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Teas Chip.

Thank you so much for the data on Jurek pistols, I have never seen it before.

I went to see To Jurek about the Christmas of 1955, and after quite a few visits to Birmingham, I took delivery of my new pistol when we all went to Boleby for the August Bank Holiday 9<sup>th</sup> National Pistol Meeting, where we eighty six competitors. Unfortunately I have not got the Meeting results, but To Jurek, shot

very well and was well in the prize list, it was actually the last year he shot very well because his arthritis was just starting to get bad. This was my first Pistol Biolog, I did not shoot too well.

The 1957 National Pistol Meeting was my second meeting and I enclose copies of the results if you would like to see the originals, I will send them. I was "B" class, with my Jutek Pistol, and as you will see Jutek shot very well himself.

The 1958 National Pistol Meeting, no results again, but I won the Free Pistol Championship

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using a new Hammerli Free Pistol I had bought six months earlier. I also shot the Jutek very well, in all the Standard Pistol Camps, I think I was about 15<sup>th</sup> in A class.

We shot the Free Pistol on the Sunday afternoon, I knew I had a very good score on the first detail, but not a winning score & I went off camp and had tea with Lileen my new wife!, when we came back about seven o'clock, and drove up to the Council like this, The Jutek was resting on the rails, that I think are still there, and he said "you have

won the "Free Pistol," and he was genuinely  
so pleased for me. Unfortunately the week  
did not have a very good meeting, and it  
proved to be his last appearance at Bisley.

Fred Cooper, a Blackburn Steeplejack,  
probably the best allround shooter the UK has  
ever produced, taught me to shoot, and looked after  
me when I was young, was a great friend of  
To Jurek. At the end of the 1958 Meeting,  
To Jurek gave Fred, free of charge, the pistol  
he always used himself. No 2, so long as  
Fred, if he wished, would use it in every major  
competition. And Fred always did so. ....

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No 2, went with Fred to Melbourne Olympics  
World Championships Moscow and Commonwealth  
Games. I went to Rome Olympics, but Fred  
was shooting bad and just missed.

Fred died in 1993 aged 80, but in 1991  
he handed on to me, free of charge, No 2.  
The trigger being a bit better than mine,  
I used it for two years in all competitions,  
and County Team Comps, with the long right base  
but without the hair trigger. I shot on the Lancs  
County Pistol Team for forty four years until  
the ban came.

I handed in four Jurek pistols

No 2 that was Jo Jurek's own.

No 19 that was mine purchased in Feb 1956.  
and used up to the end. I was the  
only person using a Jurek pistol at the  
National Meeting August 1997.

No 41. I purchased a year ago for my old age  
because it was lighter being a laminated model.

No 63. was made for K Perks, but came to me a  
few years ago.

In 1966 I sold No 8 Free Rifle to Leyland Rifle Club  
and they still have it to this day. This rifle was  
made for a local man called Gerry Downes, who  
sold it when he came a "back!!"

I also sent two friends down to Jo Jurek, who  
had pistols made in late 50's, but gun numbers 5

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don't know at the moment.

I am sending you the original 1957 Prize list, it looks so much better than a copy. I think the last time it just appeared, in the prize list but didn't attend the 1958 Meeting.

If you could copy them, I would like them back sometime.

I hope you can make sense of all this. I have done it over a few days, so I hope I have kept track.

I am sending you to keep, the Law trigger mechanism from the No 2 Pistol that I kept as a keepsake, but if you would like it, I would like you

to have it. I was so pleased to see your illustrations, and you are the friend person who has ever wanted to know any information about the jacket. To me, he was a wonderful help and nothing was too much trouble.

You sent me an extra pistol last week, I enclose a cheque

Yours John

P.S. Trigger in separate envelope.