

The first committee meeting of The Palace of Westminster Rifle Club was held on Wednesday 17th February 1915.

Colonel the Lord Denman was elected chairman. The Sergeant-at Arms Sir H. David Erskine was also present. M. Bradshaw, the Resident Engineer at the Houses of Parliament, acting as Honorary Secretary, informed the committee, "the establishment of a rifle range had received the entire approval of the Lord Great Chamberlain and that His Lordship had approved also of the site of the proposed site of the range but that no steps had been taken as yet, with regard to it's construction".

It seems either the Col. Lord Denman or The Duke of Devonshire would act as Chairman as both names appear as chairman in different committee minutes.

At the 3rd Committee meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 1916 the Hon. Secretary announced the construction of the range had been completed and it was officially open by HRH Prince Albert on Friday 17th March 1916 (the target is framed and on display at the club).

The club developed from a combination of the annual The House of Lords v The House of Commons match at Bisley and the feeling that "rifle clubs were a means of promoting a stronger sense of citizenship among members".

The first The House of Lords v The House of Commons competition at took place in 1862. In 1875 The Marharajah of Vizianagram presented the NRA Council with £400 to purchase a trophy for the event. The trophy to be presented to the winning team.

Michael Colvin MP had been the House of Commons team Captain and Commons organiser of the Vizianagram and President of the Palace of Westminster Rifle club when he tragically died. The Palace of Westminster Rifle Club, decided to donate a trophy in his memory to the best individual score of the Vizianagram. "The Colvin Cup" is engraved each year and on display at the club. The Vizianagram match has become part of the Imperial Meeting at Bisley which is a series of competitions culminating in the highly prestigious Queens Prize.

The club is open Monday to Thursday when the House of Commons is sitting, to club members for competition or practice.

It is now only a .22 prone rifle range. Prior to 1997 the club was authorised to use handguns, four of these were deemed to be of historic interest and are now in the Royal Armouries museum in Leeds.