

Welcome

to our third Newsletter. I hope you will find this Issue useful and informative, providing members with an overview and update of forthcoming events and a summary of results, focusing on our club and North West issues this issue also includes a the NWFTA news and reviews.

The newsletters are primarily aimed at people who are not Internet enabled to ensure they are aware of current events and club activities.

If people have interesting articles pictures or news of local events please forward these for possible inclusion in the next issue.

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Tawd AGM 2009

The annual general meeting this year was held in April 2009 at the club ground.

The Current Tawd Vale committee elected are as follows:-

Chairman	Bernard Simpson
Secretary	Dave Fairhurst
Treasurer	Steve Hughes

Shoot Committee	Marty Monaghan
	Dave Ramshead
	Geoff Watkinson
	Duncan Jackson

Duncan was elected this year.

If you have any issues or Idea's you would like to raise for next year's AGM agenda, please contact Steve Hughes directly on 01704 500567 to discuss

Tawd Club News Items

BFTA Shooter cards will also be available once they are issued by the BFTA.

There are club sew on badges available from Norman Allen at £4.00 each.

TAWD IN SPRING



Team Colours

The committee has decided to continue the team colour scheme to ensure we get all members involved in all aspects associated with the smooth running of the club.

The tasks range from help during course setting and all the preparation that goes with it. Running the BBQ at competitions especially national events and assistance is now requested on a colour coded roster basis. It is **ESSENTIAL** that everyone assists in some shape or form to help the club run smoothly now and during the forthcoming **Summer Season**.

During the coming year we will use the team system and team networking, the club website and newsletters to communicate to our members when any help is required during the year.

We also look forward to receiving feedback with suggestions on how we can make continual improvements to help our club to run smoothly.

Anyone can contact Steve Hughes directly on 01704 500567 to discuss any issue's and offer assistance.

Tawd Annual fees for 2009

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STANDARD MEMBERSHIP £40 (note 1)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP £55 (note 2)
AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP £15 (note 3)

1. The Standard fee is discounted to £25 for Pensioners and for Juniors (up to 18 years of age)
2. Family members must reside at the same address (husband, wife, children etc).
3. Affiliated members must be a member of another NWFTA affiliated club.

Fee to Norman Allen. :Cheques preferred and should be made payable to:

TAWD VALE AIR RIFLE & FIELD TARGET CLUB.



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North West Field Target Association Winter Trophy Winners 2008 - 2009

North West Clubs

At the NWFTA AGM

The membership voted for the following officials for 2009:-

Chairman : *Sam Barr*

Secretary : *Stuart Swindells*

Treasurer : *Carl Knapper*

Comp Sec : *Steve Hughes*

The Winter Season 2008-09 GP Summary NWFTA

Well what a good Winter season we have had for the FT and with some very difficult and very cold weather conditions snow in some cases which we have not been used to.

There were some very cold days with temperatures as low as -3 at Byley where only the die hardy would venture.

However, there was some good shooting sport to be had on those crisp winter days. Now we can all look forward to.

HOT Summer Days!

The Position of NWFTA Treasurer is now settled for 2009 at the NWFTA AGM

Carl Knapper, was voted in as treasurer by the North West members and is now a member of the NWFTA committee.

NEW WEB SITE

www.NWFTA.com

There is a New North West NWFTA web site check the web site out Its got lots of useful information about North West Field Target shooting.

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<p><u>Stockport FTC</u> Contact: Richard Lees Phone: 0161 4420465</p>	<p><u>NEW Fort airgun Club Wrexham</u> Contact: Nigel Williams www.fortairgunclub.co.uk</p>
<p><u>Macclesfield FTC</u> Contact: Ian Jennings Phone: 07977 343959</p>	<p><u>Rockdale Airgun Club</u> Contact: Darren Taylor 07934116332 / 01706342270</p>



The Winners NWFTA Winter 2008/9

Oneil Robert AA140
Schofield Dave AA140
Hill David AA138

Wilson Steve A 142
Wallis Tony A 142
Bell Stuart A 124

Wilkinson Liam B 142
Rodgers Christine B 138
Rodgers Bernard B 130

Knapper Dean C 136
Knapper Carl C 136
Knapper Wesley C 118

Swindells Stuart SFT 140
Gill James SFT 112
Perry Chean SFT 106





New Category for B and C Grades.

[An article By Steve Hughes 21-04-09](#)

Although AA and A grades are well supported and attended, it seems to be proving increasingly difficult to interest new shooters into competition.

Whilst Tawd Vale continues to thrive and introduce many people to the sport we seem to have very few shooters attending from other clubs and the lower grades (where most new shooters start) are struggling to be competitive.

