

2017

ANNUAL
REVIEW





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The Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

Welcome to the CPSA's Annual Review for 2017, a year that has seen further growth and development within the Association and our wonderful sport. It is heartening to see so many new faces at grounds, many of whom are finding their way into shooting through the various initiatives that have been promoted and run to appeal to a broad cross-section of society.



The watch word in organisational terms this year has very much been 'diversity' and there are many opportunities open to the shooting world by drawing in people of all kinds and, even more importantly, ensuring a warm welcome awaits them at quality facilities.

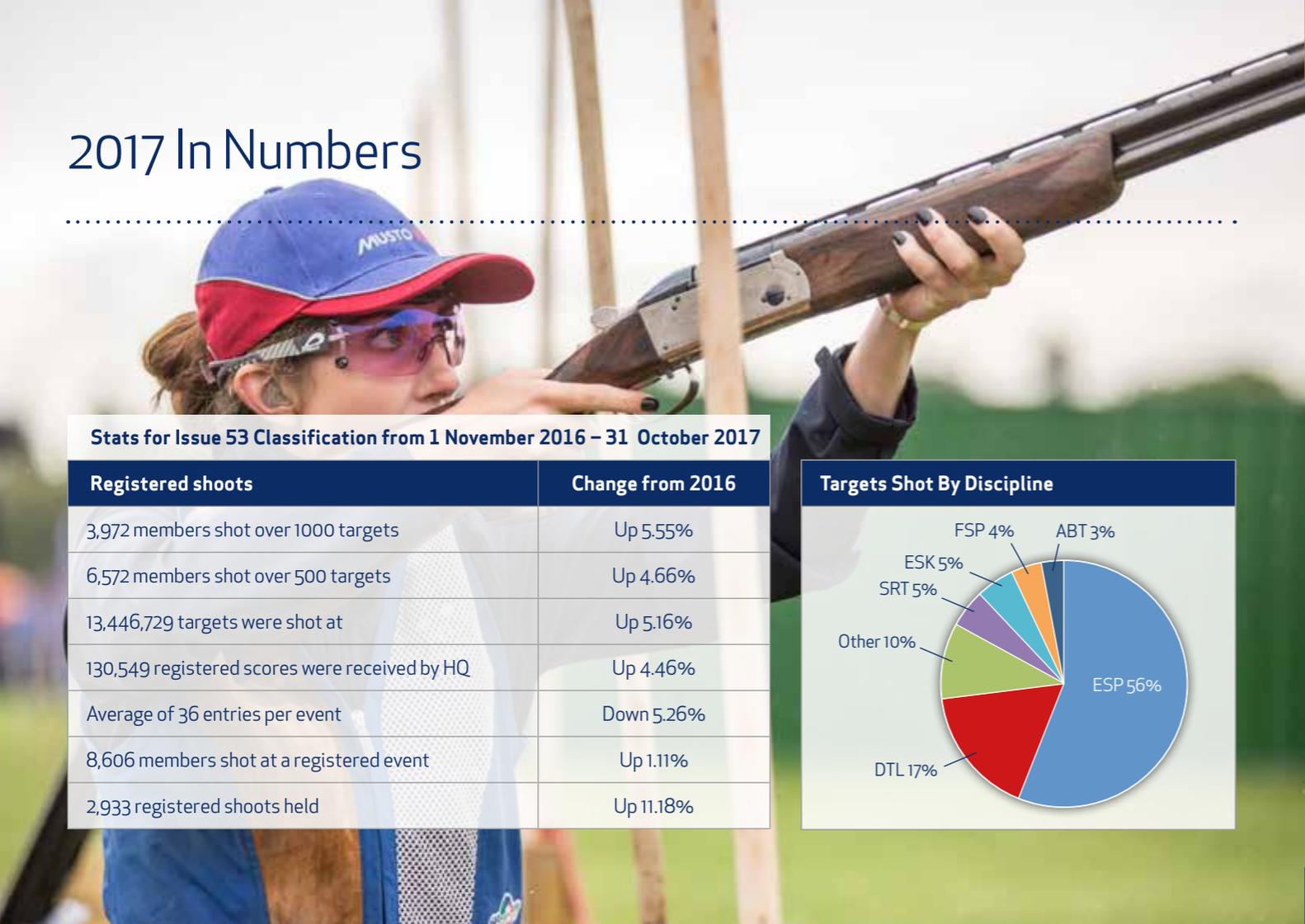
New faces too have been apparent at many of our championships as you will see throughout the pages of this review, none more so than young Megan Jones who emerged to win the British Open Skeet championship having turned just 16 years old in the same week. Achievements like this serve to challenge the status quo in a really positive way but also throw up new role models to aspire to.

