

News Letter No 002

Welcome to our Second Newsletter. The news letter was initially going to be produced on a quarterly basis, however, we feel the letter would be better coming out twice per year, one to include winter competitions and news and one to include the winter results summary and news events. I hope you will find them useful still providing our members with an overview and update of forthcoming events, focusing on our club and North West issues. This newsletter and all future issues includes and will continue to include a round up for the NWFTA in these combined issues.

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, *Carl Knapper Editor*.

Tawd AGM 2009

The annual general meeting this year will be held in February 2009 date to be advised 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

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

Tawd Club News Items

1. BFTA Membership cards will also be available from Norman Allen later in the new year.
2. There are club sew on badges available from Norman Allen at £4.00 each.

TAWD IN WINTER



New Team Colours

There has been a significant change to how the club is run. The committee has decided that we all need to get 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 winter 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 2008 (Possible Review 2009)

Fees for this year are unchanged from last year and are as follows:

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP £35 (note 1)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP £50 (note 2)
AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP £10 (note 3)

1. The Standard fee is discounted to £25 for Pensioners and for Juniors (up to 18 years of age or in full-time education).

2. Family members must reside at the same address (husband, wife, children etc).

3. Affiliated members must be a member of another NWFTA affiliated club.

To ensure that the club's records are correct, please complete the attached details and submit with the fee to Norman Allen. Cheques are preferred and should be made payable to:

TAWD VALE AIR RIFLE & FIELD TARGET CLUB.



Napier one of the Sponsors of the BFTA



North West Field Target Association Summer Trophy Winners 2008

The North West Clubs

At the NWFTA AGM

The membership voted for the following officials for 2008 - 2009:-

Chairman : *Sam Barr*

Secretary : *Stuart Swindells*

Treasurer : *Carl Knapper- (Stand in)*

Comp Sec : *Steve Hughes*

The Season Summary NWFTA

Well what a good Summer season we have had for the FT and with some very difficult and wet weather conditions during the season,

There were some very wet days where only the die hardy would venture. Some people complained on several occasions how wet it was on some of the shoot days

However, there was some good shooting sport to be had on those crisp winter days. Now we can all look forward to.

Winter!

The AA Grade Summer GP Winner Robert O'Neil will receive his Trophy From Steve Hughes

Well Done Robert



Robert was also 2nd overall in the EUROS.

<p>Byley FTC Contact: Steve Pemberton Phone: 01270 761863</p>	<p>Tawd Vale AR&FTC Contact: Steve Hughes Phone : 01704 500567</p>
<p>Winchester FTC Contact: Paula and Dave Schofield Phone: 0151 521 6533</p>	<p>Oldham FTC Contact: Jim Costello Phone: 01706 364280 Contact: Neile Bedforth Phone: 0161 745902</p>
<p>Stockport FTC Contact: Richard Lees Phone: 0161 4420465</p>	<p>NEW Fort air gun Club Wrexham Contact: Nigel Williams www.fortairgunclub.co.uk</p>

NWFTA RESULTS Summer 2008

AA GRADE

Name	Grade	TOTAL
O'Neil Robert	AA	146
Schofield Dave	AA	134
Hill David	AA	134

A GRADE

Schofield Paula	A	146
Sayce Jeremy	A	136
Hughes Steve R	A	132

B GRADE

Faruk Jay	B	140
Parker Steve	B	136
Barr Sam	B	132

C GRADE

Jackson Jessica	JNR	C	150
Knapper Dean		C	110
Knapper Carl		C	100

SPORTER FT

Gill James	SFT	126
Hughes Steve P	SFT	96
Chean Perry	SFT	92

Davinia is Retiring from Our Sport

We would like to thank Davinia for all the hard work she has put into the North West over many many years.

She has been working away behind the scenes on many occasions working as our BFTA Rep and the NWFTA Treasurer.

Thanks Davinia, and even though you are retiring from the sport, please feel free to come along and see your old friends anytime.

