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# WELCOME

As we leave Winter behind and look forward to Spring, we also look forward to a very busy year of shooting with the return of our championships and attending the Northern Shooting Show and The Game Fair.

By the time this issue lands on your doorstep, we will have already attended the shooters favourite, British Shooting Show at the NEC and during March we will be celebrating the many achievements in our sport during 2022 with our 12th annual awards.

We'd like to extend our best wishes to our England DTL Team who are heading to South Africa for the ICTSF World DTL Championship. Good luck everyone and shoot straight!

This year also sees the return of the World Sporting and Sportrap Championships, which we share with the NSCA, at E.J. Churchill in July. The demand to shoot at this event was so strong that we opened up two more days to run the main competitions over eight days. All of our superb championships are now open to book onto via [championships.cpsa.co.uk](https://championships.cpsa.co.uk).

As always in the March issue, we bring you our Chairmans Report looking back over the previous financial year, but this year we will be presenting the Directors Report and Financial Statements on our website [cpsa.co.uk](https://cpsa.co.uk).

In one of this months articles, we hear from Medcert about the medical check which forms part of your shotgun licence application for both new licences and renewals. I would strongly encourage you to read this as the medical check is a compulsory part of the process and you need to allow plenty of time to deal with it before submitting a renewal application.



Iain Parker // Chief Executive

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# CLUBHOUSE NEWS



## HSE EXTENDS LEAD IN AMMUNITION RESTRICTION PROCESS BY SIX MONTHS

**F**ollowing the end of the HSE consultation period in November, the HSE have confirmed a further six-month extension to the process due to the overwhelming response since it launched!

The use of lead ammunition for outdoor shooting over wetlands is already subject to regulation in Great Britain. HSE is establishing whether

additional controls are needed for outdoor shooting.

The agency has received 2,759 responses including many detailed and technical submissions that need to be worked through. This was nine times that of a similar exercise across the EU, which also saw a six-month extension.

We are working closely with the HSE on what is clearly a complex issue

HSE confirmed the extension on Thursday 5 January 2023, as the agency that operates UK REACH, a system of ensuring that chemical substances used in Britain are safe.

To help HSE understand how to provide the most effective, proportionate and practical approach to manage risks to health and the environment, a public consultation

was opened for six months. It was published on 6 May 2022, alongside the restriction dossier, to gather information from different groups affected.

CPSA CEO Iain Parker, who sits on the board of the British Shooting Sports Council (BSSC), commented: "We are working very closely with the HSE on what is clearly a complex issue, hence the six-month extension to the process. From our perspective, our position remains the same, that lead in ammunition be allowed to continue in our sport and we will actively work with the HSE to protect our sport."

## ERISWELL LODGE AWARDED PREMIER PLUS

We are delighted to announce that Eriswell Lodge have been awarded CPSA Premier Plus status. This is in recognition of the superb facilities on offer at this impressive shooting ground in Suffolk and is testament to all the hard work of the team since Nigel and Stuart Smith re-opened the former Lakenheath Clay Target Centre in 2015. Congratulations to all of the team!







## WIN! A pair of tickets to The East Anglian Game & Country Fair 2023

Pull! are giving away ten family tickets to one day of the event. To enter, visit [ukgamefair.co.uk/pullcomp](http://ukgamefair.co.uk/pullcomp) Good luck!



The 2023 East Anglian Game & Country Fair will take place on Saturday 22 – Sunday 23 April at the prestigious Euston Estate, near Thetford, home of The Duke & Duchess of Grafton.

Whether it's watching world-famous arena displays, joining in with our have-a-go countryside activities such as clay shooting, archery or axe throwing, taking your dog for a splash at the K9 Aqua Sports pool, shopping at the 350 trade stands or relaxing with a glass of bubbly at the member's enclosure, we are giving away ten, one-day family tickets\*,

admitting two adults and two children on either 22 or 23 April 2023. Under 5's go free and parking is free for all.

The competition will be drawn by Monday 3 April to allow anyone who has been unsuccessful to take advantage of the advance discounted ticket rates, which end at Midday on Mon 17 April. After this date visitors can buy tickets on the gate at on-the-day prices.

To enter just go to [ukgamefair.co.uk/pullcomp](http://ukgamefair.co.uk/pullcomp) and fill out the form provided.

\*No cash alternative. We will require the winners details, address, email address and telephone number and will send their e-ticket by email.

## F1 CHALLENGE CHARITY SHOOT IN AID OF THE GRAND PRIX TRUST

On Sunday 8 January 2023, shooters and novices descend upon North Bedfordshire's Sporting Targets to take part in the F1 Challenge charity shoot in aid of the Grand Prix Trust.

The 75-target course saw more ladies entered than ever before, competing in both the shooters group and in the novices. Awards would be given based on being a F1 shooter, meaning that you had to work within F1, or its associated industries, or as a Guest or Novice. This is a team event, a team being six shooters, with the top four scores to count.

There was also an opportunity to buy raffles tickets, all raising money for the Grand Prix Trust.

The top F1 team was Ian Gardner Racing on 291/400, F1 High Gun was Stuart Fox on 79/100, top Guest Team was the Guerini Ganf on 318/400, Guest High Gun Dave Walker on 93/100, top Ladies Shooter Alix Gregory on 75/100, and Novice High Gun Mark Ledbury on 66/75.



## LE CHAMEAU RAISE MONEY FOR DOGS TRUST OVER BLACK FRIDAY WEEKEND

Over the Black Friday weekend, Le Chameau partnered up with the UK's largest dog welfare charity, Dogs Trust, to give back to our four-legged friends. Dogs Trust believe every dog deserves to live a full, safe and happy life, and promise to go the extra mile to change the tale for every dog in our care – no matter their quirks or needs, and for as long as it takes to find them their loving forever home. For every order placed on the Le Chameau website, from 15-29 November, they donated £5 to Dogs Trust, raising a total of £18,856 for the charity. To find out more visit [lechameau.com](http://lechameau.com) or [dogstrust.org.uk](http://dogstrust.org.uk)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO IAN HILBERY

Congratulations to Ian Hilbery who finally collected his new gun from Avalon Guns after three years waiting to receive his Shotgun certificate! Well done for sticking with it Ian, and we look forward to seeing your scores.

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# SHOTS IN THE MAIL

## FIND THE CLAY

Congratulations to last month's find the clay winner, Michael Lewis, who correctly located the missing clay in section F4 of the grid.



Can you guess where the missing clay in the below picture was? If so then email [pull@fellowsmedia.com](mailto:pull@fellowsmedia.com) with your guess and win a can of Witham Group gun oil and barrel/choke cleaner!

To enter, email [pull@fellowsmedia.com](mailto:pull@fellowsmedia.com) with the number and letter area of the grid the clay resides in, for example F4, along with your full name and CPSA number. Entries close at

midnight on 10 March and a winner will be chosen using a random generator and will be contacted by Fellows Media or the Witham Group with information on how to claim your prize.



1. Only one entry per person. If more than one entry is made by an individual then the first entry will be counted and all others dismissed. 2. Entry is not open to CPSA Staff or Directors or anyone professionally connected with this competition, or the immediate families of said parties. 3. No purchase necessary. Entry is free.

**THE FIND THE CLAY WINNER** will receive one can of Witham Group Estate Range Gun Oil and one can of Gun Barrel and Choke Cleaner.

\*Redeemable via voucher which will be issued by the Witham Group.



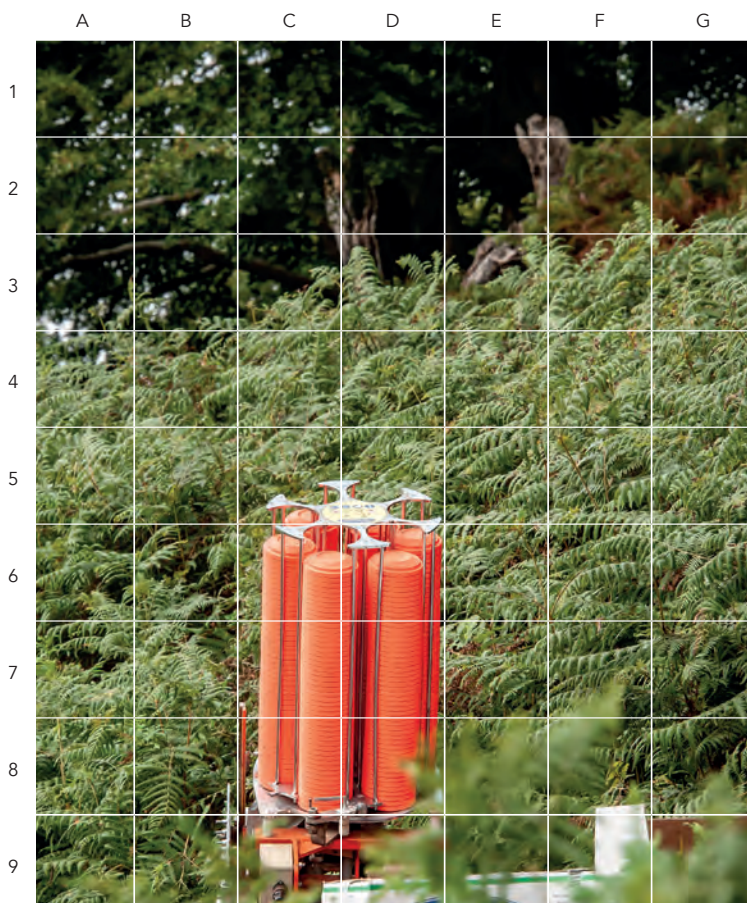
## WHERE DO YOU READ YOURS?

I am reading the November/December and January/February Pull! magazines in the Maldives, sitting back drinking a cocktail in the sun whilst the UK shooting world is getting covered in rain no doubt – **Sean Pritchard**

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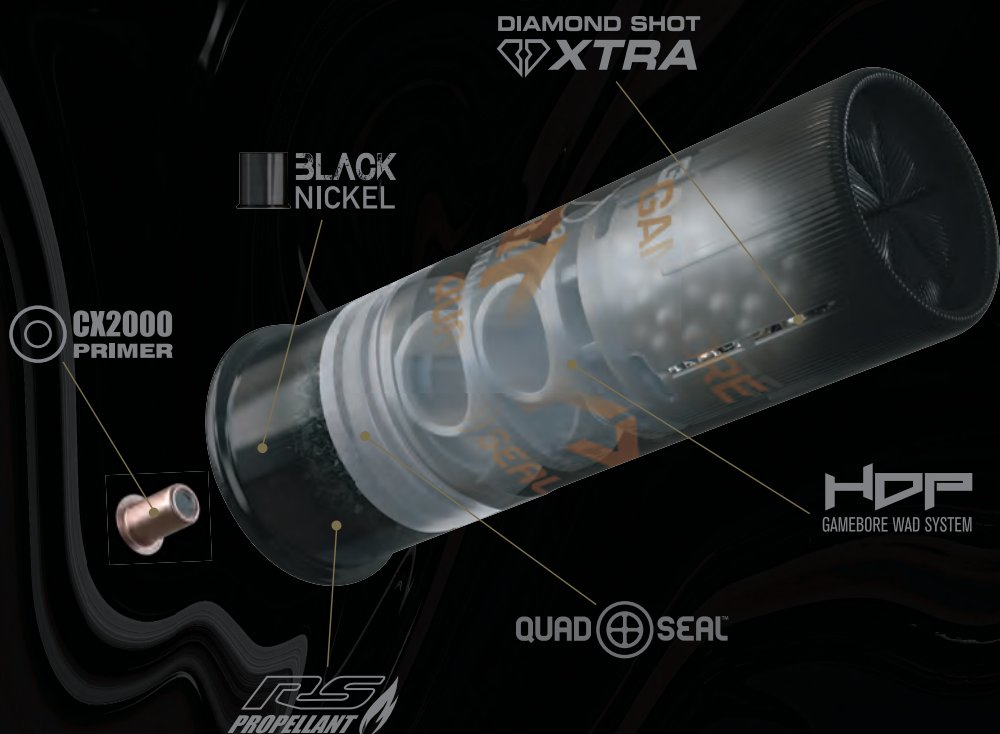


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# CPSA COURSES 2023

Whether you are just starting out or are an experienced shooter, the CPSA has created a range of courses to offer the best training available in the sport today.

Please keep an eye out online and in future issues of Pull! for more information and additional dates becoming available. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Cheryl or Richard at CPSA HQ on 01483 485400 who will be happy to help!



## Shotgun Skills (SGS) /Advanced Shotgun Skills (ASGS)

Our SGS course is an excellent introduction into the world of clay target shooting and our advanced courses are discipline specific for shotgun certificate holders looking to improve their skills and ability in their chosen discipline.

### SGS 1/2

- 22 May NCSC
- 8 Jun East Yorkshire CSG
- 9 Oct NCSC

### ADV SGS

- 12 Jun TRAP, NCSC
- 31 Jul ESK, NCSC

£99/£149

## Referee Course

Available in each of the four domestic disciplines of English Sporting, English Skeet, Down the Line and Automatic Ball Trap, these one-day courses will equip you with the general and discipline specific rules to enable you to referee regularly at registered competitions or national championships and, with it, the assurance that what you are calling is correct. This is also an excellent course for the competitor, who doesn't necessarily want to referee, but does want to ensure that they know the rules when they compete.

- 4 Mar ESP Southdown GC

### £75/£125 (combined course)

- 4 Mar ESP/ESK, Barbury SS
- 16 Mar ESK, East Yorkshire CSG
- 18 Mar ESK, Dartford CSC
- 3 Apr DTL/ABT, The Priory CTC
- 3 Apr ESK, Doveridge CSC
- 13 Apr ABT, East Yorkshire CSG
- 15 Apr DTL Bisley Gun Club
- 29 Apr ESP Bisley SG
- 15 May ESK, Eriswell Lodge
- 16 May ESP, Northampton SG
- 27 May ESP, South West SS
- 3 Jun ABT/DTL, Landare Farm Clay Shoot
- 3 Jul DTL/ABT, The Priory CTC
- 8 Aug ESP, Northampton SG
- 22 Aug ESK, The Priory CTC

## Safety Officer Course

This one-day course provides the basis for running a safe and successful shooting ground. It looks at safe gun handling, layout management, risk assessments and so on. It's an obvious choice for ground-owners and a prerequisite to Club Affiliation. It also appeals to the shooter and is the first step to our higher L1 Instructor and L2 Coaching qualifications.

- 6 Mar Millride Country Sports

£105

- 15 Mar Cambridge GC
- 30 Mar East Yorkshire CSG
- 22 Apr South West SS
- 13 May Bisley GC
- 22 May Doveridge CSC
- 19 Jun Nottingham & District GC
- 8 July Bisley GC
- 17 Aug East Yorkshire CSG
- 21 Aug Northampton SG
- 28 Aug Millride Country Sports
- 23 Sep Bisley GC

## Safety Officer Requalification

We will be launching a new online Safety Officer requalification exam in January for those who qualified in

2018, so if that was you, please keep

an eye out for your email or letter inviting you to renew your qualification.

£10

## Instructor Development Workshop (IDW)

The Instructor Development Workshop is a one-day course and a prerequisite to attending the four-day Level 1 Instructor Training Course. Candidates will be given an overview of the full four-day course and be assessed for their suitability to progress onto the ITC. Candidates must have attended a Safety Officer Course.

- 6 Mar NCSC

- 20 Mar Northampton SG
- 17 Apr Barbury SS
- 27 Apr East Yorkshire CSG
- 5 Jun Nottingham & District GC
- 6 Jul East Yorkshire CSG
- 10 Jul Doveridge CSC
- 7 Aug Eriswell Lodge
- 2 Oct Barbury SS
- 16 Oct NCSC

£175

## Level 1 Instructor Training Course (ITC)

This four-day course teaches you how to check eye dominance and gun fit. It shows you how to teach the CPSA Method, how to recognise shooting errors and how to correct them. It consists of classroom time, off-and-on-range workshops and a final day of assessments. For this course, the criteria for qualification is that the

candidate can get a novice to hit a moving target safely using the CPSA Method. Candidates must have attended an IDW within the previous two years.

- 8-11 May Northampton SG
- 26-29 Jun NCSC
- 7-10 Aug Doveridge CSC
- 4-7 Sep NCSC
- 3-6 Oct East Yorkshire CSG

£725

## L2 Common Element & L2 CTC

These are two three-day courses – the Common Element (£495) and the discipline specific Coach Training Course (£550). The Common Element now includes the three coach development workshops and allows seamless progression to the desired CTC in Trap, ESK or ESP. There are also three stand-alone CDW's \* (£175 per CDW) available for those who have previously qualified as a L2 Coach, and wish to continue their coaching qualifications in a second or third

discipline. They are designed to give you the technical skills to improve an established shooter. Candidates must be L1 Instructor qualified to attend L2 Courses.

- 22-24 May Common Element/CDW at Northampton SG
- 14 Jun ESP/ESK/Trap CDW at Northampton SG
- 11-13 Sep ESP CTC at Northampton SG
- 18-20 Sep ESK/Trap CTC at Northampton SG

£175/£495/£550



We would both like to convey our thanks to Stephen Williams for running a perfect course. – Colin S re DTL Ref course at Bisley Gun Club.



REGIONS ● The North ● West Midlands ● East Midlands ● South West ● South East





# COMPETITION CALENDAR

Clay Shooting Championships for the 2023 season - all together in one place. Be sure to keep up-to-date at [cpsa.co.uk/news](https://cpsa.co.uk/news).

**KEY:** DTL: Down the Line, EO: English Open, BO: British Open, SB: Single Barrel, DR: Double Rise, ABT: Automatic Ball Trap, ESP: English Sporting, STR: Sportrap, AR: All Round, OTR: Olympic Trap, BGP: British Gran Prix, ESK: English Skeet, SKD: English Skeet Doubles, SG: Shooting Ground, EYSG: East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground NCSC: National Clay Shooting Centre, EJC: E.J Churchill

## AUTOMATIC BALL TRAP

### APRIL

8-9 England Team Selection 1, Nuthampstead

### MAY

7 Kevin Gill Memorial/ Ceaser Guirini Challenge, EYSG  
27-28 England Team Selection 2, EYSG

### JUNE

24-25 EO ABT, NCSC

### JULY

22-23 England Team Selection 3, Bywell SG

### SEPTEMBER

8-9 Home International, Scotland  
17 National Inter-Counties, EYSG

## ENGLISH SPORTING

### MARCH

18-19 West Midlands England Team Selection, Doveridge

### APRIL

8-9 North England Team Selection, Oak Lodge SG

### MAY

6-7 South East England Team Selection, Redricks  
17-21 EO ESP, Eriswell Lodge

### JUNE

2-4 EO STR, Barbury SG

### JULY

1-8 WO ESP, EJC  
29-30 South West England Team Selection, Barbury SS

### AUGUST

5-6 East Midlands England Team Selection, Sporting Targets  
30-3 Sept BO ESP, Garlands

### SEPTEMBER

16 Home Internationals England, Sporting Targets

### OCTOBER

8 Nationals Inter-Counties, Atkin Grant & Lang SG



**OLYMPIC SKEET****MARCH**27-7<sup>Apr</sup> World Cup, Peru**APRIL**27<sup>Mar-7</sup> World Cup, Peru

19-30 World Cup, Lonato

8-9 England Team Selection 1, Bisley

**MAY**

13-14 England Team Selection 2, East Yorkshire SG

27-7<sup>Jun</sup> World Cup, Baku**JUNE**27<sup>May-7</sup> World Cup, Baku

10-11 EO OSK, EYSG

24-25 England Team Selection 3, Fauxdegla

**AUGUST**

12 Home Internationals, Wales

**UNIVERSAL TRENCH****APRIL**

1-2 South Wales 2000 Grand Prix,

22-23 UK Championships, Fauxdegla SG

**JULY**

1-2 EO UTR, Brook Bank SG

**AUGUST**

26-27 British Grand Prix, Nuthampstead

**DOWN THE LINE****MARCH**

11-12 England Team Selection 1, North of England

23-31 ICTSF World DTL, South Africa

**APRIL**

22-23 England Team Selection 2, Brook Bank SG

**MAY**

13-14 England Team Selection 3, Holmes Chapel

**JUNE**

9-11 DTL Weekend - Bywell SG

**JULY**

21-22 Home International - Ireland

**AUGUST**

5-6 EO &amp; BO SB, Nottingham &amp; District

26-27 EO &amp; BO DR, Bywell SG

**OCTOBER**

8 National Inter-Counties – NCSC

**COMPAK****APRIL**

1 EO Compak, Orston SG

**MAY**

27 UK Championships, EJC

**JUNE**

15-18 European Championship, Italy

**JULY**

23 British Masters, Barbury SG

**AUGUST**

26-27 British Grand Prix, Doveridge

**SEPTEMBER**

7-10 World Championships, Greece

**OLYMPIC TRAP****MARCH**27-7<sup>Apr</sup> World Cup, Peru**APRIL**

15-16 England Team Selection 1, East Yorkshire SG

19-30 World Cup, Lonato

27<sup>Mar-7</sup> World Cup, Peru**MAY**

13-14 England Team Selection 2, Fauxdegla

27-7<sup>Jun</sup> World Cup, Baku**JUNE**27<sup>May-7</sup> World Cup, Baku

8-11 European Championships, Austria

17-18 EO OTR, EYSG

24-25 England Team Selection 3, Nuthampstead

**AUGUST**

18-19 Home Internationals, Nuthampstead SG

20 UK Champs, Nuthampstead

3-6 World Cup, Spain

**ALL ROUND****APRIL**

15-16 EO AR, Nottingham &amp; District SG

**AUGUST**

19-20 BO AR, Nottingham &amp; District SG

**SEPTEMBER**

24 National Inter-Counties, North of England CTC

**ENGLISH SKEET****APRIL**

1-2 England Team Selection 1, Dartford SG

29-30 EO ESK, Nottingham &amp; District SG

**MAY**

27-28 EO SKD, Dartford SG

**JUNE**

17-18 England Team Selection 2, Nottingham &amp; District SG

**JULY**

21-23 BO ESK, EYSG

**SEPTEMBER**

1-2 Home International, Jersey

**OCTOBER**

15 National Inter-Counties, NCSC

**FITASC****APRIL**

22-23 British Grand Prix, West Midlands

**MAY**

11-14 European Championship, Cyprus

**JUNE**

17-18 English Open, Barbury SG

**JULY**

13-16 World Cup, Hungary

**SEPTEMBER**

16-17 UK Champs, Park Lodge SS

30 Home International, N. Ireland

**OTHER****MARCH**

11 CPSA Awards

**MAY**

6-7 Northern Shooting Show

**JULY**

28-30 The Game Fair

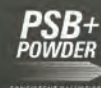
**SEPTEMBER**

9-10 Sandringham Game Fair

Please note that dates and venues are subject to change Please keep an eye on [cpsa.co.uk/news](https://cpsa.co.uk/news) and [cpsa.co.uk/calendarx](https://cpsa.co.uk/calendarx) for the latest updates.



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# INTERNATIONAL

Sarah Daly reports on events from around the world.



**Above:** Elena Allen (third right) with Daniele Di Spigno, Kimberley Rhode and Cassio Rippel. **Below:** Christian Schofield.



