

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

by **Dr John Martin**, CPSA Chairman.



At the time of writing, it's 8 February, most of our championships have gone live for booking and, as in previous years, the majority sold out within minutes of opening and within three days, everything was sold out. The same was true last year and the trend is a palpable example of how our championships are becoming more and more popular and significantly well attended. I said last year that 2025 was going to be our best year ever, which proved to be the case, and I'm fully expecting 2026 to be even better.

The success of our championships results directly from a combination of our sponsors' involvement and their continued faith and participation. The professionalism and dedication of our headquarters staff and, most importantly, your commitment to the CPSA and our championships.

In many ways the highlight of 2025 was the CPSA's hosting of the World English Sporting at E.J. Churchill in July. As always, it was a spectacular event spanning over a week and incorporating the first ever British Open Super Sporting along with the World Sporttrap. 922 members took part in the Super Sporting, illustrating the growing popularity of our newest discipline.

The USA took the Overall team trophy on 2,414 and also the winning team position on a score of 893, with England coming second on 845. England's Ladies took the trophy in their event with the commanding lead of 493 to second place runners up USA on 474. England's Super Vets mirrored this success by holding the USA to 454 with a score of 481. The Junior and Veterans teams had to settle for second place in their categories. High Gun of the match

was US shooter Brandon Powell with England's John Lee taking third place. Mark Winser took the AAA trophy after a shoot off with Brett Winstanley. Ladies High Gun went to Amy Easeman after a shoot-off with US Shooters Desirae Edmunds and Madison Sharpe.

Junior High Gun was secured by US shooter Connor Denis after a shoot-off with England's Sam Linington, with Veterans High Gun going to Will Fennell of the USA, and second place going to England's Richard King. Super Veterans final was a fully-English event with Dave Ceri coming first by an impressive 22 points, Stuart Clark coming second, and Glen Hunt third.

ENGLISH OPEN SUPER SPORTING

The championship calendar kicked off with the English Open Super Sporting in April. Super Sporting is our newest and fastest growing discipline and is proving popular across all the counties and regions.

The 100-target competition was won by Richard Bunning on a score of 93, with Toby Reid coming second after a shoot-off with Welsh shooter Marcus Rigby. The Ladies trophy was won by Emma Stacey on a score of 85 after a shoot-off with Natasha Vadasz, with Lucy Earl coming third on 81. Junior High Gun went to Archie Tromans whilst Paul Thomas was awarded the Veterans High Gun on a score of 89, with Steve Brightwell taking the Super Veterans title on a score of 90.

ENGLISH OPEN SKEET

Moving onto May, the English Open Skeet championship was held at Eaton Hall with Junior shooter Tristan Hockey taking the High Gun Overall on 100 Straight, after a four-way shoot-off with

James Atwood coming second, and Bill Moussalli third. Ladies High Gun went to Natalie Bales on a score of 98, with Isabel Russell a close second on 96 after a shoot-off with Becky King. Junior High Gun went to Overall winner Tristan Hockey, Kian Maher taking second place on a score of 97, Taylor Alderton on 94. Veterans High Gun went to Scottish shooter Ronald Chrichton whilst Bill Moussalli took the Super Veterans trophy.

ENGLISH OPEN SPORTING

A few days after the Skeet saw the opening day of the English Open Sporting at High Lodge. Phil Gray was awarded High Gun on an astonishing score of 118ex120 with Martin Myers coming second overall on 115 and Brett Winstanley third on 113. Amy Easeman took the Ladies High Gun on a score of 103 with Laura Dale coming second and Becky Clifton third. Archie Alexander was awarded the Junior High Gun on 110 with Will Page coming second on 109 and Harry Jude third on 103. Andy Moon clinched the Veterans High Gun with Super Veterans going to Stuart Clark and the Colts trophy to John Porter.

BRITISH OPEN SKEET

Northampton hosted the British Open Skeet in early August. Alejandro Garcia-Mayol was awarded High Gun on a score of 99 after a three-way shoot off with Stuart Smith, who ultimately secured second place, and Mick Russell who came third. English Open winner Tristan Hockey took the AA Class trophy and the Junior High Gun on a score of 98 with Isabel Russell, coming back into form, by winning the Ladies High Gun on a score of 98. Megan Jones was second on 97 and Becky Kibble third on 96. ►

Veterans High Gun was awarded to Mark Davis on a score of 98 and, to add to his third place overall, Mick Russell took the Super Veterans title on that score of 99. Colts High Gun was awarded to Scottish shooter Cameron Barr with the Disabled Standing trophy going to Scottish shooter Janes Center and Disabled Sitting being taken by Ben Woodham on a score of 97.

BRITISH OPEN SPORT TRAP AND SPORTING

Eaton Hall was host to the British Open Sporting and Sport Trap in late August. As expected, given the amount of development at that ground since January, the whole event ran smoothly and spectacularly.

