

Welcome

to our fourth 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 IN WINTER 2010



Tawd AGM 2010

The annual general meeting this year will be held in May 2010 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

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

News Items

BFTA Shooter 2010 cards will also be available once they are issued at £3.50 each by the NWFTA -See Carl Knapper.

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



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 2010

Just a reminder to all that SUBS for 2010 are due End of January-February.

All those who paid during the course of this year will be given an amended figure to bring the subs due dates into line again Its £40/adult £30 retired Pensioners over 65. £10 - over 70 on Feb 1st. Or £55 Family membership. (two parents and kids at same address) Please pay cheque or cash (cheque preferred.)

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

TAWD VALE AIR RIFLE & FIELD TARGET CLUB.





North West Field Target Association Winter Trophy Winners 2009 2010

North West Clubs

At the NWFTA AGM

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Well what a wet Summer season we had had for the FT and with some very difficult and very cold weather conditions some cases real down pores which we have not been used to.

There were some very wet days only the die hardy would venture.

However, there was some good shooting sport to be had .

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NEW WEB SITE www.NWFTA.com

The NWFTA web site check the web site out Its got lots of useful information about North West Field Target shooting. This has been a very successful year with enquiries going to North West clubs after using the site and contacting me

We have another initiative for our members , the NWFTA has a Bulletin board and Forum Set up and run by myself with articles from Steve Hughes and others.

This can be a focal point, which is not club orientated for North West shooters.

Support this by joining, if you have any log in problems setting up an account. Let me know and I will help. You can see the forum from a tab in the NWFTA main site. Found on www.nwfta.com

There is also a picture section on the website send any pictures or story's to c.knapper@btconnect.com

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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 Summer 2009

Dave Schofield AA 142
Robert Oneil AA 140
Paula Schofield AA 118

Steve Wilson A 114
Tony Wallis A 108
Steve Parker A 104

Dave Taylor Open 116
Tony Holt Open 110
Jessica Jackson Open 106

Darren Taylor SFT 110
Perry Chean SFT 82
Stuart Swindells SFT 60



Dave Schofield A-A grade Winner
Being presented with his trophy by **Sam Barr**



NWFTA News

2010



FT Springer for Winter 2010 (Last three Shoots)

Steve Hughes - NWFTA Competition Co-ordinator

As you are all aware, there is a separate class in It is called 'Piston Class' and any piston gun can be used - recoiling or not.

Due to the sudden surge in numbers of these strange devices and their obvious booming popularity we will run a very special league for piston class over the final **three shoots** of the NWFTA Winter league.

Best Two scores from the three to count. Two of the shoots will be at Tawd and one at Stockport.

This is NOT to be confused with our very own "Northern sporter style".

Steve Wilson A grade winner Summer 2009 being presented with his prize by Sam Bar

New Category for B and C Grades.

[An article By Steve Hughes](#)

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 "All comers" 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](#)

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 in August 2010.

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

North West Summer Sizzler Results 2009

Summary For HFT 2010

The Summer Gauntlet Summer Sizzler series HFT 2009

We had a Super Summer Gauntlet Series.

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

There was a series of shoots over the spring and summer months 2009 where the top 5 highest scores from each club are counted up to decide which club wins the Gauntlet Trophy.

Congratulations to "**RIVINGTON Rifles**" as They Won the Gauntlet series, some good shooting throughout, also Fort was there first year and gave everyone a run for their money.

The Winners for Summer 2009

	Name	Club	Total %
1st	Ross Hudson	RR	493.88
2nd	Ray Ross	RR	489.80
3rd	Stephen Hughes	TV	487.62

The close contenders -: Below:-

4th	Paul Bretland	Fort	475.21
5th	Nigel Williams	Fort	472.99
6th	Ian Paul	RR	471.00
7th	John Oldroyd	RR	469.08
8th	Andy Jones	Fort	464.88
9th	Duncan Jackson	TV	463.01
10th	Philip Sharples	RR	460.97



The Winter Freezer Series 2010 now is In Full Flow.

We are all currently conducting the Winter Freezer Series.

This is a Tawd Vale competition. However shooters from other areas are most welcome to come along.

A report will be included in the next issue of the News letter

Things To Note 2010

Countryman Fairs Will hold the second **World HFT** Shoot will be held at Kelmars in April 2010 it will be a well attended event.

Note: **The European FT Championships** will be held at **Weston Park in Shropshire in September 2010.** **The World FT Championship** will be held in Hungary this year



SPRING and SUMMER TAWD VALE & NWFTA 2010

**THE NWFTA
CHAMPIONSHIP**
A New Field Target
Trophy competition for
2010

**The TOP GUN Tawd
Vale**
Don't Miss this one !!
Last years event was
very good.



Summer fixtures Calendar 2010

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 (NWFTA) this Summer.



**The Northwest shooters
Support the UKAHFT
Look out for This years
fixtures**



**North West Shooter
support the BFTA
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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. HFT can be a good way to start to enjoy both disciplines.

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!**

TAWD VALE Safety Rules No 8

Guns must NEVER be loaded or sighted (Looking down the scope) at any place other than the firing line and pointing towards the target area and must be unloaded when moving from lane to lane.

Footnote Carl Knapper February 2010

This snapshot of events and results for Summer 2009-2010 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 Winter - Summer 2010 - Please Check the Calendar for details.