## ISSF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Great to see GBR's shotgun representation on some of the ISSF Committees, especially Elena Allen on the ISSF Executive Committee and Christian Schofield on the Coaches Committee.

Many congratulations to both.

## EUROPEAN GAMES

In 2022 GBR qualified seven athletes at the European Championships for the EUG, to be held in June this year, just one place needed in Skeet men for a full house.

The final places will be allocated based on the ISSF World Ranking system, with three World Cups being the qualifying events being held in January, March, and April. The qualifying period ends 22 April 2023, when the NOCs will be informed of their allocated quota places. So may the targets fly fair for our Skeet men.

## PARIS 2024 QUALIFICATION

**2023:** This is an important year for Paris 2024 qualification, with a total of six quota places available in each discipline, one each for the European Championships and the European Games, with another four at the World Championships.

**2024:** Two quota places can be won in each discipline, one each at the European Championships and Final ISSF Olympic Qualification Championship. There is an additional opportunity for a quota place via the ISSF Qualification Ranking for the Olympic Games which will be allocated from the ranking list to be produced on 9th June 2024. A place in each discipline will be offered to the highest ranked

athlete whose nation has not won two quota places.

Quota place information sourced from the ISSF website, 27 January 2023.

## LUCY HALL

I caught up with Lucy before Christmas:

"2022 was my first year transitioning from

Juniors to Seniors and there's been some hard moments but also some absolutely fantastic moments as well! The highlight of the year for me was winning a Silver medal at the European Championships and an Olympic quota place, it shows that all the hard work I've been putting in is paying off.

"For this year I want to keep learning but also win more medals and titles!"

## WORLD CUP

The first of the EUG ranking ISSF World Cups

See websites for international results and videos:

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was hosted by Morocco, with approximately 220 competitors from 41 countries.

**Skeet Women:** Jessica Burgess (RPO), Sophie Herrmann (RPO).

**Skeet Men:** Ben Llewellyn, Arran Eccleston, Freddie Killander (RPO), Mitchell Brooker-Smith (RPO).

**Trap Women:** Lucy Hall, Georgina Roberts.

**Trap Men:** Matt Coward-Holley, Steve Scott.

There were only two GRB representatives in the women’s event, Jessica Burgess and Sophie Herrmann, both shooting for Ranking Points Only (RPO). RPO is an effective introduction to gaining experience in the Senior competitions, as Lucy Hall has commented. The scores were close between the two, finishing on 108ex125 and 106 respectively.

Ben Llewellyn was our

highest scoring athlete in the Skeet men, finishing on 123ex125 which ranked him third post qualifying rounds. The ranking match saw Ben maintain his position up to the 20 target mark, dropping three targets in total, Ben straightened the next ten targets, but it was not enough to progress to the Medal Match being just one target off the pace.

Ben’s result has moved him up from ninth to fifth in the world rankings and second in the Qualification Ranking for the Olympic Games.

Ben Llewellyn shoots a sponsored combination of Perazzi High Tech/Clever Mirage, is also sponsored by Promatic and supported by British Shooting and UK Sport.

I spoke to Ben post event: “I was pleasantly surprised by my score in Rabat! I had a short break after the World Cup Final in December, then

one cold weather training camp at the beginning of January before travelling out to Rabat for the World Cup.

“I feel like it is a very good benchmark to the start of my season, so I am going to spend some time in February working on some solid training leading up to the following five World Cups, European Games, European Championships, and World Championships.”

“Three days competition is tough, there are only two rounds on the first two days, then one round and the finals on day three. Even though you are not shooting for long on each day, your mental preparation requires the same level of attention on each day, be it a two or three day competition.”

Georgina Roberts shot solidly in the trap women to finish 12th.

But Matt Coward-Holley really upped his game to win gold. At the end of day one he was equal eighth, the end of the second day saw him drop two spots to equal tenth, but a straight on the last day bumped him up to equal fourth on 119ex125. Following the shoot-off he was ranked

sixth, enough to put him third in his ranking match.

Matt won his ranking match on 23ex25, his nearest rivals being last year’s World Champion, Derrick Mein (USA) and Daniele Resca (USA), putting Matt ranked three in the medal match, potentially a vulnerable position to be ruled out of the medals. Dropping the second target was not helpful, but he then proceeded to straight the next 23 targets, by the eighteenth target he was leading the field, with David Kostecky (CZE) just in second. The final score was Matt posting 32ex35, David Kostecky just one target behind – a good match to watch.

This match not only put Matt at the top of the podium, it has also moved him up from sixth to the top of the World Rankings and third in the Qualification Ranking for the Olympic Games.

An encouraging start to the 2023 ISSF competition season, with four more world cups over the next three months with more competitions to follow. So, a fairly relentless season ahead. 🌊

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022



For Year Ended 30 November 2022, by Dr John Martin, CPSA Chairman.

It really doesn't feel like a year since I sat down to write my last Chairman's report. Annoyingly though, my desk calendar stares at me smugly and Windows joins in, every time I switch on my PC so it must be true. It just sort of shows how busy last year really was but, as we move into 2023, trust me, you ain't seen nothing yet.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

### British Open Sporting and Sportrap

For the first time, the British Open Sporting was held at the Barbury Shooting School. It proved so popular we had to add extra days. In addition to a fantastic course, Josh Brown also rewarded our expectations by presenting us with a castle.

A strong turnout produced strong scores with Sam Usher winning the Overall title, Chris Childerhouse coming second and Nathan Skinner third. Ladies High Gun was taken by Hanna Gibson with Georgie Moule becoming Runner-up after a shoot-off with Charlotte Hollands. William Page took the Juniors title, Ruben Colton the Colts, and Martin Doughty the Veterans. The British Open Sportrap, held at the same event, was won by George Digweed beating John Lee by one clay, who in turn beat Sam Green by a single clay. Ladies High Gun went to Emma Stacey with Cheryl Hall taking second place, and Hannah Gibson third lady Overall. William Page repeated his success in the Juniors ESP by also winning the Juniors Sportrap title. Lucy Earle took the lady Juniors High Gun and Steve Brightwell the Veterans.

### English Open Sporting

That leafy lair of John Bidwell and Andy Coppen, which is High Lodge, hosted the English Open. Paul Batchelor took the Overall title with Phil Gray coming a close second and George Digweed an even closer third. Ladies High Gun went

to Cheryl Hall with Emma Stacey taking second place after a shoot-off with Hannah Gibson. The Junior High Gun was taken by Jacob O'Loughlin and the Veterans by Philip Thorrold.

### English Open Sportrap

Eriswell Lodge hosted this Championship.

Stuart Smith set an impressive course of 150 targets with three days of competition. The weather was some of the hottest of the year making everyone grateful for the complimentary iced water, which was ferried around the ground by the Eriswell staff. Goody Bags added to the event and Kenji also got one even though he wasn't shooting.

James Atwood took the English Open title having scored 141 with Richard Faulds coming a close second on 140, and Henry Collins third on 138. The Ladies title was taken by Cheryl Hall who held Charlotte Hollands to second place by one clay, with Georgie Moule awarded third Lady Overall. Tristan Hockey claimed the Junior title with Will Page coming second, and Daniel King third. The Colts Champion trophy went to John Porter and the Veterans title to Steve Brightwell.

### British Open Skeet

In weather far less scorching than the Sportrap, Eriswell Lodge also held the British Open Skeet. On day two, Ethan

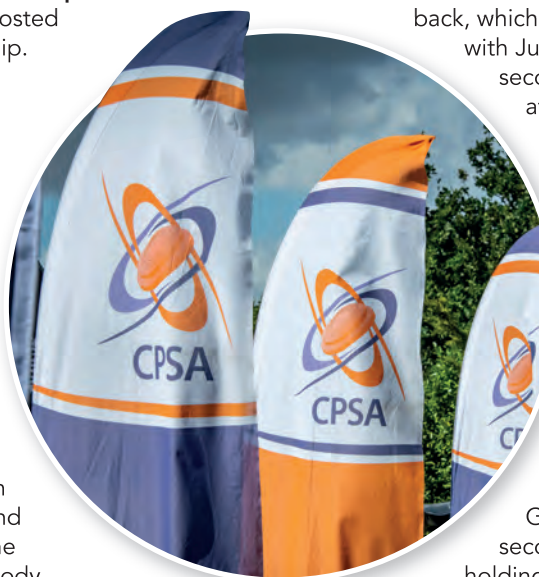
Lord shot 100-straight as did his dad Marcus. They then went off to Cornwall for a holiday saying that they wouldn't be back for shoot-offs. By mid-Sunday it was obvious only another two 100-strights would be put in. Ethan and Marcus decided to take the long road

back, which was rewarded with Junior Ethan taking second place Overall after a shoot-off with eventual winner Tom Clifford. Ethan's dad Marcus came third Overall. Now that was a journey worth making! Megan Jones took the Ladies title on 99 with Hannah Gibson clinching second place by holding Ali Coupe at bay by one clay. Second Overall,

Ethan Lord, also took the Junior title outright, with Megan Jones one point behind on 99 and Sonny Bowman on 96. The Colts title was won by George Billington, with Isabel Cartlidge second, and Matthew Huxtable third. Philip Thorrold was the Veterans High Gun with the second and third place being fought out over a 25 target shoot-off followed by a nail-biting 24 targets of sudden-death. Stephen Leppington finally prevailed over Peter Stanton-Hope to take second place.

## HEAD OFFICE

As always, I must pay tribute to Iain Parker and all his staff at HQ for an excellent year of Major Championships as well as managing the day-to-day running of the firm. During 2022 we





were joined, for the third time, by Paula Watkins taking on the role of Events Executive. Paula left us about six years ago to go back to South Africa and has made a seamless return slotting back in as though she's never been away. Morgan Evans joined us in the role of Marketing, Communications, and PR executive and has greatly enhanced our social media and newsletter profile. Finally, in December I presented Richard Worthington, our National Development Manager, with a ten year long service award however, as he has pointed out to me, in a couple of weeks it would have been 11 years. Better late than never Richard.

### THE YEAR AHEAD

We all know the problems the sport has faced over the years of COVID restrictions. 2022 saw membership rise again but peaking in July when the cost of living crisis started to have an effect and numbers began to drop. Thankfully, this trend was brief and we have reached a plateau of about 22,500 members which is holding steady. With a revised budget we are still forecasting a surplus for this year and the company remains financially sound with strong prospects for the future. But prices are rising everywhere and grounds are facing serious problems – as are all businesses. You, our members, have increasing costs, mortgage hikes, soaring food and fuel prices, as well as eye watering charges for accommodation when travelling to Championships. We have responded to these pressures by trying, where possible, to locate as many of our major championships in a central band across the country to reduce the distances our members have to travel, who live in the far south or north of the country, saving on fuel and, perhaps hotel costs.

In addition, we have recognised that, this year, we need to help bear some of the additional costs which grounds are facing when running a major championships. This will have a cost to the company but we are confident we can do it without lowering the standards of our Championships or the experiences of our members competing. In fact, it's not only a belief it's a guarantee which I happily and confidently give you now.

That said, we are planning an astoundingly busy year for 2023, with the jewel in the crown being the World Sporting at E.J. Churchill's. Selling out

on day two, we had to open some extra slots on the proceeding weekend. We're running two Sporting and a Prelim course as well as the World Open Sportrap. Instead of a FITASC championship we will be running our first ever major Super Sporting Championship. The final day has also been changed to the Saturday, ensuring we can make best advantage of the main ground facilities and allowing

last year, after five terms as England's ESP team manager, Richard Hunter stood down and was succeeded by Phil Easeman who took the team to success at the Home International on Jersey. Dorothy Bird, the much loved and very successful Olympic Skeet manager, moved north, very close to the ice wall, to direct her energies into a new farming venture. After managing the Olympic

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Sunday for everyone to recoup before going back to work on the Monday. Sounds like a plan to me.

Steve Lovatt will be hosting the British Open Sporting and Sportrap at Garlands Shooting Ground and, after the success of the English Open Sportrap last year, Eriswell Lodge will be taking on the English Open Sporting for the first time. The English Open Sportrap is going to Barbury who should find it a fairly pedestrian affair after the success of last year's British Open.

Carl Smith will be overseeing the English Open Skeet at Nottingham and Rob Hall will be taking on the British Open Skeet at East Yorkshire. It will come as no surprise, as it sort of says it on the tin that the Bywell DTL Weekend, comprising the Sponsors Day, the Dougal Memorial, and the English Open, will be at Bywell, courtesy of the Henry family. Finally, the English Open ABT Championship is in the very capable hands of Oli Jones, David Dale, and quite possibly Duke, down at the National Clay Shooting Centre at Bisley.

In addition to our major championship, England will also be hosting two ICTSC Home International Championships. Andrew Clifton will be welcoming the five nations to Sporting Targets for the Home International English Sporting while Ed Barker will be doing pretty much the same for the Home International Olympic Trap at Nuthampstead. Whilst on the subject,

Skeet teams for six years, herding sheep should prove a walk in the park (only half kidding guys). Dot is succeeded by Paul Tudge starting a three year term. Paul Chapman stood down as ABT manager and is succeeded by Dr Rebecca Wockenforth whilst Julia Havill was overwhelmingly reselected by her very successful English Skeet team to manage them for a further three years to provide advice, support, and above all, cake.

And so, a small part of 2023 has already passed but the majority, and the shooting parts, are yet to come. With everything that's going on in the world it's going to be different but, we sort of got used to that over the last three years and we very much have the tee-shirt. Different is the new normal and I'm confident that the staff at HQ, the Directors and above all you, the members, will take everything in their stride in 2023 and, despite the harbingers of doom, will make this one of the most successful years ever.

I'm looking forward to meeting up with you all on the grounds, at the meetings and on the training courses. If you are where I am, please come and have a word and tell me your thoughts. I'm easy to spot, I'm the one with the Labrador, slightly thinning on top and with a totally confused look on his face, me that is, not the Lab.

To paraphrase everyone's favourite Vulcan, Shoot Well and Prosper. See you all soon. 🐾

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# TRUE GRIT

Earning GB a quota place for the Paris Olympics was just one highlight of a sparkling 2022 for **Lucy Hall** – **Anita North** finds out about what drives her.

In 2014, 11-year-old Lucy Hall had her first go at clay shooting. The same year she wrote down that her ambition was to win an Olympic Gold Medal... in clay shooting. Fast forward to the present day and 19-year-old Lucy has made great strides towards making that goal a reality. At the 2022 European Championships she won a Silver medal and with this also earned GB a quota place for the Paris Olympics and finished the year ranked 12th in the world for Olympic Trap (OT).

And you don't have to look too far to discover where she got her inspiration from, because Lucy's father is Rob Hall, who won the English Open DTL in 2022 after a few years of not shooting. Rob is a farmer who also owns The Gun Room, Yorkshire, and runs East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, so shooting really is in her blood. Indeed, clay shooting is Lucy's passion, but her success thus far has been built on very solid foundations.

Being part of the Pathway was key to starting to hone my skills in Olympic Trap.

at the Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy. Since then, training and competing have continued, with Rob taking on the role of personal coach as they worked with British Shooting and built a support team around Lucy as she focused on her Olympic aspirations. Fast forward to 2021 and Lucy took Gold at the Junior Women's event as well as a team Bronze in the team event at the European Championship. The same year she gained her first England cap, competing in the OT Home International. And then in 2022 the great leap was taken and, while still eligible for the Junior

Women's category, Lucy opted

to compete as a Senior woman. She collected a World Cup Bronze and two European Championships medals as well as that GB quota place for the Paris Olympics.

So it was fascinating to be able to ask her a few questions about the journey so far and the next steps.

## Q IS SHOOTING YOUR ONLY JOB?

No, I finished an Extended Diploma in Sport this summer and now work in The Gun Room. It's a job I love, as it is all about helping customers and it's great to also help them find their perfect gun.

## Q HOW DID YOU FIND IT WHEN YOU STARTED TRAINING AND COMPETING IN OLYMPIC TRAP?

Being part of the Pathway was key to starting to hone my skills in Olympic Trap. I learned lots along the way. I remember my first GB outing. I was so nervous, but I wasn't alone and there were a number of other new caps in the team. I had a great experience, and it couldn't have been a better introduction to the international OT scene.

## Q WHAT HAS IT TAKEN TO GET THIS FAR?

It has taken a lot of work, a LOT of work. I am very driven and focused on my ultimate goal. There are no shortcuts and it takes work, blood sweat and tears. It is a persistent effort, each and every day. No one can prepare you for the leap from Junior to Senior competition, but I ►

## OLYMPIC TRAP AND COMPETING FOR GB

In 2015 Lucy started on her journey in Olympic Trap. Having tried OT a couple of times at Beverley Clay Target Centre (now East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground), late in 2015 Lucy went to a British Shooting Talent ID day, a follow-up assessment day, and was subsequently invited to join the Talent Pathway group for OT. In 2016 OT training days were combined with competing in DTL, ABT and UT. Then in 2017, Lucy competed for GB in UT and in August 2017 got her first GB cap for OT and competed

**Right:** Rob and Lucy Hall with trophies at Bywell Shooting Ground in 2022.





have relished the challenge as I focus on my goals. It's been a team effort – I've always worked with a coach, sometimes in the plural.

### Q HOW OFTEN DO YOU TRAIN?

Depending on the time of year, I train three or four times a week on the shooting range. I also do gym and fitness work, and it all contributes to ensuring I am fully prepared for competing.

### Q YOUR BIGGEST SUPPORT?

There are so many people who have supported me along the way, but my greatest support comes from my family. Without them I wouldn't be able to do my sport. They have all given up so much. My sister, Georgina, deserves so much credit for what she has done and continues to do. Mum is the brains and keeps everything together and Dad spends so much time with me on the range. It is my dream but they are such a part of it – it's a shared dream that we

“ You can't do it alone. You need a team. Your team might be big or small, but you need someone to work with, to help guide you. ”

are all working on becoming a reality. With dad we work as a team. We are both perfectionists and it's all about getting every aspect of the technique right and being well organised.

### Q FAVOURITE SHOOTING MEMORY?

Shooting DTL on a squad with dad and granddad at a local ground when dad shot 100/300. I am very lucky to have dad and grandad as role models in life as well as in shooting. Grandad is gone now but continues to inspire me.

### Q FAVOURITE GB MEMORY?

Winning the quota place at the 2022 European Championships. It was a great trip, one that I will always remember.

### Q HOW DID IT FEEL TO REPRESENT ENGLAND AT THE OT HOME INTERNATIONAL?

It's an honour to shoot for England. I felt very proud to wear the badge.

### Q ADVICE TO ANYONE WITH SIMILAR ASPIRATIONS IN SHOOTING OR OTHER SPORTS?

You can't do it alone. You need a team. Your team might be big or small, but you need someone to work with, to help guide you. Also there's no substitute for hard work. The main thing is to keep moving forward – keep learning and working. Things come to those who work hard.

### Q SPORTING HERO?

Apart from my dad (obviously), Serena Williams is awesome – I admire her determination and pure grit.

### Q IF YOU WEREN'T INTO CLAY SHOOTING?

I would be a schoolteacher.

### Q WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE NEXT WEEKS/ MONTHS/YEARS?

I'm currently making plans for competitions on the road to Paris. Further ahead I want to compete for years to come and even after competing I envisage I will always be involved in the sport in some way.

### Q IS THERE ANYONE TO THANK?

I would really like to thank my sponsors – Beretta, GMK, Eley Hawk, Manuel Ricardo, Pilla, Tagami, Promatic Traps and Corsivia. I also want to give a massive thank you to British Shooting, UK Sport, and the National Lottery.





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# SHOTS



## HOW I STARTED SHOOTING

I have been surrounded by shooting from a very young age and I used to travel around Registered competitions watching my dad shoot. After a few years, I wanted to try it for myself and hit my first clay with a single barrel .410 at the age of 9. I really enjoyed it, so after a few months of shooting I went to see Phillip Thorrold for some lessons. I loved it and always came away with a huge grin on my face. I soon started competing in Registered Sporting competitions and have not looked back since.

I only shot the discipline of English Sporting when I first started so since then, I have kept this as my main discipline but also enjoy Sportrap and Compak competitions. I take part in ESK competitions but mainly do it as practice as it gets you to focus on the target and keep your concentration throughout the layout.

I am 15 now and have one final year left in the Colts category – this year I plan to shoot many new competitions like the World English Sporting Championship in July. ►

### EMILY'S TOP TIPS

- TIP 1** Always focus on your own shooting and not on others around you.
- TIP 2** Keep your set up simple – find a gun and cartridge you like and stick with it.
- TIP 3** Don't get annoyed when you miss a target and just focus on the next clay.
- TIP 4** Find a coach who you get along with and work well with to help you improve your shooting.
- TIP 5** Shoot at hard targets in practice so when you go to competition, you are never phased by any targets.



## EQUIPMENT

My coat would be my favourite piece of equipment as I generally shoot through the winter periods that can have terrible weather patterns. I always carry it with me so I can be prepared for changes in weather on the day of competing.

Over the last few years, the hardest piece equipment to get right would be the gun itself. Since I started, I have grown a lot taller, and my results have suffered in the past when I had padded foam on my gun stock. My coach Phillip had to constantly adjust it every school holiday when I went and had lessons with him.



**Left:** English Open Sporting Ladies Colts Champion Emily in 2021.

**Right:** Emily retained her English Open Sporting Ladies Colts Champion title in 2022.



## SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP

I am lucky to have the support of my family, and of my coach Philip Thorold who has coached me in his academy since 2017. Barrow Sporting Clays have also helped me out massively by sponsoring my entries whenever I shoot there. I would also like to thank the Essex Shooting Ground for sponsoring clays whenever I practice there. Without their support I wouldn't have achieved what I have in the few years I've been shooting. There are also many people who have helped me along the way. Those people know who they are so I would like to thank you!



### THREE DESERT ISLAND ESSENTIALS

A football, my phone and my dog Meg.

## GUN AND AMMUNITION

Currently I am shooting a 12G Nikko skeet gun with a left-handed adjustable stock and 28-inch barrels. The gun came with Teague chokes which I generally keep as 1/4 1/4, unless there is a monster target that needs a tighter pattern. Since I moved from a 28G to a 12G, in 2020, I've always shot 21g Eley Select cartridges through my gun as they have little recoil and work well for me. I plan to move onto 24g Eley Select this year.

## BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS

My favourite shooting moment was when I shot my personal best of 83/100 at a Registered competition. I was so happy with the result as I also won my class and couldn't stop talking on the car ride home!

My biggest achievement would be that I managed to retain winning the English Open Sporting Ladies Colts category in 2022 at High Lodge. Last year was also a year I decided to expand into doing more Sportrap and went on to win the Ladies Colts category at the English and British Open Sportrap.

The British Open Sporting at Barbury was also such a cool experience last year, as I qualified in my class for the Sunday and came in second in the Ladies Colts category behind Fern Lancaster. We have competed against each other in most major Sporting championships and have become good friends since we first competed in the British Open in 2021.

**Right:** Emily with her Coach Philip Thorold.





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# BLAZING THE TRAIL



As one of the first female CPSA Level 3 Senior Coaches, **Ali Schwind** is eager to inspire others to follow in her impressive footsteps, as she explains to **Martin Puddifer**.