The support of our sponsors is vital to the work we do, not just at major events but throughout the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their investment and commitment to working with us and our members to promote and grow the sport.

Changing the perceptions of non-shooters to enable them to see clay shooting as the accessible, inclusive and fun sport we know it to be is a continuing challenge but one we embrace on a daily basis. With investment behind the scenes and great enthusiasm and commitment from an array of grounds, instructors, coaches, referees and volunteers throughout the country we aim to build on this year's successes, always learning as we go, to ensure a healthy future for our sport.

Nick Fellows, Chief Executive

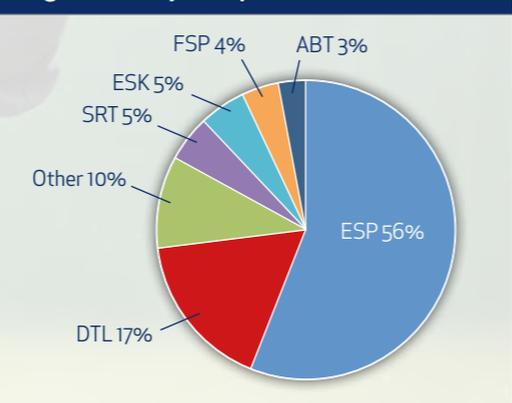
2017 In Numbers



Stats for Issue 53 Classification from 1 November 2016 – 31 October 2017

Registered shoots	Change from 2016
3,972 members shot over 1000 targets	Up 5.55%
6,572 members shot over 500 targets	Up 4.66%
13,446,729 targets were shot at	Up 5.16%
130,549 registered scores were received by HQ	Up 4.46%
Average of 36 entries per event	Down 5.26%
8,606 members shot at a registered event	Up 1.11%
2,933 registered shoots held	Up 11.18%

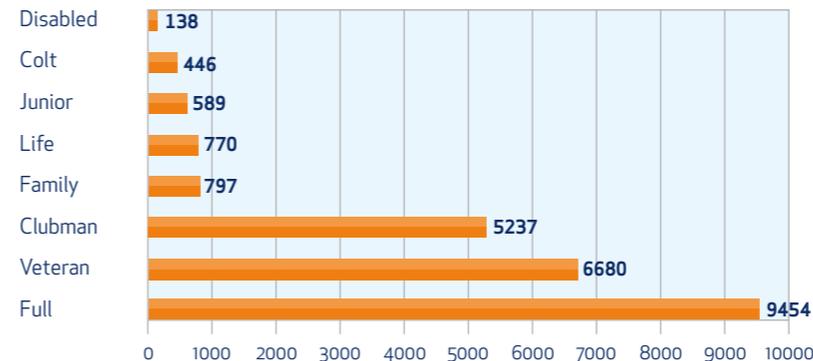
Targets Shot By Discipline



Membership Figures

As of 1 November 2017, the membership figure stood at 24111, up from 24023 the same time last year. An increase of 88 members, or 0.36%
 At the beginning of June 2017 we had a peak membership of 24213, the highest it has been at the start of a month since August 2011
 Clubs are down from 372 on November 1st 2016 to 350 on November 1st 2017
 Business membership is down from 62 to 56 over the same period