The British Open Sporttrap High Gun was taken by Billy Baughan on a score of 98 closely followed by runner-up Brett Winstanley on 96 with James Attwood third on 95. Emma Stacey, mirroring her success at the English Open Super Sporting, took the Ladies trophy on a score of 88 with Charlotte Kerwood coming second on 84 and Catherine Smalley third on 82. Junior High Gun was awarded to Will Page on 93 with Charlie Faulds coming second on 91 and Henry Langley third on 83. The Super Veterans trophy was taken by Martin Doughty with Veterans High Gun going to George Digweed and the Colts High Gun going to Connor Davies.

BRITISH OPEN SPORTING

Phil Gray took the Overall High Gun with James Atwood coming second after a shoot off with Guy Franklin. Emma Stacey took yet another title by clutching Ladies High Gun with Joanne Field coming second and Cheryl Hall a close third. Junior High Gun went to Teddy Taylor after a shoot-off with Will Page, and Harry Dickens took the third place Overall in the Junior category. Veterans High Gun went to Mark Bowes with Matt Hance coming second and Garry Meikle third. The Super Veterans title was secured by Steve Brightwell one point ahead of Stephen Williams who took second place one point ahead of Stuart Clark who took third. John Porter was awarded the Colts High Gun with Thomas Croucher coming second and Connor Davis third.

Three England Team Managers posts came up for election in 2026.

Ian Hull became the new ABT Manager which came into effect on the first of January this year and will hold the post until 2029.

Paul Tudge was re-elected by the members of the Olympic Skeet team for a further three years.

Finally, Julie Havill was reappointed for a third year as Manager of the English Skeet Team until 2029. This will mean Julie will have held the post for nine years and, her cake-loving team would not have it any other way.

Space restricts how much detail and how many of our Events I can cover but special mention must go to Peter Chester who clinched his fourth successive English Open Skeet Doubles title at Eaton Hall in September.

Finally, in my look back to 2025, in December I was pleased to award our Membership Officer Mark Smith, a 25 year service award. Mark is unquestionably our longest serving member of staff with his involvement dating all the way back to when the CPSA HQ was in Corby, Northamptonshire.

THE YEAR AHEAD

As I've already pointed out, our major championships are going from strength to strength and 2026 looks to be even more positive and successful than last year. We're greatly aided at increasing the quality of our championships by the continued support from our headline sponsors. Once again, SWATCOM will be a major sponsor and many thanks to Keith for his continued support. Eley Hawk will be continuing their valuable support throughout 2026 and, following their recent increase in sponsorship and commitment, Browning (Europe) will be assisting us to enhance and further develop our major championships for the next four years. Joining us in 2026 will be Bachieri & Pellagri, Starkey Outdoor (Pilla) and Aimpoint.

In April, Bywell will be hosting the English Open ABT followed, the next week, by the English Open Super Sporting and Sporttrap at Ian Coley's. Northampton will take on the English Open Skeet in May with Barbury hosting the English Open Sporting the week after that. As always, Bywell will be staging the DTL weekend in June with the English Open Skeet Doubles being organised by Olli down at NCSC. Steve Lovatt will be hosting the British Open Super Sporting at Garlands in July. Kelly will be organising the British Open Skeet at Dartford in the first week of August and the British Open Sporting and Sporttrap will be in the secure hands of Andy and John at High Lodge at the end of that month.

Our accounts have just been signed off by our auditors and show that we are secure and sound and that we are ready to move forward into 2026 with a firm financial base from which to further expand the services we provide to you the members.

As always, I must highlight the professionalism and commitment of the HQ staff who have in my opinion and, I hope in yours, worked tirelessly over 2025 to bring us the best competitive year we've had to date. I thank them all personally and on behalf of all of you and the CPSA Board of Directors.

Following on from that, I'll take this opportunity to thank the CPSA Board of Directors for all the work they do directly and behind-the-scenes during the course of the year. These posts are completely voluntary and the work they put in is to support the CPSA and to put something back into the sport they love and cherish.

There are still some places remaining for the CPSA Annual Awards which will be taking place on 21 March at the Hilton St George's Park. It's a chance to go glam and have a super night out whilst giving a real boost to all the nominees who have put everything into achieving their goals and dreams. If you want to join us and have a blast, email Morgan at morgan@cpsa.co.uk for tickets.

The CPSA AGM will take place on 28 March at Bisley Shooting Ground. It's your chance to hear, in more detail, what we are doing to advance everything we can do for the members and also ask questions of the Board on anything you have a concern about. If you are nearby, please come and join us or, if you are a little bit more removed, please join us by Teams. The CPSA will send out an invite for you to join online nearer to the date. Simply open the email and register your interest and HQ will send you a log-in code and AGM link for you to join on the day. It's a brilliant opportunity to be involved in how the CPSA is run and have your say whilst sitting on the settee at home with a G&T. Sadly, I have to be there in person so will have to pass on the G&T.

That's about all from me for now. The Lab and I are looking forward to seeing you all on the ranges and at our championships in 2026. Last year I completed my Chairman's Report by saying that I had seen the future and that the future was bright and that the future was Orange. As we start 2026 I've looked again and, you know what? It still is.

Dr John Martin, CPSA Chairman

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