

Dear user of the Blairadam range,

Please cascade this to all your members ....

From time to time I visit the pretty sea side town of North Berwick, where the public conveniences are often awarded a civic award for their cleanliness. When using this urinal, there is visible a plaque with the following statement that often makes me smile:- "Our aim is to please, your aim can help." The same applies at Blairadam!

The BSA committee is increasingly concerned at the damage being caused to the sleepers in the stop butt that hold back the sand.

Please see the attached photograph. Additionally the target legs are suffering from bullet holes. Remedial repairs like this divert the BSA from other maintenance tasks.

Why this damage? Why this damage which can be avoided by following correct procedures?

This is a critical issue. So:-

- \* Users are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that that line of fire, and hence the bullet impact is into the sand, and nowhere else.

- \* Range officers must be aware of this when setting out the targets.

- \* Vertically; the point of aim must be (at least) half way up between the lower target clip and the top of the target.

- \* Horizontally; the point of aim must be such that there is minimal likelihood of hitting the target legs.

- \* It is expected of clubs that they provide coaching (where appropriate) to ensure the firers have sufficient skill such their fall of shot is into the sand, and not sleepers etc.

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Concerning vertical setting of the point of (bullet) impact, from personal experience I know that if you are shooting at 500 yards

then the bullet trajectory through the bull's eye will impact sand.

However if one were to shoot low - and only so low as the bottom of the (black) aiming mark (not as low at the bottom of the target frame), then the bullet strike is likely to be into the sleeper. This re-inforces the need for clubs to set the targets out properly, and the members shoot carefully. (I shoot only at NRA targets, at the appropriate distances. I am unable to detail how other clubs use the range (eg figure-11?) changes things. But what ever target you use, the principal is simple that the bullet impact must be into sand.

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Additionally it has been observed that people have been using shot gun rifled slugs.

\* Such users must note that the Range Certificate permits rifled slugs only from 100 yards, and only on targets 2,3 & 4.

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