**A**li Schwind has an impressive shooting CV. The 34-year-old from Suffolk achieved her CPSA Level 3 Senior Coach qualification in September, making her one of the first female Coaches to hold that title, adding it to the long list of other coaching, refereeing, and loading credentials she has achieved in recent years.

The former competitive freestyle skier grew up in a shooting family – her parents are both keen clay shots – and she made the most of her experience and abilities during her time in further education. Ali was a member of The Royal Agricultural College shooting team between 2009- 2011 and was even named a BUCS National Champion during her first year.

## A SMILE ON THEIR FACES

After graduating with a degree in Agriculture and Farm Management, Ali worked in marketing and set up her own lifestyle brand, Young & Country, before joining Fennes Shooting School in 2016. It was there, under the mentorship of Tracey Riddington, that her coaching journey began. "Tracey

encouraged me to become a coach from day one," says Ali. "I started taking novices out on lessons and everyone left with a smile on their face; I was hooked on coaching from that moment on."

Ali describes her coaching style as 'very relaxed' and talks with great enthusiasm about putting people at ease – no easy task given the broad level of experience she encounters within her client base. "I learned a lot about the client's experience during a lesson while I was at Fennes," explains Ali. "With novices, it's about making sure that they get the bug and want to come back. With the more experienced shots, it's about showing them how to take the next step and, if they have them, making their dreams of entering competitions a reality."

Ali became the manager at Fennes following Tracey's retirement, remaining in post until the summer of 2020. The enforced closure of the shooting school during the pandemic gave her a chance to reflect on what she had achieved and her ambitions for the future. Ali had always wanted to run her own business and decided to become a coach to clients across East Anglia.





### FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS

Adamant she would “be the best possible coach she could be” she asserts that good communication between coach and client is a key part of achieving that aim. For Ali, it’s important to have a good relationship with clients, not least to make them comfortable about expressing how they are feeling when they are in the stand. It’s not necessarily what you say, but how you say it, that matters. “Every individual should be coached in an individual manner. Part of a coach’s role is to understand the rate at which the client can develop, but also, the language they respond to best. There are 100 ways to say the same thing and you’ve got to be adaptable. As clients become more experienced, their shooting becomes more psychological and that can throw up new barriers. So much of shooting is about the right mindset.”

For Ali, there is so much more to a lesson than just pulling the trigger. Hers is not a results-based approach where the hour is judged purely on the number of clays dusted. Of course, there has to be progress, a new marker laid down for the next lesson, but not at the expense of the client feeling like they are being ushered away from their comfort zone too soon. “I have a list of things I want to find out about my clients, a kind

of internal questionnaire,” explains Ali. “I like to go out on the ground and sit down for ten minutes just talking about what we’re going to be doing during the lesson, finding out what the client wants to achieve – their short, medium, and long-term goals – and for them to know that those goals are flexible, especially if things aren’t going according to plan.”

“I want to make sure that when we’ve finished the lesson the client really understands what changes we’ve made to their technique. Not just where they’ve missed but understanding the fundamentals as to why they have missed, so that when they miss a clay when we aren’t together, they better understand the cause and know how to put it right.”

### A FRESH APPROACH

Seeing how her clients have developed under her tutelage continues to give Ali great satisfaction, especially when she can see her advice has been taken on board and used as a building block. Getting clients to feel comfortable in their own skin, to own mistakes and take charge of their development is quite intentional. “It’s important that a coach doesn’t try to make their client shoot the same way they would,” explains Ali. “Everyone learns in different ways and there are no rules to how

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off them, get them to step outside the stand, turn around in a circle, touch their toes, then get back into the stand and carry on – that simple exercise can really help to clear someone’s mind.”

#### EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

As well as coaching clients at schools across East Anglia, Ali coaches Olympic disciplines with the Cambridge University shooting team, working with Richard Wilson and Colin Burrows to develop

fast you should progress or the technique you should be using. Many techniques can be used to teach someone how to shoot, and it’s about encouraging the client to use the correct technique for them. The coach has to be encouraging, even when their client misses an easy clay, because everyone misses the easy ones and it’s down to a simple lapse in concentration.”

Ali’s solution to getting a series of misses out of her clients’ heads is a novel one. “An important part of being a coach is knowing when a client is struggling and taking them out of that environment. The easiest thing to do is to take the gun

a pathway into competitive shooting which has already seen hundreds of students sign up. Ali also has ambitions to work with British Shooting and hopes to one day be a CPSA coaches’ tutor.

While rightly proud of her achievements, Ali admits she doesn’t want to be one of very few female CPSA Level 3 Senior Coaches for very long. In her view, women’s shooting, like women’s sport in general, is in really good health at the moment, but she hints that there is no time for complacency. Individuals including Cheryl Hall and Amber Hill show what female shots can do on and off the stand, while organisations such as The Shotgun & Chelsea Bun Club and the Smoking Barrels Girls Club are key to making nervous newcomers feel welcome. Ali sees great benefit in those supportive environments, even offering lessons at her home farm, where clients are free to learn, laugh, and even cry without feeling judged. She also wants to use her position to encourage other women to start their coaching journey and is looking forward to welcoming more female Level 3 coaches in the near future.

“It would be great to have a community of female Level 3 coaches,” explains Ali. “I am really hopeful about the future. Just think about what we could do together. I want to make Level 3 more desirable, to get more women to start their journey and feel like nothing can stop them: because nothing can.”



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# HIGH TOWER HEAVEN

We spoke to **John Hartog** of Sporting Targets to discover more about the ground's evolution, since opening in 1989.



**Q When did the ground open and what makes it special?**

**A:** Sporting Targets offers a large volume of targets (170 traps) including three towers at 120', 110' and 60. The ground was opened in 1989 and was an evolution of a smaller Clay Shoot, operated by the Clifton family. It was father and son team, Ian and Andrew, who set the Sporting Targets ground up as we see it today. Andrew became Managing Director

of Sporting Targets Limited in December 1995 and continues to play a major role in leading his team and the ground.

**Q What disciplines/facilities/events do you offer around the grounds?**

**A:** The ground offers a comprehensive English Sporting layout, spread over approximately 50 different shooting positions to offer an eclectic mix of targets – from totally novice to



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absolute professional. We have a reputation for our towers, of which there are three, an ideal for practicing high driven and crossing targets. FITASC Sporting would be next in line and by combining the layouts within a FITASC discipline provide an extraordinary and challenging layout. Sporting Targets has four Sportrap Layouts as well as Skeet and Down the Line. We serve food seven days a week and offer complimentary Tea and Coffee to all. The gun shop stocks everything you need, and if we don't have it we will source it for you.

**Q Have you won any awards and accreditations over the years?**

**A:** Sporting Targets has the CPSA Grounds Premier Plus Status, and has featured many times in the 'Ground of the Year' awards. We have







The ground has all the amenities you would expect from a Premier Plus ground.

also been awarded the top honours for both ground and best breakfast!

### **Q**How has the ground developed over the years?

**A:** The ground has grown, currently covering just under 40 acres, and we have learned how to make the best of the space we have.

The ground and the clubhouse has evolved and expanded just last year – the clubhouse itself was extended to improve the ambiance and space available to sit, eat, and drink. We have added a patio area behind the clubhouse with tables, ideal for soaking up the summer sun.

### **Q**What's the clay shooting scene like in your area?

**A:** Clay Shooting in the Area is very buoyant, with a large catchment area around us.

### **Q**What are your top tips for shooting well here?

**A:** To shoot well at Sporting Targets, you need to be able to conquer tower targets, not only driven but, crossing, diving, close, and far.

You also need to be prepared to shoot from heights down on to targets, as we have numerous platforms that we bring in to play on competitions, but are there also available for practice.

### **Q**Are you holding any special events in 2023?

**A:** This year we will be continuing to run our monthly 100 Registered English Sporting Competitions, as well as the 'iconic' High Tower Challenge which will be running throughout June and July. We will also be hosting the Jack Pyke English Open on 14-18 June, the England Team Selection

Shoot on 5-6 August, the Home International on 16 September, along with Bedfordshire English Sporting County Championship and Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire FITASC County Championships.

All our shoots can be booked now, except the Home International by calling us, or you can check our fixtures dates on our website.

### **Q**Is there anything else you feel should be included in an article about your ground?

**A:** The ground has all the amenities you would expect from a Premier Plus ground. We are open seven days a week and cater for corporate

events, private groups, and shooting groups. We have comprehensive catering facilities, from sandwiches to plated meals, buffets to three-course dining. We also offer coaching seven days a week (except competition days) and have a comprehensively stocked gun shop. Open Practice is available seven days a week. 🦌

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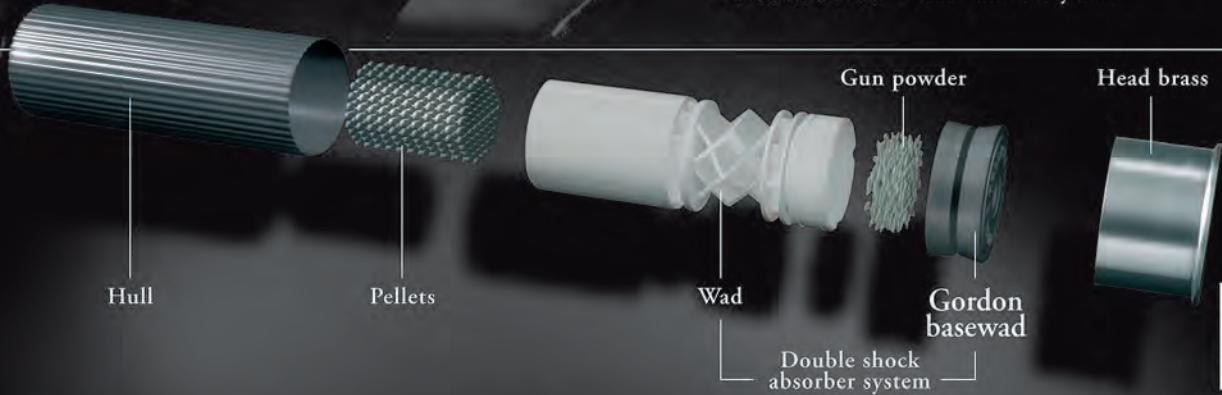
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# ENGLAND TEAM MANAGERS

## PAST & PRESENT

Suzanne Tubb speaks to the outgoing and new Automatic Ball Trap and Olympic Skeet England Team Managers.



### PAUL CHAPMAN PAST ABT ENGLAND TEAM MANAGER

I hugely enjoyed my time as England ABT Team Manager and was grateful to receive significant support from the shooters themselves – as I had been away from clay shooting for some time prior to taking up the position their initial reaction was, quite understandably, ‘who the heck is this guy?’ but to a person they were friendly and welcoming, something which the ABT fraternity is particularly known for.

The role revolves around the Home International and there’s a heck of a lot of behind-the-scenes admin required by both the Team Manager and the England Team co-ordinator at The CPSA’s Bisley HQ – good, open and constructive communication is required to minimise potential issues.

My personal priority / mantra was ‘look after the talent’, ie the shooters, to make sure they had everything they needed to perform at their best, without distraction – from making sure everyone has the

right kit, keeping everyone abreast of start / squad times to ensuring folks are present for shoot-offs. Thankfully the vast majority of England team members are hugely experienced shooters and all of this is second nature to them.

Looking after New Caps and Juniors is a vital part of the role but again, they’ve all qualified for the team on their merits so any guidance I give I tried to confine to non-shooting matters.

The best part of the role overall is helping – in some small way and very much behind the scenes – shooters to shoot as well as they can, without distraction. The worst is a combination of the admin and the hotels we tend to stay in... Giving something back, even in a small way, to this great sport we love so much is very rewarding in itself.

I have no doubts that my successor, Beccy Wockenforth, will do a brilliant job given her passion for shooting and great interpersonal skills – best of luck Beccy!

**Thank you Paul for all your hard work and commitment to your role as Manager of the ABT England Team which has been greatly appreciated.**



### DR REBECCA WOCKENFORTH PRESENT ABT ENGLAND TEAM MANAGER

Congratulations to Dr Rebecca Wockenforth who on 1 January 2023 took the role of ABT England Team Manager.

Beccy has been a member of the CPSA since 2019 and got into shooting in 2018 when she met and fell in love with her shooting teacher, 2022 CPSA Top Shot Universal Trench, David Lloyd. Beccy is a well-known and well-liked member of the shooting fraternity and regularly attends and competes in trap competitions across the country.

Beccy’s goal is to shoot for the ABT England Team (no pressure on her shooting teacher then) but in the meantime she will continue to support the England ABT Team in her capacity as Manager carrying on the good work from her predecessor Paul Chapman.

Beccy’s professional role is as a Paediatric Emergency Medicine consultant Doctor working for the NHS for 17 years, a hugely responsible role so we suspect she is pretty unflappable.



## DOROTHY BIRD

### PAST OSK TEAM MANAGER

Having been around the OSK scene since 2006 supporting my son Jeremy, it never occurred to me to get involved with anything official. OSK is a small community compared to other disciplines, nearly everyone knows each other.

In 2016 I was asked if I would help with the team for the Home International in Ireland and after the trip to Lispopple, I was asked if I would like to apply for the manager's job.

It was with encouragement that made me send in an application.

I hadn't shot sporting for a few years however, I did have a competitive background in Dressage. There are lots of comparisons with these two sports like attention to detail, relentless training programme and dedication, plus at times soul destroying!

Before I knew it. First woman OSK Manager, I had big shoes to fill!

I was asked to write about the highs and lows of being the team manager

and fortunately, the highs have far outweighed the lows.

There's been some great characters in the team over the last few years with amazing scores posted and great results for the team overall.

Not everyone is going to have the perfect Home International.

There's always someone a little disappointed, but what I've usually found is that disappointment is put aside for the good of the team and everyone pulls together, cheering those on that are having a good day.

Seeing the New Caps progress from shooting their first rounds so very nervous (it's a different game

shooting as part of a team)

then those same shooters making the team another year, with much more confidence and helping the next influx of New Caps.

I think the pressure for me was when things out of our control didn't go quite to plan, things that could have been better organised. On these occasions you just have to get on with it, support for the team is the main priority and it

usually turned-out OK, if not perfect!

With the pressures of being farmers we've literally got out of the car, off the boat or plane and straight onto the tractors, golden corn awaiting us. For me the HI is a bit like a mini break with over 30 people and hoping everyone comes back smiling!

A memory that sticks out in my mind is when Andrew Lea and Jeremy Bird both won Overall High Gun at the same ground they won it before, Andrew it was Esker and Jeremy Dungannon, they obviously liked those grounds.

Also, at Dungannon the "Super Squad" Andrew, Jeremy and Northern Irelands Gaz McAulley, all shot 25 straight in the most horrendous downpour, as I stood at the edge of the range with a huge umbrella, not making eye contact with any shooter that wanted to seek a bit of shelter. We were pretty soggy but huge smiles all round.

That brings me to the situation as it is now, having to step down, however, I will be keeping a sharp eye on the England Team, willing them on to do well.

I would also like to pass on my best wishes to the next Manager for the Olympic Skeet Home International Team, Paul Tudge. I know he will do a great job.

**Thank you Dot for the amazing job you have done as the OSK Manager.**



## PAUL TUDGE

### PRESENT OSK ENGLAND TEAM MANAGER

Paul has been a member of the CPSA for over 20 years, and the majority of that has been spent with his love for Skeet. He is proud to have shot for England 18 times across both Skeet disciplines including three CSF championships. Throughout his Skeet career he has captained an England Team at both English Skeet and most recently at Olympic Skeet in 2022 in Ireland.

I am the current president of Gloucester Clay Shooting Ground. This club is skeet focused with two Skeet ranges, over my time as president we have been able to grow the membership of the club and continue to bring young people to the sport.

I have been an involved member of the CPSA and qualified as a Safety Officer, English Skeet Referee, and most importantly a level one coach. The coaching course has given me the skills to grow the sport with the next generation in the correct way.

Professionally, I am a co-owner of The Flower Man in Cheltenham, we run a successful flower business with two stalls in town plus a flower shop in a nearby village employing 14 staff in the local community."







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## RIZZINI BR460 EL

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## - REVIEW -

**Mark Brown** reviews the flagship competition gun from the Italian manufacturer Rizzini, the BR460 EL Sporting

### RIZZINI BR460 EL

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The EL in the BR460 EL Sporting from Rizini stands for Extra Lusso or "Extra Luxury" but what we want to know is does this gun really deliver that?

Initial impressions are very good, there is no bog-standard ABS case here but a very stylish and unique looking motor case trimmed with leather on the outside and plush velvet on the inside. I don't think I have seen such a well presented (supplied as standard) case in all of the guns that I have reviewed for the magazine. Opening the case things just keep getting better. The stock is a wonderfully figured piece of Turkish walnut and classed as Grade 3 but was beautiful to look at and treated with a luxurious traditional oil finish. I always find the grading of wood

by gun makers a bit of an enigma, to my mind grade 3 would be mediocre but the wood on this gun was very far from that. If you do find that this woodwork isn't pretty enough for you then you can opt to upgrade to grade 4 woodwork and choose your wood from a selection of blanks. The fine figuring also ran through to the fore-end it was nice to see that quality throughout the gun.

The engraving on the BR460 EL is an acanthus style scroll engraving that has quite a deep relief. That is because although it is lasered at the beginning of the process it is then finished by hand. This makes all the difference to how it looks and is reflected in the price of the gun. It is very prominent on both sides of the action and on the underside along with the model number of the gun and a crest style design. Another notable feature on





the gun is the action which is based on a Boss style action and locking mechanism and I loved the way that it operates and feels in the hand – a very nice feature and one that will also ensure longevity of the gun too.

So, on to shooting. The test gun was the 30" barrel version with 1" extended colour coded multi chokes, detachable and adjustable trigger unit, ventilated barrels and rib and 3" chambers. On handling the gun for the first time the most apparent feature is just how well balanced it is, perfectly pointable and instantly comfortable. The 12 mm wide rib at the breech gives a perfect view of any target and the narrowing to 8mm

at the muzzle end ensures easy target acquisition. There are some guns you do just naturally click with, the BR460 EL is one of those and not only for me. I can't think of many occasions where Guy (our trusty photographer) and I have ever

unanimously agreed that we loved a gun and then both shot perfectly with it.

The gun weighs in at 9lbs and I think this is what makes it so good to shoot, normally I would find a 30" barrel gun too light and flashy but the BR460 EL is weighted so well that it does not have that issue. On low crossers it moved quickly enough even on the speediest of targets yet on high driven targets it was

There is also an Improved performance system adjustable stock option for £995. It can be adjusted for length, cast, comb height, pitch and in three grip sizes to cater for every shooter.



smooth and considered and shooting was effortless, and I just could not seem to miss which is highly unusual!

One interesting feature on the gun was the barrel selector which did take a few moments to find as it sits just behind the trigger at the rear of the trigger guard. Once found it was easy to use and is actually in a very logical position. As is typical on competition guns the stock features a pistol grip design with palm swell and was very comfortable in use. The checkering was crisp and well cut as you would expect from a gun at this price point.

In conclusion, we didn't like the BR460 EL we absolutely loved it. It's been

a long time since a gun has ticked so many boxes. It's a beautiful gun and a dream to shoot and I'm convinced that my scores would increase dramatically if I owned one. Given where it sits in the market it is well priced and worthy of strong consideration when making your next purchase. My advice is buy it now. 🍷

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# MEDICALS MATTER

CEO of MedCert Ltd **Daryn Hufton-Rees** clears up some confusion about the medical check for your firearms licence.

There is an awful lot of confusion about the medical requirements for licensing at the moment. There are any number of scary tales on forums and “my mate knows this chap” stories being told wherein the individual, through absolutely no fault of their own, has had their guns removed and their licence revoked. Sadly these tales can often provide misleading lessons for those looking to preserve their own licences, and has given rise to a number of myths about medical verification reports.

The first myth to put to bed is that this process is new. The physical piece of paper, the proforma, is new and the timings are different, but the questions remain the same and the requirement for the individual to declare any relevant medical conditions is as important as ever. The main timing change is that whereas in previous years the individual would make application and the firearms licensing unit would then approach the GP for a confirmation of the information

that the person had placed on their application, this confirmation must now be submitted with the rest of the applicant’s paperwork.

As stated, this is nothing particularly new, and certainly not a system designed to remove guns from the individual or to specifically create income for the GPs. That said, a number of GPs have seen this as an opportunity to charge preposterous fees for the work done.

Completing a medical proforma falls into the category of private medicine, and because of this the individual surgery or GP may choose not to do the work, or to charge whatever fee they wish. Based on anecdotal evidence we estimate the average surgery fee to be £250, although the highest fee that we are aware of is £795 – more than the price of many new guns! I should however point out that there are still a number of surgeries who do this work efficiently and at a reasonable price.





episodes, or current conditions which are well managed, are not a barrier to being granted a licence. What is a barrier to being granted a licence, however, is being found to have omitted details of relevant medical conditions on previous application forms or during the term of the licence.

There are, of course, nuances to this – in all the many thousands of proformas we have done we are not aware that the police have revoked for minor discrepancies. On occasion, a patient may have been diagnosed with low mood and not been informed, had a note placed on their record as an aside or been prescribed a drug without knowing it is an antidepressant and therefore do not to tick the relevant boxes on their licence application in all good faith. We have, however, come across a number of very serious health issues which have been hidden from the FLUs, and I, for one, would hate to think that any of those individuals were standing on a peg next to me.

I cannot stress enough how much honesty is the best policy. Not only is it a requirement for all licence holders to be of good character, but trying to circumvent the system by omitting medical information or attempting to forge either your medical records or your proforma will result in serious consequences for both you and the shooting community as a whole. You might be surprised by how quickly forgery can be detected.

Most importantly, if you are suffering with a condition that needs treatment then you should never defer, avoid or cease treatment because you believe it will affect your licence.

The last point of confusion is around the appropriate point to request and submit a medical proforma. The requirement is that you submit your completed proforma along with the rest of your application paperwork, and that this should be at least eight weeks prior to your expiry date. As such, please be aware that you should start the process of getting the proforma approximately

five months before the ticket runs out. This is to give you plenty of time to check to see if your surgery actually do the necessary medical checks, to check the cost of those checks and to find a third-party, such as Medcert, if your surgery cannot fulfil your request or charge too much. Some FLUs are changing their 16 week reminder letter to be 24 weeks or longer, to give applicants time to get their paperwork together.

Whilst the new timings of the medical proforma may be causing some issues, by the very nature of the cycle of licensing these will lessen. Some of the early FLU adopters of the proforma are well over halfway through the five-year cycle and even the latest are approaching their first anniversary. 🍌



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The second myth revolves around revocations. Revocations are certainly taking place across the country, but contrary to many rumours the vast majority of these are due to the individuals themselves failing to report notifiable conditions on their original grants or subsequent renewals.

One of the most common questions we're asked is 'which conditions will stop an applicant being granted a licence?'. The short answer is: none. The medical proforma is an objective, opinion-free summary of an applicant's medical history and firearms licensing use this as one of the many pieces of information they review when assessing an applicant's suitability. Everyone goes through hard times in life and past





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#### Chairman's Awards 2022

This year the North Region committee awarded the Chairman's Trophy to David Dale. He has been involved in clay shooting for over 60 years, has represented his country 11 times in two disciplines, ten times for the England DTL team in the 60s, and once in the early 70s for English skeet.

