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WELCOME

I can't quite believe how quick this year is going and that we've once again held our CPSA Annual Awards in March celebrating our fantastic sport! On behalf of all at CPSA, I offer our congratulations to all of the finalists and winners. You can read all about them on pages 14-21.

I'd also like to thank our sponsors for the evening, SWATCOM, Browning, Promatic, Zoli, Laporte, Solware, GMK/Beretta and Fellows Media, as well as Romero Sports and Leisure who were the wine sponsors. Your sponsorship ensures our Awards can be a true celebration of the achievements of all those nominated.

Also, many thanks to all those who generously donated raffle prizes in aid of our chosen charities Macmillan Cancer Support and the Cleft Lip and Palate Association (CLAPA).

Talking about the amazing talent in our sport, check out our articles on Bethany Norton and Maddie Purser in this issue. Two young shooters already making their presence felt, shooting Olympic Skeet and Olympic Trap respectively at GB level and destined to go far with their shooting careers.

We also hear from Sam 'King of the Castle' Usher following his British Open Sporting success in 2022 and what's in his kitbag as he prepares for another busy championship season ahead.

As this issue of *Pull!* lands on your doorstep, our England DTL Team will be competing at the ICTSF World DTL Championships in South Africa, so we wish them every success. Good luck to everybody and shoot straight!

Iain Parker // Chief Executive

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CHAMPIONSHIP BOOKING INFORMATION

Championship booking are now open for the following:

- **29-30 April** English Open Skeet at Nottingham & District Gun Club, sponsored by Eley and SWATCOM.
- **17-21 May** English Open Sporting at Eriswell Lodge, sponsored by Browning, Eley, SWATCOM, Schöffel & Le Chameau
- **2-4 June** English Open Sporttrap at Barbury Shooting School, sponsored by Eley, SWATCOM, Schöffel and Le Chameau
- **9-11 June** DTL Weekend at Bywell Shooting Ground, sponsored by Browning, Eley, SWATCOM, Schöffel and Le Chameau
- **24-25 June** English Open ABT at NCSC
- **1-8 July** World Sporting at E.J. Churchill, sponsored by Eley, SWATCOM, Gamebore, Browning, B&P, Schöffel and Le Chameau.
- **22-23 July** British Open English Skeet at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, sponsored by Eley and SWATCOM
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All bookings via:
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E.J. CHURCHILL TO PRESENT THE CLAY LINE AT THE 2023 NORTHERN SHOOTING SHOW

Award winning shooting grounds and gunmaker E.J. Churchill is taking the lead of the clayline at this year's Northern Shooting Show, which returns to the Yorkshire Event Centre in Harrogate on 6-7 May.

The E.J. Churchill clayline will be an integral element of the two-day show, offering all visitors, from those new to clay pigeon shooting to seasoned experts, a hands-on chance to get involved across the weekend. The E.J. Churchill clay line is set to include:

- Have-a-go stands for newcomers
- A 50-target English Sporting competition
- A 25-target Sportrap competition
- The Coronation Cup

The Coronation Cup is a one-time, open-entry competition held by E.J. Churchill to commemorate the King's Coronation on the weekend of the show. The competition boasts a £1,000 cash prize for the High Gun and further cash prizes up for grabs for Ladies, Juniors, and Veterans categories all thanks to the show's organisers Stable Events Ltd.

The E.J. Churchill clayline will also play host to the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) and the British Association of Shooting and Conservation (BASC), organisations vital

to supporting clay shooting in the United Kingdom and who will be running Have a Go stands for people of all abilities.

Billed as Britain's best-loved shooting show, the Northern Shooting Show welcomed over 21,000 visitors in 2022 and this year's event is set to be even bigger and better. Organisers have introduced a gunmakers craft area, top prize money clay competitions, a level three mini-rifle competition, the IPSC Action Air level three match, and the exciting addition of the World HFT competition.

Visitors will also have the chance to try a myriad of shooting-related activities including shotguns, airsoft, archery, bushcraft, mini-rifle, and of course airguns. Held both indoors and outside, the annual event showcases wares from hundreds of shooting and countryside-focused exhibitors from all over the world ensuring visitors are treated to a unique shopping event that covers everything from country lifestyle to technical shooting gear, not to mention a plethora of shotguns, rifles, airguns, and optics, with all the top brands represented.

For more information and to buy tickets please visit northernshootingshow.co.uk



MATT COWARD-HOLLEY APPOINTED NEW CHARITY AMBASSADOR

The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust are thrilled to announce Matt Coward-Holley as new Charity Ambassador. Matt will be working with the Trust to help promote best shooting practices, high standards within the industry, the conservation value of shooting, and promotion of the GWCT Accredited Game Shot Test.

Matt Coward-Holley said; "Shooting is not only a profession for me but also a lifelong passion. When I am not on the international shooting circuit representing my country, I am an avid supporter of country sports and keeping them alive. Shooting truly is a British pastime that is an integral part of country life. From the gamekeepers, all the way up to the Olympics, this sport brings people together. My fiancée and I are very lucky to be able to run our own small business in south Wiltshire, where we take great pride and interest in the conservation of our wildlife. Since my Olympic successes at the Tokyo 2021 Games, my company Hillfort Sporting has started a scholarship program to help young shooters. It is so important to me to give back to the next generation of shooters to keep this sport alive for future generations."

ENGLISH SPORTING AND ENGLISH SKEET REFEREE COURSE

Congratulations to all those who passed the combined English Sporting and English Skeet Referee course at Barbury Shooting School on Saturday 4 March 2023. Well done guys and we look forward to seeing you out on the circuit soon!



GOT A STORY YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE? EMAIL: PULL@FELLOWSMEDIA.COM

ELEY HAWK – DON'T TAKE A SHOT IN THE DARK THIS YEAR!

Industry-leading manufacturers of fine shotgun cartridges for game and clay shooters, Eley Hawk, have considered their top clay cartridges for each discipline.

With an arsenal of nearly 20 cartridges on the market, each offering unique characteristics, the Midlands-based Eley Team has narrowed their selection down to half a dozen loads that provide consistency, reliability, and performance for shooters looking to make a perfect score.

VIP Trap – Eley's VIP Trap cartridge has undergone years of development and testing to produce a load that represents the pinnacle of the options available. As such, it is no wonder it has become the choice cartridge for some of the country's top Trap shooters. A few reasons to choose Eley VIP Trap cartridges include extra high brass heads which offer the best possible containment for the initial firing of the cartridge, high-density

polyethylene wad, and premium PSB powders that have been engineered to produce the highest possible speeds, consistent pressures and ballistics, and unprecedented reliability performances.

DTL Gold – Eley Hawk DTL Gold has been developed with some of the best shots in the business to help achieve the perfect 300-straight. Featuring powders engineered to lower recoil to minimise fatigue during competition and reduce muzzle flip for the all-important second barrel, coupled with an extra hard shot and dense patterns to turn clays into dust at the highest competitive standard, they believe the DTL Gold to be the ultimate cartridge for this discipline.

VIP Sporting – When in need of a cartridge that breaks clays convincingly over a multitude of targets, the Eley VIP Sporting is the perfect choice. With extra fast speeds, high brass heads and premium PSB+ powders, there are few cartridges that will compete with this fantastic load.

They also comprise quality, higher antimony lead for destructive clay smashes. It is no wonder many top shots use nothing else.

Superb – Eley Hawk Superb cartridges are exactly that – superb. They are unquestionably Eley's most diverse mid-to-top-level cartridge options, offering smooth recoil, powerful clay breaks in every discipline, and a full range of shot sizes. The unique blend of powders and slow-burning primers allows for the barrel time to be regulated so it achieves a smooth, yet powerful performance. They are loaded with specialist high antimony Magnum shot too.

VIP Federation – A fast and hard-hitting cartridge loved by many top FITASC shooters. Eley Hawk's VIP Federation cartridges deliver high velocities and powerful clay breaks, perfect for FITASC and Sporting layouts. The 6.5, 7.5 and 8 shot sizes are the perfect choice for many elite shooters for long-distance and varied targets.

All cartridges are available from Eley Hawk stockists and online retailers. For additional information, visit eleyhawkltd.com or connect with us on Facebook @eleyhawk.cartridges, Twitter @eleyhawk, or Instagram @eleyhawk.



ICSI DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CLINIC

The Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors will be holding Coach and Instructor Development Workshops, Calendar Coach, and Instructor Development (follow on) at Kibworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, on 3 April 2023. Observational and Interpretational Development will be held at Oakedge Shooting Ground, Staffordshire, on 6 March 2023, and an Olympic Skeet Coaching Workshop at East Yorkshire Target Centre on 13 April 2023. Please visit icsi.org.uk to book.

