

2018

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REVIEW





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The Clay Pigeon Shooting Association



2018 was a busy year for the CPSA, in part because it was our turn to run the CPSA World English Sporting Championships, alongside our partners at E.J. Churchill. We saw England take the overall team title, along with all but two other titles, while English shooter Richard Bunning took High Gun. Our most participated-in event, the British Open English Sporting Championship, saw Olympic gold medallist Richard Faulds walk away from Oakedge Shooting Ground with High Gun. Our congratulations go out again to all winners of our many championships, and our thanks to all competitors.

We have seen changes at CPSA HQ, including my appointment as CEO. The HQ team is expanding, as we have brought on an additional IT employee to support our growing IT providing, including the highly-anticipated role-out of the new version of our 'Shoot' programme, paving the way for display of live scores at events.

Looking forward to the next year, we will host three Home Internationals – Down the Line, Olympic Trap, and FITASC Sporting – along with the British Opens for Down the Line, English Skeet, and English Sporting, and the full English Open series. Our Premier League and Clubman Classic League will also return.

We must also face challenges to our sport. We are working with our fellow associations across shooting sports to address legal and environmental issues. The CPSA will continue to provide our legal advice service to members and legal articles in Pull! magazine.

To preserve and grow our sport, we must attract new participants. Clay shooting can be fun and rewarding for everyone, so experienced clay shooters should take the opportunity to invite new participants. Contact us or your nearest CPSA-registered ground to find out how you can bring your friend along to try out clay shooting. Any new shooters can also attend our Shotgun Skills course – they don't need to be a CPSA member.

With members, CPSA staff, our Directors, and our invaluable volunteers working together, we will ensure a bright and active future for our sport.

Iain Parker, Chief Executive

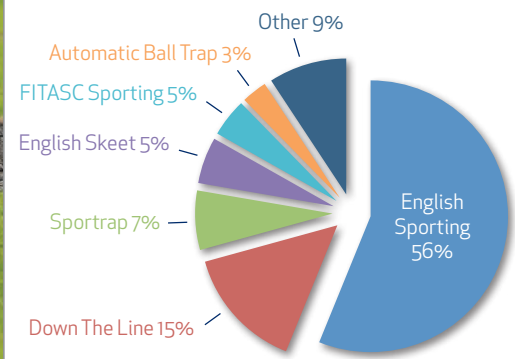
2018 in Numbers



Registered shooting statistics for classification Issue 55
(based on scores between 1 November 2017 to 31 October 2018)

Registered shoots	Change from 2017 (Issue 53)
3,990 members shot over 1000 targets	Up 0.4 %
6,766 members shot over 500 targets	Up 2.9 %
13,283,927 targets were shot at	Down 1.2 %
129,781 registered scores were received by HQ	Down 0.6 %
Average of 33 entries per event	Down 8.3 %
8,729 members shot at a registered event	Up 1.4 %
2,879 registered shoots held	Down 2.2 %

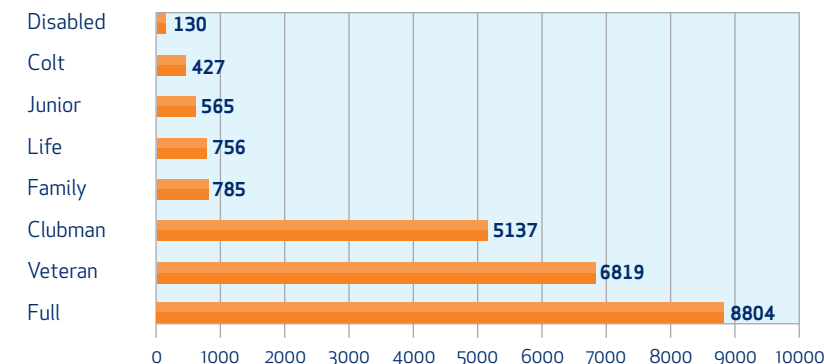
Registered targets shot by discipline



Membership Figures

At the beginning of February 2018, we had a peak membership of 24,251, the highest the membership had been at the start of the month since August 2011. As of 1st November 2018, our membership figure stood at 23,695, down from 24,111 at the same stage last year, a loss of 416 members, or 1.72%. Clubs are down from 350 on 1st November 2017 to 346 on 1st November 2018. As always, membership development and retention are a priority for the CPSA, and we are developing plans for 2019 to cultivate and grow our membership.