Membership Breakdown



Championships

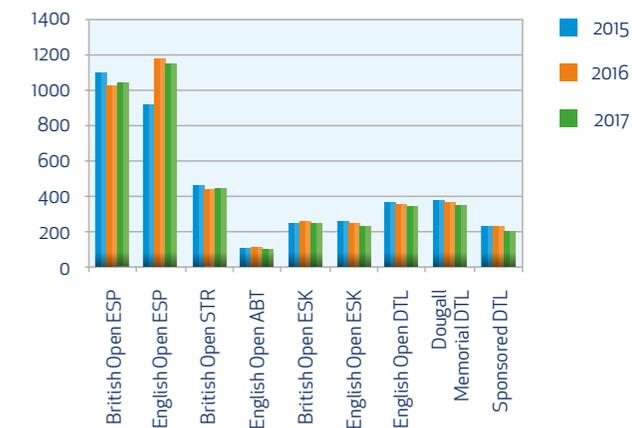


In 2017 we saw some truly remarkable individual performances in our Major Championships and Megan Jones winning the British Open English Skeet epitomises this. Aged just 16, Megan became the youngest ever and first female to win the British Open English Skeet. Elsewhere 21-year-old Ellis Jones continued the trend of our younger shooters claiming glory, winning the Dougall Memorial at the DTL Weekend in June. The ICTSF World English Sporting was staged at Kelmarsh Hall, Northamptonshire in July and after four days of shooting Richard Faulds rounded off a consistent display to take the title.

Winners

ESP	English Open	Paul Simpson
	British Open	Martin Myers
ESK	English Open	Gary Cooke
	British Open	Megan Jones
DTL	Dougall Memorial	Ellis Jones
	English Open	Austin Coxhead
	Sponsored DTL	Phil Morgan
ABT	English Open	Mark Shaw
STR	British Open	Tim Webster
ICTSF World English Sporting		Richard Faulds
CPSA Sportrap		John Lee
CPSA Sporting		James Attwood

Championship Entries



Events



Annual Awards

In February the 6th CPSA Annual Awards were held at Belfry Hotel & Resort. Former Olympic swimmer and sports commentator Sharron Davies MBE hosted the ceremony as we celebrated the achievements of individuals and organisations in our sport from the previous year. With both 2016 Olympic Bronze medallists Ed Ling and Steve Scott up for Clay Shooter of the Year, it was a very special occasion. The following Awards were presented:

Clay Shooter



Clay Shooter of the Year
Ed Ling

Coach of the Year
Linda Grayson

Disabled Shooter of the Year
Andy Womble

Young Shot of the Year
Amy Easeman

Special Contribution Award
Martin Barker

Club/Ground of the Year
EJ Churchill

Development Initiative of the Year
Cheryl Hall

Volunteer of the Year
Julie Sperling

County Committee of the Year
Cheshire

National Inter-Counties Winners

English Sporting at Eriswell Lodge:

Senior Team – Yorkshire	Junior Team – Suffolk
Ladies Team – Greater London	Veteran Team – Bedfordshire

Down The Line at North of England Clay Target Centre:

Senior Team – Cheshire	Junior Team – Leicestershire
Ladies Team – Yorkshire	Veteran Team – Yorkshire

English Skeet at National Clay Shooting Centre:

Senior Team – Cheshire	Junior Team – Warwickshire
Ladies Team – Cornwall	Veteran Team – Hereford & Worcester

All Round at Northampton Shooting Ground:

Senior Team – Northamptonshire	Junior Team – Cambridgeshire
Ladies Team – Northamptonshire	Veteran Team – Cambridgeshire

Automatic Ball Trap at National Clay Shooting Centre:

Senior Team – Yorkshire	Junior Team – Kent
Ladies Team – Lincolnshire	Veteran Team – Yorkshire

Development



Premier League

1,719 people shot across eight Premier League fixtures in 2017. The popularity of the Premier League has seen entries continue to grow year on year and this has helped to firmly establish the series and next year it will expand from eight to eleven teams.