He has been a professional referee for English Sporting and FITASC since 1975 and gained his GB badge as an international FITASC referee. This took him to USA four times, Cyprus three times, France, Germany and Portugal to name a few.

Since he started refereeing professionally in 1975 to the present year he has either overseen the English Open English Sporting, British Open Sporting, or both, which I'm sure you will agree is some commitment and dedication to our sport.

David has now retired as a professional referee and we wish him well in his retirement. Pictured below with David Long.

#### ABT Watch 01

Going forward I am hoping to cover ABT for the North Region in every issue of Pull!. Now due to the publishing schedule some months may be old news but I will try my best. In this month's article I will cover off the two North Region selection shoots and the dates, the first will be at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground on 19 of March and the second will be at Bywell Shooting ground on 16 of April. The North Region Championship will be at Bywell this year however we are waiting on a confirmed date, as soon as we have it I will report back. Be careful out there.

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#### CPSA Top Shots 2022

Several Cheshire shooters made it onto the list of top shots for 2022. For Olympic Trap Mike Faux first in Veterans, and Jim Rogers tenth in Veterans. For English Sporting, Lucy Earl eighth in Ladies and tenth in Juniors. Henry Trevelyan fifth in Colts. For FITASC Tony Dean, 19th Overall and third in Veterans. For COMPAK Andrew Jones sixth in Super Vets. For English Skeet Isabel Cartlidge third in Ladies and sixth in Juniors. For Down the Line Toby Hurstfield second in Juniors. Congratulations to you all.

#### A Year In The Life Of Mickley Hall Shooting School – Part Two

December brings Christmas madness, selling vouchers, clothing, and it's always our busiest time of year. We are busy with group bookings as we look after local businesses for their Christmas parties. Game shooters are busy in the field and shooters come in regularly to practice. It is nice for us as we see groups that we only see at Christmas use us as a pre-Christmas family and friends get together.

Christmas week is mental, every day is like a busy Saturday, as people come to get out of the house and walk off the turkey and pudding. January starts pretty much as December finished but by the second week it fades as people are back to work. It gives us time to take stock of the shop ready for summer sales and to stock new products,

as well as getting all the winter stock up for the January sales. At this point the game shooters leave us as the last days are taken in the field.

February is by far the slowest month for us as the clay shooters are only just thinking of getting started after winter. The game shooters and Christmas parties are a memory until next year. We have time for trap servicing and maintenance on our shooting booths. We do start to see our more seasoned competitive shooters, as they start to come for lessons, talking about their goals for the season ahead. Personally, this is the favourite part of my job, looking after our competition shooters just because that is my passion and it's nice to hopefully help people achieve their goals. March starts to get busier but mainly it's very much our fabulous members and lessons that keep us busy on the ground, but the shop starts to build; gun sales improve as people want a new gun to attack the new clay season with.

April sees the end of the winter series and the beginnings of our 50 target handicap summer series. It is also the start of our demo days which run until September, where you can try a range of guns from different suppliers, such as Caesar Guerini, Zoli, Krieghoff, Longthorne, Yildiz, and Beretta. We usually start ground maintenance at this point, stating new projects. Part three will follow in the next issue.

#### Cheshire CPSA AGM

Will be held at Catton Hall shooting ground on Wednesday 15 March 2023. Start time is 7.00 for 7.30pm, everyone is welcome.



Fred Thornley.

#### Team Selection Shoots

This year's team selection shoots have been arranged, please check our website, or contact the Team Managers for details.

#### Fred Thornley 1950 – 2022

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Fred Thornley on 13 December 2022. Fred shot in both the England OT and ABT teams and was also a GBR team UT shooter. We extend our sympathies to his family and friends and all those who enjoyed shooting with him over the years. Fred was a vital member of the Cheshire committee for many years, managing the fast trap teams. About 25 shooters took part in a shotgun salute outside his house on the day of his funeral.

#### Forthcoming Dates

25 Mar ESK Sel Shoot, NWSS  
26 Mar Cheshire ABT Champs, Fauxdegla  
15 Apr ESK Sel Shoot, NWSS  
28-29 Apr ESP Sel Shoot, Mickley Hall SS  
30 Apr Cheshire UT Champs, Fauxdegla  
14 May ESP Sel shoot Kingsley Moor SG



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By the time you read this hopefully we will be well on the way to finalising our selection shoots and County Championships for 2023. Unfortunately with the National and Regional fixtures being rather congested some of these will clash, but we will try our best for this not to happen.

#### CPSA Top 20

Congratulations to all Derbyshire Shooters who have made it into the CPSA Top 20. Nick Hendrick, Joss Read, Keith Roe, Samantha Rhodes, James Wood, Clive Weston, David Weston, Dave Hinchliffe, Troy Hunt, and Michael Gilligan. Well done to you all.

#### Skeet

Congratulations to Julie Havill on being re-elected England Skeet Team Manager. Julie will hold the post for the next three years.

#### Diary Dates

18-19 Mar WM Area England Team Sel, Doveridge  
This will also be used as one of the Derbyshire Sporting team selections shoot either day.

#### Website

The Derbyshire CPSA website is up and running as part of the CPSA syndicated websites and can be found at sites.cpsa.co.uk/derbyshire. Anyone with any News, Results etc for the website, Pull! or Facebook please contact Geoff Flint on 07778639691, geoffflint@rocketmail.com, derbycpsa1@rocketmail.com or any of the shoot reps.



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Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM, it was lovely to see you all there. The event was kindly hosted by Ian Coley Sporting, who put on an excellent Sportrap event for the Gloucestershire Challenge Cup – this is only the second year we have run this trophy, and everyone was up for the challenge. Dean Horswell prevailed with 24 – well done!

This year saw the award of the County Champion of Champions – a competition across all disciplines and this year our Champion of Champions was Steve Burnham. The meeting was busy with discussion and particularly surrounding the selection of the county Sporting team. After many points being put forward, it was decided by vote that this year will see the return of selection shoots. This is quite a lot more work for Sporting rep, Matt Turk, so it was decided that there will now be two reps. Nigel Thornell stepped up to the mark and will be working with Matt on this – I'm sure two heads are better than one.

Paul Tudge and Steve Lovatt will work together to try and ensure there is no clash between the ESP and ESK County Championships. We also appointed a new 'Press and Social Media Secretary.'

Judith Gilder stepped down this year as County Treasurer, we all thank Judith for the eight years she has given to the County.

This was my final hurrah as Chairman as I also stepped down. I have enjoyed being Gloucestershire Chairman and thank everyone for their support and encouragement over my five years in the chair. I would like to say a special thanks to Paul Tudge who has always supported me in my decisions as chairman.

Your Committee for 2023 is Chairman Zoe Pitts, Vice Chairman Paul Tudge, Secretary Jenny Young, Treasurer Sean Foley, Press and Social Media Sam Townsend, Sporting Reps Matt Turk and Nigel Thornell, FITASC Adrian Johnson, Skeet Paul Tudge, Trap Matt Jones and Stuart Jones, All Round Matt Jones, WM Representative Steve Lovatt.

It's a bit of a quiet time in winter, due to request and following the CPSA's top 20 list follows our very own top shots for English Sporting, and due to numbers,

we regret such a table is not possible for other disciplines.

Overall – Chris Biddlecombe 90.7%, Steve Lovatt 90.6%, Dean Horswell 90.2%, Rob Wise 89.8%, Sean Ponting 89.7%.

Ladies – Jennifer Young 80.2%, Zea Purnell 78.9%, Joanna Thomas 78.8%. Congratulations Jennifer, Zea, and Joanna for placings in the national Ladies rankings.

Veterans – Adrian Johnson 87.9%, Ernie Wilkins 87.7%, Kevin Childs 84.6%.

Juniors – Luke Russell 80.7%, Troy Thornell 79.9%, Caspian Till 79.4%. Well done to all to our 2022 top shots.

### English Sporting

In county: at Westfield on 27 December, in AA second Chris Biddlecome and Nick 'Chip' Portlock 95. 8 January third in AA Chris Biddlecome 95. 22 January Super Sporting – we will admit the classes for this are still boggling, but in AA first Nick Portlock 94, A Class first Chris Biddlecombe 90, B Class first Thomas Hamments 78, and in C third Andrew Phillips 76.

Our December shoot at Ian Coley's was lost to the poor weather so the 11 January was a very welcome sellout. in AA Adrian Johnson, first in A could have been Mark Buckley 91, Mark went targets only so no prize I'm afraid. In B second Dave Smith 85, and third Sam Townsend 83.

I would also like to thank Joanna Thomas (Chair) and Judith Gilder (Treasurer) for their tireless work for the county, both will be missed, their decision to relinquish does give others an opportunity for a committee role.



Retiring Chair Joanna Thomas (left) with Treasurer Judith Gilder (right).



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Hereford & Worcester CPSA welcomes all our shooters to the new shooting year, and we hope you enjoy a year full of fun events and challenges. Your discipline team managers have been working hard to agree dates with grounds and these are continually being added to our website for county and area events so do please check in regularly.

By the time this is published we will have had our AGM and our John Hadley Memorial shoot. We will update you on our committee and team managers in our next issue.

H&W would like to congratulate all our shooters who made it into the CPSA Top Shots for 2022 including:

Olympic Trap – Thomas Betts, Lee Betts, Thomas Burns, Philip Sanders.

English Sporting – Phil Smith.

FITASC – Julian Morris.

Compak Sporting – Nicholas Rees.

Helice – Matthew Pugh, Fiona Reed, Paul Colley.

Down the Line – Daniel Price, Christopher Moule, Robert Haines.

Olympic Skeet – Mitchell Brooker-Smith.

Universal Trench – Fiona Reed, Philip Sanders.

Congratulations to all on their excellent results and good luck for the coming season!

Tom Burns and Phil Sanders have already made a cracking start to the year with a Bronze medal for Phil and Silver medal for Tom at the Olympic trap Grand Prix in Malaga. Well done both!

In other exciting news, we all wish

Chris Moule good luck for being selected to represent England at the World Down the Line Championships being held in South Africa. Jack Ruane will be accompanying Chris, and they will also both be shooting in the South African Championships. Good luck to both Chris and Jack.

Finally, if you have any stories or pictures from around the region, please send them to karenmackison@gmail.com as we would love to include them in our news and updates, on the website and our Facebook page.



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### Top Shots 2022

Arran Eccleston had a good 2022 making the successful transition to the GB Senior Team and winning the English Open. He finished top of the Olympic Skeet rankings with an excellent 95.47% average. Michael Cyffin-Jones was fourth in the 2022 English Sporting English Open Super Final and first in AAA. He was Runner-up in the Champion of Champions, shot 98% on three occasions, and with an English Sporting average of 92.83% was joint 18th in the Top Shot list. Julie Burton was Top Lady Shot in All Round, with partner Stu Burgess joint 16th Overall and second in Veterans. Helice shot Alan Rowley 13th Overall and sixth in Veterans. Joel Kelly was fourth in Juniors for Helice, with David Hughes tenth. Charlie Barker was second in Colts for DTL. Graham Evans was 19th Overall in ABT and fourth in Veterans. Many encouraging performances from Shropshire with several others not far off the list in various disciplines.

### 7 Dec: 100 STR, WMSG, Hodnet

Stu Burgess was joint fifth and second in A, Peter Bridger sixth and fourth in AA, with Julie Burton joint second and second in B Class.

### 11 Dec: 100 DTL, Holmes Chapel

Shaun Gardener was joint Runner-up on 100/297, and joint second in AA Class.

### 11 Dec: 100 ESP, Grange Farm

Jason Machin was joint third on 92 and first in A Class.

### 21 Dec: 100 ESP, Mickley Hall

Michael Cyffin-Jones was joint High Gun with 94 and first in AAA. Dave Pope shot a respectable 85 with 12 Shropshire guns taking part.

### 29 Dec: 100 ESP, WMSG, Hodnet

Lancashire veteran Graham Stirzaker was High Gun on 94 leading an excellent field of 218 guns, with 32 from Shropshire! Mike Cashmore and Stu Burgess led the Shropshire guns with both scoring 83. Junior Josh Sarjant was one behind on 82, and second in Juniors. Julie Burton was the only Shropshire lady on a very respectable 79 and was first in Ladies from a field of seven from six different counties.

### 2 Jan: 100 ESP, Garlands

Staffordshire's Tim Simmons was High Gun on a super 97 leading an excellent field of 213 guns, with 32 from Shropshire! Dave Harley led the Shropshire guns with an excellent 95 for joint fourth Overall and in AAA. Mike Cashmore shot 91 for joint second in A Class, with Jason Machin on 90 for joint fourth in A.

### Graham Evans – Mr High Gun

Graham has had the following High



Mr High Gun – Graham Evans.

Guns during December 2022 – 100 ABT Garlands (joint on 91), 100 OTR, Fauxdegla (80), and 50 OTR Fauxdegla (47). During January 2023 Graham was High Gun at – 50 OTR Fauxdegla (46), 100 ABT Garlands, and Runner-up at Ranton 50 ABT (45) by one clay! He then went to Garlands for 100 ABT where he was joint High Gun (92), then Runner-up at 100 OTR Fauxdegla (87), and finally, a joint third place in 100 UTR at Fauxdegla (84). Wonderfully consistent shooting from our truly Super-Veteran!

Congratulations to all of you competing and flying the Shropshire flag so well!

Please note this is your diaries, the Shropshire Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 14 March 2023, starting 7pm and the Corbet Arms, Uffington, Shrewsbury SY4 4SN.

Please remember that all sport in the UK, at the grassroots, can only happen with lots of volunteers all doing a bit. In Shropshire many have done their bit, but they, and those who are yet to do so, are needed now to keep Shropshire CPSA going. Please come to the AGM and be a volunteer, your county needs you!



## STAFFORDSHIRE

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### Staffordshire nominated for award

We are delighted to be shortlisted for the CPSA County Committee of the Year. It's an honour to be recognised in this way and we're proud to see our name up there with Cheshire and Lincolnshire. We are very grateful for all the support we've received. Good luck to all the finalists!

### Trophies

The committee have purchased some new trophies and we're gradually passing them on to the recipients. This includes Tony Thompson, presented with the ESP Vets trophy at Checkley Clay Club, Neil Foxley recipient of the ESP Junior Trophy at Mickley Hall SC, and Craig Macho who

received the ESK Vets trophy at Doveridge.

### Garlands to host major Championship

The Clay Shooting Company will be running the CPSA British Open Sporting and Sportrap Championships at Garlands in Staffordshire from 30 August to 3 September. Bookings open 1 March.

### Staffordshire Ladies Day

Our first ever Staffordshire Ladies Day took place in January at Doveridge CSC. The event gave women from across the county an opportunity to shoot an All Round course (ESK, ESP, DTL SB, and ABT) with four Staffordshire County champions in attendance to provide support and coaching.

The day was a fantastic opportunity to practice clays for the season ahead, to meet other like-minded people and to try a

few new shooting disciplines with all levels of experience and ability welcome. Our thanks to Carole Wilson and Valerie-Anne Barrow for doing a great job managing this.

### Staffordshire CPSA AGM

Our AGM was held on 23 January and we're delighted to report that your committee for 2023 is as follows:

Chairman Ian Hull, Vice-Chairman Steve Kilner, Treasurer Valerie-Anne Barrow, Secretary Steve Kilner, Clubman Manager Paul Bailey, Ladies Representatives Valerie-Anne Barrow and Kate Poyser, Membership Secretary Martin Butcher, Trophy Manager Kate Poyser. We look forward to 2023 being another great year of shooting for Staffordshire.

### Team Managers

Confirmed at the AGM are our Discipline Team Managers for 2023: All Round ▶



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Look out for details of dates of County, Inte- County and Selection Shoots (where applicable) on our Facebook page and website. If you're interested in shooting any of these disciplines for your county, contact us and we'll put you in touch with the relevant Team Manager.

### English Sporting Selection Shoots

New ESP Team Manager, Martin Butcher, has put together a great set of selection shoots for 2023. To qualify to represent Staffordshire at the Inter-County championship, you must take part in at least three of the eight selection shoots in the series, shoot at least two different grounds, be available to shoot on the date of the Inter-County championship, and be CPSA registered and pay the appropriate levy.

Selection shoots will take place at Garlands, Kingsley Moor, Mickley Hall, and Doveridge with your best three scores to count. Points will be calculated from Staffordshire's High Gun at every shoot. Tables will be released throughout the season so that everyone can keep track of the process.

The first selection shoot is at Mickley Hall on Saturday 25 February. Details of all the dates are on our Facebook page and website.

### Fixtures

All of our County fixtures can be found on both our Facebook and website sites.

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Staffordshire Ladies Day.



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A total of 18 people attended the AGM on 26 January at the Bell Inn at Stilton. The keepsakes for the championships were presented by the chairman Ashley Smith to the winners that attended, as well as the Supreme Champion trophies.

A new committee was formed, and members of the outgoing committee were thanked for their work. Details of the new committee will be posted on the website and Facebook.

The committee is in the process of organising the Cambridgeshire championship shoots for 2023 and these will be posted as soon as they become available on Facebook and



the website, so please keep an eye out. Early thoughts are that we might also include a new championship of handicap by distance as this has been suggested by a few people.

Our 2022 Supreme champion was P Barnard, Veterans champion R Croft, Ladies Champion A Streeter-Smith, and Junior Champion M Allen.



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Firstly, congratulations to all of you who made the top 20 scores of the year – Alex Harris came 20th overall and Sam Maling seventh in Juniors DTL, Kevin Borley and David Hardy were tenth and 15th Overall respectively in UT, Bob Tucker eighth Overall in A and No1 in Veterans, Steve Brightwell fourth in Veterans ESP. Well done to you all.

I feel that I must include the next shooter, Andy Stratford (now from the south east) was a young man that who I

shot with/against at our old club at Market Harborough yonks ago, he has become the national number one in Helice. Congratulations 'Stratty' good to see that you are still scoring well.

To all of the counties shooters – we hold Sporting, DTL, and Skeet selection shoots for places in the County teams. These dates, venues and team managers names will appear in the next issue of Pull!

I'm nearly there... our L&R AGM will be held at the Premier Inn, Hinckley Road, Leicester at 7.00pm. All will be welcome.

That just leaves me to send our best wishes for 2023 from the committee... may you all shoot straight and score well.



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Our County AGM took place in January where we returned to Abbey Lodge Inn, Woodhall Spa. Everyone was treated to basket meals of either scampi or chicken goujons and chips which made a very

good start to the evening. Woodhall Spa is virtually in the centre of the county, making it accessible to anyone wishing to attend.

Chairman, Paul Stennett, opened the meeting with his report. Congratulating County teams who performed excellently at East Midlands and National Inter-County events and thanked team managers for their efforts. ►

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Lincs Champions 2022 Steve Smith Marvin Houghton Georgina Barratt John Winn Jack Brazier.

He also congratulated Chris Bone on his recent appointment as Regional Secretary of the East Midlands and thanked all those who helped to make our return to Revesby Country Fair so successful, special thanks to Rob Hall of East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground loaning his Sporting traps. After a two-year enforced pandemic absence, it was nice to be back, and we were delighted to have our stand so well attended.

and generous donations from members and from Kim Burrell's charity shoot we find ourselves in a better financial position than anticipated a year ago so are able to continue to pay entry contributions to team members at existing rates.

The Officers and committee were then elected as follows: Chairman Paul Stennett, Vice Chairman Donovan Jenkin; Secretary John Miller; Treasurer Janet Stennett; Committee Brett Aisthorpe, Chris Bone,

Lastly, he paid tribute to the hard work put in by every member of the county committee and urged members to support them by voting for them at the CPSA awards.

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022. With the benefit of income generated from Revesby Country Fair, funds raised from raffles

Eric Cundall, Gary Boardman, Georgina Barratt, Matthew Robinson, Richard Gray, Richard Thompson, and Saira Boardman. We wish everyone well for 2023 and look forward to your continued support throughout the year ahead.

Then followed the presentations to the years Champions:

Marvin Houghton Supreme Champion, Steve Smith Senior Champion, John Winn Veterans Champion, Dr Georgina Barratt Ladies Champion, and Jack Brazier Junior Champion. Great shooting everyone, well deserved.

Lincolnshire is honoured and fortunate to have been nominated across several categories in this year's CPSA Awards event. The Committee for Committee of the Year. John Lee (East of England) Course Setter of the year and East of England for Ground of the Year. Good luck to everyone involved, we wish you every success.

Our Fixture list is now finalised, and we are very pleased to offer a very full Competition calendar across a variety of disciplines. As always with limited days availability, there will be clashes that just cannot be avoided. We urge everyone to get booked in sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. As you will see our



David Beales (Veteran Supreme Champion) & Kyle Woodhall-Cross.



Ray Daws & Kyle.



Jason Matthewson (Supreme Champion) & Kyle.

## NORFOLK CHRISTINE GILBERT

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We hope you have had a good start to the New Year and that the winter weather hasn't hampered your efforts too much to get in some practice before the competition season starts. Dates and venues for the East Midlands Regional and Inter-Counties Championships have been confirmed and can be found on their website. We have also had some of the dates and locations for the Norfolk

County Championships confirmed. Due to lack of interest in previous years, the disciplines of HBD and OSK have been withdrawn. Scores from all the remaining County Championships will count towards the Supreme Champion competition. We look forward to seeing you at these championships and wish you all the best of luck for the 2023 season.

### Norfolk CPSA AGM

The County AGM was held on 11 January at Chalk Farm Clay Ground. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting which

was also attended by John Martin – CPSA Chairman and East Midlands Director. He reported to us about events throughout the past two years, membership numbers and new deals with major sponsors. He also spoke about the standardisation of categories to align them with other national governing bodies.

A special award was presented to former committee member Ray Daws in appreciation of all his hard work. Ray also stepped down last year as manager of the very successful County ABT and DTL teams. During

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calendar starts early this year

From everyone at Lincolnshire CPSA, we wish you all a very successful and fruitful 2023.

Shoot straight and stay safe!

#### Forthcoming Events

5 Mar HBD, Notts & DGC  
 26 Mar OSK, The Priory CTC  
 9 Apr SKD, Notts & DGC  
 30 Apr UT, EYSG  
 7 May ESK, Notts & DGC  
 14 May AR, EYSG  
 20 May ABT, EYSG  
 4 Jun OT, EYSG  
 10 Jun ZZ Helice, Rugby & DTC  
 11 Jun ESP, East of England  
 18 Jun SB, The Priory CTC  
 25 Jun DR, EYSG  
 7-8 Jul FITASC, Orston SG  
 30 Jul STR, East of England  
 6 Aug Revesby Fair  
 13 Aug DTL, The Priory CTC  
 24 Sep Derek Olivant Memorial,  
 Notts & DGC

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his time as Team Manager the teams won or were Runners-up at many Inter-Counties Championships and the ABT Senior Team were National Inter-Counties Championship winners at Nuthampstead in 2018. This position has been filled by Richard Gilbert and Jason Matthewson.

Presentations were also made to Norfolk County Supreme Champions Jason Matthewson (Overall) and David Beales (Veteran). Heather Pointer (Ladies) and Jamie Goddard (Junior) were not present at the meeting, so will receive their awards at a later date.

