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1 Attendance Summary

This year, 24 external competitions were attended nationally, four at international level (including two World Cups) and nine internal competitions. Attendance at all of these (except for the Internationals, by virtue of the standard required) was exceptionally high - often swamping the hosting club with scoring and administrative work! This level of attendance does not go unnoticed at any level in the sport and is a very positive public image for the Club and College - those of you who participated in these competitions have just reason to feel proud.

2 DURC competitions hosted

DURC has only hosted one Open competition this year so far, due to the Foot & Mouth crisis which has decimated the outdoor shooting calenday this year. Our Indoor Air Rifle Open was a resounding success however - and after the debacle of the previous Open, it is a welcome sight to see that our efforts were not unnoticed - we have in fact, been requested to do the logistics and administration for the National Air Rifle Championships this weekend. A lot of thanks have to go to Keith White for his computer program and his seven-hour scoring stint at the open for this, as well as to the range officers who assisted during the day - your efforts were noticed by one and all!

The Free Rifle Open is slated to take place this year, just as soon as the Fassaroe range is reopened.

3 External Competitions

3.1 National Level

3.1.1 Wicklow 50m Open

BRC,
May 7, 2000

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	579	7th Overall
Mark Dennehy	C	545	3rd Class C, 23rd Overall

3.1.2 Fassaroe Shooting Club (F.S.C.) 50m Open

FSC,
June 17/18, 2000
50m Prone Rifle :

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	577	5th Overall
Ian Marnane	C	565	1st Class C, 10th Overall
Mark Dennehy	C	554	
John Keeney	C	552	

50m 3P Rifle:

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	D	370/176/307 : 853	3rd Place (out of 3 shooters!)

100yd Pairs :

Name	Individual Score	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	367		
Alan Smyth	366	733	5th Place
Mark Dennehy	377		
John Keeney	372	749	3rd Place

3.1.3 National 50m Championships

FSC
July 1/2

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	584 (686.1 Final)	National Champion!
Mark Dennehy	C	551	2^{nd} Class C
John Keeney	C	552	3^{rd} Class C
Shane Kelly	D	431	3^{rd} Class D

3.1.4 Comber Open

Comber Rifle Club
August 5/6, 2000

50m Prone Rifle :

Name	Class	Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	578	
Mark Dennehy	C	550	
John Keeney	C	527	

100yd Pairs :

Name	Class	Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	377	
Mark Dennehy	C	381	$1^{st} Overall 100yds$
John Keeney	C	346	

50m Teams:

Name	Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	579	
Mark Dennehy	555	
John Keeney	582	
Patrick O'Brien	549	Honorary Member!
		Sadly, last place!

3.1.5 Leinster Open

RRPC
Sept 3, 2000
25yd Prone Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	585	2^{nd} Class A & Overall
Mark Dennehy	D	576	1^{st} Class D! & 6^{th} Overall
Deborah Mehigan	D	477	
Michael Madigan	D	462	

3.1.6 EARC Festival

EARC
Oct 7/8, 2000

Air Rifle:

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	C	514	1st Class C
John Keeney	D	476	
Alan Smyth	C	471	

50m Rifle Prone:

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	582	

Confined Aggregate

Name	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	1270	4th Place

3.1.7 UCD Open 1

UCDRC
Oct 28/29, 2000
10m Air Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	C	505	1st Class C
Alan Smyth	C	454	2nd Class C
Aisling Broderick	D	501	2nd Class D
Jason Sibley	D	451	3rd Class D
Colm Casserlly	D	387	

3.1.8 WAIDAM Open

UCDRC
Nov 11/12, 2000
10m Air Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Alan Smyth	C	482	1^{st} Class C
Mark Dennehy	C	481	2^{nd} Class C
John Keeney	D	457	
Jason Sibley	D	438	
Shane Kelly	D	406	