The eight teams this year were as follows: Southdown Gun Club, West London Shooting School, EJ Churchills, Barrow Heath, Sporting Targets, Cambridge Gun Club, Honesberie Shooting School and Owls Lodge Shooting School.

Each team hosted a 100 target Registered Sporting Shoot with competitors shooting in a minimum of 5 of the 8 fixtures to be eligible for the overall series prize fund which was sponsored by Browning, Gamebore, Promatic and Sunglasses for Sport.

Overall Winning Team	Barrow Heath
Overall High Gun	Darren Stanford
Runner Up	George Howling
Third Place	James Attwood

The 2018 series starts on the 24th February at EJ Churchills. We welcome four new teams from Westfield Shooting Ground, Highwaymans Shooting Ground, Eriswell Lodge and Atkin Grant & Lang and the competition looks set to be another fantastic series.

Clubman Classic

Two Clubman Classic Leagues ran during 2017. The Kent & Sussex League and the Hampshire League. These are inter-club leagues for C Class shooters, Clubmen and non-members, designed to give recreational shooters a competitive environment to shoot in.

This year a handicap system similar to the Premier League series was introduced, with shooters in Teal Class shooting off scratch, Crow Class getting +5 handicap and Rabbit Class getting +10 to help level the playing field.

Walters Ash from the Hampshire league and Willow Farm from the Kent & Sussex league both successfully defended their respective crowns. Willow Farm once again took the Champion of Champions honours at Southdown Gun Club and will be going for the 'triple triple' next year.

Kent & Sussex Clubman Classic League

Winning Club	Willow Farm Shooting Ground
Runner Up Club	Mill Farm Clay Pigeon Club
Overall High Gun	Steve Simpson (Stonestiles SG)
Overall Runner Up	James Smith (Willow Farm SG)

Hampshire Clubman Classic League

Winning Club	Walters Ash Gun Club
Runner Up Club	Three Counties Clay Shoot
Overall High Gun	Ethan Dunweedon (Three Counties Clay Shoot)
Overall Runner Up	Sam Crockford (Fareham CTC)

Training and Courses

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

2017 Courses by Numbers:

- 32 people attended 7 Shotgun Skills Courses
- 286 people attended 20 Safety Officer Courses
- 150 people attended 18 Referees Courses
- 52 people attended 6 Instructor Training Courses
- 11 people attended 1 Coach Training Course

In late 2017 we launched our new group Shotgun Skills course and saw a fantastic uptake in this. The course is aimed at providing beginners and novices with knowledge of personal and range safety; shotgun types and use; cartridges and chokes and a practical lesson on the CPSA Method of shooting.



Coaches Day 2017

The third annual Coaches Day in collaboration with Edgar Brothers, Zoli and Nobel Sport Italia took place on December 4 at Doveridge Clay Sports. Over 70 coaches attended and took part in coaching sessions on gun fit & pattern plating as well as a coaching workshop by British Shooting's Kurt Lindley.



The Christmas Turkey flush brought about lots of cheer and saw Ian Jones, Peter Wilson, James Goodman and Peter Richardson walk away with a fully prepared turkey for Christmas day. Ross Elgie took the Overall High Gun with a combined score of 69ex75 from the 50 target English Sporting and 25 target Olympic Skeet.

Young Shots Days

We are committed to bringing in young, new shooters to our sport to ensure that there is 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 1,600 people tried clay shooting at these shows under our guidance in 2017 and we hope to see many new faces returning to shooting.



England Team



2017 goes down in the record books as another successful year for the England team. It was a particularly busy year for the English Sporting team, travelling to San Anotnio for the NSCA World English Sporting, the ICTSF equivalent event hosted on home soil at Kelmarsh Hall and then the Home International in Ireland. All the Home International events were hosted outside of England, though that didn't stop the teams from enjoying plenty of success across the disciplines.



