should anyone wish to make a donation in her memory please visit [www.rowanshospice.co.uk/donate](http://www.rowanshospice.co.uk/donate). Following her strict instructions there will be no funeral service. Our sympathy goes to Carol's family and friends.

### **Outstanding Subscriptions and Locker Rentals.**

There are still a few members who are yet to pay their 2019 dues and Council Members have access to a full list in the Club so if you are not 100% sure please ask one of the Council members. I also ask that if not doing so yet, please consider paying your subscriptions via Standing Order as this makes out Treasurers life much easier and forms are available from one of the Council members should you not bank on-line.

### **Associated/Affiliated Clubs.**

We are pleased to host several other clubs and associations from the City, and you will notice that new boards are in place on the veranda of the Clubhouse. We look forward to welcoming our affiliated/associated club members to the Clubhouse over the meeting.

### **GDPR (General Data Protection Legislation).**

Our GDPR policy can be found on the website, but as a brief reminder, by being a member of the City Rifle Club, you agree to us holding the information provided by you on your membership application and any further information that you have since provided to the club. Should you have any questions regarding our policies on Data Protection please contact Rosanne Furniss [crc.secretary@btconnect.com](mailto:crc.secretary@btconnect.com)

**Website.**

The City website has continued to develop and is becoming a key reference source, so if you have not visited recently take a look at <https://cityrifleclub.com/>

Very best wishes and good shooting for the Imperial and I hope to see you at the Club at some point during the meeting!

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Richard Gardiner  
Chairman