3.1.9 DURC Air Rifle Open

UCDRC
Nov 26, 2000
10m Air Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	C	517(602.9)	1^{st} Class C
Aisling Broderick	C	503	3^{rd} Class C
Steven Watterson	A	562	Enough said ...
Alan Smyth	C	472	
Jason Sibley	D	470	2^{nd} Class D
Kenneth Suzuki	D	439	
Ben Jones	D	428	
Shane Kelly	D	405	

3.1.10 Turkey Shoot

RRPC
Dec 3, 2000
Invitational Shoot
25yd Prone Rifle

Name	GunScore	Final Handicapped Score	Notes
Michael Madigan	339	400.883	1^{st} Place (turkey)
John Keeney	379	400.583	3^{rd} Place (turkey)
Mark Dennehy	380	400.000	(wine)
Ray Reilly	386	399.142	(ammo)

3.1.11 UCD/TCD Clay Pigeon Colours

FSC
Feb 4, 2001

The scoring for this competition was debated at length in the pub afterwards - the agreed-upon result was that it was a good idea to have the clay colours again next year ! (Though special mention to Peter Byrne – missing a perfect score by one clay on his first ever clay pigeon shoot – and Ray Reilly, who has “the most interesting shotgun style ever seen”)

3.1.12 Wilkinstown Open 2

WTSC
Jan 13/14, 2001
10m Air Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	C	507	3^{rd} Class C

Also almost won a prize for locking myself out of my car – with the rifle inside ...

3.1.13 Fassaroe 10m Air Rifle Open

UCDRC
Feb 17/18, 2001

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	B	528	And a nice Final performance too!
Alan Smyth	C	488	1^{st} Class C
Aisling Broderick	C	441	
Liam Murray	D	466	2^{nd} Class D
Peter Byrne	D	430	

With something on the order of twenty WTSC members entered, we did quite well - if outnumbered!

3.1.14 Rathdrum Open

RRPC
Feb 11, 2001
25yd Prone Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	B	575	4^{th} Overall, 2^{nd} Class B
John Keeney	D	558	2^{nd} Class D
Peter Byrne	D	504	
Conor McDermottroe	D	523	
Michael Madigan	D	525	
Liam Murray	D	531	

3.1.15 Colours

UCDRC
Mar 3, 2001
10m Air Rifle

Colours this year was won in the experienced class by DURC! (And just pipped at the post for the junior class by UCDRC.) But we do get to gloat as this was the first year they didn't have their "ringers" on their team and were severly trounced as a result.

3.1.16 Rathdrum Spring Special

RRPC
April 1, 2001
25yd Prone Rifle

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Ray Reilly	A	582	3rd Class A
Mark Dennehy	B	578	2nd Class B & 4th Overall
Conor MacDermottroe	D	577	1st Class D & 6th Overall – Wow!
John Keeney	C567	1st Class C	
Michael Madigan	D	489	

Note that this was a 50-point increase by Conor!

3.1.17 National Indoor Prone Rifle Championships

RRPC
April 22

Name	Class	Final Score	Notes
Mark Dennehy	B	587	National Champion! (and 1st tun and 1st Class B)
Ray Reilly	A	580	
John Keeney	C	574	1st Class C
Conor MacDermottroe	C	558	
Alan Smyth	C	537	
John Keeney	C	558	1st Class C
Peter Byrne	D	553	2nd Class D
Adrian Costigan	D	548	
Joe Lawlor	D	547	1st Class D
Liam Murray	D	540	
Deirdre Ninabar	D	491	
Keith Butler	D	484	
Ger Ryan	D	469	
Adrian Costigan	D	528	

3.2 International

Several internationals this year by Ray :
Intershoot, the Hague,
World Cup 2000, Milan, and
World Cup 2000, Munich.

His Intershoot saga shall never be forgotten - despite having almost all his gear stolen before the competition, he managed to set a personal best ... in Miss Rhona Barry's shooting clothes ... enough said, really ☺

Unfortunately, his Milan score of 525 proved to be the first symptom of a serious back injury which has put him out of the Air Rifle field for the moment.