Instructor and Coach Development Workshop – seven members attended the workshop at Oakedge Shooting Ground to work on the shooting process in groups of two or three with a tutor to practice the theory they had discussed in the classroom. Travelling from the South Coast and from Scotland, Yorkshire, and the Midlands, the participants all agreed that the workshop was well worth the travel as one participant stated it was "inspirational."

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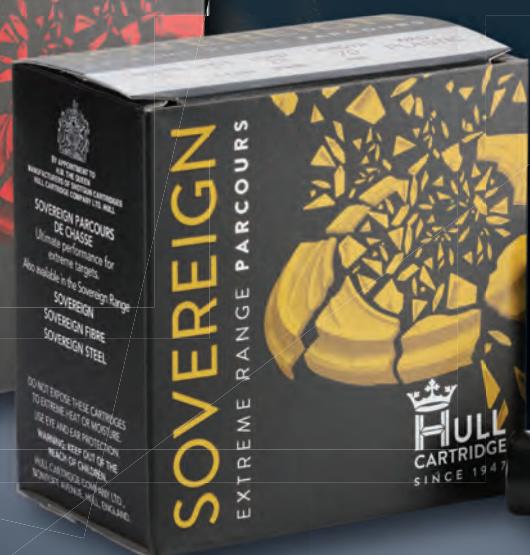
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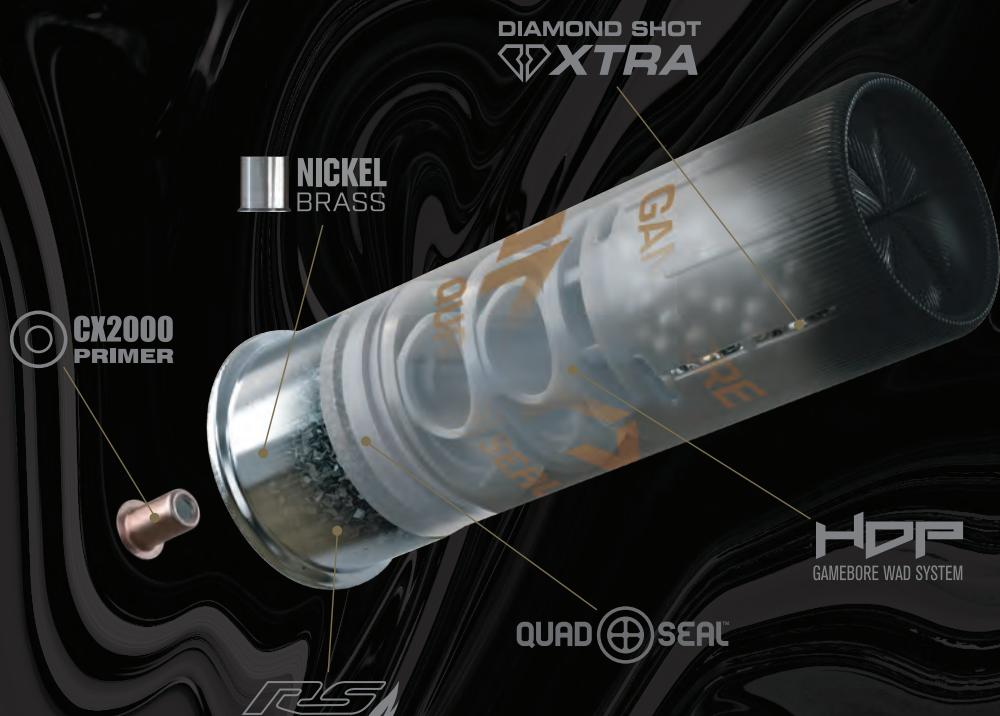


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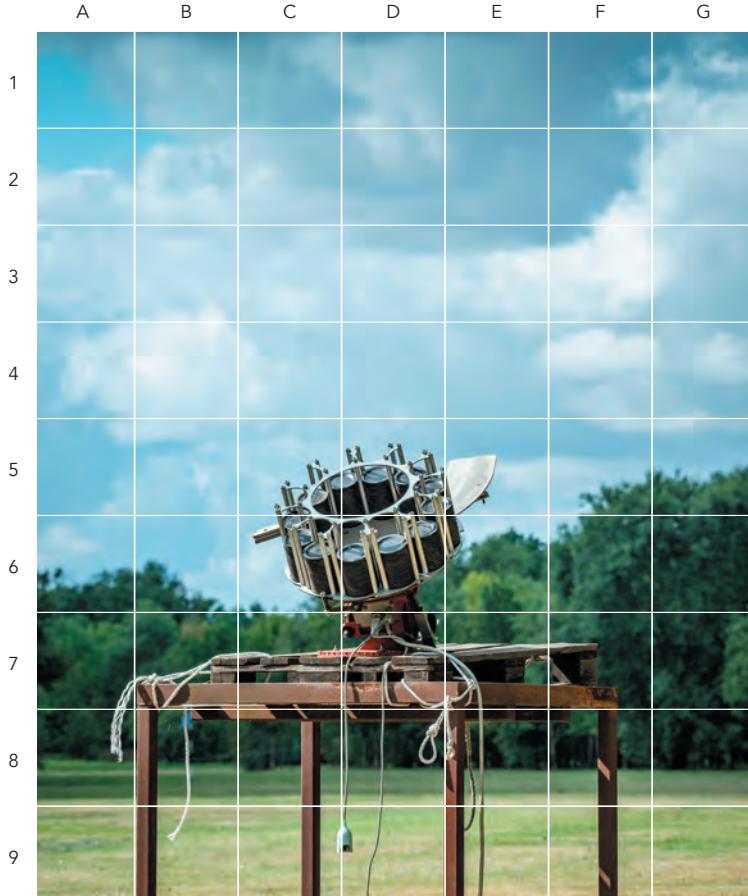


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SHOTS IN THE MAIL



FIND THE CLAY



Congratulations to last month's find the clay winner, Jason Waters, who correctly located the missing clay in section C2 of the grid.



WHERE DO YOU READ YOURS?

I'm reading the March 2023 issue in the cruise at 38000' travelling 520mph. Enjoying an in-flight break so thought I'd plan a few new places to go shooting. Can't wait for my days off!

– Samantha Hockley

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midnight on 3 April 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.

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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

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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.

£75/£125 (combined course)

- 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
- 30 May ESP, E. J. Churchill SG
- 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.

£105

- 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

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2018, so if that was you, please keep an eye out for your email or letter inviting you to renew your qualification.

Instructor Development Workshop (IDW)

£175

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.

- 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

Level 1 Instructor Training Course (ITC)

£725

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

L2 Common Element & L2 CTC

£175/£495/£550

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

- 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



I found Mike Williams to be absolutely fabulous, his patience, delivery and manner was excellent! – Paul W re ESP

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Welcome CPSA Awards





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THE 2023 CPSA AWARDS

James Marchington reports back from the annual event held at the Hilton at St George's Park on 11 March.

Held in March each year, the annual CPSA Awards provide an opportunity to recognise the achievements of the previous year, and set the tone for the eagerly awaited competition season to come. This year's event was the 12th annual CPSA Awards, and followed tradition by being bigger and better than before.

The event returned to the venue which did us proud last year, the Hilton at St George's Park near Burton upon Trent in Staffordshire, the home of England's national football teams.

With nearly 200 people attending, the function room had to open up another section to fit in all the tables. Dramatic lighting, music and a huge screen behind the stage added to the sense of occasion.

Guests arrived dressed in their finest and looking forward to a great night out. After the drinks reception, CPSA CEO Iain Parker gave a welcome speech, paying tribute to the sponsors who make the Awards possible: Browning, Fellows Media, Beretta, Laporte CPC, Promatic, Solware, Swatcom and Zoli Shotguns, not forgetting insurance brokers Romero who sponsored the wine to accompany the excellent meal.

The excitement moved up a notch as actor and comedian Bobby Davro took to the stage and soon had the audience in stitches with his quick-fire humour. Finally it was time for the serious business of the evening, the awards themselves. First up was the County Committee of the Year award, recognising the teams of individuals that give up their time to promote the sport at county level, often with little reward or recognition.

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JJ In the African championships so couldn't receive the award in person. He had recorded a video which was played on the big screen as Gamebore's Alex Black accepted the award on his behalf.