Down the Line: 20 July

The DTL team put in commendable performances at the National Shooting Centre in Scotland, winning the European and British Open team titles in the open category, and coming runners-up by just five points to Northern Ireland in the Home International. The Juniors, Veterans and Super Veterans had their share of wins over the tournament too, while England's Ladies took runner-up spot in the British Open.

Olympic Skeet: 12 August

England enjoyed success at Mid Wales Shooting Centre, as the Seniors recorded a ten-point victory over runners-up Wales. The Ladies, Juniors, Veterans and Super-Veterans won the combined category, whilst Luke Young won the New Cap High Gun on 86 ex 100.

Olympic Trap: 18-19 August

England Seniors prevailed at the National Clay Shooting Centre, Scotland in the 41st Olympic Trap Home International. An overall combined score of 999 ex 1200 saw them crowned tournament champions, with Scotland runners-up on 962. Ireland took the Lady, Junior, Veteran and Super Veteran combination competition with a score of 646 ex 800, whilst England had to settle for runners-up spot on 637.

English Skeet: August 25-26 August

Dungannon Clay Target Centre in Northern Ireland staged the English Skeet Home International and 2017 marked the retirement of Johnny Walker and Joy Hirons, who will both go down as Skeet legends. The occasion seemed to galvanize England as they made a clean sweep of the team honours, winning Seniors, Ladies, Juniors, Veterans and Super-Veterans. A special mention must also go to Neil Faulkner who shot the only 150 straight to take the High Gun honours as well.



Automatic Ball Trap: 1-2 September

The Juniors and Super-Veterans were England's stars at Ashbourne Shooting Ground in Ireland winning their categories at the ABT Home International. Seniors, Ladies and Veterans had to be content with taking second place to the host team in all three categories. Steve Ling won Veteran High Gun on 183 ex 200 and Adam Holmes claimed Junior High Gun on 184 ex 200.

English Sporting: 9 September

Carrick Glen in Ireland hosted the 51st English Sporting Home International and England narrowly missed out on a clean sweep across the board. With team honours in Seniors, Ladies, Juniors and Veterans, the Super-Veterans narrowly lost out to Wales by three points. Shaun and Emma Stacey deserve a special mention – it's thought to be the first time a father and daughter have shot together in the England ESP team.

FITASC Sporting: 22 September

It was so nearly a clean sweep for England's FITASC Sporting team at Derryboye in Northern Ireland, winning all the categories apart from Veterans, who finished runner-up to Scotland. Mark Webster shot the only 25 straight of the competition on his first layout, which gave him the perfect platform to go on and win the Overall High Gun.

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 – Karen Caves **Down the Line** – Debbie Bellamy **English Skeet** – Rob Hirons
English Sporting – Richard Hunter **FITASC Sporting** – Guy Bond **Olympic Skeet** – Dorothy Bird **Olympic Trap** – Gary McCann

International Round Up



International Round Up

2017 was another successful year for English shooters on the international stage.

Ed Ling rounded off a fantastic year by topping the Trap World Rankings (1/10/17) and returning from the ISSF World Championships in Moscow with a Silver medal.

James Dedman was also shooting in Moscow and won Gold in the Junior Double Trap. Earlier in the year James won Gold at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy – where he also set a new Junior World Record.

The first ever World Cup for Para Trap took place in Lonato, Italy in September. Mat Goodwin rounded off a successful two days shooting by collecting Silver in the Individual Wheelchair.

In October a team of nine England shooters travelled to the Belmont Shooting Centre in Australia for the CSF (Commonwealth Shooting Federation) Championships. A successful week saw Gold medals for Amber Hill in the Women's Skeet and Aaron Heading in the Men's Trap. Silver medals for Jack Fairclough in the Men's Skeet and Matt French in the Men's Double Trap and a Bronze for Rachel parish in the Women's Double Trap.

