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CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

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Editorial

I hope you have all wintered well and enjoyed the last issue, a new format was called for by many members, so I hope you like this issue, Please let me know your comments.

Inter-Provincial Shoot

4th October 2009

This year's annual Inter-Provincial Shoot, hosted by the Province of West Lancashire, was held at Lindale Gun Club, Ulpha, Nr. Grange over Sands where copious amounts of coffee and bacon sandwiches were on offer from early morning. There were 55 competitors from 6 Provinces: Cheshire, East Lancashire, Yorkshire West Riding, Yorkshire North & East Riding, Cumberland and Westmorland and West Lancashire.

The competition consisted of a 50 bird sporting layout, 5 stands all of 5 pairs: 2 easy, 2 hard and 1 very near impossible (and I know that at this time of year we shouldn't complain but the sun was in your eyes), that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it. And the pièce de résistance was an exhilarating 60 bird driven pheasant pool shoot.

After the shoot it was back to the Gilpin Bridge Inn for some fine ale and a very popular roast dinner. All prizes and trophies were presented by the Society Chairman Eddie Caulfield assisted by the Vice Chairman Glynn Wrennall. The winners of the pool shoot in reverse order Richard Dennison and Evan Walsh, Dr William Watson and David Marlow, and with 48 out of 60 Jason Rhodes ably assisted by Glynn Wrennall.

The High Guns for each Province were:

Cheshire		
	R Kelly	40
East Lancashire		
	G Brererton	27
Yorkshire West Riding		
	N.Hirst	44
Yorkshire North & East Riding		
	P Wheeler	46
Cumberland and Westmorland		
	Gareth Jones	31
West Lancashire joint		
	Jason Coxhead	38
	Evan Walsh	38

The top 6 scores from each Province for the **Watson Eden Trophy:**

4 th Cumberland and Westmorland	127
3 rd Yorkshire West Riding	177
2 nd Yorkshire North & East	208

This year's winners with 215 were Evan Walsh, Jason Coxhead, Jason Rhodes, Ian Heyes, Mike Casey and Glynn Wrennall from West Lancashire.

The proceeds from the raffle for the gallon of brandy and other donated prizes along with the money from the shoot and pool shoot amounted to £300 which has gone into the Society's charity account for distribution next year. A special thank you to Andy, Mark and Becky of Lindale Gun Club and to all those many volunteers to numerous to mention.

All in all a wonderful day out for everyone and next year's shoot will be hosted by the Province of Yorkshire North & East Riding.



Featured in the photograph from l-r Tom Blackburn, Maria Felix-Vas and Glynn Wrennall

The photograph was taken by Tom's grandson Tom Blackburn, who was there to help out with his father Tom Blackburn!! (confused?)

West Lancashire Masonic Clay Pigeon Shooting Society on Radio Lancashire's My Favourite Year presented by John Gilmore

Featured on Radio Lancashire's My Favourite Year on Saturday 10th October Tom Blackburn, one of the original founders of the Society, and Vice Chairman Glynn Wrennall were interviewed by Maria Felix-Vas. The programme features events that occurred in a particular chosen year which this week was 1986 Which was when the WLMCPSS was founded by Tom and Frank Cowburn when following instructions from their Provincial Grand Master, Alan Fletcher Ferris, they went along with four other Masons to Cockermouth to shoot and compete against the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland for the Watson Eden Trophy, which incidentally they won for the Province of West Lancashire. This was the start of the Inter-Provincial Shooting competition which 24 years later still goes from strength to strength

Turkey Shoot 2009

The Xmas Turkey Shoot at the Flying Fish on Sunday 6th December was a great shoot – 50 sporting birds over 9 stands and you could honestly say that they threw everything at us, rabbit, batou, mini and teal to mention just a few. Like the rest of the country there had obviously been a lot of rain as the going was very soft underfoot and quite muddy in places. There had been a large Charity shoot, for 'Help for Heroes' the previous day so the trampling of many wellied feet probably did the damage.

The weather was exceptionally kind and it's always a treat to see the many skeins of geese flying at a safe distance over the Ribble estuary, some of about 30,000 out there at the moment.



J Lomax with Ian Heyes

Then it was back into the pub for a hotpot lunch and the presentations. High Gun on the day was Jason Coxhead, who was shooting with his father so he had to behave, with 41 out of 50. But as is the custom of the Turkey Shoot the prizes are awarded in reverse order, so the lowest score gets the best prize – this year's winner with 1 out of 50 was J Lomax from Wigan who took home the turkey



Wyresdale Shoot

Approximately 30 people turned up for the 'friendly' shoot at Wyresdale Gun Club on Sunday 7th February.