Finally CPSA Chairman Dr John Martin announced a special award, for someone who has made a Special Contribution to Clay Shooting. This award, sponsored by the CPSA themselves, recognises an individual who has not just notched up an impressive list of achievements in their own right, but has made a huge contribution to the sport over many years.

All the other awards are nominated and voted for by the members, but the Special Contribution award is made

The awards came thick and fast, recognising the Disabled Shooter of the Year, Young Shot of the Year, Emerging Shooter of the Year and more, until we came to the big one: the Clay Shooter of the Year. Who would follow in the footsteps of great names like Ed and Abbey Ling, Amy Easeman and Richard Faulds MBE?

The list of nominees included World silver medallist Nathan

Hales and European silver medallist Lucy Hall, both securing quota places for the 2024 Paris Olympics, as well as 2022 British Open Sporting Champion Sam Usher. Ultimately however it was George Digweed MBE who took the award. George, widely considered the greatest clay shooter of all time, has won a record 30 world titles in a career spanning five decades.

George was away in Zimbabwe competing in the African championships so couldn't receive the award in person. He had recorded a video which was played on the big screen as Gamebore's Alex Black accepted the award on his behalf.

by the board alone, to a member who has gone above and beyond in their dedication to our sport. This one isn't given out every year, only when the board feel it is richly deserved. This year that was the case, and Skeet shooter and coach Allen Warren was recognised for his outstanding contribution to the sport.

John Martin said: "He has achieved personal success nationally and internationally more times than we can count – and we've tried. But most importantly, and the reason we are giving this award tonight, he has assisted generations of shooters to achieve their individual potential, nationally and internationally."

Allen was visibly surprised and moved by the award, saying: "This means a lot, but to keep the sport alive, keep bringing people into the sport, developing so they can be as good as they can be, that's the most important thing, and we've all got a part in that."

His words raised a huge cheer, striking a chord with the audience. It made a fitting climax to a great evening celebrating those who devote so much of their time and effort to our sport. ►



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COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Cheshire County Committee, Lincolnshire County Committee and Staffordshire County Committee

WINNER: LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COMMITTEE

The county committees play a vital role organising the sport at a grassroots level, and committee members give generously of their time and effort, running county teams and championships, promoting the sport through social media, organising charity events, and much more. They don't expect reward or thanks, but are delighted when their efforts are recognised. All three nominated county committees have made an outstanding contribution during the year, but it was Lincolnshire who scooped the award this time. Committee treasurer Janet Stennett said: "We're absolutely delighted to win this award. The committee work really hard and do lots of things like running a have-a-go day to introduce new people to the sport, and raising money for charity. To have that recognised is really gratifying."



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DISABLED SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Lorriane Greening, Keith White and Ben Woodham

WINNER: LORRIANE GREENING

With three strong candidates for the award, Disabled Shooter of the Year went to DTL shooter Lorriane Greening, whose life changed after a serious car accident which resulted in numerous spinal operations that ultimately put her in a wheelchair. She set out to find a new life that was as personally fulfilling as before – and found shooting. Setting out to shoot for England, narrowly missing out in 2021, she finally achieved her first England cap in 2022. It was a remarkable year for Lorriane, with a string of High Gun and Championship wins, but the highlight, she says, was winning Gold in the British Open and Home Internationals with the England Ladies team.

"As a result of my shooting my life has changed for the better," she says. "Despite huge issues at times with self-confidence, health complications, feelings of failure, shooting has completely enriched my life and the lows as well as the highs have given me the strength and resilience to always overcome these, pushing myself towards my new and ongoing goals." Lorriane was unable to attend on the night, so David Amos accepted the award on her behalf.

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YOUNG SHOT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Toby Hurstfield, Ethan Lord and Bethany Norton

WINNER: BETHANY NORTON

Young Shot of the Year went to 16-year-old Bethany Norton, who has made tremendous progress since joining the British Shooting Development Pathway in 2020. Now concentrating on Olympic Skeet, last year, at the age of just 15, she achieved a string of successes including Junior Ladies British Champion, and winning the Olympic Skeet Junior Ladies category at the British Shooting Pathway Championships, as well as representing GB internationally at World Cup, World and European championship events.

"It's amazing, I couldn't be happier," said Bethany immediately after receiving her award. She is looking forward to continuing her success in 2023. "Gaining some more GB caps, and maybe some international medals, that would be great," she added.

EMERGING SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Lucy Earl, Sophie Hermann and Henry Lungley

WINNER: LUCY EARL

The Emerging Shooter of the Year award went to 20-year-old Sporting shot Lucy Earl from Cheshire. Lucy took up shooting at age 15, and has steadily developed her talent, rising to eighth in the Ladies Sporting rankings and making an impressive list of achievements in 2022. The one that really stands out for her was the British Open Sporting Championships, where she won the Junior Ladies title in both the Sporting and Sportrap, and won her first shoot-off to finish third in the Sporting Juniors. She also won Ladies at the Lyalvale Express Sporting Masters and the BICTSF Compak British Masters, among other notable successes. It's an impressive list of achievements for a young person who has to fit shooting around university and other commitments, making her a worthy winner of the award. "It's an amazing end to an amazing season. I'm so thankful to everyone who voted for me," she said. "I just want to get out shooting all the time, I love it so much."

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CPSA Chairman Dr John Martin announced a special award for someone who has made a Special Contribution to Clay Shooting.





COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Ali Schwind, Mhairi-Ann Troup and Allen Warren

WINNER: ALLEN WARREN

Coaches play a vital role in bringing on new talent in our sport, supporting shooters in becoming the best they can be. All three nominees for this award deserve recognition, but the winner this year, chosen by members' votes, was the ever-popular Allen Warren, 'The Skeet Doctor'. Allen works with shooters of all levels, from beginners to world class athletes, and has coached numerous England and GB team members over the years.

"Although I still compete and enjoy my shooting, my main aim is seeing my students achieve their goals," he says. "Clay target shooting has taken me to places around the world, working, and learning from some of the world's best coaches and competitors. Coaching has allowed me the opportunity to give something back to the sport that I love and owe so much to."

Allen declared he was over the moon to receive the award. "It's nice to be appreciated, and to know that people think enough of you to vote for you. Last year was a good one for clients of mine, and this year's prospects are good, so we'll see what happens this season."

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COURSE SETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Josh Brown, John Lee and Tom Common

WINNER: JOSH BROWN

Josh Brown of Barbury Shooting School won the Course Setter of the Year award for the second year in a row. Following an outstanding 2021, Josh excelled himself in 2022 with a memorable British Open Sporting and Sportrap Championships. Winning the award two years in a row meant a lot to Josh. "It shows that I have done my job successfully and created fun, varied and challenging courses for all shooters to enjoy," he said. "I believe that is the most important thing when setting a shoot." Josh was keen to share the glory with his team, pointing out that "There's a massive team behind the scenes that make it happen. This wouldn't have been possible without the help and support from my colleagues at Barbury Shooting School."

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CLUB/GROUND OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: East of England Shooting Ground, Nottingham & District Gun Club, Barbury Shooting School, Eriswell Lodge and Thimbleby Shooting Ground

WINNER: BARBURY SHOOTING SCHOOL

Josh Brown was quickly back on the stage to collect another award, this one for Club or Ground of the Year, awarded to Barbury Shooting School. Bought by Huw Stephens in 2007, the school has grown its reputation over the past 15 years culminating in the most recent projects to rebuild the clubhouse and further extend the grounds. The ground hosted its first CPSA major championship in 2021, the English Open Sporting Championships, and following the success of that event were asked to host the British Open Sporting & Sporttrap Championships in 2022 – an event remembered for all the right reasons, including the massive eye-catching castle made of straw bales that greeted shooters as they arrived. Huw Stephens wasn't able to attend so Josh accepted the award on his behalf, saying: "We've got a great team behind us." The ground has a busy schedule this year, including the English Open Sporttrap, English Open FITASC and various selection shoots. "So, yes, it's full steam ahead, we're looking forward to it," said Josh.

