

The Athelings Association

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Dear All

As usual I will still start by welcoming very warmly any new members of the Association. I hope that the Association will enable you to keep in touch with Team members from your year, and with the doings of Athelings in general.

In the extraordinary times that we live in, active shooters will know, and non-active shooters will have guessed, that this year's target rifle shooting programme has been severely disrupted. What I set out below is what is known up to the date that this Bulletin is sent out to you.

Athelings 2020 Tour

Sadly, the Tour has been cancelled, as has the visit to the UK by the RCACNRT. It has been proposed to replace the Rex Goddard, AG Bell and Michael Faraday by one single full-bore postal match, as far as possible assembling both teams centrally in their respective countries. This is currently under discussion with the Canadians, and this year's Athelings will be kept informed of developments.

However, I am delighted to say that, as normally happens, all officers and members of the 2020 Athelings will automatically become members of our Association.

Main Meeting

A revised Main Meeting for 500 competitors is being planned from 12 to 19 September, including the Grand Aggregate, St George's, Queen's and Team Matches. The plans are currently in draft only, and the NRA is currently asking for expressions of interest before anything is confirmed. I regret that there will be no Athelings BBQ or Colin Grafton Match this year.

National Cadet Target Rifle Meetings

A joint Cadet TR Meeting is planned, covering the weekends of 26-27 September and 3-4 October. Teams of four, with eligibility based on ISCRM and the Schools Meeting, would compete at either of the weekends, with prizes for each competition, weekend and overall. The organisers of the Surrey Schools and Clayton Challenge have kindly agreed to lend their name to two of the competitions, with the third being the Sawyer Cup. Details are on the CCRS website.

Unfortunately there will be no Veterans shoot.

Athelings Selection for 2021

The selection of Athelings for the 2021 Team will be (even) more than usually difficult. Obviously, all the latest information will be used, including any results from the Meetings mentioned above, but fairly comparing the candidates will be a real problem. I have absolutely no doubt that tremendous care will be taken, but I do not envy the selectors in their task.

History of The Athelings

The publication has been very well received by those who have read it. A few copies are still available and can be purchased from CCRS – AdminOffr@ccrs.org.uk or 01483 473095.

Administration

Communication with the membership is growing increasingly complicated as contact details change and understandably we do not necessarily get notified. If you have not already done so, please complete and return, ideally by email, the attached form so that we can update our lists. Our aim in future is to communicate electronically with everyone, and thus eliminate a sizeable postage cost. Each Bulletin will also be placed on the website at ccrs.org.uk/athelings-association/

We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. We look forward to seeing you around the Common and in Derby Lodge when life has returned to normal.

With all good wishes

Nigel Suffield-Jones

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NB: Don't forget to keep tabs on The Association - and all CCRS matters - through our web site - www.ccrs.org.uk

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Please return this form once completed to CCRS, AdminOffr@ccrs.co.uk as soon as possible.

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Including title and decorations etc

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