Membership Breakdown



Championships

2018 CPSA Championship High Guns

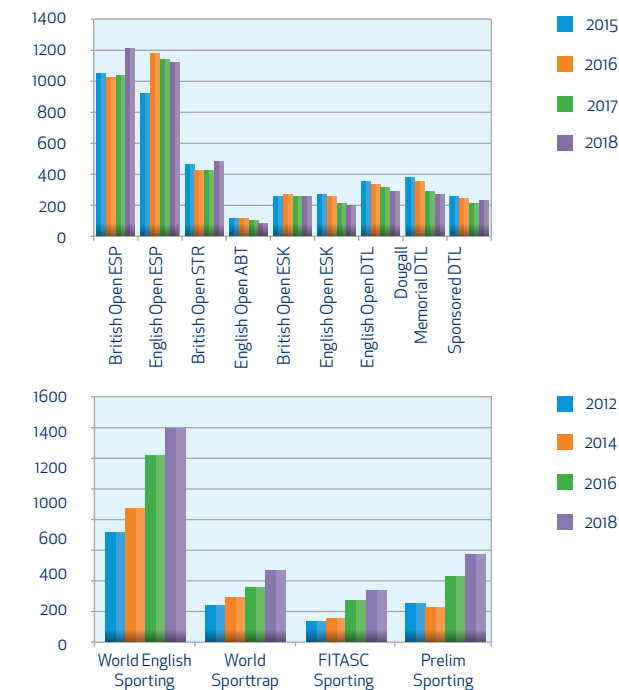
ESP	English Open	Richard Bunning
	British Open	Richard Faulds
ESK	English Open	David Morgan
	British Open	David Morgan
DTL	Dougall Memorial	Peter Relph
	English Open	Daniel Price
	Eley Sponsored DTL	Austin Coxhead
ABT	English Open	Ed Ling
STR	British Open	Paul Foster

CPSA World ESP	Richard Bunning
CPSA World STR	Richard Faulds

Winners

Richard Bunning took the CPSA World English Sporting title, shooting the challenging course set by 26-time World Champion George Digweed, having already taken the English Open English Sporting title earlier in the year. Richard Faulds, too, took a double championship as he won both the CPSA World Sportrap and the British Open English Sporting, while David Morgan won both the English and British Open for English Skeet. The Ling family moved from success to success this year, including a dominant performance at the English Open Automatic Ball Trap Championship – Husband and wife Ed and Abby took Overall High Gun and Ladies High Gun respectively, while Theo took Junior High Gun and Steve took Disabled Standing High Gun. The family would go on to dominate the Olympic Trap Home International in August (see p. 17).

Championship Entries



Events



Annual Awards

On 3 February the 7th CPSA Annual Awards were held at Belfry Hotel & Resort. Comedian Jarred Christmas was well received as the Master of Ceremonies, as we recognised the hard work and dedication of people throughout our sport. A highlight of the ceremony was when Abbey Ling was awarded Clay Shooter of the Year, only one year after her husband, Ed, won the same award. The following awards were presented:



Clay Shooter of the Year

Abbey Ling



Coach of the Year

John Bellamy



Disabled Shooter of the Year

Alec Sperling



Emerging Shooter of the Year

Leah Southall



Young Shot of the Year

Lucy Hall



Special Contribution Award

Paul Chaplow



Club/Ground of the Year

West Midlands Shooting Ground



Development Initiative of the Year

Talent Pathway – British Shooting



Volunteer of the Year

Kevin Howarth



County Committee of the Year

Cheshire

Competitions



National Inter-Counties

English Sporting at Orston Shooting Ground:

Senior Team: Norfolk
Junior Team: Lincolnshire
Ladies Team: Buckinghamshire
Veteran Team: Cheshire

Down The Line at Nottingham and District Gun Club:

Senior Team: Nottinghamshire
Junior Team: Leicestershire
Ladies Team: Yorkshire
Veteran Team: Yorkshire

English Skeet at Nottingham and District Gun Club

Senior Team: Northamptonshire
Junior Team: Warwickshire
Ladies Team: Warwickshire
Veteran Team: Cheshire Gold

All Round at Northampton Shooting Ground

Senior Team: Suffolk
Junior Team: Northamptonshire
Ladies Team: Cambridgeshire
Veteran Team: Northamptonshire

Automatic Ball Trap at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground

Senior Team: Norfolk
Junior Team: Yorkshire
Ladies Team: Lincolnshire
Veteran Team: Yorkshire

Premier League

The Premier League had eleven fixtures in 2018 starting at E.J. Churchill in late February and ending at Atkin Grant & Lang in September with 2,085 registered scores during the series.