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CLAY SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: George Digweed MBE, Peter Chester, Nathan Hales, Lucy Hall and Sam Usher

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WINNER: GEORGE DIGWEED MBE

George Digweed MBE is a clay shooting legend in his own lifetime, so it was no surprise to see him awarded the coveted Clay Shooter of the Year. Widely considered the greatest clay shooter of all time, George has won a record 30 world titles in a career spanning five decades, including the World Sporting Championship in April 2022. Besides his 30 world titles he has won 19 European titles (15 FITASC and four Compak), and 12 World Cups. He was the first to shoot 100-straight in a World Championship, and in October 2011 broke a clay at 130 yards, shattering his previous record of 118 yards. George was competing abroad and his award was accepted on his behalf by Gamebore's Alex Black. He had recorded a video message which was played on the big screen in front of the audience on the night, however, saying: "I certainly didn't expect to be nominated for this award, let alone win it, and I thank you very much for voting for me. I hope you have a great evening, and I look forward to catching up with most of you during the summer and look forward to a long competitive season."



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO CLAY SHOOTING

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WINNER: ALLEN WARREN

The CPSA chose to make an additional award this year, in recognition of someone who has made an outstanding contribution to our sport. Fondly known as 'The Skeet Doctor,' Allen Warren has been shooting since 1978, having overcome the loss of an eye in a childhood accident. Since then he has represented England more than 20 times and won multiple championship titles at English and Olympic Skeet as well as Helice. He was England Team Manager for the Commonwealth Games teams in Melbourne 2006 and Delhi 2010. Allen continues to enjoy shooting and competing, and has gone on to cement his reputation as a first-class coach, inspiring others to pursue their shooting ambitions.

Allen had just returned to his seat after being photographed with his Coach of the Year award, only to hear his name called as winner of the Special Contribution award. It was an emotional moment for him. "It was totally out of the blue, but apparently I've been around long enough to warrant it," he said. "The Coach of the Year was one thing but this really means an awful lot. It's an honour, I feel humbled."





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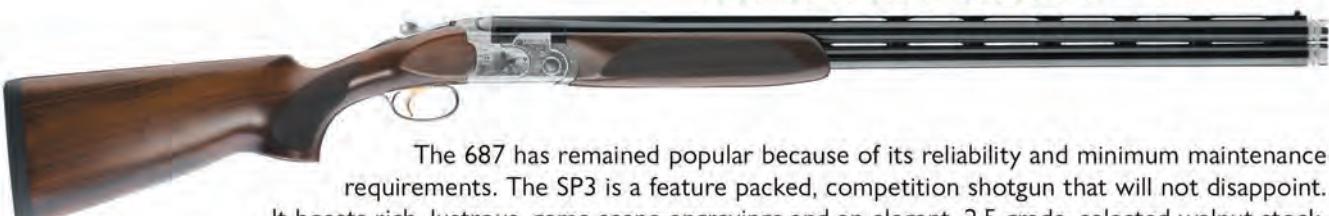
For those who prefer the look of an engraved receiver or require a clay gun which can be used for an occasional day in the field; Beretta have several beautiful guns that offer all round versatility. They all feature the famous Optima HP Steelium barrels, designed to deliver outstanding performance, throwing superb patterns with reduced recoil.

687 SILVER PIGEON 5 FROM £4,350



The Silver Pigeon V is the latest evolution in this iconic family of guns. Adorned with beautiful, deep relief, floral motif engraving and with superior grade 3 wood. The walnut stock and forend are also finely chequered for an improved grip.

687 SILVER PIGEON 3 FROM £2,700



The 687 has remained popular because of its reliability and minimum maintenance requirements. The SP3 is a feature packed, competition shotgun that will not disappoint. It boasts rich, lustrous, game scene engravings and an elegant, 2.5 grade, selected walnut stock.

686 SILVER PIGEON 1 FROM £2,200



The latest laser engraving techniques have resulted in an elegant, scroll design which is modern, bold and beautifully balanced. The action is further adorned with the classic, Beretta trident, creating a truly handsome gun.

All Beretta sport models feature Steelium barrels, and are Fleur de Lys stamped, meaning they are suitable for high-performance "superior steel" cartridges.

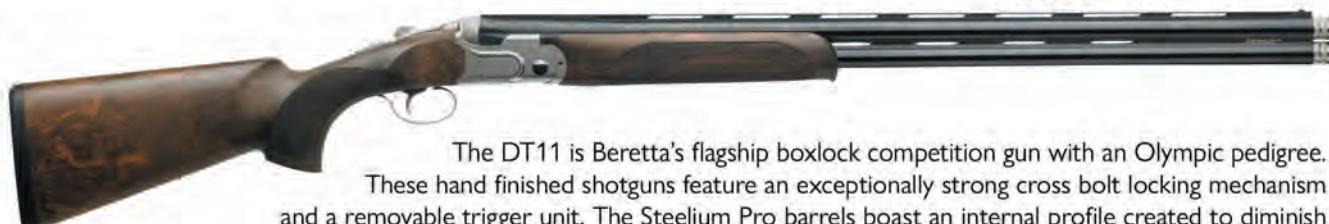


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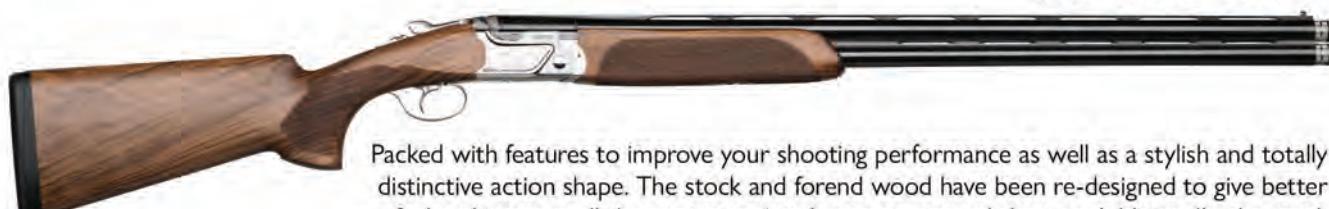
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Sporting a striking, new grey AquaTechShield finish on the action, and a new laser engraving, the A400 may just be the best competition Semi-Auto available. Incorporating many new features, including oversize controls and enlarged loading ports, the pistol grip and forend have been reshaped for more dynamic handling and the rib has undergone a redesign for competition use.



INTERNATIONAL

Sarah Daly reports on events from around the world.

ISSF ABBREVIATION

RPO	Ranking Points Only (do not qualify for finals)
RM	Ranking Match
MM	Medal Match

WORLD CUP

The second of the European Games ranking ISSF World Cups was hosted by Doha, Qatar, with approximately 348 competitors from 58 countries.

Skeet Women: Alexandra Skeggs, RPO: Jessica Burgess, Sophie Herrmann. **Skeet Men:** Ben Llewellyn, Arran Eccleston, RPO: Mitchell Brooker-Smith, Hugh Westminster. **Trap Women:** Lucy Hall, Georgina Roberts, RPO: Abbey Ling, Ellie Seward. **Trap Men:** Matt Coward-Holley, Aaron Heading, Mike Wixey, RPO: Steve Scott.

Both the Skeet women's and men's events were hotly contested to say the least, with very high scoring matches.

Danka Bartekova (SVK) shot a straight 125ex125 in the qualifying rounds. The phenomenal Kimberly Rhode (USA) won, by my reckoning, her 35th Gold Medal making a total of approximately 61 medals in total after hitting the international scene something like 28 years ago.

Another highly successful USA athlete, Vincent Hancock led the field in the skeet

men, qualifying on 125ex125, he then went on to shoot 30ex30 in the ranking match, dropping just two in the finals, but lost out by one target to Gabriele Rossetti (ITA).

Alexandra Skeggs made the best showing of the GBR Skeet women, finishing 18th of 54 competitors with consistent scores between 23-25ex25.

Ben Llewellyn and Mitchell Brooker-Smith were the best of the GBR Skeet men, hitting 119ex125. A particularly promising performance by Mitchell who is still a junior.

Arran and Alexandra shot the Skeet Mixed Team event with a good showing, finishing tenth from 32 teams.

In the Trap men, Matt Coward-Holley certainly hit his stride, shooting 75x75 on day one; Aaron Heading was upsides Matt for the first two rounds, but then dropped three targets in the third round.

Matt shot 124ex125 to make the RM ranked one post shoot-off, he then went on to shoot 30ex35 in the single barrel MM, beaten by Oguzhan Tuzun (TUR) with Prithviraj Tondaiman (IND) in bronze.

A real 'hold your breath' moment was from Aaron, who shot 121x125, shooting four straights but a 21 in his last round of day one. The top eight shot between 122 and 124, but, one of the athletes was shooting RPO, which

opened the door to a 14 way shoot-off for the last place for the RM! Aaron did not win the shoot-off, but beat ten of his competitors.

Trap Coach, Marco Micheli commented post event: "Good effort by the team out in Doha, with an amazing performance from Matt, who was just one target short of the world record, which would have been an amazing achievement for him.

