

DTL Sub Committee Meeting

5th November 2016 held at Nottingham Gun Club

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Tony Heeks – Chairman
Paul Chaplow- North Region
Carl Smith- East Midlands Region
Debbie Bellamy- England Team Manager
Dave Hinchliffe
Ken Rimington
Curtis Woolley

Apologies:

Bob Kibblewhite – West Midlands
John Offord – South East
Jane Rowland – South West
Shane Smith
John Stevenson

Other attendees:

Lee Clements
Alan Fowkes
Allan Henry
Nigel Lovatt
Matthew Sheldrake
Marty Smith

Note taker- Linda Heeks

CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The meeting was opened at 2.55 pm. The Chairman, Tony Heeks thanked everyone for turning up and for giving up their time to attend. He thanked Carl Smith of Nottingham Gun Club for allowing us to use the facilities at Nottingham Gun Club to hold the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS

DTL WEEKEND

A discussion took place about the Dougall and English Open DTL Championships. It was felt the numbers attending the DTL Weekend have been falling over the past few years. [*Numbers have risen steadily each year from 808 in 2012 to 977 in 2015, reducing in 2016 after changes to the format regarding team selections]. It was felt that the Dougall and English Open are the prestige events in the DTL shooting calendar and they are becoming overshadowed by the Krieghoff and other events which are taking entries away.

Ideas were put forward as to how to attract more shooters to the Dougall and English suggestions included:

- Reducing the entry fee

- Introduce “Lucky Numbers “at the Sponsors day
- More direct marketing by Head Office to promote the event using email, text messaging, facebook and twitter e.g. send an email to advise entries are open with follow up messages as reminders. Also promote any sponsorship deals which may attract more shooters to enter.
- Let shooters book in when and where they want giving them the option to choose:
- Who they want to shoot with
- Time they want to shoot and
- Choice of Bank (layouts) they wish to shoot on.

ACTION

Tony please take the suggestion for more direct marketing to the Board.

DTL ENGLAND TEAM SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR 2017

A long discussion took place regarding the England Team selection process. This year’s 2016 England Team selection process where all England Team shooters shot together at the same time on the same layouts proved to be unpopular as well as difficult to administer.

It was acknowledged that currently there are only 3 shooting grounds in the country that have 6 DTL layouts and can, and are willing to, hold the first DTL selection shoot. They are Bywell, Beverley CTC and Nottingham and District Gun Club.

Ideas were put forward as to how the 2017 DTL England Team could be selected.

Suggestions:

- Use two separate stand alone selection shoots of 200 targets each using 6 layouts.
- Use two compulsory selection shoots of 200 targets each. One held in the North and the other held in the South. Reduce the number of shooter to 60 seniors, 15 Juniors, 15 Ladies, 15 Veterans and 15 Super-Veterans so shooting grounds with 4 DTL layouts could hold the selection shoot.
- Continue to use the scores from the Dougall and English Open, but allow all shooters to book in when and where they want.
- Use two stand alone selection shoot but insist the shooters who have successfully qualified for the England Team that they must attend the Dougall and English Open to collect their badges etc.
- Run the DTL Weekend over 4 days and use all scores to count i.e. 400 targets
- Reduce the number at selection shoots and cost to enter.
- As there are already too many competitions in the DTL calendar continue with first selection shoot and make Dougall and English Open more attractive.

- Use Sponsors Day (Friday) at DTL Weekend for selection and keep Dougall and English Open as non selection shoots. Juniors would need to use score from Dougall or English as they may not be able to attend on Friday due to school commitments.
- Use Dougall and English Open as first selection shoot for 2018 and count two compulsory selection shoots one from North and one from South. This would keep the emphasis on the two Major competitions taking place rather than some shooters disregarding this and solely focusing on the selection side of things. This way round you would also gain a stronger team as the selection procedure would be over a longer time period.
- Increase the amount of qualifying targets to gain a place at the selection shoot to 600 targets. Using 6 scores from 4 different grounds. This would get more people shooting and travelling to different shooting grounds to gain scores.
- Allow shooters to drop one score from one day during selection process making their total out of 500 targets on a points from High Gun basis.

PROPOSAL

That the Dougall and English Open should continue to be used for DTL selection in 2017 (200 targets) But shooters should be allowed to book in where and when they want and choose who they shoot with and have option to choose the layouts (Bank) when booking in. The full squad rotation should be shown on the booking page. Bookings will be subject to first come, first served basis.

DECISION

A vote was taken 7 votes for and 4 against.

ACTION

Tony please take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

PROPOSAL

That selection places are reduced to 60 Seniors, 15 Juniors, 15 Ladies, 15 Veterans and 15 Super-Veterans (total 120 shooters) Shooting grounds with 4 DTL layouts will be able to hold a two day selection shoot -200 targets. TWO selection shoots to be held on a rota basis. One selection shoot to be held in the North and one to be held in the South each year in addition to using the scores from the Dougall and English Open Championships.

DECISION

A vote was taken 7 votes for and 4 against.

ACTION

Tony please take this proposal to the CPSA Board.

CHOICE OF CATEGORY FOR ENGLAND TEAM SELECTION

The current procedure is that a shooter can choose which category they wish to shoot in but must stay in the category they choose for the year. Everyone seems happy with how this works and there is no point in changing.

DECISION

The vote was unanimous in favour of leaving it as it is.

ACTION

Tony please advise the CPSA Board.

Tony Heeks, Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution and closed the meeting at 5.05 p.m.

PROPOSAL BY EMAIL

That the number of qualifying targets to gain a place at the selection shoots is increased to 600 targets. Using 6 scores from 4 different grounds.

DECISION

The vote was taken by Email after the meeting.

Result of the vote: 4 votes for and 6 votes against.