With the Commonwealth Games starting on April 4, 2018 – we will all be hoping to see more Shotgun medals at the main event!



Commercial

Sponsors



Working with some of the leading companies in the shooting industry their support and sponsorship at our Major Championship cannot be overshadowed. These partnerships help us to further promote and grow our events and next year we will see a full seven days of shooting at the CPSA World English Sporting Championships, which is testament to this.

Ruag under the Perazzi brand and Eley Hawk were headline sponsors of the English Open. Eley Hawk continued to closely support our events, taking on headline sponsorship of the ICTSF World English Sporting and the DTL Weekend, whilst Blaser backed the English Open at the DTL Weekend.

Alongside the headline sponsors, the continued support from Promatic Traps, who supplied extra traps and support staff for the English and British Open and the ICTSF World English Sporting was invaluable. Likewise, CCI Clays covered additional clays for all three of these events. Starkey Headsets kindly donated a free pair Pilla glasses for all three of

the Major English Sporting competitions, which gave everyone who shot at the competitions the chance to win some glasses.

Edgar Brothers, as a distributor of Zoli, were the main sponsor of the British Open English Sporting, including the sponsored Finals Day. The event was also supported by Gamebore who provided cartridges as prizes.

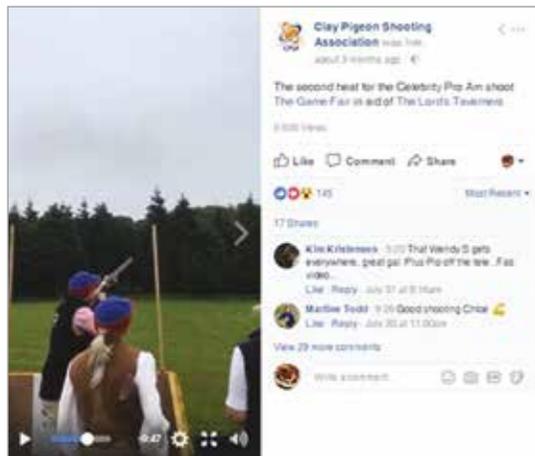
MUSTO

In 2017 we were delighted to announce our new official clothing partnership with Musto at The Game Fair at Hatfield House.

Social Media



- Over **20,000** 'Likes'
- Interview with George Digweed at the British Open viewed **61,000** times
- 9,656*** views of the Celebrity Pro AM shoot at The Game Fair. Reach of over **50,000**



- 18% growth** in followers, with **1,150** new followers since January 1, 2017



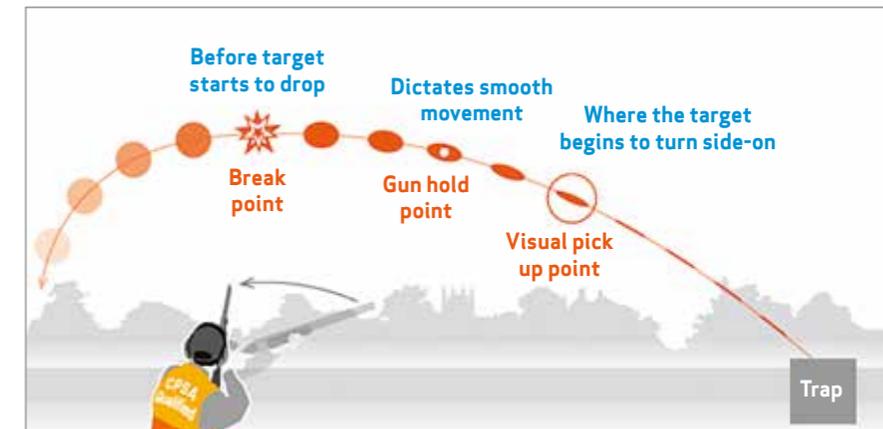
How to Hit Series

Our How to Hit series launched in April this year and focused on six of the targets you're likely to encounter on a typical English Sporting shoot.