"Final has been really tough, with big names and some emerging talent involved, he managed to come out with a silver medal after the gold in Rabat, reinforcing his position on top of the world ranking.

Excellent performance from Aaron as well who had to stop just before the final after going for eight targets into a 13 shooters shoot-off for just one place in the final, a couple of targets more would have

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British Shooting: britishshooting.org.uk

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been enough but still a strong competition from him.

I'd like to thank all our shooters as always for their effort, behaviour and to proudly represent Great Britain all around the world every time."

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEONAI MCINTOSH

winning silver and a Olympic Quota Place for Paris 2024 in the 10 meter Women Rifle at the Euro Championships.

Above Left: Matt Coward-Holley, Oguzhan Tuzun, Prithviraj Tondaiman. **Above Right:** Arron Eccelston. **Below left:** Aaron Heading. **Below Right:** Alexandra Skeggs.



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ELEY HAWK

Eley Hawk's **Carl Weller** tells us about the prestigious company's plans for the year ahead.

Q **What have Eley have been working on in the last year, and what we may see in the pipeline for 2023?**

As always, we are constantly testing and further developing our products, but of particular note was our launch of the VIP Pro Eco Wad high performance steel load for game. We are also working on a new high performance 20 bore steel load for game, along with adaptations to our existing and much-loved ranges for clays.

The main issue we still face is the unknown timeframes of the lead-to-steel transition, alike all the other cartridge manufacturers.

Q **Eley were a partner of the inaugural Fujairah Mountain Shooting Championship. Tell us a little bit about the competition and your involvement in it?**

We were approached by the organisation committee to load a clay cartridge for their prestigious event, which would see 500 competitors from around the world take part in what they marketed as an Extreme 200-bird Sporting Clays Competition. The layouts were set by our sponsored shooter, Phil Gray, along with George Digweed MBE, and the prizes up for grabs were vast – we're talking a combined pot of \$300,000 and 100 bonus flash clays giving the successful shooter \$500 a time!

With such prizes available, and taking place in a AOB National Park, they required a specialist, top-performing, eco-friendly wadded cartridge that was capable of breaking clays consistently at ranges of over 70-80 yards. So, over six months, we developed a 28g No.7.5 load with our innovative Pro Eco Wad – offering the same attributes as a plastic wad but one that is biodegradable – along with premium copper-coated lead shot

to allow better transition through the barrels and superior patterning and harder striking energy at the ranges required. Phil Grey was quoted saying "the breaks on these long range clays was phenomenal, 70 yard clays just being turned into dust". As they were using eco clays, too, this was a highly considered requirement.

The event itself was fantastic, with unquestionably some of the toughest clays ever amid incredible terrain and breath-taking backdrops. The 'Fujairah Mountain Shoot Cartridges' performed faultlessly, were very well received, with wads quick to break down due to damp

night-time conditions in the mountains. It is an event that is expecting to run every other year, and we will certainly be partnering with them again going forward.

Q **What have been the biggest accomplishments by Eley shooters in the last 12 months, and what are you most looking forward to?**

Two of our young sponsored ladies – Amber Hill (Olympic Skeet)

and Lucy Hall

(Olympic Trap)

– have won quota

places for

the 2024

Olympics

in Paris

which is

outstanding.

Plus, a large

number of

our sporting

shooters – Phil

Grey, Nathan Skinner,

John Lee and Will Fenner

just to name but a few –

won or placed highly in

county, national and regional

championships. Further

congratulations to our Eley

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take very seriously, so we are very proud of the progress our shooters are making. Through it we are especially keen to encourage young up-and-coming talent to fulfil their potential, and we have a number of new names already added to our list this year.

Q **Which CPSA events are Eley supporting this year?**

We are very proud to be supporting all of the major CPSA events for a second year through sponsorship. In addition to that, we will have a physical presence at the World Sporting Championships at E.J. Churchill, the British Open English Sporting and Sportrap at Garlands Shooting Ground, the English Open English Sporting at Eriswell Lodge, and the Bywell DTL weekend for the Dougall Memorial and the English Open.

We are especially looking forward to this clay season with so many events taking place with us in attendance. The first of which is the Kevin Gill Memorial Trap challenge at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, which will be held on 5-7 May. Kevin was a former sponsored shooter of Eley's and one of the country's top Olympic Trap and Ball trap shooters and a top GB coach. 

EYES ON THE PRIZE

Properly assessing your eyesight could make a big difference to your scores, as **Martin Puddifer** discovers from a leading name in the eyesight and shooting eyewear business.

Anyone who finds themselves talking to Ed Lyons about the relationship between good shooting and good eyesight should take lots of notes during the conversation. The Wolverhampton-based optometrist, one of two Eds behind the Edwards Eyewear brand (the other being 2014 World FITASC champion Ed Solomons), has so much knowledge to share on the subject that you and he could lose hours pouring over the subject.

THE TRIPLE CROWN

According to Ed, shooting eyewear should fulfil three roles: to protect the wearer's eyes from the impact of falling debris such as clay fragments; to protect the wearer's eyes from the glare of the sun's ultraviolet rays; and to help improve the contrast of the target against its background. While generic eyewear – the kind provided by shooting grounds that usually feature a

polycarbonate lens – is great for safety and is more than suitable for plenty of recreational shooters, those competing at a higher level will attest to refractive (vision correction) lens or prescription eyewear (which covers glasses or contact lenses) being both physically and optically stronger. These premium lenses are made from Trivex or Polyamide.

UNIQUE NEEDS OF A SHOOTER

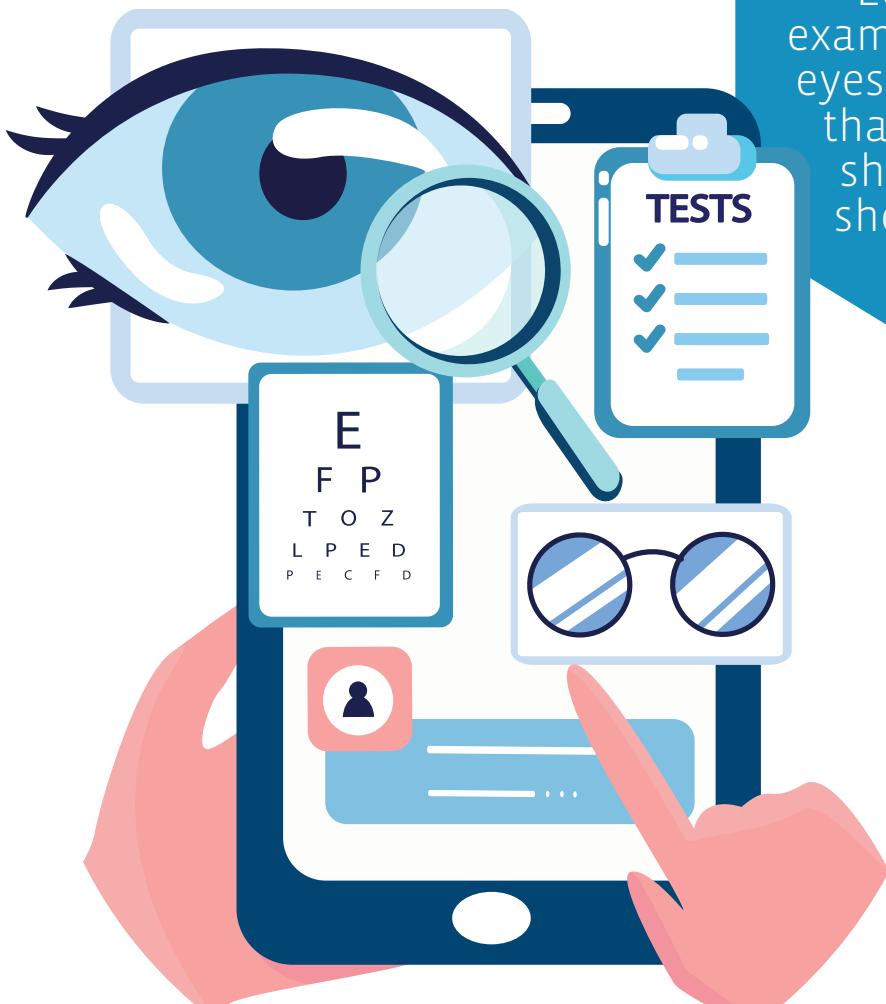
The good news is that these more advanced forms of eyewear don't have to cost the earth, but for the best results, ones that are unique to the shooter, there is still an important process to go through before the eyewear is selected:

an analysis of the shooter's eyesight. Ed has examined the

eyes of more than 3000 shotgun shooters, including multiple world and Olympic Champions during his 20-year career and his assessments, conducted at Flint & Partners Optometrists, the other side of West Park from Molineux Stadium, home of Wolverhampton Wanderers, are "pretty exhaustive".

