

1st Nov THE BLACK HAND CLUB

**LIVE SHOOT LEEK RANGES SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER AND SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
2009**

By popular demand we shoot at LEEK Ranges again on 31st October and 1st November 2009 with thanks to the Leek Shooting Centre and Keith Holmes who will again be our Range Safety Supervisor.

If you need a map, ring Philip Clark on 01625 431500 but its easy to find – get onto A53 Leek – Buxton Road and about 3 miles north of Leek town, follow the day glow orange ACWS signs! The nearby 3 Horseshoes pub on the main road is a good marker.

Please pass this word around the ACW “Shooting Community” – glad to see old friends and new live shooters, for a sociable, relaxed shooting weekend, where Civil War drills are carried out for REAL!

NB – this event is unsuitable for non-firers. Families and children loose on range NOT a good idea! When shooting, please wear your ACW uniform or period dress.

There is a £3 per person per day fee for visitors at the Leek Club. Also, we have costs in preparing and supplying bullets and targets so we will have to charge £5 per head per day for those attending. Please pay Philip Clark on the day.

Camping at the back of the range is OK for Saturday night and the 3 Horseshoes is within easy walking distance and serves excellent food. The Clubhouse at the Ranges has toilets, water and brewing facilities.

There will be one competition on Saturday (The Alan Rayner Cup) and a Blanket Shoot, and the other competition on Sunday. For a Blanket Shoot you bring an item worth about £5 to go on the blanket as your entry for this shoot. Best shot gets to choose first, worst shot gets what's left. Please use your vivid imaginations to bring some “interesting” prizes. Remember, nobody walks away empty handed!

We will also be firing volleys tactically, to replicate firing live in battle. Want to see how a Minie ball goes through a railway sleeper?

The weekend starts Saturday no later than 12 NOON, so turn up Saturday morning please. It finishes Sunday afternoon when we are all done. All ACW proofed weapons that are permitted on the ranges are OK to fire on the Ranges but, in our competitions, black powder “muskets” only please. Standard lead bullets and gunpowder charges will be available, but if you are firing anything OTHER THAN .577 or .58, then bring your projectiles. If you CAN bring your own gunpowder/cartridges, then PLEASE DO SO : any help from Acquire and Keep license holders will be greatly appreciated.

Why is it “The Black Hand Club”? You’ll find out when you get a jam and have to use the magic ram-rod! Suggest you bring a packet of baby-wipes to clean your hands? Also strongly advise you wear ear defenders and some sort of eye protection glasses/goggles/shades, when firing.

So please get your registration forms back to Philip Clark as soon as ever possible (by post or e.mail) and 19th Indiana and the Leek Shooting Club look forward to seeing you on 31st October 2009.

Remember, consultations took place and people asked for this shoot and this is the first available date for it to take place, so please support the event.