The eleven teams this year were: E.J. Churchill, Owls Lodge Shooting School, Highwayman's Shooting Ground, Honesberie Shooting School, Sporting Targets, West London Shooting School, Westfield Shooting Ground, Cambridge Gun Club, Southdown Gun Club, Eriswell Lodge, and Atkin Grant & Lang Shooting Ground. Each team hosted a 100-target Registered Sporting Shoot with competitors shooting in a minimum of 6 of the 11 fixtures to be eligible for the overall series prize fund, sponsored by Browning, Gamebore, Promatic, and Sunglasses for Sport.

This year proved to be another closely fought contest with two teams and three individuals eventually pulling ahead from the pack and fighting it out at last fixture at Atkin Grant & Lang. The final results were:

Overall Winning Team Cambridge Gun Club (pictured to left)
Overall High Gun Luke Taylor (Team E.J. Churchill)
Runner Up Daniel King (Team Southdown)
Third Place Thomas Baker (Team Southdown)

Kent & Sussex Clubman Classic League

Winning Club Willow Farm Shooting Ground
Runner Up Club Mill Farm Clay Pigeon Club
Overall High Gun Clive Taylor (Willow Farm SG)
Runner Up Dennis Purnell (Mill Farm CPC)

Clubman Classic

Two Clubman Leagues ran during 2018: the Kent & Sussex League and the Hampshire League. These are inter-club leagues for C Class shooters (four B Class shooters allowed per team), Clubman members, and non-members, enabling recreational shooters to take part in a competition environment outside of their regular club shoots.

We continued with the handicap system this year to level the playing field, with shooters in Teal Class (over 69% average) shooting off scratch, Crow Class (54 - 68.99% average) getting +5 handicap, and Rabbit Class (up to 53.99% average) getting a +10 handicap.

Both leagues were won by the defending champions: Willow Farm for Kent & Sussex, and Wallers Ash for Hampshire. A 100-target Champion of Champions Shoot was held at Southdown Gun Club on the 27th October between these top two teams to decide the Overall League Champion. Willow Farm again took the honours with Karen Leadsham following in her daughter's footsteps and taking the individual High Gun with a superb 85 ex 100.

Hampshire Clubman Classic League

Winning Club Wallers Ash Gun Club
Runner Up Club Gosport & Lee Clay Target Club
Overall High Gun David Bruce (Wallers Ash)
Runner Up Shaun Sherwood (Three Counties)

Training and Courses

Whether you are just starting out or an experienced shooter, the CPSA can provide the very best training available in the sport.

2018 Courses by Numbers:

- 46 people attended Shotgun Skills Courses
- 247 people attended Safety Officer Courses
- 124 people attended Referee Courses
- 54 people attended Level 1 Instructor Training Courses
- 19 people attended Level 2 Coach Training Courses

This year we have seen a marked increase in people progressing from their Level 1 Instructor status to the Level 2 discipline specific Coaching qualification and with the Level 2 Coaching courses becoming more streamlined for 2019 we hope to see continued growth in the number of Instructors qualifying as Coaches in the future.



A new group complete the Shotgun Skills Course.

Give it a shot!

We are committed to bringing in young, new shooters to our sport to ensure that it has a sustainable future. Our specialist Young Shots Days continue to run at over 20 grounds up and down the country and are the perfect introduction to the sport for youngsters in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

In addition to this, our presence with 'Have a Go' stands at Country Fairs and Shows attracts an increasing number of families and young shots to the sport. More than 1,700 people tried clay shooting at these shows under our guidance in 2018 and we hope to see many new faces returning to shooting.



CPSA Level 3 Senior Coach Simon Arbuckle with his CPSA Clay Line coaching team at The Game Fair.

England Team



ICTSF World Down The Line Championship: 25-27 March

The ICTSF World DTL was held at the ACTA National Ground in Wagga Wagga, NSW, Australia, with over 800 entries from around the globe. The first day saw 40mph winds affect England and Ireland's performance, which they were not able to come back from. The England Super Veterans managed to take Silver, disrupting a hat trick for Australia. It was confirmed that Bywell Shooting Ground will hold the 2020 ICTSF World DTL Championships.