Assessments last around two-and-a-half hours and start with a short interview that seeks to establish the client's motivation for the assessment, which can range from a will to improve their shooting to tackling a downturn in form. "The needs of people who shoot differ greatly from those who don't," Ed explains. "Shooters, especially those on a talent pathway or currently shooting

Ed has examined the eyes of more than 1,500 shotgun shooters





at an elite level, want to make sure their eyesight is optimised. They need to see the target quicker, more accurately and consistently, three factors that lead to better scores.

"During the assessment, I cover everything that's in a standard eye exam, but also conduct a series of shooting-specific tests using our Senaptec Sensory Station. The tests focus on: the shooter's visual acuity (the level of detail they can see through each eye and binocularly); contrast sensitivity (the ability to see well in poor light or against confusing backgrounds), depth perception (how two eyes work together), eye focusing speed; perception span (or multiple object tracking, which is a measurement of how well focus reacts with their peripheral environment); reaction time, eye tracking (measuring if the eyes are looking where the shooter thinks they are, which affects where the eye and gun are pointing), hand-eye coordination and critical decision making."

WHERE IMPROVEMENT COMES FROM

Once the initial assessment is complete the results are cross-referenced against 3,000 anonymous records on Ed's database, enabling him to show his client how their current eyesight compares with others of a similar ability range and where improvements can ▶

SELECTING THE RIGHT LENS

On the 'mind-melting' subject of lens selection, Ed recommends having access to just three – "one for sunny days, one for low light and something in between" – rather than 20 or 30 random ones, half of which might never get used. Ed admits to getting irate when he hears suggestions that shooters must wear X colour lenses for X colour targets, pointing to the fact that Paul Chaplow always wears the darkest lenses, while the likes of Ian Malarky or Phil Morgan always wear near-clear lenses. "There are so many nuances, it's all down to experience," Ed explains.

Ultimately, the client's individual needs, based on the current condition of their eyes, along with their shooting ambitions are more important than what looks good. "The best eyewear isn't always the most expensive," Ed explains, "It just needs to be lightweight, comfortable and unobtrusive." He also points out that lenses shouldn't need to be changed if a client's prescription from their regular high street optician changes slightly.





be made. Those improvements might involve prescription eyewear or even vision training if the issues involve the client's eyes' relationship with their brain.

While improvements might be marginal for elite-level shooters, some of whom may only need to be told their eyesight is good to boost their confidence, for those coming through the ranks an eye assessment could be just as important as their first-ever gun fit. "Ed Solomons said it took 1,000 rounds for him to adjust to the new sight picture he saw when using his new eyewear; it might take others a few months, if they put the work in," Ed explains.

TRUST IN THE TECH

The eye-tracking technology at Flint & Partners is "pretty revolutionary" because rather than just getting a "feel" of where clients "think" they're looking, Ed can actually show them where they are looking. This kind of information can be crucial, especially when shared with a coach who had to previously interpret what the client could see and who might not realise that an eye dominance issue could be disguised as a technique issue.

"Very few clients at the elite level have fundamental issues with their

 **T**here needs to be a synchronised approach where the coach can see what the client's new sight picture will look like and modify training accordingly. 

eyesight, which can lead to frustration because their coaches can't work out why problems are occurring," explains Ed, who took up shooting specifically to enable him to gain a greater understanding of the challenges they face. "We can conduct more complex visual assessments to produce a more in-depth report on a client's vision. We don't just want to conclude the assessment with 'you need prescription eyewear' or 'you need to practise more'. There needs to be a synchronised approach where the coach can actually see what the client's new sight picture will look like once the eyewear arrives, and modify training accordingly. Perfect eyesight doesn't mean you'll become the perfect shot, but you don't reach an elite level by having poor eyesight."

A WINDOW TO THE SOUL

There are other benefits to assessment beyond testing a client's vision. Quoting Proverbs 30:17, Ed asserts that the eye is the window to the soul and that while anything from the depth of a client's eye sockets in their skull to their tear film instability can affect their eye dominance. An assessment can also flag up other important issues, too. "Every four years or so, a client will come in with a perceived eye dominance issue that turns out to be a brain tumour," Ed explains. "Sometimes these pathological conditions can be so slow to develop and are totally painless, but they chop out certain aspects of someone's vision, to the extent that when they're shooting a particular target they can't see it, especially when shooting with both eyes open."

"Fundamental health problems can be manifested through someone's eyesight, such as low blood sugar or poor hydration, so good nutrition is important for good eyesight. There's no point investing in good shooting eyewear if you're not going to look after your health."

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A BRIGHT FUTURE

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Maddie Purser is a 19-year-old Olympic Trap shooter from Hertfordshire. Her father, Stuart, is a keen recreational clay shooter and from an early age Maddie would button for him when he was shooting Sporting. As soon as she was big enough to hold a gun, she was given lessons and started to shoot with him rather than just watch. On a visit to their local shooting ground, Lea Valley, Maddie had a go at ABT. Instantly a Trap shooter was born.

Since then Maddie has gone on to compete in the Olympic Trap Home International for England, as well as competing for Great Britain at Junior World Cups, World and European Championships. In April 2019 Maddie made her mark in the domestic championships, scooping first in her Class, Ladies High Gun, Junior Ladies High Gun, and Colts High Gun. Then at the 2022 European Championships in Larnaca, Cyprus, she won a Bronze in the Mixed Team event with her team mate, Tom Betts.

I know that Maddie will keep working and enjoying it as she keeps her eyes firmly set on seeing just how far she can go in Olympic Trap. I am equally sure there are more podium moments ahead. I recently caught up with her to ask a few questions about the journey so far and plans for the future.

With a European bronze medal already under her belt **Maddie Purser** is determined to build on these foundations, as she tells **Anita North**.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU ARE NOT SHOOTING?

I am an Admin/PA in London. Away from shooting I enjoy spending time with my family. I am a foodie and I love to cook. I especially enjoy baking and even set up a small bakery business supplying cakes and cookies. In terms of relaxation, you can't beat a Spa Day!

HOW DID YOU START OLYMPIC TRAP?

On suggestion I went along to Nuthampstead Shooting Ground and had a lesson with Ed Barker at the end of 2016. After that I joined British Shooting's Pathway and got into serious training as I started competing. I found working in a group really helpful. Work on shooting was balanced with work away from the layout – we learned about the rules, what to expect in competitions, and some sports psychology amongst other things. It was all helpful to get the basics grounded. Being in a group was good to help build a support network – we were there for each other, supporting and swapping tips, discussing topics. Nowadays I train on average twice a week, but that varies depending on the time of year and where I am in the competition schedule.

WHAT'S YOUR PROUDEST SHOOTING MEMORY?

My proudest memory has to be when my nan and great aunt came to watch me shoot at my home ground, Nuthampstead. I shot a

perfect round of 25 out of 25 in front of them. They are no longer with us, so it was really good to have had the opportunity to shoot well in front of them.

On the subject of family though my parents have provided the biggest support for my shooting. They have given me so much help, especially as I am a Junior. I would not have been able to do my sport without their support.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST GB OUTING AND BEST GB MOMENT?

I was first selected to shoot for GB in 2018 at the Junior World Cup in Suhl. I felt honoured to represent Great Britain. It felt really cool, especially as I didn't expect it to happen so soon. I am sure that for every athlete in every sport it is a relief as well as a massive honour to represent GB. In terms of best moment competing for GB it was winning bronze in the Mixed Team event at the 2022 European Championships with my team mate Tom Betts. Making the final in the individual event at those

You can follow Maddie on Facebook and Instagram @maddiepurser clayshooter



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championships was also awesome – I finished in seventh place.

YOU COMPETED FOR ENGLAND AT THE OLYMPIC TRAP HOME INTERNATIONAL IN 2019. HOW WAS THAT?

It's an honour to shoot for England. I felt very proud to wear the badge. The Home International is a different competition environment from GB competitions – not least because you find yourself competing against people who are usually your GB team mates. Overall it was amazing.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE SHOOTING GROUND?

At home, Brook Bank in Somerset. It was the first shooting ground I went to away from my home area. Abroad it has to be Lonato (Trap Concaverde) in Italy. It's special.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE REST OF 2023?

