

# SHOOTING NEWS



As 1 July is the start of the 2nd half of the year, I thought that I should update you on developments. Since our first event on 24 April, we have held seven events (one pistol, three shotgun, two safety officer courses and one paintball day). The number of members in the Shooting section is 29, and all of our events have been well supported. We have had strong interest and participation from teenagers and dads, but everybody is welcome and there are no bars to participation.

The Choa Chu Kang range was shut due to safety concerns about three weeks ago, which forced us to reschedule some events. We held a paintball morning on Sunday, 27 June, in place of the shotgun event, and a pistol event on Saturday, 3 July. We hope that the ranges will be fully operational again in the near future so that we can resume a full programme of shotgun and pistol events. We will be including at least one rifle event later on in the year for those of us who enjoy precision shooting. Ravin from the Sports & Recreation office will regularly update the calendar of events and be sending out notification of individual events.

We received an offer of affiliation from the Singapore Rifle Association (SRA) in response to our letter to them. Briefly this offer is in two parts. A preferential rate of \$500 for British Club Shooting section members to become affiliated members of the SRA, thereby allowing them individual rights and privileges to use the SRA range, rent SRA guns and buy

ammunition; affiliation of the British Club Shooting section, which would allow the section to book the ranges, rent guns and buy ammunition to run section events. At present all of our events are being run under the auspices of our coach, Guy Hoh's company 'Sporting Clays'. We have replied to SRA reaffirming our interest but requesting further clarification.

Achieving affiliation is an important step in our aim to bring you affordable shooting events and to form a shooting team and participate in inter-club shooting competitions.

We held a number of events midweek in July and August specifically aimed at those on school holidays, which were great fun.

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