



MUZZLE LOADERS ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Annual shooters safety certification 2009

Dear Member

The continued use of MOD Ranges and Bisley

The National Rifle Association has concluded an agreement with the Ministry Of Defence, which includes requirements for shooters to hold a certificate of competence for the types of firearm being used, prior to permitting use of ranges owned or managed by the MOD and this includes the Bisley Ranges.

The certificates of competence (which currently will have to be renewed annually) can be issued by any club affiliated to the National Rifle Association and this includes the MLAGB. These certificates must be signed by the club or association Chairman.

The Chairman and Directors of the MLAGB intend that all our members who make use of MOD Ranges or Bisley will be able to continue that use after the 1stst January 2009 in this connection a supply of application forms for a certificates of competence have been forwarded to each branch secretary. Additionally the MLAGB web site has been updated and copies of the application form can be downloaded.

There are a number of criteria, which would enable a member to be issued with a Certificate of Competence without further investigation of his ability, but there will be many members who would need to look at the Special Circumstances criteria of the application. In this case you will require the endorsement of your Branch Chairman, Club Official, Club Coach, Trainer or some other responsible and experienced member of the Branch who can vouch for your safety and experience with the type of firearm or firearms you may wish to use on MOD Ranges.

The Directors can well appreciate this forms yet one more hurdle for members to cross before they can use MOD Ranges but we are determined that the issue of these certificates, where required, will take place in sufficient time for the 2009 shooting season. Help, if required, may be given by contacting the officer responsible for the administration of the scheme, Andrew Grimmatt telephone number 01869 232559 e mail police@mlagb.com, but in the first instance please contact your Branch Secretary who will be able to assist. Information is also available on the MLAGB members web site www.mlagb.com

The completed application forms, together with any supporting documents necessary should be forwarded to MLAGB Liaison Officer PO Box 364 Bicester, OX26 9FB. Together with a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours sincerely

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