I am working on the transition from Junior to Senior. It is best to start that well in advance. And in terms of competitions, the British Shooting Shotgun Series event starts in April and then I am heading to France for a Grand Prix. In addition I will see what competitions I get selected for to represent GB.

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO ANYONE WHO HASN'T YET TRIED OLYMPIC TRAP?

Don't be scared to just dive in the deep end and enjoy it for what it is – a challenge.

IS THERE ANYONE YOU WOULD LIKE TO THANK?

I would really like to thank my parents, you (Anita), Abbey Ling and Steve Scott, British Shooting, RC Cartridges and Perazzi.

Right: Maddie Purser and 2022 European Championships team mate Tom Betts.





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IN MY KITBAG

We spoke to the 2022 British Open English Sporting winner **Sam Usher**, about what he keeps in his kitbag.

In September 2022 Sam Usher stunned the crowd to beat more than 1,200 shooters at the British Open English Sporting after a tense Super-Final at Barbury Shooting School. Since then it's been all systems go for Sam, who is in the process of changing some of his shooting gear in order to perfect his performance. We caught up with him to find out more:

SHOTGUNS AND CARTRIDGES

Sam currently uses a Krieghoff K80 Parcours 32" fixed choke Full & 3/4, which is an Adjustable stock model. "I have shot this gun for the last six years, but I am eagerly waiting for my new Custom K80 Parcours to arrive from the factory. This is also 32" fixed Full & 3/4."

Sam is also currently in the process of trying a number of different cartridges from a range of brands, to try

and find the perfect balance between performance and recoil. His preferred shot size is 7.5 for every discipline and clay presentation.

CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

We are all aware that shooting can be a particularly cold sport – especially in the winter months – and like many of us Sam is someone who feels the cold.

"I try to use as many layers as possible without inhibiting my movement and have found golf clothing works best for layering up without too much bulk, as it is designed with movement in mind. I do however like to have a bulky top layer I can take on and off easily between stands in the winter. In the summer months I just wear my Ian Coley Polo Shirts and Castellini Skeet Vest."

Eyewear and ear protection are two of the most important accessories a shooter must

have in their kitbag, and for Sam it is the Pilla X6 glasses and SWATCOM Active8 headset that do the job. The Pilla X6 glasses come with a number of different lenses which can be changed depending on light conditions at the time and the SWATCOM Active8 headset is great for limiting harmful sounds but still allows for spatial awareness.

EXTRA ITEMS AND SPONSORS

"I am a firm believer in keeping hydrated, so I will always have a large bottle of fluid with me and make sure I take extra on any particularly hot days. The same goes with sun cream. When it comes to my own shooting I'm very superstitious, so I will not shoot without my lucky watch and belt on. I also have a couple

of Key rings in my kit bag which I've had since I started."

Sam is very lucky to have two great company's sponsoring him:

"Firstly with Ian Coley Shooting Ground, they have a great team both in the shop and out on the ground and really go above and beyond for any of my needs as well as any clients visiting them. It's well worth a visit with thousands of guns and cartridges in stock and over 25 Sporting Stands to try them on. My other sponsor is the Krieghoff factory in Germany. I have used their guns now for the last six years and all of my successes have been with my K80 Parcours. I truly believe the attention to detail and build quality is second to none."

 When it comes to my own shooting I'm very superstitious, so I will not shoot without my lucky watch and belt on.





YOUNG SHOTS

by
Bethany
Norton

2023 CPSA YOUNG SHOT OF THE YEAR

MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS

In May I had the honour of representing Great Britain at the Junior World Cup in Suhl. As a 15-year-old this was my first international competition so a steep learning curve. I competed in three events: individual, team and mixed pairs – which kept me busy throughout the week.

The highlight of the competition was winning a Gold Medal in the women's team event with Phoebe Bodley-Scott and Sophie Herrmann. After a tough morning of qualification, we faced the Slovakia team in a Gold medal match. The first station was a draw but we rallied to win the following three rounds to take gold with a score of 7-1.

I continued my 2022 international competition journey at the European Championships in Cyprus where I finished in twnt place. I then competed in the World Championships in Croatia, where I made my first individual ISSF final and placed eighth.

At home, I was crowned the Junior Women's Olympic Skeet British Champion in September. I then took High Gun at the British Shooting Pathway Championships in October, winning the Junior Women's final and securing a personal best and another all-important minimum consideration score for international selection.

HOW I STARTED SHOOTING

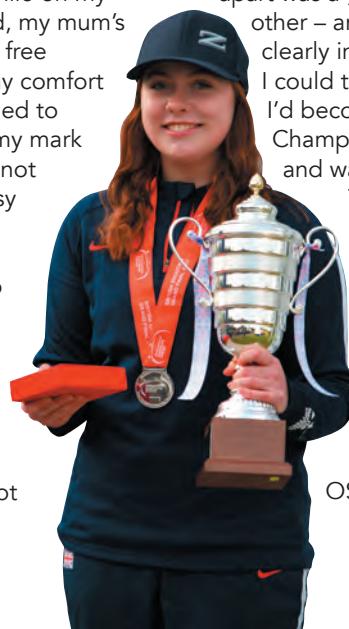
At six years old, I was swept up in 2012 Olympic fever. My family and I eagerly took in the excitement of the canoe slalom, modern pentathlon, Para athletics, and Para dressage. I found myself captivated by the thought of competing at such a high level of sport one day. To start with, my love of horses led me down an equestrian path, so I spent a few years developing my dressage skills. Then one day my dad suggested I try clay shooting. It was a sport he and my mother used to enjoy before I was born, and they still had their guns locked away.

So, in 2018 at the age of 11 I held my first shotgun, within one shot I was hooked. Then after a few lessons with Ken Rist at Lea Valley Shooting Association, I was eager to test my skills at a school Clay Shooting Championship called IAPS. I asked my school to sign me

up, and four weeks later I found myself at the prestigious West London Shooting School. I watched wide-eyed as busloads of school teams in matching kit and their coaches arrived. Meanwhile on my bench it was me, my dad, my mum's spare 20-bore and some free cartridges. I felt out of my comfort zone, but I was determined to give it my all and make my mark on the competition – by not coming last. It wasn't easy but I managed to apply what I had been taught, keep my focus, and grab as much information as I could from the friendly referees. A few hours later I won my age group and became the U11 Ladies champion. A year later, having shot

a bit here and there for fun, I got the urge to compete again. That's when I discovered a competition called The Schools Challenge (TSC), a series created for under 21s and run by the Florent family at the Oxford Gun Company. What set this competition apart was a grand final prize like no other – an MG car! With that target clearly in my sights I did everything I could to win. By the end of 2019 I'd become the Overall Ladies Champion at the TSC Grand Final and walked away with the car keys.

The same year I entered my first registered ESK competition at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground. This is where I met Katy Poulson who told me about the British Shooting Development Academy for Olympic Skeet. She invited me to join and my OSK journey began.



MY SUPPORT: COACHES & SPONSORSHIP?

Zoli UK are my main sponsor, and the Edgar Brothers team ensure I have everything I need to perform at my best, whether that's a well serviced gun, new chokes or kit. They even engraved my initials on my trigger guard. And as a UK distributor of Clever, they also help me with cartridges. The team at CENS Digital provides my ear protection. I have to use passive ear protectors as digital ones are banned according to the ISSF rules. As I am still growing, CENS kindly fit me with new ones every six months.

Starkey Outdoors have supported me with Pilla eye protection. I have two sets of arms in case I need to change the lens due to rapid light changes mid-round during a competition.

CommsQuest Consulting help with my coaching costs and clays. They also support my international travel which in 2022 included Germany, Cyprus and Croatia.

Of course, none of this would be possible without my family's constant support. Mum is a great photographer and has captured countless memories for me and my teammates. Dad always travels with me to weekend training camps and whatever the weather he's on hand to help. Finally, my seven-year-old sister Lexi who does her best to entertain our dog Simba when we travel, and never complains when our weekends are dictated by competitions.

My coaches Jeremy Bird and Michael Gilligan are amazing. I have been working with them for just over a year now. They are both relatively new to coaching and represented Great Britain internationally at a high level for a number of years. I am able to learn from their experiences and apply it to my own performance.



MY GUN & CARTRIDGES

My gun: I shoot a 12g Zoli Z-Bella with 28-inch barrels. It has a black action with Swarovski crystals. It has been designed for female shooters and fits me perfectly.