With CPSA Level 3 Senior Coach Simon Arbuckle providing tuition, the series ran monthly in Pull! magazine to accompany video tutorials online. The targets focused on were as follows:

- Low Driven
- Rabbit
- Quartering Away
- Looper
- Overhead
- Battue

Keep an eye out for when the series returns in 2018 to help you tackle a range of new targets!



CPSA Method for hitting a battue target

Looking Ahead



Coming Up in 2018

The standout event for us in 2018 is the CPSA World English Sporting Championships which returns to EJ Churchill in the last week of June. Building on the success of the event in 2016, the Championships will be staged over seven days.

On the international scene a team of English shooters will head to the Gold Coast in April for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. After a successful test event in October, we will be hoping to see lots of medals coming back home from Down Under.

Prior to the Commonwealth Games, the ICTSF World DTL Championships also take place in Australia in late March next year and will see new England team manager David Amos lead the team.

With the Premier League entering its fourth series next year it has now grown to eleven teams and will no doubt prove to be hugely popular again.

After a year of not hosting any of the Home International Shoots, we can look forward to the English Skeet taking place at Doveridge Clay Sports in 2018.

Atkin, Grant & Lang will host their first Major Championship when the English Open ESP takes place at the Hertfordshire venue in May. The DTL Weekend returns to Bywell Shooting Ground and the British Open ESP heads to Oakedge.

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



Our Diary



With the CPSA turning 90 in 2018, it is set to be a special year for the Association. Below is what we have to look forward to over the next 12 months.

February

- 3** CPSA Awards, The Belfry
- 24** Premier League, EJ Churchill

March

- 10** Premier League, Owls Lodge Shooting School
- 17** CPSA AGM, Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth
- 25** Premier League, Highwaymans Shooting Ground

April

- 22** Premier League, Honesberie Shooting School

May

- 9 – 12** English Open ESP, Atkin Grant & Lang
- 12 – 13** Northern Shooting Show, Yorkshire Event Centre
- 19 – 20** English & British Open All Round, Bywell Shooting Ground
- 19 – 20** English Open ABT, Bywell Shooting Ground
- 25 – 27** English Open ESK, National Clay Shooting Centre
- 26** Premier League, Sporting Targets

June

- 9** Premier League, West London Shooting School
- 9 – 10** English & British Open Single Barrell, Northampton Shooting Ground
- 15 – 17** DTL Weekend, Bywell Shooting Ground
- 24** Premier League, Westfield Shooting Ground
- 25 – 1 July** CPSA World English Sporting, EJ Churchill

July

- 8** English Open Skeet Doubles, Doveridge Clay Sports
- 14 – 15** English Open Sportrap, Bywell Shooting Ground
- 19** DTL Home International, Mid Wales Shooting Centre
- 20** British Open DTL, Mid Wales
- 21** Premier League, Cambridge Gun Club
- 21 – 22** European DTL, Mid Wales
- 27 – 29** The Game Fair, Ragley Hall
- 28 – 29** English & British Open Handicap by Distance, Nottingham & District

August

- 11** OSK Home International, Scotland
- 12** Premier League, Southdown Gun Club
- 17 – 18** OTR Home International, Logues Hill Northern Ireland
- 17 – 19** British Open English Skeet, Northampton Shooting Ground
- 18 – 19** English & British Open Double Rise, Bywell Shooting Ground

August Cont.

- 24 – 25** ESK Home International, Doveridge Clay Shooting Centre
- 26** Premier League, Eriswell Lodge
- 29 – 2 Sept** British Open ESP, Oakedge Shooting Ground
- 31 – 1 Sept** ABT Home International, South Wales 2000

September

- 8** ESP Home International, Lea Farm Shooting Ground, Wales
- 10** Premier League, Atkin Grant & Lang
- 15 – 16** Midland Game Fair, Weston Park
- 22** FSP Home International, Ardlethen Shooting Ground, Scotland

Championships	Internationals
Fairs / Exhibitions	Premier League



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