Therefore we have decided for the Summer season to amalgamate the C and B grades together as an "Allcomers" class. We will see how this progresses throughout the season.

Grades AA and A will stay as they are based on percentage scoring and 5 shoots will count out of the six summer FT Gp's.

In the new "Allcomers" grade your best 4 results will determine your overall grading.

This should mean that the lower grades are far more competitive than at present and hopefully more enjoyable as a result. All credit to Christine Rogers for this suggestion.

The NWFTA Championships

[An article By Steve Hughes 21-04-09](#)

As you are aware the summer series has been reduced from 7 shoots to six – this will give us an opportunity to have an annual "NWFTA Championships" which will be a one off – non GP event.

The format for this event is still being developed and suggestions are welcome but the date is now firmly set as 2nd August 2009.

We hope to have some sponsorship for this event and will try and develop it into a cherished date each year. We already have a perpetual trophy and other prizes organised.

Also, it will include shooters of all grades with equal chance of winning the silverware.

However – NWFTA Champion will not be an easy crown to win. See the website for further information as this event develops

Jessica Gets to use a New Rifle for a Season

[An article By Steve Hughes 20-04-09](#)

A few years ago I bought Young Steve a very nice Air Arms EV2. He did very well with it as you all know and was a tough lad to beat given his age and experience.

It was a wonderful gun, but like all guns needed a good service after a while.

Rather than him being without a gun whilst this one was serviced I bought him another and the poor old one sat under the bed for a while unused.

When Steve moved on to the Ripley later, we now had two EV2's one of which was unused and Steve suggested that we get it serviced and use it for FT newcomers at Tawd Vale. I have always lent out guns on a long term basis. I lent Phil Murphy a brand new LG100 for a year and Keith Powell the Ripley for a season and many others as you all know. I was in full agreement.

Terry Almond suggested that if we approach Air Arms they might service it for us and he did broach this with Bill Sanders of Air Arms.

At Weston Park last year Dave Schofield approached Bill and arranged for Bill to look at it and give it a service. We took the gun over to Bill and had a very nice chat with him and he promised to "look at it for us".

A long time passed and again Dave Schofield stepped in and spoke to Bill Sanders. I have to say he did us proud. Air arms not only serviced it but sent back something really special. A unique – "Air Arms" – masterpiece.

Young Steve was delighted and we have searched long and hard for the best way to use the gun and I am pleased to say that as it's technically Steve's gun, he will from now on decide each year how it will be used.

He can think of no more deserving recipient for this season than Jessica Jackson. Jessica has been our Junior Champion for the past few years and won C grade outright last year.

Winning C Grade is not easy for a Junior when all new shooters – some very experienced indeed – start off in that group.

Jessica has been offered one years use of the gun and I am pleased to say that she has accepted. I hope she gets as much enjoyment out of it that Steve did.

At the end of the year we will get it serviced, and Steve will decide who gets his gun the following year. It might be Jessica again – who knows?

Thanks to AA for a great service. Thanks to Terry Almond for suggesting it and initial approaches to Bill Sanders and big thanks to Dave Schofield for following it through and chasing things up throughout.

But especially thanks to Young Steve for his generosity of loaning out a much loved gun for such a good cause. (Can I also have some thanks for paying for it in the first place ?) Good luck with it Jessica..

North West Winter Freezers HFT Winter Trophy Winners 2008-2009

The HFT Winter Freezers

The Winter Freezer is a TAWD VALE competition which is held over the winter months and usually Consists of six shoots. This year as usual was a well attended series.

PCP CLASS	Position	Total %
Dave Benyon	1st	481.72
Dave Ramshead	2nd	477.58
Dave Fairhurst	3rd	468.54

The Winners Winter 2008-2009

	Club	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	.Total %	Best 5%
Dave Benyon	TV	100.00	100.00	96.00	0.00	93.88	91.84	481.72	481.72
Dave Ramshead	TV	97.62	90.00	92.00	89.80	100.00	97.96	567.38	477.58
Dave Fairhurst	TV	92.86	92.00	100.00	93.88	89.80	85.71	554.25	468.54

The Gauntlet Summer Sizzle series

We are all looking forward to the Summer Gauntlet Series.

This is a North West Inter Club HFT competition. However shooters from other areas are most welcome to come along.

There are a series of shoots over the spring and summer months where the top **5 highest scores** from each club are counted up to decide which club wins the Gauntlet Trophy. See The Calendar for detail.



SPRING and SUMMER TAWD VALE & NWFTA 2009

THE NWFTA CHAMPIONSHIP

A New Field Target Trophy competition for 2009

The TOP GUN
Don't Miss this one !!

Last years event was very good.

