



M.L.A.I.C Muzzle Loader's Associations International Committee

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Dear Delegate and Friends,

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Please note, the last Newsletter was incorrectly numbered as 139 and should have been 138.

Match reports

I had the pleasure to attend two championships this year; in August 16 nations attended the MLAIC European Zone Championships, unusually the opening ceremony, closing ceremony, prize giving and banquet all took place at the same venue, the Historic Bastion in Hamina. I have to say that it was an excellent venue for all the ceremonies and was an overwhelming success, as was the prize giving which took place on the final Saturday.

The following month I did not have to travel far to attend the Long Range World Championships at Bisley, there was a record attendance this year with 12 nations taking part and 68 competitors. This was my first LR Championships and I was pleasantly surprised to the level of camaraderie between the teams. For Bisley the weather was remarkably benign apart from a very heavy shower on the first afternoon of competition. The sun shone on most days but a tricky wind was with us until the 900 & 1000, it was replaced by a just as tricky mirage. This did not however prevent some excellent scores being achieved as the following new records will attest. There is a full report with photographs at: <http://www.mlagb.com/bisley2011/index.htm>

New Records

I am sure you will wish to join me in congratulating the following competitors for their achievement during the above championships:

Mathias Dreisbach, Germany. Tanzutsu/R	New European Record	94
Richard Morris, Great Britain. Manton/R	New European Record	47
J de Villiers, South Africa, 1000 yards/O	New LR World Record	64.1
T Smit, South Africa, 1000 yards/R	New LR World Record	64.3

Although not an official record I would like to congratulate H Ruediger from Germany for an outstanding achievement in the Mid-Range Team event at 500 yards during the Long Range world Championships, he managed to score a 50.5, This is the first time that the a maximum score of 50 has been achieved in an MLAIC LR Championship. This achievement was marked by the award of a special certificate and bottle of champagne.

New Constitution

I have the very great pleasure to present the new constitution for your consideration. Before doing so I would like to express thanks on your behalf to all the members of the various committees who have taken part in preparing the document, they have not only produced the original draft but have worked tirelessly to further correct and refine the document which is enclosed with this newsletter.

I held meetings in Finland (where most delegates were present) and at Bisley (where all the LR nations were represented); these meetings were primarily to discuss the new constitution. The meetings revealed a number of points which needed addressing, these, combined with a number of submitted suggestions and observations I made at both championships have been combined into the document in red.

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The document has been with you in its original form since early 2010 so ample time opportunity has been given for you to make comments or suggestions, therefore, at our meeting in Pforzheim I propose only to take proposals relating to those items in red text. Any comments – which must be in the form of a proposal – must be with me no later than 5 May 2012 for it to be included in the agenda.

Agenda 2012, Pforzheim

I propose to circulate to you and post on the MLAIC web site in January the agenda for our meeting in Pforzheim. This will remain open until 5 May 2012 at which time it will close, you are invited to submit proposals for inclusion until that time.

Delegate for France

During the elections within the FFTir earlier this year our friend Jean Bourdeaux was left without a position and from that date was no longer the Delegate for France. Roger Sanetore was duly appointed as the new delegate but sadly passed away before being able to carry out any official function with the MLAIC. New elections will take place at the end of January 2012, I will keep you informed of the outcome.

Delegate for Japan

Earlier in the year the NRA of Japan elected a new board, the Chairman of which (Mr Yashuhiro Sato) is the new MLAIC Delegate. Contact with the NRA Japan is through our good friend and Vice Chairman of the NRA Mr Shigeo Sugawa and Mr. Norikazu Hanya, NRA Senior Director for International Affairs, at the e-mail address below:

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New Members

I received an email from the NRA Ireland asking to become full members of the MLAIC and seeking entry into the forthcoming Long Range World Championships. They paid their fees to become members but did not attend the championships. I have sent at least three emails (the only contact information I have) to their Chairman but have not received a reply, I will continue to contact them and let you know the outcome.

Negotiations are well under way with a delegation from Russia who wish to become full members. They attended our championships in Finland and were well received by all the competitors and delegates at the opening ceremony. Hopefully they will obtain national recognition and be able to send a team to Pforzheim.

Tentative dialogue has been established with a contact from India with a view to future membership. This is at a very early stage so we will have to wait and see what happens.

Treasurer

Our elected Treasurer Mr Gareth Callan has very ably completed the task for which he was appointed. The MLAIC bank account is now firmly established, this is an off shore account with Lloyds Offshore Banking on the Isles of Jersey. Having done this Gareth has decided to stand down in favour of someone who specialises in accounting skills. I am pleased to tell you that Nick Harvey, the GB Delegate, has offered to undertake the task for which he is eminently qualified. Most of you will have already received an invoice from him asking for fees. Gareth will still deal personally with bank on our behalf as he lives on the island, for this purpose I have appointed him Assistant Treasurer.

Please note, it will no longer be possible to pay your dues in cash at our meetings.

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Entry Forms

A situation occurred in Finland which nearly resulted in a countries entire teams entry being disallowed. The team in question submitted their entries in a format which could not easily be accessed by the Match Director, as a consequence the teams were never entered,. The only reason they were accepted was because of the case put forward by their Team Captain and his assistant and the desire on behalf of the Arbitrators to see that there was fair play.

It is absolutely essential that all entries for our championships are submitted in the manor requested, this will save considerable heartache and hard work for the organising committee, team captains and the arbitration committee.

MLAIC Logo and Flags

I have received submissions for a new MLAIC logo from Balazs (Hungary) - the one currently in use, Antonio (Italy) and Ramon (Spain). These will be circulated in January with the agenda. If you wish to make a submission, please send it to me by 5 May 2012.

As there is no flag for the LR World Championships we have to get one made, Merwe has kindly offered to get this done as He is the Vice President and should be in possession of it. It has occurred to me that as we will have a new logo after Pforzheim it might be an opportune moment to replace the all the flags with a design that could incorporate the new logo. This will of course have to be voted on at our meeting but I would like to receive your ideas now so that we are in a position to decide in August.

Incidentally after Pforzheim Merwe will also be our President, this first time anyone has held both positions!

Calendar

I have received a bid from Portugal to hold the next Euro Zone Championship in 2015.

I have received a written bid from the USA to host the 9th Long Range World Championships in 2015

Contacting the MLAIC

There are many ways in which our members and competitors can keep in touch with what is going on within the MLAIC.

The MLAIC email group has been running for some time, this is a good place to ask questions and get expert answers. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mlaic>.

The MLAIC Facebook group, for MALIC members. <https://www.facebook.com/mlaic>

And of course the MLAIC web site, the official site for MLAIC News <http://www.mlaic.org/>

Not forgetting that you can always email me at david.brigden@yahoo.co.uk.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful festive season and a happy healthy and prosperous New Year.

Yours sincerely

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