Isle of Man Easter Shoot 2001 – this was my easter holidays and proved to be a disasterous one in Air Rifle, but quite a good one in Prone Rifle. There was a heavy attendance from Irish shooters, and once again, we walked away with a full third of the prizes despite heavy competition.

3.3 Postal Competitions

We entered four postals this year.

UCESSA 10m Air Rifle Postal. Ben is still completing this and doing reasonably well!

UCESSA 25yd Prone Rifle Postal John and I won our divisions of this this year –John only requiring 9 out of 10 cards to do so – and the completed results from last year show John Keeney coming 3rd in his division and me coming 4th in mine. In both years however, some people have started the competition and then not completed their ten cards – next year will see sanctions to prevent this ! *ie. you will have to pay your entry fee if you miss more than one card!*

NSRA/Eley Postal Competition. This is a very large and prestigous competition and this year we had several entrants, of which four (Ray Reilly, John Keeney, Alan Smyth and Ben Jones) have made it to the second of three rounds.

3.3.1 Trinity Top Ten

The Top Ten this year saw less problems than last year - but almost the same amount of delays. Happily, the scores are now finalised, the prizes made, and have been put in the post to the winners, with the exception of Agnes Graham of Comber, who allready has hers (Agnes may be small in stature, but woe betide those think she's not scary when she wants to be).

The final Top Ten are :

Name	Club	Score	Place
Andrew McFarland	EARC	231	1
Gary Duff	Comber	219	2
John Walsh	DRC	218	3
Robert Clarke	EARC	209	4
Richard Farrell	RRPC	209	4
Agnes Graham	Comber	208	6
Tom McKnight	EARC	175	7
Trevor McFarland	EARC	171	8
Ronan Power	RRPC	163	9
Elizabeth Rodgers	EARC	157	10

I'd like to offically thank all the entrants for their patience and for entering – and hopefully they'll enter again next year when the lessons learnt running it this year are being put into action!

4 Internal Competitions

4.1 Ladders

4.1.1 Prone Rifle

An excellent entry level for Prone this year, with 399 cards shot. The overall best was Ray Reilly with an average of 97.8; which beats his average of last year (97.388) but doesn't equal his previous year which set the club record of 98.231. Second place was me with 96.657 and John Keeney with 95.629.

The best novices were Adrian Costigan with 92.467, followed closely by Conor McDermottroe and Liam Murray on 91.367 and 91.171 respectivly.

4.1.2 Air Rifle

Air Rifle saw a healthy 331 cards shot this year. The best in the experienced class by a long margin was newcomer Steven Watterson, whose average of 94.000 was well ahead of second place (Me) of 86.200. Third was Miss Aisling Broderick with 80.947 : given that she was studying for scholarships this year, that's quite respectable.

Best Novice goes to Liam Murray, with 78.333. Well done Liam!

4.1.3 Sporter Rifle

The sporter rifle ladder this year was a lot healthier than last year - this year sees 23 cards as opposed to none last year ! The winner is old hand Frank DeSalle, with an average of 126.25.

4.2 Championships

4.2.1 Prone Rifle

Prone Rifle's championships were closely fought this year, the winner not being decided until the very last shot fired! The winner, with a score of 98 was Steven Watterson; second on 97 was Mark Dennehy; and third was a tie with both John Keeney and Ray Reilly scoring 96.

4.2.2 Air Rifle

Air Rifle went well this year for Steven, who won with a comfortable 20-point lead, scoring a 96. Second overall and best novice was Adrian Costigan on 76, followed by John Keeney on 75. After reviewing their scores, the rest of us agreed that we'd had enough and a few beers were had with Ben's chips and salsa to celebrate ☺

4.2.3 Sporter Rifle

Sporter rifle was won by Kenneth Suzuki on 134 : Conor McDemottroe was second with 126 ; and John Keeney came in third on 124.

