

BURY ST. EDMUNDS PISTOL CLUB

FOUNDED 1976

HOME OFFICE APPROVED

There are no facilities for the storage of firearms or ammunition at the Club.

AFFILIATIONS:

The Club is 'Home Office Approved', and affiliated to the National Rifle Association (NRA), and Muzzle-Loaders Association of Great Britain (MLAGB).

OPEN HOURS:

The Club meets Saturdays 2-4pm and Sundays, 10.30-1.30, year round. There are Wednesday Meetings in Summer, 7pm until the light fades.

The covered target Air-Gun Range (.177, rifle or pistol), is open Mondays 7.30-9pm, in Winter, but this changes to Wednesdays during Summer.

The more powerful Air-guns should only be used on the 25 metre Range.

Visits are arranged to longer Ranges, such as Mildenhall and Bisley, for full-bore rifle shooting.

EQUIPMENT:

Club firearms are available for novices, as air-gunners tend to 'bring their own'. The Club has a range of reloaded ammunition and components for FAC holders.

FIREARMS:

The Club is approved for the use of:

Black Powder/Muzzle-loading rifles, revolvers and pistols

Pistol calibre carbines, both lever and bolt-action types:

.22 rim-fire single-shot and repeating rifles:

'Longarm' .22 single shot pistols:

'Longarm' full-bore pistols and revolvers

Air rifle and pistol (both low-power 10metre types and the more powerful longer-range arms).

FACILITIES:

The Club has a (covered) 10-bay Firing Point at 25 metres, with open-air shooting at 10, 15, 20 metre distances. There are computerised electronic Turning Targets, which cover Rapid Fire, Duelling, Police Rifle, Repeating Rifle, Melee etc., as well as Precision disciplines. The fully enclosed 10 metres Target air range has five lanes with electronic target changers.

COMPETITIONS

The Club has a competition every month, through summer months. The Club also participates in other Leagues, for individuals/teams, and covers most disciplines.

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AMENITIES:

There are (flush) toilets, with separate ladies/gents sections (a full disabled toilet is available) and a comfortable Clubhouse, where light refreshments are available on a 'serve yourself' system. There is wheelchair access to most facilities, and parking for some 30 cars.

AGE LIMITS:

Minimum age is 14, *when accompanied by a parent who is a Member*. Otherwise, 16 years. There is free Training and reduced Membership Fees for Juniors.

PROBATION TIMETABLE:

Fill in and return the attached declaration and application forms +4 x passport sized photos to the P.O Box number, this allows you to attend a training day. We have to receive this three weeks before you attend to comply with legislation. Contact the club secretary via the p.o box to confirm your attendance and availability of the training day date. Once you have visited the Club on a training day, and paid the probation fee of £50.00 you can begin the first part of your membership.

Once the Safety Brief is completed, air-gunners may shoot straight away. The Training Course on the other arms we use can be arranged to suit you: either a section at a time over a period, or all in one session. For Safety reasons, you will not be allowed to shoot a firearm of any type unless supervised by a Member, or you have completed the training and know what you are doing. You may want to concentrate on one type of firearm, but you **must** know what the person next to you is doing, and why!

Probation lasts three months, during which you must make ten shooting visits. We can make allowances for job demands, etc., and extend this to suit individuals. Once you have completed the visits you will be considered for Full Membership at the next Committee Meeting. If you have the right attitude to Safety, mix well with the other Members, this should be automatic. There is a 'one-off' Joining Fee of £25.00 + the remainder of the years subs.

This gives an overall cost of £110.00 to join.

FEES:

Subs and Range fees are combined, currently at £85.00 per annum (pro-rata after 1st March). All 'white' practice targets are 50p per bundle . The Club year is 1st March to the end of February. The Club does not refund Subscriptions. A one-off 'Joining Fee' of £25.00 is payable on acceptance for membership. Please make cheques payable to 'BStEPC'.

COMPETITIONS:

These are usually monthly from April to December, and are currently £3.50 per discipline. Several Competitions may run on the same day, usually a maximum of three.