This year's Norfolk CPSA Committee members are – Roger Farman Chairman, Mike Jennings Vice Chairman, Stephen Cross Treasurer, Kyle Woodhall-Cross Secretary, Committee Members are – Jonathan Balls, Cyril Fisher, Robert Flowers, Richard Gilbert and Jason Matthewson.

#### County Championships

10 Apr FITASC, High Lodge  
 23 Apr AR & Dennis Rudd Memorial,  
 The Priory CTC  
 30 Apr ABT, The Priory CTC  
 30 Apr Double Rise, The Priory CTC



## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

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I thought I'd begin this year with a round up of 2022. The county worked to enable the widest possible range of competitions to take place and only the OT competition was not held. Dave Grant-Innes, Mick Russell, and Penny Spademan were Supreme Champions in their categories. There was a total of 189 entries and 74 competitors in the county championships – an increase on 2021. Welcome to all the new competitors, I hope that you enjoyed the experience and continue to compete in 2023.

In 2022 the county introduced an incentive to those who do not usually enter competitions to give it a go. Prizes were offered in Sporting, Sportrap, Skeet, and All Round. The prize was awarded to the shooter whose score was the nearest to a random score anywhere between one and 100. Three of the four prize winners were new to county discipline competition. This was very popular as it favoured the B and C Class shooters. The county also offered all Junior and Colt shooters free entry into county championship competitions. Two Junior shooters entered competitions but

there were no Colt shooters this year.

The county repeated the Christmas Draw and £600 was raised. This was shared between Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust and Animals in Need based in Irchester.

In the Regional Inter-County competition, the county fielded teams for Skeet and Sporting, and accrued a total score of 11 coming second to last. The county fielded teams for four disciplines in the National Inter-County competitions, Skeet Sporting, All Round, and DTL. In DTL the Ladies were Runners-up and the Senior team won the All Round competition. Thank you to all shooters who represented Northamptonshire in 2021.

County shooters took part in regional individual competitions. Kirstin Vogel won the Ladies category in the All Round. Karl Taylor and Laurie Cookson were Runner-up in Senior and Veteran categories, and Dave Morgan and Penny Spademan were third Overall in Senior and Lady categories. Jo Smith was third Overall in the FITASC competition, and Sonny Bowman was Runner-up in the Skeet and Skeet Doubles competition.

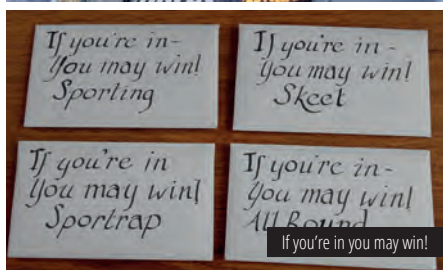
At national level, county shooters won the following competitions – Dave Morgan Senior EO All Round, Henry Collins third Overall BO All Round, Neil Faulkner Veteran High Gun EO Skeet Doubles, Sonny Bowman third Junior Skeet Doubles and Junior High Gun in the EO Skeet, and Sue Bate third in the Ladies EO ABT.

Andrew Lea Olympic Skeet, and Sue Bate ABT, won medals in home International competitions.

Congratulations to all county shooters for their success in 2022.

At the county AGM this year, John Martin reported that Northants has 389 members – 152 Full, 127 Veteran, seven Junior, and one Colt. I make it that there are then 102 clubman members. He described that nationally there is a three-year turnover mainly in the clubman category and about 30% of members enter competitive shooting. He outlined that there has been no decision about changes in legislation the lead/steel in discussions held by DEFRA. He also said that CPSA HQ is mindful of the increase in costs and wherever possible major championships will be held in the East and West Midlands to cut down on travel. He also said that increased costs would not be passed on to members.

The 2023 fixtures have been arranged and published on the website and Facebook. If You're In: You May Win is being repeated this year so there will be more reason to enter the competitions. I may have a go myself! Happy Shooting!



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## SUFFOLK

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### Welcome to 2023!

This year promises to be another very enjoyable and successful year for Suffolk CPSA competitors and teams. 2022 did not disappoint and we believe that this year will be another great year.

At the AGM in January, at Eriswell Lodge, we enjoyed a strong turn out and it was a good opportunity to cover all county topics and to present 2022 Championship trophies to all the Champions. Our congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to all the Suffolk CPSA shooters that took part in the competitions, and our thanks to Barrow Sporting Clays, Eriswell Lodge, and High Lodge Shooting Ground for putting on fantastic events. The quality of targets were excellent, and this contributes enormously to making Suffolk one of the strongest shooting counties in the U.K.

At the AGM the Committee were pleased to present the Presidents Cup to Mr Eric Chapman. This is a unique trophy that recognises a very special contribution to Suffolk CPSA shooting. Eric is a very worthy recipient as he has

played a significant role in furthering the sport in Suffolk and is still competing strongly in a wide range of disciplines. Well-deserved Eric.

At the AGM our Chairman, Darren Parsons, and our Vice Chairman, Stuart Smith, stepped down from their committee positions. Both members have played a very important role in steering the Suffolk CPSA in the right direction over many years and through the disruptive events of the last few years. They leave the Committee in very fine shape, and we sincerely thank them for their contributions. They are both fine shots and we know that they will both play an important role in future County and National CPSA events. Thank you.

The dates for the Suffolk Championships and Inter County Championships are being finalised now and we will publish these dates shortly at the Suffolk CPSA grounds, our Instagram/Facebook pages and on our website. Please keep an eye out for these events and give them your valued support.

Suffolk CPSA is a strong County in all disciplines and in all categories. Long may this continue over the coming years. We wish all the competitors every success in 2023. And, most of all, we hope that this season, and for many years ahead, you always enjoy the brilliant sport that is clay target shooting.



## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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As the weather starts to turn for the better, what an exciting few months we have to look forward to in Nottinghamshire. Below are the County Championship Shoot Dates. Please do book on if you haven't done so already.

Huge congratulations go to Tom Clifford, who has been rightly recognised as East Midlands Shooter of the Year for 2022. Please give him a pat on the back when you see him.

Being my first month writing for the magazine, I welcome any input from you, our shooters, please do not hesitate to contact me with any news. This space needs to highlight our successes and it's always a pleasure to sing the praises of any individual or team success. Pictures of you with those trophies are always a great addition. Do come and say hello at any of the shoots.

### County Championships

5 Mar HBD, Nottingham & DGC  
26 Mar SB, Nottingham & DGC  
9 Apr SKD, Nottingham & DGC  
7 May ESK, Nottingham & DGC  
21 May DTL, Nottingham & DGC  
28 May AR, Nottingham & DGC  
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13 Aug ABT, Nottingham & DGC



Darren Parsons and Eric Chapman.



Suffolk CPSA Championship silverware presented at the AGM.



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# SOUTH WEST

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#### Hampshire 2023

With many shoots now under your belt you should be gearing up for the Hampshire Championship competitions which will start on 19 March with Olympic trap at the NCSC Bisley. Then shortly after on Saturday 8 April will be the well-attended English Sporting at Owls Lodge. I dare say that many of you have already started to practice for the up-and-coming events. The Supreme champion points graph on the Hampshire website stands empty and ready for the 2023 Championship results. Will the 2022 Supreme Champion Sean Gamblen retain his title in 2023? Or will the past champs Roger Deacon, Ron King, or Lee Knight get those few extra points this year and deprive Sean of a repeat performance? Maybe we will see a new name appear on the cup and take the Championship title at the end of the year. I wonder if a nice big bundle of cash to fill the big silver Championship cup would be a great incentive and encourage many more members to enter the point



AA Fareham CTC from the air.



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collecting race! Looking at the number of Championships to enter and the cartridges used I would imagine a £1,000 win bonus would cover near all the entry fees and cartridge costs. So here's hoping a nice company will offset part of their 2023 advertising expenses towards Hampshire's inspiring competition. The Hampshire website has all the dates and grounds where the championships will be hosted this year so start planning these shoot dates around the holidays and trips away. The Hampshire AGM would have been held by the time you receive this first Pull! copy of 2023. Lauren Goodman will have stepped down as head of the Hampshire CPSA committee – a full report will be on the website of who has taken on the role.

#### Happy birthday Fareham CTC

This year the club will celebrate its big 60th birthday, established back in 1963 as a clay shooting ground. The club was then known as Fareham Gun Club and attracted many names that would go on to become Hampshire shooting legends. AJ 'smoker' Smith, Jonathan Smith, Douglas Summerbee, to name just a few of the many well-known shooters that made FGC their home club and then went on to represent England. Our current shooting legend Richard Faulds MBE started his shooting career on the have-a-go stand at the club. Over the many years to follow the club evolved and added the DTL, ABT, and Skeet disciplines to the original Sporting fixtures that were the club's primary fixtures in the 1960's. The club with its loyal committee, membership and visitors slowly added to the infra structure.

A name change in the 80's to give the club a more accurate identity the club was renamed as 'Fareham Clay Target Club'. To this day the club never stands still with any profits from shoots going back into the club continually making it better. In the last few years, the club has purchased more land and now has a new full size road in. The old have-a-go stand that so many started on has long gone the club now boasts a ten stand under cover tuition area complete with ten club guns and three instructors. A six-lesson course is just £180 with everything included getting new people up to C Class fast. This year FCTC is hosting 18 ABT, ten DTL, five Skeet, and 22 100 target Sporting fixtures, well done FCTC and Happy 60th Birthday.



## CORNWALL

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#### AGM

As I write we are preparing for our AGM to be held on the 17 February. The remaining members of the committee are all willing to stand again and are hopeful that more members will join them. A report will be issued on our Facebook page and the committee members updated on our website following the meeting.

#### Presentation evening

This will be held following the AGM on 17 February and a report will be posted on our Facebook page.

#### Selection shoots

The calendar for the Sporting selection shoots have been announced and are shown on our website. Any Trap dates when arranged will also be added to this. This last year has been harder to get members to shoot for the county. It certainly would be a shame for our sport if Cornwall (in my opinion the best county for fielding teams at the South West Inter-Counties in all categories) stopped competing.

#### Landare Winter Series

Thank you Dave and his team for holding Landare's winter series for Skeet and Sporting. Three of the four events have now been held with the final on the 12 March. Good luck to all those who qualified.



## WILTSHIRE

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We have started planning the 2023 season, but to date only one event has been secured which is Sporting on 19 August at Barbury Shooting Ground. Since it is likely that the first event will take place in early April we will email all Wiltshire CPSA members by mid-March with the competition dates for both the County Championships and the Sporting Challenge.

We intend to run championships in most of the disciplines and we will ▶

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hold the Sporting Challenge again this year. The aim of the Sporting Challenge is to encourage more shooters to participate in competition and visit as many of the shooting grounds in the County as possible. We also have agreed to hold a training event in late March which will entail a coaching session based on the CPSA level 3 and 4 (ESP) syllabi followed by a fun competition. Details will also be contained in the email.

With your support, we intend to enter as many Inter-County competitions as we can find teams for.

We are very short of committee members and would welcome new faces. It is not an onerous commitment and involves about six meetings through the season over a pint. If you are interested, please contact Jamie Campbell via email at [Jamie.campbell@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:Jamie.campbell@dsl.pipex.com).

We also congratulate him on his achievement of Wiltshire Supreme Champion in 2022.



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It's a bit late in the day but Happy New Year! We have yet to kick off our season of events but have a full schedule ahead of us, thanks to all the South East Regional clubs who have helped in planning out this year's schedule as it looks like it's going to be a busy one. At present the South East Regional competitions are as follows, note that some may change so please keep an eye out on Facebook and our Website for the latest schedule.

# SOUTH EAST

#### Inter-Counties

14 May STR, Dartford  
28 May ESK, NCSC  
30 Jul OT, NCSC  
13 Aug ABT, NCSC  
20 Aug ESP, Dartford  
10 Sep Helice, Invicta  
24 Sep OSK, NCSC  
24 Sep Compak, Southdown  
24 Sep DTL, Mayland  
22 Oct FITASC, Dartford  
22 Oct UTR, Nuthampstead

#### South East of England

9 Apr DTL, Mayland  
1 May ESP, Southdown  
14 May SB DTL, Mayland  
21 May Helice, Invicta  
16 Jul STR, Southdown  
29 Jul OT, NCSC  
12 Aug ABT, NCSC  
27 Aug ESK, NCSC  
9 Sep OSK, NCSC  
21 Oct UTR, Nuthampstead

#### South of England

18 Jun DTL, Bisley  
16 Jul STR, Southdown

Please remember that for all the Inter-County events, all disciplines will be contested by a county teams of five, as well as one nominated Senior Veteran, Veteran, Lady, Junior, and Colt. The county team of five can include the nominated Senior

Veteran, Veteran, Lady, Junior, or Colt. Veteran, Lady, Junior, or Colt categories can only be won by the individual nominated persons for that category. (Senior Veteran, Veteran, Lady, Junior or Colt NOT nominated for those categories who are part of the five-person team can not contest the categories.) All nominated County entries must be CPSA members.

All Events will be CPSA Registered Events subject to CPSA Rules, Booklet one (unless otherwise stated). Any ties will be resolved as per CPSA Rules, Booklet 1. Teams will be submitted by County Secretaries or Discipline Team Managers. Team entries must be made 48 hours before the event, or prior to any date specified by the Regional Secretary. Any changes on the day of the event are only permitted due to the inability of an individual to attend the event or because a county has been able to find an entry which was previously unknown. i.e. – they suddenly found a Junior. Team changes must be declared prior to individuals concerned having commenced shooting.

#### And finally...

If you have any stories or pictures from around the region, please send them into [committee@southeast.cpsa.uk](mailto:committee@southeast.cpsa.uk) as we would love to post more news and updates on the website, Facebook and in *Pull!* Check our website at [sites.cpsa.co.uk/south-east](http://sites.cpsa.co.uk/south-east) for updates and additions, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook too!



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#### Around the Shoots

Hertfordshire shooters had a great end to 2022 and the excellent results continued into the first few weeks of the new year, despite some extreme weather conditions. It's also good to see that as a county we have achieved some great results across many different disciplines.

Daryl Vas was on top form to place first in A Class at Northampton's ESP event on 4 December with a score of 90ex100.

Oxfordshire Shooting School held their

monthly ESP fixture on 9 December and Darren Wicklow shared first place in B Class with a very good 84ex100. Paul and Jack Lovick continued their good form at Westfield's two-day FITASC event over the weekend of 10-11 December. Shooting in extreme conditions on the Sunday morning they both shot brilliantly scoring 88ex100 to take joint High Gun. The weather was so bad the Sunday afternoon rotation had to be cancelled. They followed up with another FITASC joint High Gun at Westfield on 8 January, this time scoring an impressive 92ex100. Jack added to his recent successes with High Gun in the Compak fixture at High Lodge on 21 January with a fabulous 95ex100.

Also on 11 December Alan Haynes competed in the Universal Trench fixture at Nuthampstead and took High Gun with a great score of 85ex100.

E.J. Churchill held an ESP event on 15 December where Darren Wicklow topped B Class with an excellent 84ex100 and Amanda Tape-Murray took top spot in C Class with 76ex100.

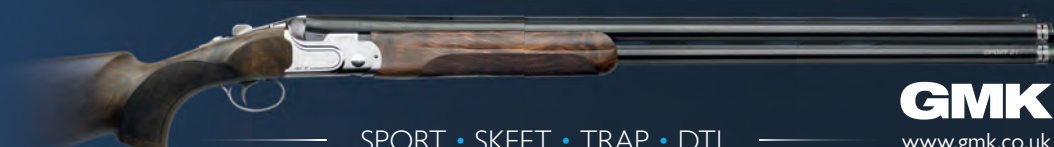
Daryl Vas was in action again at AGL's last ESP fixture of the year on 16 December where he was joint High Gun with Junior Darcy McBride, both scoring an impressive 93ex100 in snowy conditions. Neil Hogg placed first in C Class with another good score of 81ex100.

On 22 December E.J. Churchill held their



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## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

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As I write this report, we are very close to the end of January and there is a hint that the evenings are getting a little lighter, Spring may well be just around the corner, and we can all look forward to some warmer weather as the 2023 season starts to get underway. I for one have had enough of shooting in the severe cold – shooting in minus 11C at E.J. Churchill's was a good balance to the days of last summer and shooting at RBSS in 42C. Who would have thought we could have 50-degree temperature variations in the UK!

Although the weekly Registered shoots have been taking place across the winter there have been few notable results to report. The E.J. Churchill Challenge is underway, The Shooting Channel competition at the Oxford Gun Company is still open, and the Royal Berkshire Shooting School Handicap Challenge is running through to 4 March. All these competitions are a great way to get back into competition shooting in the lead up to the new season. Results will be reported in the next issue.

There is some fantastic news for our Junior Trap shooters – Hollie Lumsden and Will Canter have both been selected to join the British Shooting Shotgun Talent Academy. This puts them in the very best place to develop their shooting in the coming year with World Class coaches.

Many congratulations! Hollie Lumsden competed in the Malaga Gradprix over the weekend of 28-29 January. She shot 103 in qualifying and finished third Overall in the individual event. She then went on to shoot very well indeed in the mixed event winning gold in the final. A very good start to the year.

The Bucks CPSA Committee will hold its AGM at E.J. Churchill on Thursday 16 February 2023. A summary of the meeting will be reported in the next issue. I hope you have a great year shooting in 2023 and I look forward to reporting your success in these reports. Finally, as a reminder there is an active Buckinghamshire CPSA Facebook page so, please keep a look out there for news of events that you may be interested in.



## ESSEX

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The last few months are traditionally a quiet period but we have been planning for the future, starting at the AGM on 25 January, which was exceptionally well attended so thank you to all that turned up.

Our guest speaker for the evening was CPSA CEO Iain Parker, who gave us an excellent update on what the CPSA is working on and its key focus areas. He also answered questions from the meeting and we thank him for his attendance and open sharing of views.

The key points coming out of the AGM were to move to the Autumn going forward

and be combined with a presentation evening for all of the county competitions for the year – Venue and Date TBA.

We will be hosting two Colt and Junior have-a-go-days across the year so that we can encourage more young shooters.

We are currently looking at May for the first one and would ask people to express their interest via email to jjwillis@tinyworld.co.uk.

The new Essex team shooting clothing was shown at the meeting and is now available to order via the Essex CPSA website.

Phil Moss was welcomed back onto the committee.

### County Championships

26 Feb OT, Nuthampstead  
 12 Mar ABT, Nuthampstead  
 19 Mar UT, Nuthampstead  
 10 Apr FITASC, High Lodge  
 30 Apr DTL, Mayland GC  
 21 May Helice, Invicta Entries though Chris Potter at Country Sports.  
 24 Jun Skeet, Clacton GC  
 1 Jul STR, Clacton GC  
 15 Jul AR, Clacton GC  
 30 Jul SB, Mayland  
 19 Aug SKD, Clacton GC  
 27 Aug DR, Mayland  
 TBC Sporting, Redricks  
 TBC Super Sporting, Redricks

first registered Super Sporting fixture. This is a new discipline for many shooters and Bayram Baysal impressed with a great score of 87ex100 to win B Class.

Alexander Williams and Nigel Caves shared the honours at Nuthampstead's Universal Trench event on 15 January taking joint High Gun with a score of 88ex100.

Northampton held their regular ESP fixture on 22 January and David Nester topped C Class with an excellent 84ex100.

Also on 22 January Nigel Caves was in action again, this time taking part in Rugby & District's ABT event where he placed first in B Class with an impressive 91ex100.

Darcy McBride had a busy couple of days towards the end of January. He was joint top scoring Junior at Owls Lodge ESP fixture on 26 January with 87ex100. The following day at AGL's ESP event he topped the Junior rankings again with another great score of 89ex100. Christine Robinson was also on top form at AGL scoring a magnificent score of 86ex100 which placed her first in B Class as well as being the highest scoring Lady entrant.

The month ended with Lucas Hyde taking High Gun at Nuthampstead's OTR event on 29 January with a fantastic 90ex100. Alan Haynes won D Class with 80ex100.

### AGM

It has been decided that this year we will hold our AGM via Zoom. This has been scheduled for Thursday 9 March at 7.00pm. Members will be advised via email on how they can join the meeting.

### Diary Dates

26 Feb OTR County Champs, Nuthampstead  
 12 Mar ABT County Champs, Nuthampstead  
 19 Mar UTR County Champs, Nuthampstead



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## OXFORDSHIRE

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Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The year has started already for the committee who are busy planning the Clay shooting year ahead for you.

To start with, this is the first issue I am able to let you all know about the up-and-coming AGM of which we welcome all shooters to attend. It will take place at Sturdys Castle, Kidlington, OX5 3EP as in previous years on Monday 13 March. The meeting will start at 7.45 and the Champion of Champions trophy will be presented so please come along and have your say and input how Oxfordshire CPSA runs.

We had a fantastic night at the Presentation evening which was held early December. A brilliant turn out and it was lovely to see people out of their usual clay shooting attire. Thank you to

Mickey Rouse for kindly presenting all the trophies and prizes.

We had an amazing prize of £500 to give away, from the event tickets one name was drawn, Mike Evetts, who has supported the dinners for several years, well done Mike! We had many awards to present:

ABT Richard Fletton, ESP High Gun Cheryl Hall, ESP Vets Gary Davies, ESP Lady Charlotte Allen, ESP AAA Julian Freeman, AA Charlie Stewart-Wood, ESP A John Broomfield, ESP B Dean Shepherd, ESP C Ricky Davis, UT Richard Fletton, SB Peter Farrell, FITASC High Gun Matt Hance, FITASC Vets Gary Davis, FITASC Ladies Pet Easton, DTL Peter Farrell, ZZ Peter Farrell, ESK High Gun Steve Cox, ESK Vets TJ Wright, ESK Ladies Jane Robbins, Sportrap Matt Hance, OT Karl Field, SKD Henry Mitchell, All Rounder High Gun Julian Freeman, All Round Vets Kevin Durrant, All Round Ladies Johanne Field, All Round Junior Phillipa Stroud. Congratulations to you all, well done.

## E.J. Churchill

One of our infamous faces in Oxfordshire, Tim Thornett, shot brilliantly at E.J. Churchill in their mid-January Registered event. It saw him shoot 90ex100 winning A Class easily. Please keep in mind, the whole shoot on that cold day was won with a 95! Well done, Tim, keep up the good work.

Staying with E.J. Churchill, they hosted a Compak Sporting which saw 44 shooters take part. Despite the cold weather, Oxfordshire's Matt Hance shot an impressive 98ex100 winning him High Gun. Well done Matt.

Please get in touch with your wins and achievements, that leaves me to say, happy, safe shooting everybody!

## Forthcoming Dates

13 Mar AGM, 7:45 at Sturdys Castle  
 OX5 3EP



## SUSSEX

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Not a great deal to report on this month as the competition season hasn't yet kicked in, however by the time you read this as well as being able to book on for the Sporting World Championships in July. Bookings for the English Open Sporting at Eriswell Lodge in May and the English Open Sportrap at Barbury will also be open.

## 2 Jan: New Year Shoot

A 120 target shoot was held at Southdown, which saw a very good turnout in almost perfect shooting conditions – a very welcome break in some wet cold weeks. High Gun was Nathan Hales on 113/120 with the best Sussex shooters Kev Lillywhite and Richard Deacon on 111/120.