CPSA World English Sporting Championships: 30 June-1 July

The World English Sporting Championships was held at E.J. Churchills, with teams from eight countries and glorious sunshine setting the stage for some great shooting. The first few days saw the leader board change but England's Sam Green and Frances Gael Poinot shared the lead on 181 ex 200 as we welcomed the cream of the Worlds shooting shots on the Saturday. England took the lead early and held the position throughout to take every team event bar the Super Vets. The overall England score was 2822ex3400. Many hailed it as the best World English Sporting Championship ever. England's Richard Bunning claimed The World Sporting title, after already winning the English Open earlier in the year.

Down the Line Home International, British Open, and European Open : 19 -22 July

The 84th DTL Home International, the British Open DTL, and European DTL were held at Mid Wales Shooting Centre. Starting with the Home International, England's Senior and Super Veteran team took gold, Juniors took silver and the Ladies and Veterans took bronze. Juniors new cap Jack Ruane shot a brilliant 299 to take overall high gun and was the star of the show walking away with no less than five pieces of silverware.

The British Open saw impressive shooting from all nations. Ireland pipped England by 6 points to take the Senior gold. The England Juniors held strong from the start to take the Junior title with Alex Harris also taking the BO Junior Champion Trophy. England Veterans took 1st place and the ladies team put up a great fight but had to settle for runners up behind Ireland, while the Super Veterans took third.

The European Open saw the home nations joined by teams from France and South Africa. England's Super Veterans took gold, while the Veterans took silver. The Seniors, Ladies, and Juniors each took third.

Olympic Skeet Home International: 11 August

England enjoyed success at the 44th Olympic Skeet Home International, held at the National Shooting Centre, Scotland with the Seniors securing a massive 52 targets lead over runners-up Ireland. England took the Ladies, Juniors, Veterans and Super Veteran titles with a combined score of 356 – putting them 33 points ahead of runners-up Scotland. A great team performance.



Olympic Trap Home International: 17-18 August

England Seniors prevailed at Logues Hill Clay Pigeon Centre at the 42nd Olympic Trap Home International. After the first day the Seniors led Wales by five points whilst the Ladies, Juniors, Veterans, and Super Veterans had a seven-point lead over hosts Northern Ireland. This carried through to Day 2 with all members continuing to deliver high scores. The Ling family proved strong, with Ed Ling taking overall High Gun, Theo Ling taking Junior High Gun, Abby Ling taking Ladies Runner Up, and Steve Ling taking Super Veterans Runner Up.

English Skeet Home International: 24-25 August

Doveridge Clay Shooting Centre hosted the 38th National Skeet Home International. The home ground galvanized England as they made a clean sweep of the team honours, winning Seniors, Ladies, Juniors, Veterans, and Super Veterans. England's Gary Cooke took High Gun, and with five new caps in the team we saw great team spirit.

Automatic Ball Trap Home International: 31 August-1 September

England swept the board at the South Wales 2000 Shooting Ground at the 44th ABT Home International, comfortably winning every category. New cap Tony Coulstock shot amazingly to win High Gun. With some impressive winning margins, it was a great two days of England teamwork.

English Sporting Home International: 8 September

Lea Farm Shooting Ground in Shropshire hosted the 52nd English Sporting Home International and England once again narrowly missed out on a clean sweep, winning every category except for Super Veterans, who lost to Wales by just three points. Phil Smith took the High Gun with a score of 93 and Graham Stirzaker secured the Captains Cup.