Steve Hughes & All the NWFTA Members



The Position of NWFTA Treasurer will be voted on at the next NWFTA AGM

Carl Knapper, has volunteered to take over the role until the next AGM with agreement of the NWFTA committee.





Tawd Vale BFTA National Summer-2008

BFTA National (At Tawd Vale) this year Summer 2008 – “ It Was Wet”

However Most People Enjoyed The Day

It should have been a sunny spring day it started off a little dark for the morning shooters, then the heavens opened for the afternoon shooting session. The persistent rain was not for the faint hearted. The course, which had been set out during the previous week, assumed sure-footed positions. However, with the heavy rain some of the shooting positions became very testing.

On the whole the day was a complete success; most of those who attended were very happy with the shoot and the efforts of the course setters, organisers and catering helpers once again a big thank you to all who made the day.

There were some good scores put in by Tawd members and the North West contingent, however first place in AA was won by Andy Calpin with a score of 48. *Article by C.K.*



The Winners

AA GRADE

1. Andy Calpin ANSTON 40092 48 100%
2. Michael Walker EMLEY MOOR 40294 47 98%
3. Andrew Gillott CASTLE 20533 47 98%

A GRADE

1. Bob O'Neill TAWD VALE 10123 43 90%
2. Jason Davies TONDU 50448 43 90%
3. James Griffiths HARRIERS 20115 43 90%

B GRADE

1. Paula Schofield WINCHESTER 10168 42 88%
2. Tony Sultana KENT WOODSMEN 70051 39 81%
3. Stephen R Hughes TAWD VALE 10483 38 79%

C GRADE

1. Peter Montanez EAST DEVON 60284 41 85%
2. Paul Ludlow HARRIERS 21146 35 73%
3. Michael E Cotter KENT WOODSMEN 70912 34 71%

1. PISTON Matt Hirst ZZ P40390 8 17%

SFT

1. Owen Rosser TAWD VALE S10722 35 73%
2. Ryan Charlton ZZ AD 34 71%
3. Alex Darg ZZ S10706 33 69%

Some Pictures Tawd Vale BFTA National Round



SPRING and SUMMER Tawd HFT 2008 - Events

TAWD VALE UKAHFT Nationals (Summer 2008)

This was a very busy one for Tawd Vale with many competitions two of which were our biggest events of this year these are two national events the second of which is below:-

Tawd Vale UKAHFT Round's 2 & 3 Sat & Sun May 24th & 25th.



Round 2 Saturday May 24th 2008

Open Class

- 1 Darren Lindsey Gold 60 100.00
- 2 Vince Blackman Gold 59 98.33
- 3 Kieran Turner Gold 58 96.67

Junior Class (9-13) Score %

- 1 Tom Zwierzanski Gold 51 100.00
- 2 Jack Houghton Silver 50 98.04
- 3 Larissa Sykes Silver 50 98.04

Junior Class (14-17)

1. Ben Russell Gold 56 100.00
2. Daniel Smith Gold 50 89.29
3. Stefan Haas Silver 47 83.93

Once again with a UKHFT double header to cope with the usual crew rose to the occasion. This also was a very busy weekend involving providing meals and accommodation kindly provided by the scouts. The meals were expertly prepared and served once again by the usual die hard's

The courses which were set out were very demanding and a lot of the credit for this goes to Dave Benyon and Dave Ramshead. All the other usual helpers too numerous to mention helped to make the course excellent for both days.

We used our new barbeque, Ian Sugden was a star performer as usual obtaining the food and providing some cooking items. The Knapper family also helped on the food stall which proved to be a success.