## AGM

The AGM will be held Southdown Gun Club on Wednesday 8 March at 7.30pm for a 8.00pm start. All Sussex shooters are more than welcome, and this is your chance to voice your views and have your say about clay shooting in Sussex. County champions and the Supreme Champion competition

winners will be presented with their trophies, badges, and medals.

## Reports

Again I will put out a request/plea for any reports and photos from shoots this year whether here or abroad.

There are so many Sussex shooters it would be nice to feature new names and faces.

## Forthcoming Dates

21 May Helice, Invicta  
 29 May Side by side, Southdown  
 25 Jun STR, Southdown  
 28 Aug ESP, Southdown  
 28 Aug Compak, Southdown  
 15 Oct FITASC, Southdown

## Inter-County championships

14 May STR, Dartford  
 28 May ESK, NCSC  
 30 Jul OT, NCSC  
 13 Aug ABT, NCSC  
 20 Aug ESP, Dartford  
 10 Sep Helice, Invicta  
 24 Sep OS, NCSC  
 24 Sep Compak, Southdown  
 24 Sep DTL, Mayland  
 08 Oct FITASC, Dartford  
 22 Oct UT, Nuthampstead  
 15 Sep FITASC, Southdown



## SURREY

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## Surrey March 2023

Thank you to the Shooting Grounds and Clubs that supported our events and meetings throughout last season, including the National Clay Shooting Centre (NCSC) Bisley, Bisley Gun Club, Southdown Gun Club, Invicta Gun Club, Bisley Shooting Ground, The London and Middlesex Rifle Club, and the Artist's Rifle Club.

## Surrey Supreme Championship

It is intended to run the 2023 Surrey Supreme Championship on the same scheme as last season with the top points scores from seven of the 11 events to count. These will include a selection of events from Sporting, Skeet, and Trap to give all shooters an opportunity of including their chosen favourite disciplines. Please see the fixture list below for venues and dates.

The following 11 events will score points towards the Supreme Championship:

Olympic Trap, Automatic Ball Trap, Skeet Doubles, Olympic Skeet, English Skeet, Sportrap, Helice, English



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### 36CPOM - POMEGRANATE

Pushing the visual spectrum to accelerate target orange in a transmittance value between our 24CMX & 44CMX was the objective and the result is spectacular. ZEISS and PILLA have created a very special lens that is precise and vibrant highlighting orange dome targets with amazing definition. This lens is for shooting in open areas and is a great all around lens. It is a complementary lens to our CMX lenses using our ICE IR science with a touch more red to further enhance orange at 36% light value.

### 50CIS - STRAWBERRY INFRA RED

The Strawberry filter is an extrapolation of our Red High Contrast filter science but infuses more pink. This is a great all around medium light lens. The Strawberry lens will be a great addition on the clays course and even in the field on live birds. This lens is nicely balanced and pushing contrast without manipulating color to a large degree.

### 56CIBO - BLOOD ORANGE INFRA RED

This new Blood Orange lens is a hotter version of our "Peach" filter science using the newest ICE Infra Red Technology. Our peach filters have been one of the top selling lens filters we have produced over the past 10 years. This new filter curve bends the spectral color to accelerate more red and yellow. The result is a lens that is more intense in highlighting a variety of colored targets at a transmittance value that is darker than our 64CMX filter. This lens is also a super action shooting lens for medium light.

### 58CIP - PERSIMMON HIGH CONTRAST

Juice target orange with straight ICE IR color lift. This new Persimmon lens is for medium to diminishing light conditions with more contrast elevating true definition in tougher grey light conditions. This lens increases the saturation of color illumination while crunching the edges of the target with contrast in the lower light values. An extremely bright lens that wakes up the eye.

### 78CIHC - LOQUAT HIGH CONTRAST

Yes Loquat - not too many people know about this unique fruit but this is definitely one you will want in your kit. SUPER bright low light lens. This is a rock star flat light lens. The new ICE IR color lifting science brightens the sight picture for all shooting sports. The lens is tuned to enhance both clay targets or paper targets. This is a must have low light lens with superior anti-reflective coatings to reduce lens noise and splintered light.



Sporting, Down-the-Line, FITASC  
Sporting, All Round

This list subject to confirmation and ratification – Please see website for latest information. Remember, there are separate trophies for Seniors, Veterans, Ladies, Juniors, and Colts.

## Surrey AGM and Prizegiving

The Surrey AGM and prizegiving will be held at Bisley Shooting Ground at 19.00 on Thursday 9 March. Please come

and support us, ask questions, make suggestions, offer assistance etc.

## 2023 events

19 Mar OT, NCSC  
26 Mar ABT, NCSC  
9 Apr SKD, NCSC  
16 Apr OSK, NCSC  
23 Apr ESK, NCSC  
1 May STR, NCSC  
7 May UTR, NCSC  
20 May SB DTL, Bisley  
21 May Helice, Invicta  
29 May ESP, Southdown  
2 Jul DTL, Bisley  
28 Aug Compak, Southdown

15 Oct FITASC, Southdown  
29 Oct AR, NCSC  
19 Nov SBS, Guildford

All dates and venues were correct at the time of posting and updates will be made to the website when required, however we would suggest that you confirm with the venue prior to travelling.

Also note that some events require pre-booking. Again, please check with the venue before leaving home.

Please see the website [surreycpsa.com](http://surreycpsa.com) for the latest details of forthcoming events and don't forget to follow Surrey CPSCA on Facebook.

# DSG



## DSG

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🌐 [disabledsg.co.uk](http://disabledsg.co.uk)

December saw the Disabled Shooters Group descend upon High Lodge Leisure Ltd for another Christmas Shoot and Carvery. With able bodied friends and family also joining in to make it a very enjoyable day. The weather on the day was fair, and being a few degrees warmer than it had been, made it a lot more enjoyable.

## 2023 DSG Calendar

Confirmed DSG events for 2023, to book onto these events or find out more details, please visit the website at [www.disabledsg.co.uk](http://www.disabledsg.co.uk)

- 12 Mar Eriswell Lodge, Social Event with Steel Bones and have-a-go
- 22 Mar E.J. Churchill, Churchill Challenge
- 29 Apr Nottingham & District, CPSCA EO ESK and DSG Skeet Shield
- 15 Jun Sporting Targets, The Jack Pyke English Open
- 29 Jul The Priory Clay Target Centre, DSG DTL Shield Competition
- 7 Oct Sporting Targets, AGM and 100 Sporting Competition

Other dates and locations to be confirmed please check the website and social media for updates.



NCSC on a frosty morning.



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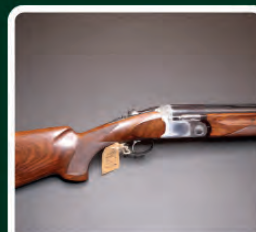
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- Food & drink available
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## NORTH

### CUMBRIA

- R PENRITH & DISTRICT GUN CLUB LTD**   
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### DURHAM

- R OAK LODGE SHOOTING GROUND**   
**SAT 10:00-14:00. SUN 10:00-14:00**  
 07786 868691 • oaklodgeshootingground.co.uk  
 • Saturdays are booking only • Wednesday evening 18:00-20:00 (April till Oct) • CSP, ESP, STR.

- R SPENNYMOOR & DISTRICT CLAY PIGEON CLUB**   
**MO-TU, TH-SA CLOSED. WE 18:00-20:45. SU 09:00-12:00**  
 0191 3772412 • AR, ABT, CSP, DR, DTL, ESK, ESP, STR.

### LANCASHIRE

- A BOBBIN MILL SHOOTING GROUND**   
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 01524 791507 • CSP, DR, DTL, ESK, STR.  
 • Licensed Gun Storage.

- R MANCHESTER CLAY SHOOTING CLUB**   
**SU 10:30-14:30. MO-TU, TH CLOSED. WE, FR-SA 11:00-16:00**  
 07761409427 • ESP.

- A MEANLEY SHOOT LIMITED**   
 07377403845 • Open for prior bookings only.  
 • ESP, STR.

### NORTHUMBERLAND

- P BYWELL SHOOTING CLUB**   
**SU-MO CLOSED, TU-SA 9:30-17:30**  
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 • Open practice WE 12:30-17:00, SA 10:00-17:00, must book all other times. • bywellshootingground.co.uk • 01670 787827 • ABT, DR, DTL, ESK, ESP, HBD, STR.

- P STEVE SMITHS SHOOTING CLUB**   
**MO-SU 10:00-17:00**  
 Monday - airguns/rifle only. Wednesday - late nights (19:30) May-August. • stevesmiths.co.uk • 016618 22444 • ABT, CSP, DTL, OTR, STR, UT • Airgun and air pistol ranges. Full-bore rifle pipe range.

## YORKSHIRE

- A ALLERTON BYWATER CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB**   
**SU 10:00-13:00**  
 Shoot every other Sunday, fixture list available via our website. • abwpc@aol.com • ESP.

- A BATLEY & DISTRICT GUN CLUB**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:30-11:00**  
 Shoot every other Sunday, full fixtures listing can be found on the club website. • BatleyGunClub.org  
 • 07881661217 • ESP • Due to woodland location WC facilities are not available.

- P CONISTON SHOOTING CLUB**   
**MO CLOSED. TU-FR 09:30-17:00, SA-SU 09:30-13:30**  
 conistonshootingground.co.uk • 01756 748586  
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- P EAST YORKSHIRE CLAY SHOOTING CLUB**   
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 Practice available Wed - Sun. Please call for available disciplines. • info@eastyorkshireclayshootingground.co.uk • 01964 204190 • ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, OSK, OTR, STR, UT, DR, SB, AR • High Tower.

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- P NORTH OF ENGLAND C.T.C**   
**MO-SA 09:00-16:00. SU CLOSED**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday by arrangement only  
 • noeac.co.uk • 01904 738120 • DTL, ESK, ESP, STR, ABT, OSK, FSP.

- P PARK LODGE SHOOTING SCHOOL**   
**WE-SU 9:00-17:00, MO, TU CLOSED**  
 Late Night shooting (19:30) on Wed and Fri May-end of Aug • parklodgeshootingschool.co.uk • 07931 554986  
 • FSP, STR, DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, AR.

## WEST MIDLANDS

### CHESHIRE

- A AUDLEY GUN CLUB**  
**SU 09.30 - 11.00** 50 ESP every third Sunday of the month for Club Members. Guest practice with prior arrangement. • audleygunclub@gmail.com • audleygun.club

- R CATTON HALL SHOOTING GROUND LTD**   
**MO-TU, TH CLOSED. WE, SA 10:00-16:00. SU 10:00-15:00**  
 cattonhall.co.uk • 01928 788295 • 100 ESP REG every 4th Sunday, excluding Bank Holiday Weekends where the shoot is on the Monday. • ESP • Good access road.

- R HOLMES CHAPEL SHOOTING GROUND**   
**MO-TU, SAT CLOSED. WE-FRI 10:00-18:00. SU 09:30-13:00**  
 Reg. shoots on the second and fourth Sunday  
 • We must finish shooting by 18:30 in summer  
 • holmeschapelsg.com • 01477 518444 • DTL  
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### DERBYSHIRE

- A DARLEY DALE CPSC**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-15:00**  
 Open 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month  
 • ddcpsc.org.uk • 07929 108619 • ESP.

- P DOVERIDGE CLAY SPORTS CENTRE**   
**MO, TU CLOSED. WE-SAT 10:00-17:00. SU 10:00-14:30**  
 Bank Holiday Mondays 10:00-14:00 • doveridgeclaysports.co.uk • 01889 565986 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OTR, OSK, FSP, CSP, STR • Please call to confirm discipline availability.

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 Open weekdays by prior appointment. Shooting times vary please see website. 1st and 3rd Sunday each month ESP. Thursdays during summer for ESP and STR practice. Saturdays for Simulated Game Days. Corporate Hospitality, Have A Go Sessions, Learn to shoot tasters, novice & experienced lessons. • harbororocksclayshoot.co.uk • 07887 901719 • ESP, STR, FSP.

- A OCKBROOK GUN CLUB**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 08:45-10:00**  
 ockbrookgunclub.co.uk • 07909920722 • 50 birds ESP Members shoots, guests are welcome. Occasional 30 Birds ESP & 30 bird two-shooter Flush. • ESP  
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- R OLD GLOSSOP CLAY SHOOTING GROUND**   
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MO-SA 09:00-DUSK. SU 09:30-13:30

All shooting ceases 1hr before sunset. All shooting by appointment only • yeaveley-estate.co.uk • 01335 330247 • ABT, DTL, ESP.

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

### P IAN COLEY SHOOTING SCHOOL

MO-SA 09:00-17:00. SU CLOSED

iancoley.co.uk • 01242 870391 • ESP, DTL • Tuition & Gun Fitting by appt. Pay & Play practice for licence holders. REG ESP 1st Weds every month Mar-Oct. Corporate Events, Stag & Hen Parties.

### P WESTFIELD SHOOTING GROUND

theclayshootingcompany.com • 07342 338390 • ESP, FSP, CSP, STR • See fixtures for registered shoots.

## HEREFORD & WORCESTER

### A KIDDERMINSTER GUN CLUB

MO, TU, TH-SU CLOSED. WE 18:00-21:00

kgc.me.uk • 01562 632405 • ABT, DTL, ESK, ESP, SKD.

### R LONGRIDGE SHOOTING GROUND

WE, FR & SA 10:00-16:00

07971447138 • Registered shoots once or twice a month. Please text or call to check that we are open • Open every Weds, Fri & Sat 10.00 - 16.00 for ESP Practice • CSP, ESP, FITASC, STR • Food available on Reg shoots only. Tea & coffee always.

### R PARK FARM SHOOTING GROUND

MO-SU CLOSED

parkfarmshoot.co.uk • 01905620237 • Please call or check website for current dates and times • AR, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, STR, UT.

## SHROPSHIRE

### A BRIDGNORTH & DISTRICT GUN CLUB

MO-FR CLOSED. SA-SU 11:00-14:30

07966 260088 • Open third Sunday of the month, and first Saturdays in May, June, July, and November. • DTL, ABT.

### P WEST MIDLANDS SHOOTING GROUND

MO-SA 09:00-17:00. SU CLOSED

All shooting is via appointment apart from Tuesdays. • wmsg.co.uk • 01939 200644 • ESK, ESP, ABT, SP, STR.

## WARWICKSHIRE

### R BARBY SHOOTING GROUND

WED 10:00-21:00. SAT 10:00-18:00

017880891873 • cadmansporting.com • We also have an airgun range which is open 9-6 Mon-Sat and 9-9 on Wed. • Floodlit sportrap Wednesdays 5pm-9pm • ESK, ESP, OSK, STR.

### R COSFORD SHOOTING GROUND

MO-WE, FR CLOSED. TH 10:00-15:00. SA 10:00-

16:00. SU 10:00-13:30 Open every Sunday for open shoots. Winter hours close at 15:00 on Sat. Open practise. Lessons by appt. • cosfordsg.co.uk • 07563 518090 • DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, STR.

### R EDGEHILL SHOOTING GROUND

TH - SAT 10:00 - 18:00

Late night shooting Thursday's from Apr - Aug to 21.30 • edgehillshooting.co.uk • 07831 574464 • ESP, ESK, OSK, DTL, ABT, UT, STR. High Pheasant Practice facilities.

## P HONESBERIE SHOOTING

MO-SA 08:30-18:00. SU CLOSED

All shooting by appointment. • honesberieshooting.co.uk • 01327 262922 • ESP, FSP.

## R LEA MARSTON SHOOTING CLUB

MO-TU, TH-FR: 10:30-17:30. WE: 14:30-20:30. SA: 10:30-15:30. SU: 9:30-14:00

Wednesday evening floodlit shooting • leamarstonshootingclub.com • 01676 540070 • These times are first-last shot so please allow 1/2 hour to finish your round. Allocated session times available • ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, STR.

## P RUGBY & DISTRICT TRAP CLUB

WE 11:00-DUSK. SU FROM 09:00

rdtc.info • 07770 551491 • ABT, HEL, UTR • ABT & UT PRACTICE Wednesdays 10.30 till dusk. 100 targets registered ABT & UT most 1st & 3rd Sundays every month. May vary to avoid clashes with Selection Shoots.

## A WEDGNOCK SHOOTING GROUND

MO, SA CLOSED. TU-FR, SU 10:00-13:00

Open Shoots every Sunday • adventuresport.co.uk • 01926 491948 • DTL, ESK, ESP, STR • Outdoor activity centre for corporate events. Course changed every couple of days and operate two 100 separate target rounds at the same time.

## EAST MIDLANDS

### BEDFORDSHIRE

#### P SPORTING TARGETS

MO-SA 09:00-18:00. SU 09:00-14:00

Shooting will cease at dusk. When the hour goes forward in spring open till 20:00 • sportingtargets.co.uk • 01234 708893 • CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE

#### P CAMBRIDGE GUN CLUB LTD

MO-TU CLOSED. WE-SA 10:00-16:00. SU 10:00-15:00

cambridgegunclub.co.uk • 01353 648004 • Practice for ESP, DTL & ESK.

### LEICESTERSHIRE

#### R KEGWORTH SHOOTING GROUND

MO-SA 09:00-DUSK. SU 09:30-14:00

ESP REG, All new layouts, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and all bank holidays. See Fixtures for FITASC and Sportrap. Open weekdays by prior appointment. Call or see website. • kegoworth.co.uk • 07973 111650 • CSP, ESP, FSP, STR • Adult Referees at all stands. Pool shoots at Sporting events. New stands & targets at all events. Fair but testing targets. See website for County, Regional & National Championships. Small selection of gun oil, hats, cleaning & shells for if you have forgotten.

#### R KIBWORTH SHOOTING CLUB

MO CLOSED. TU-WE, FR-SA 09:00-17:00.

TH 09:00-20:00. SU 09:00-15:00

Registered ESP first Friday of every month from Feb - Dec. Late night Thursday until the end of Sep. From 1 Oct closes at 17.00 each Thurs • kibworthshootingground.co.uk • 0116 2796001 • AR, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR • Toilet facilities including disabled toilet.

#### A QUORN GUN CLUB

MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-12:00

Closed January and most of February, see fixtures list on website for shooting dates. Open fortnightly • quorngunclub.co.uk • 07867 071 652 • ESP • 50 target ESP only.

## LINCOLNSHIRE

### P EAST OF ENGLAND SHOOTING GROUND

MO-WE CLOSED. TH-SU 10:00-16:30 eesg.co.uk

• 01406 540362 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, CSP, STR.

### R PINWOOD SHOOTING GROUND

MO-TU, SU CLOSED. WE- FR 10:00-17:00

Open till 18:00 from June-August. Please ring office if you are arriving this late • pinewood2020@protonmail.co.uk • 01427 628900 • ESP, FITASC, STR.

### R THE PRIORY CLAY TARGET CENTRE

MO, TU, TH CLOSED. WE, FR, SA, SU 09:30-16:00

theprioryctc.co.uk • 01406351451 • Registered shoots every weekend • AR, ABT, CSP, DR, DTL, ESK, HBD, OSK, STR.

## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

### P NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND

MO-WE, FR CLOSED. SA-SU FROM 10:00.

TH FROM 13:00

northamptonshootingground.co.uk • 01604 642252 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, DR, STR.

### R BARBY SPORTING GROUND

SU-TU, TH CLOSED. WE 10:00-21:00. SA 10:00-18:00.

Shooting under floodlights on Wednesday evenings until 21:00, after the clocks go back in October. ESK, ESP, OSK, STR, Although there are ramps into the lodge, at present there is no disabled toilet. The ground is wheelchair accessible.

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

### A COCKETT FARM SHOOTING GROUND

MO-WE, FR-SA 10:00-17:00. SU 10:00-15:00.

TH CLOSED

Every day but Sunday, close at dusk or 17:00 whichever is earlier. Late night shooting on Wednesday from April to September. • cockettfarm.com • 01623 882244 • AR, ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP.

### P NOTTINGHAM & DISTRICT GUN CLUB

SU 09:00-16:00. MO-TU, FR CLOSED. WE-TH, SA 10:00-17:00.

Registered shoots every Sunday. By appointment on Fridays. Late night Wednesdays. • nottsclyshooting.co.uk • 01623 883798 • DTL, ESK, ESP, STR • Gun Fit, Onsite Accommodation, Golf Course, Conference Facilities.

### P NOTTINGHAM SPORTING CLAYS

MO, TU, FR CLOSED. WE-TH 10:00-DUSK.

SA 10:00-17:00. SU 09:00-16:00

To arrange events/appts on Mon, Tue or Fri just contact the Ground. • nottsclyshooting.co.uk • 01623 883798 • CSP, DTL, ESP, FSP, HBD, STR • Sporting targets changed every fortnight.

### P ORSTON SHOOTING GROUND


MO-SA 09:00-17:00

Practice entries 10am-3pm • orston.com • 01949 851181 • ESP, STR, DTL, ESK, ABT • HIGH TOWERS • Registered Comps - see website • Tuition, Cafe & Gun Shop.

## SUFFOLK

**R BARROW SPORTING CLAYS**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-14:00**  
 100 ESP Registered Competition - usually the 1st and 3rd Sun of each month. Runs all year round.  
 • 07912 497000 • ESP, FSP, STR.

**R ERISWELL LODGE**   
**MO-TU, TH-SA 09:00-19:00. WE 09:00-20:30.**  
**SU 09:00-15:30**  
 On Wednesdays in Winter practice closes at 3.30pm with evening floodlit competitions from 5pm. • On Wednesdays in Summer shooting is until dusk or 20:30.  
 • eriswell-lodge.com • 01638534045 • AR, ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FITASC, HBD, STR • New clubhouse with conference facilities and gun room. • FITASC & Compak, Simulated driven game area and rabbit skeet available.

**P HIGH LODGE LEISURE LTD**   
**SU 9:30-12:30. MO-SA 10:00-17:00**  
 Registered Shoots on some weekends. Sunday Morning shooting finishes end of March and then our Late night Wednesday shooting begins. • highlodge.co.uk • 01986 784347 • ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR • Onsite accommodation, large function room for events and large groups, air rifle ranges, archery and fishing. We now require all activities to be booked prior to your visit, we do accept same day bookings.

**P HIGHWAYMANS SHOOTING GROUND**   
 highwaymansshootingground.co.uk • 07836 643436  
 • ESP, FSP, STR • See fixtures for Sunday hours.

## SOUTH WEST


## CORNWALL

**R COUNTY GUN CLUB**   
 shootingincornwall.co.uk • 07979 696179 • See fixtures on website for opening hours • AR, ESK, ESP.

**R NORTH CORNWALL SHOOTING GROUND**   
**MO-WE, FR CLOSED. TH 11:00-16:30. SA 09:30-17:30**  
 Opening & closing times may vary according to weather, time of year & competitions • 077901 58109 • ABT, DR, DTL, STR, UT.

## DEVON

**R ASHCOMBE SHOOTING GROUND**   
**SU 10:00-15:00. WE-SA 09:30-DUSK**  
 ashcombeadventure.co.uk • 01626 866766 • Registered Shoot first Sunday of every month, Late Night Shooting Thursday Evening • Covered All Weather Layouts available. Restaurant. "Rabbit Skeet" Layout. FITASC Practice Course. • ESK, ESP, FITASC, STR.