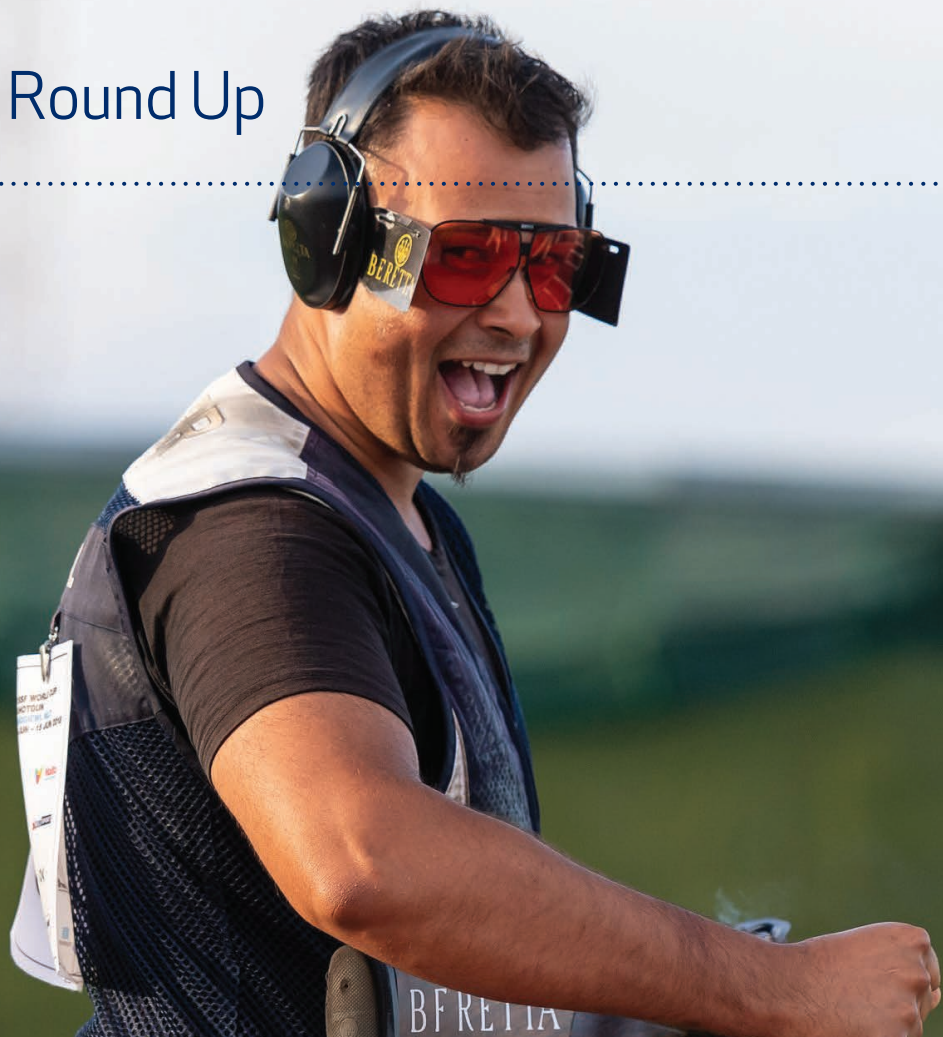
FITASC Sporting Home International: 22 September

It was nearly a clean sweep for England at the 19th FITASC Sporting Home International, held at North Ayrshire Shooting Ground in Scotland. The Ladies, Juniors, Veterans, and Super Veterans each won their categories, with the Seniors taking second to Wales. Team Captain Georgia Moule took Ladies High Gun, Graham Stirzaker took Veteran High Gun, and Barry Green secured Super Veterans High Gun, Daniel Mawby won the Junior High Gun and the Peter Dennett Memorial Trophy, and Mark Stevenson won highest new cap.

Our thanks go to all the England Team Managers, who have served the teams tremendously well over the last 12 months. Their contribution to the teams is invaluable.

Automatic Ball Trap – Paul Chapman **Down the Line** – David Amos **English Skeet** – Rob Hirons **English Sporting** – Richard Hunter
FITASC Sporting – Guy Bond **Olympic Skeet** – Dorothy Bird **Olympic Trap** – Gary McCann

International Round Up



Aaron Heading winning gold at the ISSF Malta World Cup. Photo credit @ISSF Dalla Dea.

International Round Up

England shooters shined on the international stage in 2018, representing England at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, and as part of Team GB at many other international competitions.

Skeet-shooter Amber Hill had a strong year, winning silver at the Commonwealth Games, gold at the ISSF Malta World Cup, silver at the ISSF Changwon World Cup, bronze at the ISSF Mexico World Cup, and silver at the Malaga Grand Prix.

Aaron Heading won Men's Trap silver at the Commonwealth Games, gold at the ISSF Malta World Cup, and bronze in the Trap Mixed Pairs at the ISSF World Championships in Changwon along with Northern Irish teammate Kirsty Bar.

Nathan Hales won his first senior medal with a bronze at the Tucson World Cup.