Round 3 ... Sunday May 25th 2008

Open Class

1. Michael Elliot Gold 59 100.00
2. Clive Turner Gold 53 100.00
3. Gavyn Jones Gold 58 98.31

1. Patrick Macmaster Gold 53 100.00
2. Owen Rosser Gold 58 98.31
3. Sean Cameron Gold 50 94.34

.22 Class Award Score

1. Darren Phillips Gold 52 100.00
2. Darren Bradnick Silver 47 90.38
3. Johnny Smith Silver 47 90.38

Junior Class (9-13)

1. Tom Zwierzanski Gold 52 100.00
2. Larissa Sykes Gold 51 98.08
3. Harry Johnson Silver 49 94.23

UKAHFT Nationals (Summer 2008) The Winners



Dave Benyon at Work.

North West Gauntlet Challenge HFT Summer Trophy Winners 2008



A Summarised Article

By Dave RamsHead

Well, that's summer done for another year..... and what a summer season it's been I can't remember a year where Sunday's have been consistently wet and windy.

What started as a Tawd Vale series has now grown, quite rightly, into a multi club affair courtesy of our good friends at Rivington and Stockport with a total of 105 shooters competing in at least 1 of the rounds. Maybe next year we can tempt Bags back into the competitive scene???

Round 1 held at Tawd Vale in April showed early signs of intent from Gavyn with a 49ex50, closely followed by Dave Hill and Steve Goacher, myself in 4th a few shots adrift. Tawd won this heat of the gathering, giving Rivington a royal spanking of over 30% difference in top 5 scores Go Tawd

Round 3 back at Tawd in June was a tougher day, with tricky wind to contend with top score on the day was 47 ex50 but gave way to a 4 way tie between Steve Wilson, Phil Sharples, Ryan Charlton (Rivington Ringer) and Dave Benyon. Unsurprisingly, with Rivington posting 3 x 100% scores against their top 5 gauntlet scores gave them a well deserved win (said grudgingly through gritted teeth).



**TAWD WIN THE
GAUNTLET AGAIN**

**Gavin Jones
Receiving his
Trophy from
Dave Ramshead**

HFT RESULTS SUMMER 2008

Open Class

1 st Gavyn Jones	Air Arms S400	TV	Total 237
2 nd Dave Ramshead	Daystate MK4	TV	Total 237
3 rd Steve Wilson	Steyr LG110	RR	Total 23
Recoiling			
1 st Ant Jones	Weihrauch HW97		Total 154

Round 5 & 6 during August and September, both held at Rivington using the sheep poo field. R5 was a mixed course of torrential rain, wind and steaming sunshine – nice! What seemed like an impossible to read wind was mastered by Gavyn again, with a superb clear round, 3 shots ahead of Dave Benyon and Dave Hill. Tawd took the honours in the Gauntlet shoot which gave the series total of 4-1 to Tawd with 2 rounds to go.

Round 7, the final round held at Tawd, but with a difference! This time the course setting was done using the new team structure – with Perry's Red team being "on duty" for the day, we were in store for a real cracker of a round. Permission had been gained to use the top end which is only usually available for national shoots, just to make it a bit special – it didn't disappoint. Real thought had gone into this course, which is really nice to see the team structure working to spread the workload within Tawd – well done to the red team who made the effort. With a gentle breeze, the course was there for the taking and once again rising to the task Gavyn cleared the course, accompanied by Bob O'Neill. A total of 7 shooters came in 3 shots adrift, which again gave the gauntlet win to Tawd.

Overall series win goes, quite deservedly to Gavyn Jones, winning 4 out of 5 scores that counted towards the series. Runners up however, were quite a bit closer with half a percent covering the next 3 places. 2nd Dave Benyon, 3rd myself and 4th Craig Rochell.

Thanks has to go to everybody involved in making the series an enjoyable way of spending a Sunday, roll on the

Winter Freezer Series!

This year the Series included a draw for all those completing at least five of the seven shoots for a £250 voucher for Blackpool Air Rifles. Is there a better place to spend your cash? I think not – thanks to B.A.R. for the help with the prize – which was won by Paul Bretland.