Tawd Vale Watch this Space

Check out the website



Summer fixtures Calendar 2009

Well it looks like we're all going to have a busy winter season this year! Looking at the winter shooting calendars both field target and hunter field target we have a full calendar of shooting competitions. There are many events going on both at TAWD VALE and around the North West this Summer.

Tawd Team	Dates	North West	National
Blue	05 April 2009	HFT Round 6 Final	BFTA Inters
Green	12 April 2009	GP8 - Rivi	WAHFT Worlds
Red	19 April 2009	Summer HFT 1 Tawd	BFTA GP1 - Harriers
Yellow	26 April 2009		
Orange	03 May 2009		NEFTA Classic
ALL	09 May 2009	HFT NATIONAL W/E	UKAHFT Rnd 2 - Tawd Vale
Yellow	10 May 2009	HFT NATIONAL W/E	UKAHFT Rnd 3 - Rivington
Blue	17 May 2009	AGM (TAWD VALE)	BFTA GP2 - Millride
Orange	24 May 2009	GP2 Tawd (Winter Trophies)	
Red	31 May 2009	Summer HFT 2 Rivi(BAGS)	BFTA GP3 - Icenii
Yellow	07 June 2009		Anglo American
Green	14 June 2009	Summer HFT 3 FORT	BFTA GP4 - Newbury
Red	21 June 2009	GP3 Stockport	UKAHFT Rnd 4 - MAD
Orange	28 June 2009		BFTA GP5 - Dunfermline
Yellow(ALL)	05 July 2009	TOP GUN 2009	
Blue	12 July 2009		BFTA GP6 - Byley
Green	19 July 2009	GP4 Tawd	UKAHFT Rnd 5/6 - Bisley
Orange	26 July 2009	Summer HFT 4 Rivi	BFTA GP7 - Emley Moor
Red	02 August 2009	NWFTA Champs 2009	
Yellow	09 August 2009	Rivi Charity Shoot	BFTA GP8 - Nelson
Green	16 August 2009	GP5 Stockport	
Blue	23 August 2009	Summer HFT 5 Tawd	BFTA GP9 - Sywell
Red	30 August 2009	UKAHFT Rnd 7 - Anston	
Orange	06 September 2009	Summer HFT 6 Rivi	BFTA Showdown weekend
Green	13 September 2009	GP6 Fort	
Yellow	20 September 2009		Euros - MGF
Red	27 September 2009	GP1 Byley	UKAHFT Rnd 8 - Quarry
Orange	04 October 2009	Summer HFT 7 Tawd	
Blue	11 October 2009	HFT Extreme	
Red	18 October 2009	NWFTA Showdown Tawd	

Summer 2009 Events at Tawd & Nationally

Forthcoming events



Tawd Vale supports the
UKAHFT
Look out for next years
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Country Fairs

Country Fairs held the HFT World Championship this year and it was a very well attended event at Kelmarsh 12th and 13th April 09.

A message for Newcomers and Club Shooters Have you had a go at Competition Shooting?

Many newcomers do not take part in club competitions. New members could be daunted by competitions. However, entering a completion or two can increase enthusiasm for our sport.

This may not suit everyone, if that's the case carry on enjoying the club. Though it would be nice to win a trophy or two, this will not happen in your first competition, but there is nothing like a bit of friendly rivalry to spice up a shoot.

The grading systems in FT shooting within the competition shoots should always make sure that relatively inexperienced shooters do not have to shoot directly against top shooters.

The main thing to remember about competitions is give it a go! Club league shoots are an ideal introduction to competition shooting with medium difficulty courses being set with ranges for each target.

This means you do not have expensive FT rigs to take part and enjoy the courses as much as everyone else especially with the introduction of Northern Sporter Class.

Give it a Go !

The FT European Championship this year once again will be held at Weston park. The FT event form can be down loaded on line of the BFTA web site. This competition will be held at Weston Park Shropshire on the 19th and 20th September 2009

Air Gun or Accessory Suppliers

would you like to place an advert in our next issue please use one of the contact numbers below or send an email to

links@tawdFT.co.uk

Carl Knapper on 01925 710508

Or

Steve Hughes on 01704 500567

TAWD VALE Safety Rules No 1

Following the club safety regulations is mandatory for all members and visitors, and is a condition of membership of the club. Failure to adhere to these rules will be classed as unsafe conduct and dealt with under the rules of the club.

Footnote Carl. Knapper 2009

This snapshot of events and results for Winter 2008-2009 and concludes this issue. We hope you like our newsletters and consider them worthwhile, and we will be extending and adjusting the format and content to suit forthcoming events and new items. Until the next edition; have a safe and enjoyable Summer