At the FITASC Compak World Championships in San Martino, Amy Easeman rounded off another successful year by taking Ladies individual bronze, and silver in the Ladies Team event along with teammates Cheryl Hall and Stephanie Meachen. David Kempley took Senior gold, and with Stuart Clarke and Anthony Dean took Senior Team gold. Veterans gold was won by John Bidwell, while the team of Andrew Jones, Keith Roe, and John Price took Veteran Team silver.

At the World Shooting Sport World Cup Para Trap in Châteauroux, Allan Ritchie, Keith White, and Alec Sperling took the team gold in the SG-S event, while Allan also took individual bronze. Steve Ling took bronze in SG-L. To finish off the season, Matt Goodwin, Allan Ritchie and Paul Bailey won Team Gold at the Para Trap World Championships in September at Lonato, Italy.

Early in the season Augusta Campos-Martyn won silver in the Trap Junior Women at the Junior World Cup, Sydney. The top three places in Women's Junior Trap at the Portugal Grand Prix were secured by Lucy Hall, Augusta Campos-Martyn, and Rebecca Fergusson respectively, while Aaron Heading won Men's Trap. Theo Ling took top spot in Men's Junior Trap, while James Dedman took second.

In trap shooting for the European Championship Shotgun in Austria, Rebecca Fergusson took bronze in the Women's Junior event, and along with teammates Lucy Hall, and Augusta Campos-Martyn, shot a fantastic combined British Qualifying Record score of 333 in the team event, leading to a silver medal in the team final.

Commercial

Sponsors

















We are grateful for the sponsorship that our events received over the past year from leading companies in the countryside sports industry. Support from brands within and without the shooting industry is imperative as we continue to grow and develop our sport.

Perazzi (through UK distributor Ruag), Eley Hawk, and Laporte sponsored the English Open English Sporting Championship, and also the DTL Weekend.

The World English Sporting Championship was sponsored by Gamebore, Longthorne, Promatic, Blaser, Starkey Headsets, and CCI International.

The Premier League was sponsored by Browning, Sunglasses for Sport, Gamebore, and Promatic.

The British Open English Sporting and Sportrap was sponsored by Gamebore, and Promatic, who also provided engineers to maintain the traps. The English Open Sportrap Championship was sponsored by Gamebore, Laporte, and Caesar Guerini.

Browning continued with their support of our How to Hit series, making this extremely popular series possible. Musto continued as our clothing partner, providing our uniforms for staff at events and to the CPSA Tutors who deliver our courses instruction.

Our clay-shooting line at The Game Fair was sponsored by Lyalvale Express, who provided cartridges. Eley sponsored the clay-shooting lines at the Northern Shooting Show and the Midland Game Fair with cartridges. All of these clay shooting lines were made possible by Zoli's sponsorship, which included providing the shotguns used at each.

Social Media



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22,442 page likes, up from **20,156** on 1 November 17, an increase of **11.3%**.



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8,402 followers, up from **7,597** on 1 November 17, an increase of **10.6%**.



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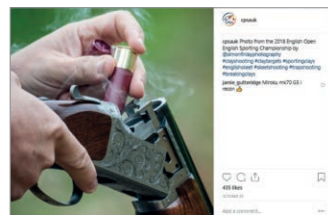
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2,777 followers, up from **1,181** on 19 October 17, an increase of **135.1%**.



Top Post:



How to Hit Series

The second of our How to Hit series ran from April to October this year, and continued to focus on targets that you're likely to encounter on a typical English Sporting layout. Initially we focused on single targets as we did last year, but the final three sessions progressed to on-report targets using the CPSA Method and the Swing-To technique.

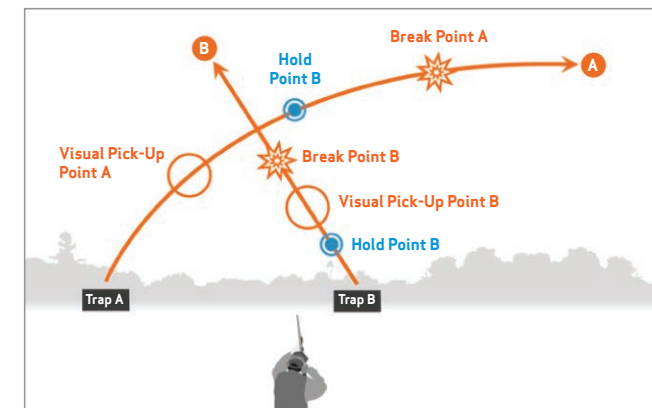
With CPSA Level 3 Senior Coach Simon Arbuckle providing tuition at Southdown Gun Club, the series ran monthly in Pull! magazine to accompany video tutorials online.