Seen here



SPRING and SUMMER Tawd & NWFTA 2008 -



The TOP GUN TROPHY (13th July 2008) RESULTS

1. The TOP GUN TROPHY - the best-combined FT/HFT score on the day.	Winner Gavyn Jones
2. The highest handicapped combined FT / HFT score on the day	Dave Fairhurst
3. The highest FT score on the day.	Dave Schofield
4. The highest HFT score on the day	Dave Ramshead

Winter fixtures Calendar 2008/2009

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 shoot-
ing competitions.*

There are many events going on both at TAWD VALE and around the North West this winter.

Calendar 2008/2009

TEAM WEEKS	DATES	TAWD VALE Events	Away Events
RED	05-Oct	Gauntlet HFT Round 7 (Tawd)	
BLUE	12-Oct	Feast of the Lanterns - Club Week	
YELLOW	19th October	Club Week	Emley Moor Redfearns UKAHFT
GREEN	26-Oct	NWFTA Showdown (Tawd Vale)	
BLUE	02-Nov	Dave B's Extreme HFT Championships (Tawd Vale)	
YELLOW	09-Nov	Club Week	
RED	16-Nov	Field Target GP1 - (AT STOCKPORT)	Stockport
ORANGE	23-Nov	Hunter Series "Winter Freezers" Round 1 (Tawd Vale)	
BLUE	30-Nov	Field Target GP2 - (Tawd Vale)	
GREEN	07-Dec	Club Week	
YELLOW	14-Dec	Hunter Series "Winter Freezers" Round 2 (Tawd Vale)	
ALL TEAMS	21-Dec	CHRISTMAS SHOOT - TAWD VALE	
ORANGE	28-Dec	Club Week	
BLUE	04-Jan	Field Target GP3 - (AT BYLEY)	Byley
RED	11-Jan	Hunter Series "Winter Freezers" Round 3 (Tawd Vale)	
YELLOW	18-Jan	Club Week	
ORANGE	25-Jan	Club Week	
BLUE	01-Feb	Hunter Series "Winter Freezers" Round 4 (Tawd Vale)	
GREEN	08-Feb	Field Target GP4 - (Tawd Vale)	
RED	15-Feb	Club Week	
BLUE	22-Feb	Field Target GP5 - (Byley)	Byley
YELLOW	01-Mar	Hunter Series "Winter Freezers" Round 5 (Tawd Vale)	
GREEN	08-Mar	Club week	
RED	15-Mar	Field Target GP6 - (Stockport)	Stockport
BLUE	22-Mar	Hunter Series "Winter Freezers" Round 6 (Tawd Vale)	
ORANGE	29-Mar	Field Target GP7 - (Tawd Vale)	
YELLOW	05-Apr	Club Week	
GREEN	12-Apr	Field Target GP8 - (Rivi)	Rivington

FT Series 8 Shoots - Best 5 results to count in the league.

HFT Series 6 Shoots - Best 5 shoots to count in the League

Tawd Vale Christmas Shoot 21st Dec.



All people attending should bring a small gift of a maximum of £2.00 and will in return receive a gift as all the gifts are raffled after the shoot -
A novelty target course will be a must !

There are usually some other games organised.

There will be a nice BBQ & mince pies.

Autumn and Winter Tawd & NWFTA 2008/9 **Forthcoming events**



Tawd Vale supports the UKAHFT
Look out for next years fixtures



Tawd Vale supports the BFTA
Look out for next years Fixtures



Support the European Championship next year. This year the event was well attended and all the people who went enjoyed the weekend.

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 competition 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.

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.

If any Air Gun or Accessory Suppliers would like to place an advert in our next issue please use one of the contact numbers below or send an email to :

links@tawdFT.co.uk

**Carl Knapper on 01925 710508
Or
Steve Hughes on 01704 500567**

This News letter Safety Message

**NEVER point a rifle at anything you DON'T intend to shoot!
Even if you THINK it is unloaded.**

Footnote Carl. Knapper Nov 2008

This snapshot of events and results for Summer 2008 concludes this issue. We hope you think this newsletter is 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 autumn and winter target shooting season whether you are an FTer an HFTer or both.