Last years results weren't available at the last AGM : they were Willie O'Connor (137); Mark Dennehy (131); and John Keeney (127)

4.2.4 Rapid Fire

Rapid Fire was won by the novices this year, as often happens: Meredith Lulling with 89 and 3 tens won, followed by Peter Byrne on 87 and Me on 86 : though note that with 9 shots, John Keeney managed 6 tens : and a score of 78. Better luck next year John!

Last years results weren't available at the last AGM : they were Alan Smyth (93); Mark Dennehy (89) and John Keeney(84)

4.3 Other

4.3.1 Standards

Four people shot for standards this year : Michael Madigan, Peter Byrne, John Keeney and myself. Only John was awarded a standard though, and he now receives the badge for the hotshot standard.

5 Club Records

5.1 .22 calibre Free Rifle

5.1.1 Indoors (25yd)

Best Individual Card

Andy Trayler	1993	9× (100, 9 pips shot out)

Highest Ladder Average

Ray Reilly	1999	98.231

Highest Competition Score

Score	Ray Reilly (Rathdrum Autumn Open)	1999	595
Placing	Mark Dennehy	2001	Gold Medal, National Championships

Highest Rapid-Fire Score

Derval Tubridy	1993	98

5.1.2 Outdoors

Best Individual Card

100yds	William Walsh	1987	200(ex200)

Highest Competition Score

50m Prone	Ray Reilly	1999 (EARC Festival)	591
50m 3P	Simon Kennedy	1995	1084
50m 3P ladies	Derval Tubridy	519	
Placing	Ray Reilly	2000	Gold Medal, National Championships

5.2 .22 calibre Sporting Rifle

5.2.1 Indoors (25yd)

Best Individual Card

4P, Sling	Keith White	1993	114(ex120)
4P, No Sling	Simon Kennedy	1993	107(ex120)

Highest Ladder Average

4P	Conor Tighe	1994	107
3P	Frank De Salle	2001	126.25

Highest Competition Score

40shot Prone	Simon Kennedy	1994	384(ex400)

5.2.2 Outdoors

Highest Competition Score

50m 4P	Conor Tighe	1994	160(ex200)
100m Prone	Alan Murphy	1990	363(ex400)

5.3 10m Air Rifle

Best Ten-Shot Series

Conor Tighe	1995	99

Highest Ladder Average

Simon Kennedy	1997	94.467

Highest Competition Score

60-shot	Ray Reilly	1999 FSC 30th Anniversary Shoot	575
40-shot	Derval Tubridy	1997	380

5.4 Fullbore Rifle

Highest Competition Score

200yds	M.G.Notley	1963	48(ex50)
300yds	M.C.C.Heaton	1962	49(ex50)
500yds	P.G.Coulson	?	48(ex50)
	P.Gardiner	?	48(ex50)
	M.G.Notley	?	48(ex50)
600yds	William Walsh	?	48(ex50)
900yds	C.Day	?	45(ex50)
1000yds	C.Oakley	?	45(ex50)

Note that fullbore records date circa 1960 and are spotty at best!

5.5 Miscellaneous Records

3P Air Rifle	Andy Traylor	1992	278(ex300)
Triathlon	Conor Tighe	1994	298(ex300)
University Top XX	Albert Jordan	1998 first Irish shooter to win Individual Gold Medal	7 points lost

Acronyms

D.U.R.C. Dublin University Rifle Club

U.C.D.R.C. University College Dublin Rifle Club

W.T.S.C. Wilkinstown Target Shooting Club

F.S.C. Fassaroe Shooting Club

R.R.P.C. Rathdrum Rifle and Pistol Club

D.R.C. Dublin Rifle Club

E.A.R.C. East Antrim Rifle Club

M.R.C. Midlands Rifle Club

N.S.R.A. National Small-bore Rifle Association

N.T.S.A. National Target Shooting Association

N.A.S.R.C. National Association of Sporting Rifle Clubs

N.S.A.I. National Silhouette Association of Ireland

I.P.C.R.A. Irish Pony Club Rifle Association