The targets focused on were as follows:

- **High Driven Target**
- **Teal Target**
- **Low Incoming Target**
- **On-report Pair: L-R Crossing Black Midi Followed by Going Away Blaze**
- **On-report Pair: Going Away Blaze Followed by R-L Rabbit**
- **On-report Pair: High L-R Midi Followed by Driven Standard**



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CPSA Method for hitting a high L-R midi followed by on-report driven standard, from October 2018's How to Hit article.

Looking Ahead



Coming Up in 2019

Next year will see our turn to host three Home Internationals: Down the Line, Olympic Trap, and FITASC Sporting.

Our ever-popular English Sporting championships will return: The British Open English Sporting Championship will be held at High Lodge, and the English Open English Sporting Championship will be hosted at West Midlands Shooting Ground.

The DTL Weekend will once again be hosted at Bywell Shooting Ground. The Premier League and Clubman Classic League will also return for 2019 (dates and venues to be determined).

Please turn over to see the major events we will be attending this year.



Our Diary

February

- 3** CPSA Awards, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield
- 15-17** Great British Shooting Show, NEC, Birmingham
- 23** Premier League Opening Shoot, E.J. Churchill

March

- 9** Premier League, Owls Lodge SS
- 10** Compak English Open, Orston SG
- 23** CPSA AGM, Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth
- 30-31** English Open UTR, Nuthampstead SG
- 30-31** English Open FSP, Sporting Targets
- 30-31** English Open OSK and EGP, TBC

April

- 13** Premier League, Atkin Grant & Lang
- 20-21** English Open OTR, Nuthampstead SG
- 28** Premier League, Westfield SG

May

- 10-12** English Open ESK, Doveridge CSC
- 11-12** Northern Shooting Show, Yorkshire Event Centre, Harrogate
- 19** Premier League, Orston SG
- 22-26** English Open ESP, West Midlands SG

June

- 8-9** English Open and British Open All Round, Doveridge CSC
- 9** Premier League, Honesberie SG
- 14-16** DTL Weekend, Bywell SG
- 29-30** English Open ABT, Brook Bank
- 30** Premier League, Southdown GC

July

- 3-6** ICTSF World ESP, Dowth Hall, Ireland
- 6** English Open Helice, A1 SG
- 14** English Open ESK Doubles, Northampton SG
- 14** Premier League, Highwaymans SG
- 18** DTL Home International, Bywell SG
- 19** British Open DTL, Bywell SG
- 20-21** European Championship DTL, Bywell SG
- 26 - 28** The Game Fair, Hatfield House, Hatfield
- 27** Premier League, Cambridge GC

August

- 5-11** World ESP, Northbrook Sports Club, IL, USA
- 10** OSK Home International, Dungannon CTC, N. Ireland
- 10-11** English Open and British Open DTL Single Barrel, Nottingham & District GC
- 16-18** British Open ESK, Dartford CSC
- 23-24** OTR Home International, National Clay Shooting Centre
- 23-24** ESK Home International, Mulroy CPC, Ireland
- 28-1 Sept** British Open ESP/STR, High Lodge
- 31-1 Sept** British Open and English Open DTL Double Rise, Nottingham & District GC

September

- 6-7** ABT Home International, North Ayrshire SG, Scotland
- 7** Premier League Final, Sporting Targets
- 8** British Open ABT, North Ayrshire SG, Scotland
- 14** ESP Home International, Dungannon CTC, N. Ireland
- 14-15** Midland Game Fair, Weston Park, Weston-under-Lizard
- 22** National Inter-Counties All Round, Northampton SG
- 28** FSP Home International, Atkin Grant & Lang
- 29** National Inter-Counties DTL, Northampton SG

October

- 5-6** National Inter-Counties ESP, Honesberie SG
- 13** National Inter-Counties ABT, Nuthampstead SG
- 20** National Inter-Counties ESK, Dartford CSC

ABT	Automatic Ball Trap
DTL	Down the Line
ESK	English Skeet
ESP	English Sporting
FSP	FITASC Sporting
OSK	Olympic Skeet
OTR	Olympic Trap
STR	Sportrap

Championships
Fairs / Exhibitions
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Premier League or National Inter-Counties



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