Unfortunately some got the time wrong and had finished before most of us started.

7 stands were designed to test those shooting and whilst it could not be said that the targets were hard, the angles confused a lot of the shooters. Why not have when the targets are easy you shoot at 3 pairs and when the more difficult ones?

Of the scores that were handed in, and you only hand in good scores, Jason Rhodes was top scorer with 43 ex 50. A close second was the interloper from East Lancashire Graham Brereton with a very commendable 40. My wife Maire Casey with 40, whilst I would like to say it was my Senior - I cannot lie – it was Junior.



Evan Walsh was sporting a new gun carriage, It did not help him though, he shot a disappointing 38 a score matched by Lawrence Alston who shot far better than usual.

Dick Walmesley's grandson, Jonathan, first time out, shot a very good score of 30, lets hope he joins us again. He might end up as Top Gun one day.

Thanks to Graham Brereton a raffle for a bottle of amber nectar raised £27 for Charity.

It was nice to see some old faces back shooting with us & at least 2 new ones. A good day was had by all and our shoot captain Ian Heyes was asked if he could arrange some more of the Sunday shoots over the course of the year





Forthcoming Events 2010

3rd Wednesday of every month

Social Shoot at Kelbrook Shooting Ground Colne from 10.30 to 1300 followed by informal pub lunch at the Anchor Inn at Salterforth.

Don't forget that non members are welcome at these events

17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 16th June, 21st July, 18th Aug, 15th Sep.

Sunday 11th April

Friendly Shoot – 50 Sporting

Shore Road, Hesketh Bank, starting at 11:00 am

Sunday 9th May

Provincial Shoot – 60 Sporting

The Dolphin Shooting Ground, Longton 11.00 a.m.

Lunch and presentations in the Dolphin Inn

Tuesday 1st June

The AGM has been arranged at Wellington Park, Leyland on Tuesday 1st June at 8.00 pm. There will be a Committee meeting at 7.00 p.m.

Saturday 26th June 2010

Met. Grand Lodge Clay Shooting Assn
LONDON WELCOMES YOU TO THE
6th NATIONAL MASONIC
INTER-PROVISIONAL CLAY
SHOOTING COMPETITION

At the E J Churchill Shooting Ground, Park Lane,
Lane End, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire,
HP14 3ND

REGISTRATION 09.00 AM



Anyone wanting a copy of any photo please ask me (Dick)

Special day for shooters

The Province's clay pigeon shooting enthusiasts have been encouraged to enjoy a "once in a lifetime experience" by taking part in this year's national championships.

The Metropolitan Grand Lodge Clay Shooting Association is organising the 2010 Sixth National Masonic Inter-Provincial Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition.

The shoot will take place on 26 June and will be held at the EJ Churchill Shooting Ground in High Wycombe.

Glynn Wrennall, Vice-chairman of the West Lancashire Clay Pigeon Shooting Society, said: "The E J Churchill shooting ground is one of the finest in the world and will provide a great opportunity to experience the top side of the sport. I hope there will be a good number making the journey from West Lancashire as it will be a once in a lifetime experience."

West Lancashire hosted the 2009 shoot and the Province's three-man team were runners-up.

Sunday 3rd October

Inter-Provincial Shoot

hosted by Yorkshire North and East Riding

10.30 a.m.

venue to be announced

Committee Members

Chairman	Eddie C.Cauldfield
Vice Chairman	Glynn Wrennall
Treasurer	John Hammond
Secretary	Mike Casey
Shooting Captain	Ian Heyes
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Directions to Kelbrook Lodge

Leave M65 at Jct 14 and follow Vivary Way on to the A56 in the direction of Skipton. Continue along the A56 pass through Foulridge and straight on at the next roundabout into Kelbrook.

Take 1st right into Kelbrook Village , then 1st right into Waterloo Road, then 1st left into Cob Lane.



Directions to Hesketh Bank

Following the A59 from Preston towards Liverpool. after the A59 turns left for Liverpool and the A565 continues to Southport take the next right into Blackgate Lane, turn Left into Green Lane, continuing round to the right continue into Taylors Meanygate, through Hundred End to junction with Shore Road (Then follow your ears)