**R ASHLEY CLAY SHOOT**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-11:30**  
 01884 243476/07837 197595 • 70 or 100 target practice shoots held on alternate Sunday mornings. Open alternate Wednesday evenings 18:00 in the summer months. • ESP • Set in a deep valley. No need to book. Dates available on Ashley Clay Shoot Facebook page.

**R LITTLE SILVER CLAY SHOOT**   
**SU 10:00-14:00. MO-SA CLOSED**  
 devonclayshooting.co.uk • 07971963421 • ESP, STR • contact by phone or Facebook (Westdown Farm and Littlesilver clay shoots.)

**P SOUTH WEST SHOOTING SCHOOL**   
**MO-SA 10:30-17:00. SU 10:30-13:00**  
 Registered shoots every second Sun per month  
 • southwestshooting.co.uk • 01271 864784 • CSP, ESP, STR • Clubhouse and under cover shelters, 40 shooting positions, eighty plus traps in operation  
 • Cartridges available with shotgun licence or bring your own, fibre or plastic.

## DORSET

**A AA SHOOTING SCHOOL**   
**MO CLOSED. TU-SU 10:00-18:00**  
 aashootingschool.com • 07914918395 • ESP  
 • Free coffee and tea.

## HAMPSHIRE

**R FAREHAM CLAY TARGET CLUB**   
 See website for shoot dates and times • farehamctc.org.uk • 01329 315185 • ABT, DTL, ESK, ESP.

**P OWLS LODGE SHOOTING SCHOOL**   
**MO, WE, FR-SU CLOSED. TU, TH 10:00-18:00**  
 Open till dusk if before 18:00 • olss.co.uk • 07734 200280 • DTL, ESK, ESP, OTR, OSK, STR, FSP, CSP, DR, UTR.


**A SPITFIRE SHOOT**   
**WE-SA 09:00-16:30**  
 spitfireshoot.co.uk • 01264 810312 • ESP • 11 stands of English Sporting, including high tower. Practice and Lessons for all levels by qualified instructors.

## SOMERSET

**P BROOK BANK**   
**MO-TU, TH CLOSED. WE 13:00-16:00. FRI, SA 11:00-16:00. SU 10:30-15:30**  
 Pre-book only. Check website for last minute updates.  
 • brookbankshooting.co.uk • 07773 488018 • ABT, DTL, ESP, OTR, UT • Gunsmith on site • Clubhouse with snack bar. • Cartridge restriction applies Thur, Fri & Sat - only Hull & Fiochi permitted. No steel allowed.

**R SOMERSET SHOOTING GROUND**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-16:00**  
 Only open when a shoot is being held. Registered shoot held on the last Sunday of each month. • 07860 561677 • CSP, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR • Toilets, clubhouse, outside seating area, televised results, different stand layout each month • See Facebook and Instagram for fixtures, results and news.

## WILTSHIRE

**P HAM CROSS SHOOTING GROUND**   
**SA 10:00-15:00**  
 Open an alternate Saturdays, please call for details.  
 • cpsa.co.uk/clubs/ham-cross-shooting-ground/206  
 • 07711 242749 • ESP, FSP, STR.

**P WIDDINGTON SHOOT**   
**MO-WE CLOSED. TH-SA 10:00-18:00. SU 10:00-14:00**  
 widdingtonshoot.co.uk • 01980 630990 • ESP  
 • Open Bank Holiday Mondays 10:00-14:00.

**R WILLOUGHBY HEDGE SHOOTING GROUND**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-14:00**  
 somersetshootingground.com • 07866 610086  
 • Registered Shoot - 1st Sunday of the month. Open Practice - 2nd Sunday of the month • Nov-March - last squad out 13:30 • ESP • Toilets, card facility, clubhouse and televised results.

## SOUTH EAST

## BERKSHIRE

**R HANGMAN'S STONE SPORTING CLAYS**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-15:00**  
 facebook.com/4counties • 07909 864027 • ESP.

**R ROYAL BERKSHIRE SHOOTING SCHOOL**   
**SU-MO CLOSED. WE-SA 08:00-DUSK**  
 Open until 17.30 in the summer months • rbss.co.uk  
 • 01491 672900 • ESP • Food available 9:00-14:00.

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

**P E.J.CHURCHILL**   
**WINTER: MO-SAT 09:00-17:30. SU CLOSED.**  
**SUMMER: MO, TU, FR, SA 09:00-17:30.**  
**WE-TH 09:00-20:00**  
 ejchurchill.com • 01494 883227 • DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OTR, FSP, CSP, STR, DR • Offers lessons, caddied rounds and Claymate. • TU-SA food served 9am-4pm.

**P THE OXFORD GUN COMPANY**   
**MO-FR 09:00-17:30. SA 10:00 16:00. SU CLOSED**  
 Saturday last cards 15:15, shooting stops at 16:00  
 • oxfordguncompany.co.uk • 01844 238308 • DTL, ESP • Limited disabled access, hot and cold drinks and snacks available. Promatic Claymate Pay & Play on ESP & DTL for Licence holders. Caddied Rounds, Tuition & Gun Fit by appt.

## ESSEX

**A EASTWICK SHOOTING GROUND**   
**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-13:00**  
 07889719943 • Open every Sunday morning fortnightly. Last card 11.30. Please check our Facebook page for details. • ESP • Fibre Wads only.

## GREATER LONDON

**P WEST LONDON SHOOTING SCHOOL**   
**MO-FR 08:00-18:00. SA 08:00-16:30. SU CLOSED**  
 shootingschool.co.uk • 02088451377 • Summer: 08:00-18:00. Winter: MO-FR 8:00-17:00 • ESP  
 • John Rigby & Co Rifle Ranges 100 & 200 metre.

## HERTFORDSHIRE

**P ATKIN GRANT & LANG**   
**MO CLOSED. TU-SA 09:00-17:00. SU 10:00-13:30**  
 agl-uk.com • 01582 849382 • ESP Registered Shoot on the last Friday of every month. Shop open until 5:30pm • Open until 20:00 on Wednesdays throughout the summer • ESP • Catering available Wed-Sun.

**A CODICOTE BOTTOM CLAY TARGET CLUB**   
**MO-SA CLOSED, SU 10:00-13:00**  
 07941110381 • Open alternate Sundays. • ESP.

**R LEA VALLEY SHOOTING ASSOCIATION**   
**SU-TU, FRI CLOSED. WE, SA 10:00-16:00. TH 16:00-19:00 MAY-AUGUST ONLY**  
 lvsa.org.uk • 01992 552011 • ESP • Covered Shooting Points, qualified instructors, Have a Go and group sessions by appointment, catering Saturdays. Pay & Play Wednesday, Saturday 10:00-16:00, Thursday 16:00-19:00 May-August.



## A LITTLE AMWELL GUN CLUB

**SU 09:00-13:00, MO-SA CLOSED**

Club shoots second Sunday of month except November when it is the third Sunday. • 01707 326691

• DTL, ESP.

## A MORETON MASSEY GUN CLUB

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:30-13:00**

07855 403902 • ABT, ESK, ESP • Men's and women's toilets, canteen for full English breakfast, sandwiches, tea / coffee etc.

## P NUTHAMPSTEAD SHOOTING GROUND

**MO-TU, TH-FR CLOSED. SU 09:00-15:00. WE, SA 10:00-16:00.**

Sunday opening for competitions and practice, as advertised on Facebook and website.

• nuthampsteadshootingground.co.uk • 07887 945350  
• ABT, ESK, ESP, OSK, OTR, UT • Simulated game shooting for groups by prior booking. Layouts covered and on hard standing. Trap layouts are automated and operated by card machines for practice.

## R REDRICKS SPORTING CLAYS

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-14:00**

07836 676654 • Last entry 14:00 during Winter.

• CSP, ESP, FITASC, STR.

## KENT

### P DARTFORD CLAY SC

**WE 10:00-16:00. TH 10:00-20:00. FR-SU 10:00-17:00**

Winter hours in effect from late October: TH-SU 10:00-16:00 • dartfordclayshootingclub.com • 01322 311001  
• DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OTR, STR, OSK, FSP, CSP, DR, UTR.

### A DOVER CLAY PIGEON CLUB

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 08:30-12:00**

07932 011287 • ESP.

### A MARTIN GORSE WOOD CLAY PIGEON CLUB

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00 - 13:00**

100 target ESP shoot every Sunday plus have a go stand. Private tuition and corporate events available Mon-Sat • martingorse.co.uk • 07932 638859

• Open to members and non-members. Supervised Have-a-go available. • Felt/Fibre wads only. • ESP.

### P WEST KENT SHOOTING SCHOOL

**MO-FR 10:00-17:00. SA-SU CLOSED**

westkentshooting.co.uk • 01892834306 • As the light fades we will close 15:00/16:00 • ESK, ESP.

### A WILLOW FARM SHOOTING GROUND

**TU-FR 09:00-17:00. SA 09:00-16:00. SU 10:00-14:00. MO CLOSED**

100 Sporting Competition every Sunday (Last Entry 12:45) Winter closing Tuesday to Saturday 16:00  
• willowfarmshootingground.co.uk • 01233 758703  
• CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK.

## OXFORDSHIRE

### A GREENFIELD ENTERTAINMENT

**SU 10:00-16:00**

Open January to end of October. Regular 100 bird sporting. Most Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Fixtures on website. Open any day for lessons and private groups. • greenfieldentertainments.co.uk • 01869 354949 • ESP.

## R OXFORDSHIRE SHOOTING SCHOOL

**MO, SU CLOSED. TU-SA 09:00-17:00**

Registered shoot on the second Friday of every month  
• theoxfordshireshootingschool.co.uk • 01608 690866  
• ESP • Catering available Friday and Saturdays  
• Fibre wad only.

## SURREY

### R BISLEY GUN CLUB

**MO-FR CLOSED. SAT 08:30-15:00. SU 08:30-16:00**

thebisleygunclub.com • 07713 762928 • Open 1st, 3rd, 5th weekends of every month. Sat am Reg, practice from 12:00. Sun a.m Reg Competition (Must pre-book) • DTL.

### A GATWICK CLAY SHOOTING SCHOOL

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-13:00**

gatwickclayshootingschool.com • 07769701842 • DTL, ESK, ESP • Shoots on Sundays, coaching on Saturdays by appointment • Disabled access to Sporting and DTL, but not to clubhouse or toilets.

### R HORNE CLAY PIGEON CLUB (CLAY & COUNTRY SPORTS UK)

clayandcountry.com • 07711 332097 • ESP • Mon-Sat, open for lessons, company days, stag/hen, private events, simulated game. Sundays, open sporting events as follows:

**GATTON BOTTOM SHOOTING GROUND – SU 10:00-15:00**

**COURT FARM SHOOTING GROUND – SU 10:00-14:00**  
See fixtures page on website for details of all our open shoots and directions to the shooting grounds.

### P NATIONAL CLAY SHOOTING CENTRE

**MO CLOSED. TU-SU 09:00-16:00**

nsc-clays.co.uk • 01483 797666 • DTL, ESK, ABT, OTR, OSK, UTR, SKD.

## SUSSEX

### A KINGSCOTE SHOOTING GROUND

**SU-FR CLOSED, SA 09:30-13:00**

50 ESP Open every Thursday & Saturday 10.00 – 3pm  
• clayshootingsussex.co.uk • 01903 340657  
Shoots on one Saturday per month, see website fixtures. Open February to December. • ESP.

### A MILL FARM CLAY PIGEON CLUB

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-14:00**

We are open once a fortnight on a Sunday • 07790 498435  
• ESK, ESP, STR • Can put together layouts for novice and experienced shooters and cater for groups of up to 200.

### A MILL FARM LURGASHALL

**FIRST WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH. 10.00 – 12.30**

ESP • 01798 861218 • info@millfarm-lurgashall.com  
• www.millfarm-lurgashall.com/sporting

### A POLOWOOD SHOOTING GROUND

**MO, WE, FR CLOSED. TU, TH, SA-SU OPEN**

50 ESP • Thursdays from April – Oct and every Saturday 10am-3pm, 25 STR • Tuesdays from October – Mar 10am-3pm; Apr – Sept 12pm-7:30pm and alternate Sundays 9:30am – 2pm • claypigeonshootingbrighton.co.uk • 07818203871 • CSP, STR • Fibre wad only. 25 and 50 bird flush available.

### P SOUTHDOWN GUN CLUB LTD

**MO-WE CLOSED. FR-SU 10:00-17:00**

southdowngunclub.co.uk • 01903 877555  
• DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, FSP, CSP, HEL, DR, STR.

# NON-ENGLAND

## CHANNEL ISLANDS

### R CRABBE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

**MO-SA 11:00. SU 10:00-13:00**

07797 718459 • ESK practice Friday 2pm, ESK and DTL alternate Saturday 2pm, Sporting shoot every Sunday morning 10am • AR, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OTR.

### R LECQ CLAY TARGET CLUB

**SA 13:00-17:00. SU 09:30-13:00**

50 Bird Sporting every Sunday except month end which is Sporting 100 • lecqclaytargetclub.com  
• 07797 717940 • ABT, CSP, ESK, ESP, STR, UT.

## ISLE OF MAN

### R AYRE CLAY TARGET CLUB

**MO-FR CLOSED. SA 13:00-16:00. SU 10:00-14:00**

ayreclaytargetclub.com • Practice Wednesday evenings April-September - Please check our website and Facebook pages for updates • ABT, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OTR, STR.

### R ISLE OF MAN CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

**WED 12:00-16:00. SAT 10:00-13:00. SUN 10:00-16:00**

www.iomclays.com • iomcpcsc@manx.net • 01624 827756 • Open Practice Wednesdays and Saturdays. Competitions every Sunday as per fixtures. Non-Members welcome. Beginners area. • ESK, OSK, DTL, ABT, ESP, STR, ProSporting.

## SCOTLAND

### P BISLEY AT BRAIDWOOD

**MO CLOSED. TU, WE, FR-SU: 09:00-17:30. TH 09:00-20:00.**

Open to 20:00 on Thursdays in summer only, ceases in September. Monthly club shoot – please see events on website. • bisleyshooting.co.uk/bisley-at-braidwood  
• 01835 870280 • CPS, ESP, FSP, STR.

## WALES

### P FAUXDEGLA SHOOTING GROUND

**TH- SU 10:00-17:00. MO, TU CLOSED. WE 10:00-DUSK**

We are open in the winter 10am to 5pm. Summer times are the same but we stay open late on Wednesdays until dusk. • fauxdeglac.co.uk • 01978 790198 • Corporate hospitality, functions, group parties, tuition, we have all disciplines for practice and everyone is welcome. • ABT, CSP, DT, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OT, STR, UT.

### A FERNDAL SHOOTING CLUB

**MO-WE, FR, SU CLOSED. TH 12:00-19:00. SA 09:00-16:00**

Open Practise • ferndalshooting.club • 07771 603989  
• ESP.

### A LEAD BROOK HALL SHOOTING GROUND

**MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:30-15:30**

First gun 10:30, last entry 13:30 • leadbrookclays.com  
• 07977 624358 • ESP • Open every second Sunday and fifth Sunday.

### R NORTH WALES SHOOTING SCHOOL

**TU-FR 09:00-17:00, SA 09:00-16:00**

nwshootingschool.co.uk • 01244 812219 • CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OT, STR.

### P SOUTH WALES 2000 SHOOTING GROUND

**TU-SU 10:00-17:00. MO CLOSED**

southwales2000.com • 01495 201182 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OTR, OSK, FSP, CSP, UTR.



## Mickley Hall SHOOTING SCHOOL



### 2023 Competitions

**15 April** World All Bore Championships – 50 target re-entry with any gauge Sponsored by RayTrade and Yildiz.

**28-29 April** Cheshire selection shoot – 100 Reg English Sporting Squadded pre book.

**3-6 May** 100 Reg FITASC – squadded – book either day.

**16-17 June** Cheshire selection shoot – 100 Reg English Sporting squadded pre book.

**21 July** Eley Grand Prix 100 Reg Super Sporting – squadded pre book.

**9-12 August** Cheshire FITASC Championship – 100 Reg FITASC squadded pre book.

100 Reg Sporting last Wednesday of every month – pre book

100 Reg Super Sporting second Friday of every month – pre book

50 target re-entry mark your own every Thursday

## Superstar Masterclass 2023

27 May Masterclass with Matt Hance –pre book

29 July Masterclass with Cheryl Hall – pre book

## Demonstrator Days 2023

11 March Longthorne

15 April Yildiz

17 June Beretta

22 July Zoli

11-12 August Caesar Guerini

9 September Krieghoff



### Mickley Hall Gun Room

Open 9:30am till 5pm Tuesday till Saturday • Main dealers of Beretta, Caesar Guerini, Krieghoff, Zoli, Longthorne, Yildiz, Fabarm, ATA, KOFS • Over 250 guns in store • Cartridges Supplies: Eley Hawk, Gamebore, Fiocchi, Express, BP.

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# CPSA FIXTURES

**REG** – CPSA Registered Competition

**ESP** – English Sporting

**STR** – Sportrap

**DTL** – Down the Line

**ESK** – English Skeet

**OSK** – Olympic Skeet

**OTR** – Olympic Trap

**DT** – Double Trap

**UTR** – Universal Trench

**ABT** – Automatic Ball Trap

**FSP** – FITASC

**HEL** – Helice

**SB** – Single-Barrel

**DR** – Double Rise

**HD** – Handicap by Distance

**SKD** – Skeet Doubles

**AR** – All-Round

**CSP** – Compak

**P** – Premier Plus Ground  
**P** – Premier Ground

**Please note:** These fixtures are those received by the CPSA by the deadline date specified. We strongly advise that you check with the organisers before travel to ensure that shoot dates are correct and have not changed.

**PLEASE  
NOTE**

Please note that mandatory pre-booking of all CPSA Registered Shoots as a CV-19 precaution is no longer required. However, some grounds plan to continue using pre-booking, so be sure to check in advance.

## WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

**Cefn Tilla Clays, Wales**, 01291 672595, 100 ESP REG 100 English Sporting at Cefn Tilla Clays 100 English Sporting, 09:00-Dusk

**P Ian Coley Shooting School, Gloucestershire**, 01242 870391, 100 esp reg 100 esp reg £150 high gun – hot food available – squads every 10 mins, 09:00-16:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent**, 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

## THURSDAY 2 MARCH

**P E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883227, 100 ESP REG CPSA Reg Sporting . SQUADED. Please call to book. Bar/Food, 09:00-17:00

## FRIDAY 3 MARCH

**Kibworth Gun Club, Leicestershire**, 0116 279 6001, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG TEL ENTRIES ONLY ENTRIES 10-2PM, 10:00-17:00

## SATURDAY 4 MARCH

**Bisley Gun Club, Surrey**, 07713 762928, 100 DTL REG + PRACTISE 11AM – 3PM, 08:30-15:00

**Bradford Shooting Ground, Devon**, 01409 281341, 100 DTL REG, 09:30-10:30

**Brook Bank, Somerset**, 01749 871056, 100 DTL REG 100 DTL REG + ESP/ABT/UTR/OTR Practice (Check Calendar on brookbankshooting.co.uk). Pre-book, 09:00-17:00

**Clacton Gun Club, Essex**, 07394 670871, 100 STR REG Sportrap, Tel Bookings 07394 670871, 09:00-15:00

**P Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 esk reg & re-entry, 100 skd reg & re-entry, 100 dtl reg, practice ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**P E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire**, 01765 357997, 125 STR REG £50 comp / £45 Birds only, 09:00-15:00

**P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-17:00

**Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire**, 07860 700459, 100 ABT REG, 100 ESP, 09:00-17:00

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales**, 01978 790198, 50 otr reg am, 50 abt reg pm – open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent**, 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

**P North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire**, 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG Practice from 12.30, 09:00-16:00

**P Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

**P Owls Lodge Shooting School, Hampshire**, 07734 200280, 100 ESP reg pre booking required, 10:00-15:30

**P South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales**, 01495 201182, 100 OSK REG OSK Winter Series, 09:00-17:00

## SUNDAY 5 MARCH

**Ashcombe Adventure, Devon**, 07888 697401, 100 ESP REG & ESP Practice. No Wad restrictions on comp. Prebook only, 10:00-15:00

**Barrow Sporting Clays, Suffolk**, 07912 497000, 100 ESP REG, 09:00-14:00

**Bisley Gun Club, Surrey**, 07713 762928, 100 DTL REG – Winter series final, 08:30-15:00

**Brook Bank, Somerset**, 01749 871056, 100 ESK REG, 100 OTR REG 100 OTR REG + ESP Practice 10:30am-3pm (Check Calendar on brookbankshooting.co.uk). Pre-book, 09:00-17:00

**P Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland**, 01670 787827, 100 ESP REG Northumberland Championship, 10:00-13:00

**P Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 SKD reg & re-entry, 100 esk reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-17:00

**P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 50 DR REG, 09:00-17:00



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**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 OTR REG, 09:00-17:00

**P** **Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk**, 01638 534045, 100 ESK REG March Targets Skeet Bookings Tel 01638 534045, 09:00-15:30

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales**, 01978 790198, 100 REG dtl open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire**, 01827 383300, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 9.00 till 2.30, £150.00 HG, cash in classes, 25 Bird Pool Shoot, 09:00-17:00

**Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire**, 01827 383300, 100 STR REG 100 Reg Sportrap, tel entry only start at 9.00 100 Reg Sportrap, tel entries only, start at 9.00, 09:00-17:00

**Holmes Chapel Shooting Ground, Cheshire**, 01477 518444, 100 DTL REG 100 DTL Winter Series Final 100 Reg DTL, The Final shoot of the series please phone 01477518444, 09:00-Dusk

**Kegworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire**, 07973 111650, 100 ESP REG £150 HIGH GUN-Adult Refs- £720+ Prizefund Sportrap Pool, 09:30-14:30

**P** **North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire**, 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG, 09:30-12:30

**P** **Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESP REG £100 HG (tel.entries preferred), 25 Sportrap Pool Shoot Comp, 09:00-15:30

**P** **Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire**, 01623 883798, 100 HD REG Notts & Lincs HBD, 100 ESK REG, 100 DTL REG, cafe, practice, pre-book at (www.nottsclyshootng.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

**Old Glossop Clay Shooting Ground, Derbyshire**, 07508 363918, 100 ESP REG 100 Bird CPSA Registered Sporting Competition. £150 High + Cash Payout in Classes, 09:45-13:30

**Ranton Clay Target Club, Staffordshire**, 01785 223621, 100 DTL REG Clanford Trophy (Stage 1), 09:00-17:00

**P** **Rugby & District Trap Club, Warwickshire**, 07770 551491, 100 ABT REG, 09:00-17:00

**P** **South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales**, 01495 201182, 100 DTL REG DTL Welsh Selection, 09:00-17:00

**Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham**, 07564 075210, 50 ABT REG, 50 ESK REG, Practice DTL & ESP, 09:30-11:00

**The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire**, 01406 351451, 100 DTL REG, 100 ABT REG, Practise available on DTL,ABT,ESK,OSK,DR & Tower, 09:30-16:00

**Willoughby Hedge Shooting Ground, Wiltshire**, 07860 561677, 100 ESP REG £200 High Gun Pre-booked entries only, call 07866610086 (Liana), 10:00-Dusk

## MONDAY 6 MARCH

**P** **North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire**, 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG, 09:30-12:30

## WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent**, 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

**P** **National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey**, 01483 797666, 50 ABT REG, 50 OTR REG, 09:00-17:00

## THURSDAY 9 MARCH

**P** **E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire**, 01765 357997, 100 ESP REG Squadded; £40 Comp / £35 Birds Only; Please call to book 9am – 3pm, 09:00-15:00

**P** **E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883227, 100 SSP REG CPSA Reg Super Sporting. SQUADED. Please call to book. Bar/Food, 09:00-17:00

## FRIDAY 10 MARCH

**Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire**, 07766 252438, 100 SSP REG pre-book only. squads @ 10am & 1pm; open practice for ESP & DTL. tuition is also available, 10:00-17:00

**P** **Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire**, 01949 851181, 100 ESP REG Cash in classes. Pool Shoot. Practice – ESK, DTL & High Towers. Cafe & Gun Shop open. Pre-book only, 09:00-17:00

**Oxfordshire Shooting School, Oxfordshire**, 01608 690 866, 100 ESP REG March English Sporting Registered. 100 High Gun. Squadded \*Fibre Wad Only\* Call 01608 690866 to book, 09:00-14:00

## SATURDAY 11 MARCH

**Cosford Shooting Ground, Warwickshire**, 07563 518090, 100 ESK REG 100 ESK Reg, 10:00-14:00

**P** **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 ESK reg & re-entry, 100 skd reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales**, 01978 790198, 50 OTR REG AM, 50 ABT REG PM – open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**P** **High Lodge Leisure Ltd, Suffolk**, 01986 784347, 100 STR reg plus practice clays ESP, CSP, STR, ABT, DTL & ESK, Archery & Air Rifle Shooting – Cafe Open, 10:00-17:00

**Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire**, 01455 888353, 100 DTL reg & esp practice, 10:00-14:30

**North Cornwall Shooting Ground, Cornwall**, 07790 158109, 100 DTL REG, 100 UTR REG Call/Text entries to 07790158109, 09:00-17:00

**P** **Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR reg, Practice ESP,ESK,DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

**P** **South West Shooting School, Devon**, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 REG ESP Pre booking only 01271 864784 / 07453 790837 100 Reg ESP, 10:00-14:00

## SUNDAY 12 MARCH

**P** **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 SKD reg & re-entry, 100 esk reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 125 STR REG Lancashire Championship, 09:00-17:00

**P** **Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk**, 01638 534045, 100 STR REG March Sportrap 1 Open for Practice 100 Reg Sportrap call 01638 534045 to book on, 09:00-15:30

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales,** 01978 790198, 100 REG OTR open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**Grange Farm Sporting Clays, Leicestershire,** 01455 822208, 100 ESP REG, 09:30-13:00

**Gunsite Sporting Clays, Wiltshire,** 07979 874887, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-13:30

**Harboro Rocks Clay Shoot, Derbyshire,** 07887 901719, 100 SSP REG Pre-book only text 07966471059 Fibrewad only 100 Bird Registered Super Sporting, 09:00-Dusk

**Isle of Man Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, Isle Of Man,** 07624 460 785, 100 ESK REG Summer League 1 50 / 100, 10:00-17:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent,** 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-17:00

**Kingsley Moor Shooting Ground, Staffordshire,** 01782 550371, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-12:30

**Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire,** 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG OSC Val Frazer Skeet Shoot, Sponsored Class Winners + High Gun Prize, 60 Sporting, 10:00-16:00

**Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire,** 01623 883798, 100 ESK REG Notts v Derby H4H ESK, 100 DTL REG, on site cafe, practice pre-booked at ([www.nottsclyshooting.co.uk](http://www.nottsclyshooting.co.uk)), 10:00-14:00

**Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, Hertfordshire,** 01763 848172, 100 ABT REG 100 registered ABT 100 registered ABT Essex County Championships, 09:00-17:00

**Oak Lodge Shooting Ground, Durham,** 07786 868691, 125 STR REG 5th Winter series, 10:00-14:00

**Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire,** 07836 676654, 100 ESP REG entry 9am/1-30pm, 09:00-14:00

**South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales,** 01495 201182, 100 OTR REG 100 OT Spring Classic, 09:00-17:00

**South West Shooting School, Devon,** 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 REG ESP Pre booking only 01271 864784 / 07453 790837 100 Reg ESP, 10:00-14:00

**Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham,** 07564 075210, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP, 09:30-12:00

**Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire,** 07342 338390, 100 FSP REG 100 Reg Fitasc shoot either day, pre book only, text 07342338390, 09:00-17:00

**Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire,** 07342 338390, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 9.30 till 2.30, £150.00 HG, cash in classes; open to everyone, 09:00-17:00

### WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH

**Barby Sporting Club Ltd, Warwickshire,** 01788 891873, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-16:00

**Ian Coley Shooting School, Gloucestershire,** 01242 870391, 100 ssp reg 100 ssp reg £150 high gun – hot food available – squads every 10 mins, 09:00-16:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent,** 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

**National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey,** 01483 797666, 100 ESK REG, 09:00-17:00

**The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire,** 01406 351451, 100 skeet registered, Practise available on DTL,ABT,ESK,OSK,DR & Tower, 09:30-16:00

### THURSDAY 16 MARCH

**E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire,** 01494 883227, 100 ESP REG CPSA Reg Sporting . SQUADDED. Please call to book. Bar/ Food, 09:00-17:00

**Owls Lodge Shooting School, Hampshire,** 07734 200280, 100 STR reg pre booking required, 10:00-16:00

### FRIDAY 17 MARCH

**Cefn Tilla Clays, Wales,** 01291 672595, 100 FSP REG 100 FITASC at Cefn Tilla Clays 100 FITASC Registered, 09:00-Dusk

**Manchester Clay Shooting Club, Lancashire,** 07761 409427, 100 ESP REG £100 HG, squads 10.30am and 1pm. Call 07761409427 £10 non refundable deposit required. Esp open available, 11:00-16:00

### SATURDAY 18 MARCH

**Bisley Gun Club, Surrey,** 07713 762928, 100 DTL reg + practise 11am – 3pm, 08:30-15:00

**Bradford Shooting Ground, Devon,** 01409 281341, 100 DTL REG, 09:30-10:30

**Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland,** 01670 787827, 100 ABT REG, 100 ESK REG, 100 DTL REG, 100 AR REG Northumbreland Championship, 10:00-12:00

**Cefn Tilla Clays, Wales,** 01291 672595, 100 FSP REG 100 FITASC at Cefn Tilla Clays 100 FITASC Registered, 09:00-Dusk

**Clacton Gun Club, Essex,** 07394 670871, 100 AR REG All Round Club Championship, Skeet practice Tel Bookings 07394 670871, 09:00-15:00

**Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent,** 01322 311001, 100 ESK reg & re-entry, 100 skd reg & re-entry, 100 DTL reg, practice ESK, ESP, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**Doveridge Clay Sports Centre, Derbyshire,** 01889 565986, 100 ESP REG Derbyshire selection & West Midlands England Team CPSA Selection Sporting, 09:30-14:00

**East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire,** 01964 204190, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-17:00

**East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire,** 01964 204190, 100 UTR REG, 09:00-17:00

**Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire,** 07860 700459, 100 ABT REG, 100 ESP, 09:00-17:00

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales,** 01978 790198, 50 OTR REG AM, 50 UTR reg pm – open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent,** 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-17:00

**North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire,** 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG practice from 12.30, 09:30-17:00





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**P** **Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP,ESK,DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

### SUNDAY 19 MARCH

**Barrow Sporting Clays, Suffolk**, 07912 497000, 100 ESP REG, 09:00-14:00

**Bisley Gun Club, Surrey**, 07713 762928, 100 DTL REG, 08:30-15:00

**P** **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 SKD reg & re-entry, 100 esk reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**P** **Doveridge Clay Sports Centre, Derbyshire**, 01889 565986, 100 ESP REG Derbyshire selection & West Midlands England Team CPSA Selection Sporting – £150 HG, 09:30-13:30

**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 ABT REG North region selection shoot, 09:00-17:00

**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 ESK REG Yorkshire Championship, 09:00-17:00

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales**, 01978 790198, 100 DTL reg open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire**, 01827 383300, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 9.00 till 2.30, £150.00 HG, cash in classes, 25 Bird Pool Shoot to include staffs sel shoot, 09:00-17:00

**Kegworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire**, 07973 111650, 100 ESP REG £150 HIGH GUN-Adult Refs- £720+ Prizfund Sportrap Pool~, 09:30-14:30

**Meadowcroft Shoot, Somerset**, 07802 467384, 100 ESP REG Sporting Plus Pool, 09:30-13:30

**P** **National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey**, 01483 797666, 100 OTR REG surrey. hamps, berks and gl county champs, 09:00-17:00

**P** **North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire**, 01904 738120, 100 AR REG Malcom Midgley Memorial, 09:30-12:30

**P** **Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESP REG, £100 HG (tel.entries preferred), 25 Sportrap Pool Shoot Comp, 09:00-15:30

**P** **Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire**, 01623 883798, 100 DTL REG Notts v Derby H4H DTL, 100 ESK REG, on site cafe, practice pre-booked at (www.nottscayshoot.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

**P** **Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 100 UTR REG 100 registered UT 100 registered UT Essex County Championships, 09:00-17:00

**Old Glossop Clay Shooting Ground, Derbyshire**, 07508 363918, 100 ESP REG 100 Bird CPSA Registered Sporting Competition. £150 High + Cash Payout in Classes, 09:45-13:30

**P** **Rugby & District Trap Club, Warwickshire**, 07770 551491, 100 UTR REG, 09:00-17:00

**P** **South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales**, 01495 201182, 100 DTL REG DTL Welsh Selection, 09:00-17:00

**Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham**, 07564 075210, 50 ABT REG, 50 ESK REG, Practice DTL & ESP, 09:30-11:00

**P** **Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire**, 01234 708893, 100 ESP REG Beds Qualifier (3) tel entries only 01234 708893. ltd practice, 09:00-14:00

**The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire**, 01406 351451, Practise available on DTL,ABT,ESK,OSK,DR & Tower, 09:30-16:00

### TUESDAY 21 MARCH

**Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-13:00

### WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

**P** **Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire**, 01793 940420, 100 ESP REG, pre booking required. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyschool.com Last entries 16:30, 09:00-16:30

**Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent**, 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

### THURSDAY 23 MARCH

**Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire**, 01827 383300, 100 SSP REG 100 reg super sporting, tel entries only 07342338390 100 REG Super Sporting, tel entries only 07342 338390 Open practice 9.00-4.00. Evening under Floodlights, 09:00-17:00

**Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

**P** **Owls Lodge Shooting School, Hampshire**, 07734 200280, 100 ESP reg pre booking required, 10:00-15:00

### FRIDAY 24 MARCH

**Ashcombe Adventure, Devon**, 07888 697401, 100 SSP REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

**Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

**Oxfordshire Shooting School, Oxfordshire**, 01608 690 866, 100 STR REG March Sportrap Registered. £100 High Gun. Squadded \*Fibre Wad Only\* Call 01608 690866 to book, 09:00-14:00

### SATURDAY 25 MARCH

**Ashcombe Adventure, Devon**, 07888 697401, 100 SSP REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

**Bradford Shooting Ground, Devon**, 01409 281341, 100 ABT REG TONY webber memorial, 09:30-10:30

**Cosford Shooting Ground, Warwickshire**, 07563 518090, 100 ESK REG 100 ESK Reg, 10:00-15:00

**P** **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 ESK reg & re-entry, 100 skd reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**P** **E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire**, 01765 357997, 100 ESP REG Squadded; £40 Comp / £35 Birds Only; Please call to book 9am – 3pm, 09:00-15:00

**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-17:00

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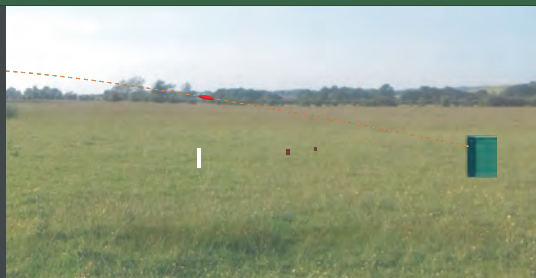


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**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 OTR REG, 09:00-17:00

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales**, 01978 790198, 100 ABT REG WCTSA ABT selection open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**P** **High Lodge Leisure Ltd, Suffolk**, 01986 784347, 100 CSP REG plus PRACTICE CLAYS ESP, CSP, STR, ABT, DTL, & ESK, Archery & Air Rifle Shooting – Cafe Open, 10:00-17:00

**Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

**Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire**, 01455 888353, 100 DTL REG & ESP practice, 10:00-14:30

**North Cornwall Shooting Ground, Cornwall**, 07790 158109, 100 DTL REG, 100 ABT REG Call/text entries to 07790158109, 09:00-17:00

**P** **North Of England C.T.C., Yorkshire**, 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG practice from 12.30, 09:00-17:00

**North Wales Shooting School, Wales**, 01244 812219, 100 ESK reg, practice ESK, DTL, CSP, HI and LO towers, catering, 09:30-16:00

**P** **Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR REG, Practice ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

**Somerset Shooting Ground, Somerset**, 07860 561677, 100 FSP REG 100 FSP REG GB Selection Shoot Booking via: [www.bookwhen.com/somersetshootingground](http://www.bookwhen.com/somersetshootingground), 09:30-17:00

**P** **South West Shooting School, Devon**, 01884 243476, 100 STR REG 100 Reg Sportrap – Pre book only 01271 864 784 / 07453 790837 100 Reg STR (Sportrap), 10:30-17:00

## SUNDAY 26 MARCH

**Ashcombe Adventure, Devon**, 07888 697401, 100 SSP REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

**Catton Hall SG Ltd, Cheshire**, 01928 788295, ESP REG 100 ESP REG £35 Birds only £40 Comp £125 High Gun 100 ESP REGISTERED, 10:00-14:30

**P** **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 SKD reg & re-entry, 100 esk reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-16:00

**P** **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 ESP REG, 09:00-17:00

**P** **Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk**, 01638 534045, 100 ESP REG March Sporting 100 ESP No bookings required Open for Practice visit [www.eriswell-lodge.com](http://www.eriswell-lodge.com) for details, 09:00-15:30

**Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales**, 01978 790198, 100 ABT REG WCTSA & cheshire championships open for practice, 10:00-17:00

**Grange Farm Sporting Clays, Leicestershire**, 01455 822208, 100 ESP REG, 09:30-13:00

**Hangman's Stone Sporting Clays, Berkshire**, 07979 874887, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-13:00

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent**, 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

**Kingsley Moor Shooting Ground, Staffordshire**, 01782 550371, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-12:30

**P** **National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey**, 01483 797666, 100 ABT REG surrey, berks, gl county champs, 09:00-17:00

**P** **North Of England C.T.C., Yorkshire**, 01904 738120, 100 STR REG telephone entries only £75 High Gun, 09:30-17:00

**P** **Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR REG, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP,ESK,DTL & ABT, 25 Sportrap, 10:00-16:00

**P** **Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire**, 01623 883798, 100 SB REG Notts S/B, 100 ESK REG, 100 DTL REG, on site cafe,practice pre-booked at ([www.nottscayshooting.co.uk](http://www.nottscayshooting.co.uk)), 10:00-14:00

**P** **Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 100 OTR REG 100 registered OT 100 registered OT, 09:00-17:00

**Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire**, 07836 676654, 100 ESP REG entry 9am/1-30pm, 09:00-14:00

**Somerset Shooting Ground, Somerset**, 07860 561677, 100 FSP REG 100 FSP REG GB Selection Shoot Booking via: [www.bookwhen.com/somersetshootingground](http://www.bookwhen.com/somersetshootingground), 09:30-17:00

**P** **South Wales 2000 S.G., Wales**, 01495 201182, 100 ESK REG ESK Welsh Selection, 09:00-17:00

**Spennymoor & District C.P.C., Durham**, 07564 075210, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP, 09:30-12:00

**The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire**, 01406 351451, 50 OSK East Midlands & Lincolnshire Championship, 100 AR REG, Practise available on DTL,ABT,ESK,OSK,DR & Tower, 09:30-16:00

**Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire**, 07342 338390, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 9.30 till 2.30, £150.00 HG, cash in classes; open to everyone, 09:00-17:00

## WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH

**P** **Ham Cross Shooting Ground, Wiltshire**, 07711 242749, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG – Squadded – Call 07711 242749 to book, 09:45-14:20

**Kingsferry Gun Club, Kent**, 01795 877037, 100 ESK REG, 100 SKD REG and Practice, 10:00-15:30

**Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire**, 07766 252438, 100 ESP REG pre-book only. squads @ 10am & 1pm; open practice for esp & dtl. tuition is also available, 10:00-17:00

**Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire**, 01455 888353, 70 ESP REG £100 h/g telephone entries req, 10:00-15:00



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regularly to go clay pigeon shooting and was a very regular winner. In 1969 when he was 19, he won the Lower Withington Cup (for the third time), the Rotary Club Cup, and both classes at another local shoot. Then aged 21 he found a good job in the computer world and became known as 'David' to his work colleagues and friends. Shortly after this he launched his own computer installation business, which he ran successfully for over 40 years. David did a lot of shooting in the 1970s winning a Rolex watch in Sealand at the famous Rolex Cup, and several guns over the years. In 1979 he met his wife, Dawn, whilst she was working at her Father Bill Pedley's, shooting ground called Cloudside.

They married the following year and Dawn moved to live with David in Sedgley where he was currently working. He would still often travel to Cloudside SG, Sealand SG and East Yorkshire SG. Their first son, Dan, was born in May 1972, followed by Josh in April 1989.

David enjoyed family holidays, especially Cyprus and on a couple of occasions David entered the Cyprus Grand Prix, which resulted in him winning large cups. David's shooting took a back seat whilst bringing up young children, but in 2010 he took up shooting seriously again.

David shot several times in the GB Universal Trench Team with great success. He won the 2010 World Championship Veterans Gold Medal and title, in Rome, with a score of 186/200. In 2016 at the UT European Championship in Hungary he was a part of the Bronze winning GB team.

He also shot for England in the Olympic Trap team. Over the years he shot many times for both the England Team and the Cheshire County Team. In 2019 he had the honour of Captaining the winning England OT Team in the Home International Championships, and the following weekend he was also the winning captain of Cheshire County Team.

Being a committed OT shooter David gained his ISSF coaching license and took a few very promising young shooters under his wing. David was exceptionally proud of his two sons and his world changed with the arrival of his three granddaughters Daisy, Georgia and Molly, he was often seen transporting one or more of them in a wheelbarrow across his fields followed by a Springer Spaniel and two cats.

He passed away peacefully following a short illness aged 72. He will be very much missed by all who knew him. He left home for the very last time accompanied by a shotgun salute all along the lane, from his friends and family.

## ERIC DUSTY MILLER 1929 – 2023

Eric Dusty Miller passed away at the age of 94 on 7 January 2023. Eric represented Suffolk and England, winning many CPSA titles during his lifetime, and competed most weekends on the circuit during his earlier years.



## ARTHUR CHARLES POULTON 1942 – 2022

It is with great sadness I have to pass on the news of the passing of Arthur Charles Poulton on 12 Dec following a heart operation.

A Devon shooter who served on both the Devon and South West committees and with a passion for FITASC, he will be missed by his many friends. Arthur had many interests in his life, as well as being a keen shot he was also, in his younger days, a competent Greco Roman wrestler, and a sidecar passenger in the Isle of Man TT races with many an entertaining story to tell in his own manner. Our thoughts go out to his wife Pat who was also a shooter and to Tracey his daughter. Rest in peace, mate.

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# COMMITTEE CHAMPION

We spoke to South East Secretary **Jo Watson-Hopkinson** about her role within the committee and shooting life.

## Q How did you get into shooting?

I've only been shooting for about nine years. My husband used to shoot with his father as a teenager then about 12 years ago his father had to give up his shotguns due to ill health. My husband got his license so he could keep the guns – mostly for sentimental reasons – and a couple of years later he convinced me to go with him on a game shoot. I had such a good time we decided to go to our local ground, Bisley Shooting Ground, and I now use his father's Beretta which is nearly as old as me!

## Q What are your preferred disciplines?

When I volunteered to join the Surrey CPSA committee with a few friends in 2017, we decided to try all the disciplines as up until then I had only tried ESP and ESK. I am lucky to be only 20 minutes from the National Clay Shooting Centre and the team, headed up by Oli Jones, are always very helpful and have great facilities for Trap and Skeet.

I don't shoot FITASC and OSK as both are shot gun down and I don't seem to be able to do so without smashing myself in the face!

My favourite discipline is Helice. One of the other Surrey committee members is a keen Helice shooter and has shot for the GB team numerous times. Steve Cole explained what it was all about and off we went to Invicta to try it out. Helice is a bit different, a sort of mix between Sporting and Trap, but is brilliant and all the people who shoot Helice are lovely. There is only one main ground left in England now so we are limited to how much we can shoot, but Chris Potter and the team at Invicta are great hosts and run fantastic competitions.

## Q Can you tell us about your greatest success?

The greatest success I have had is in Helice, where I have made the GB team several

times. 2022 was a great year in which I achieved an individual Silver in the European Championship, as well as a team Bronze. I then represented GB in the World Championship alongside Dionne Rogers and Liz Mulliner. We won the

team Gold which was amazing. Dionne is a great inspiration, having won a significant number of medals in both European and World Helice Championships.

I was elected as Secretary and have now been doing this for nearly two years.

## Q What is your role within the CPSA South East Region Committee and how did you come to be involved?

Having been on the Surrey Committee for several years and getting to know Sandie Buckler, who was the Secretary on the South-East Regional Committee for 38 years, when she decided it was "time to hang up my spurs" she asked if I would put myself forward for election. I was elected as

Secretary and have now been doing this for nearly two years.

## Q What sort of work does this include?

We have 23 competitions to organise at a county level which doesn't sound like much, but along with the 15 Surrey County shoots, National and International competitions, English and GB Selection shoots it takes a lot of effort to minimise conflicts. We are really lucky to have some great clubs in the region who go above and beyond in helping with the scheduling. I keep the website up-to-date as well as posting events and results on Facebook and organising our quarterly meetings and the AGM. The events then need to be organised – badges, making sure trophies are available and capturing the results. For the Inter-County events all the teams need to be entered and score sheets created. I am lucky that the other committee members help with the events – Dominic Cherry, as well as being a great Treasurer is also keen on Trap so usually covers those, and Richard Weller helps with the Sporting events, so it really is a team effort.

## Q What would you say to somebody who is interested in getting involved with their local committee?

Just do it – find out who is part of the committee in your county and raise your hand – most of the committees I know are always looking for people to get involved and bring new ideas and support. In some counties they have really struggled to find enough people to form a committee and there is quite a lot to do with organising events, keeping people informed and organising teams so any help is always appreciated.

## Q Is there anything else you would like to add?

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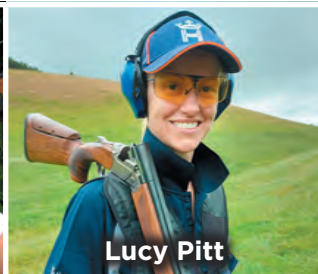
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