My cartridge: I shoot with Clever Mirage T2s for training and T3s in competition.

THREE DESERT ISLAND ESSENTIALS

A good book – I really enjoy reading, and I find it helps to take my mind off competition between rounds. My dog Simba and headphones – I love listening to music or true crime podcasts, especially when warming up.

WHAT PIECE OF EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN MOST CHALLENGING

As a shooter that enjoys Sporting, Trap, and Skeet, finding the perfect gun has been a challenge. My trusty Browning XS Pro served me well for Sporting and Trap, but its weight and long 32" barrels made it hard to control in OSK. My parents were hesitant to invest in another gun until I was fully committed, so I borrowed two different Beretta's while I made up my mind. Eventually, I chose to stick with OSK and began a search for the right gun. After speaking with several manufacturers, I decided on the Zoli Z Bella – and I was incredibly grateful when they agreed to sponsor me. Unfortunately, Brexit and COVID-related transport issues delayed the arrival of the 28" barrels I'd planned for, but I refused to let that stop me. With a standard 29.5" Z Bella, I straightened my first competition round. Half way through the year my new 28" arrived in the UK and despite advice not to change guns mid-season, I couldn't resist switching. As it happens 2022 turned out to be a very successful year.



MY FAVOURITE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND WHY?

When it comes to kit, nothing tops my Zoli gun. It's more than just a gun to me; it looks great with the Swarovski crystals and my initials kindly laser engraved by the team at Edgar Brothers, but it also performs brilliantly and although it was built for me it has plenty of adjustment in it.



BETHANY'S TOP TIPS

TIP 1 Expect ups as well as downs in your journey – especially if shooting OSK

TIP 2 Concentrate on one clay at a time

TIP 3 Remember to keep things fun and enjoy what you do

TIP 4 Accept there are some things beyond your influence so control the controllable, and the rest will sort itself out

TIP 5 Don't stop shooting other disciplines if you enjoy them. Young shots are often advised to focus on just one thing, but variety can help.

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ALL'S WELL AT ERISWELL



Managing Director of Eriswell Lodge **Stuart Smith** discusses the shooting grounds' developments, becoming a CPSA Premier Plus ground and what's to come in 2023

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

A: The ground opened in April 2015 following almost a year and a half of closure, for a while it was looking like we wouldn't be able to bring it back but fortunately we were able to complete the negotiations and re-opened.

The ground has such a history for clay shooting, to our knowledge it has been used for the sport since the 1970's (possibly earlier) and we were

keen to add our take on what it could become.

As Dad and I are both keen shooters we have a passion for the sport and the industry, and really want to see both grow and develop. As ground owners we are in the fortunate position to be able to actively participate in this development, and are genuinely excited to be involved.

Q How has the ground developed over the years and how has it been on becoming a premier plus ground?

A: Over the years we have developed massively, and have invested heavily into improving our facilities both on and off range. The single biggest development was the new clubhouse that opened in September 2020 (perfectly timed for COVID-19's arrival on scene!), which featured a new restaurant,

shop, gun room, and conference rooms.

Since we completed the clubhouse, we turned our attention back to the shooting side, and have added more traps to our already extensive fleet of Promatic clay traps and claymate systems. We have also brought in additional platform lifts and raised trap mounts to enable us to vary the targets further.

In the spring of 2022 we finally managed to complete our stand layout and fixed fencing on the course, which was something we had been trying to do for some time, just in time for the English Open Sporttrap!

Becoming a CPSA Premier Plus ground has been fantastic, not least because it recognises all the hard work and effort that has been put in by so many people to improve and develop it into the highest quality





TIPS FOR SHOOTING AT ERISWELL LODGE

- Definitely plan for breakfast (especially!) or lunch before shooting – best to shoot on a full stomach!
- Make sure you have plenty of cartridges – we have a lot of shooting stands!
- Come with friends – it's always better to shoot with others!

facility possible, but also because it adds us to quite an exclusive list within the clay shooting community in terms of rating with the CPSA – quite an accolade given some of the grounds that carry the same rating.

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

A: Shooting wise we offer as standard: All Round, Automatic Ball Trap, Compak Sporting, Down The Line, English Skeet, English Sporting, Skeet Doubles, NSSA Skeet (USA), Sportrap, Single Barrel and Simulated Driven.

Other disciplines that can be offered with booking or notice: Super Sporting, FITASC Sporting and Olympic Skeet.

We run regular competitions in English Skeet, Sportrap, English Sporting, and NSSA Skeet. We do run competitions in most of our other disciplines throughout the year, but not as regularly as the above.

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

A: We are fortunate to have a few grounds and clubs around, but the vast majority of competitions are sporting discipline based, which leaves a bit of a gap for the other fixed disciplines in particular. Having said that, we have some superb shots in most disciplines in Suffolk, which always stands us in good stead for the Inter-Counties events (both nationally and regionally)!

Q Are you planning any events for 2023?

A: We have the English Open English Sporting scheduled for May of this year, which will be the biggest event we have had here since we opened to date, but we are also running some county and regional shoots too. We also run our own World Skeet Masters Championships in conjunction with John Dyson in September which is always a firm favourite!

Q Is there anything we have missed, that you feel should be included in an article about your ground?

A: We are a friendly, family owned and run company, and we genuinely value our customers – and we like to see them too!

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It was overcast with a bitterly cold breeze when the action started around 10am. Everybody was trying their best, but not many 25-straight were coming in. When all the scores were in, there was a three-way tie for High Gun. Colin Babcock, Isabel Cartlidge, and Dave Tavernor all on 95. Maurice Cunningham came close with 93, also shooting well were Jim Wagstaff on 90 and Ross Nabney with 89.

18 Feb: ESK Selection Shoot, North Wales SS

Bright mild weather greeted the competitors for this one. Brett Davies showed us how to do it with a brilliant 99. Next came a trio all on 90 Jim Wagstaff, Edward Wilkinson, and Ross Nabney. Colin Babcock scored 89, Maurice Cunningham 85, and Ian Thomas 75. Thank you to all those that attended.

A Year In The Life Of Mickley Hall Shooting School Part Three

I feel these days we always have some building or repair work going on, either on the farm or down on the shooting ground, the lawn mower never stops for six months along with tree pruning and painting. May, June, and July are all the same. It's busy on-site and away from home. The competition season gets busy, so the family is all over the country taking part in shooting competitions in between coaching and running the weekly competitions at home. Although we have never seen many corporate events in the summer, we hope to grow our corporate and team building days all through the year as we have a new meeting room which has now been open around a month so far and has proved massively popular. Work all over the farm is busy at this time, also maintaining buildings that our units are rented in. Keeping the yards weed free, updating areas not in use to try and get some growth in the rental side of the business, dealing with health and safety paperwork and meeting people from insurers, as well as new product dealers

for the gun room and shop. It's also the time to prepare the game pens on the farm ready for the season ahead with birds landing in July. Our simulated game days start around February/March but are in full swing by May/June and we are constantly looking to grow our venues and expand our simulated game day packages. We tend to be flat out till August, as it eases for a month while people go on holiday. We see a slight dip from a busy early summer. Competitions are in full flow and keep us busy as September looks to planning the end of summer. The game shooters start to lift their heads, looking at new guns for the new season, on top of keeping up with a constant flow of new licence holder packages and helping people choose their first gun. And then it all begins again, competition season has come to an end and the wife gets to see me a bit more (she probably sees that as a bad thing). Mickley Hall Shooting School is run by a great team of staff, from the girls in the office, the girls in the cafe on Saturdays, the guys on the ground and all our instructors, employed and self-employed all play their part. Not forgetting to mention our amazing customers, as without their loyalty we would not be here. **Scott Barnett.**

Forthcoming Dates

9 Apr DTL Sel Shoot, Holmes Chapel
 28-29 Apr ESP Sel Shoot, Mickley Hall
 30 Apr Cheshire UT Champs, WM
 IC&Individual Champs, Fauxdegla
 14 May ESP Sel Shoot, Kingsley Moor
 2021 May OT Cheshire Champs, Fauxdegla
 28 May DTL Sel Shoot, Holmes Chapel



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Apologies to Simon Taylor, on missing him out of the list of Derbyshire shooters who made it into the CPSA Top 20 averages.

Skeet

Congratulations to Samantha Rhodes on winning the Ladies at Nottingham & District Gun Clubs Skeet Winter series. Sam also finished fourth Overall in the shoot-off for the Lincoln Shotgun.

Down the Line

Congratulations to the following Derbyshire shooters who won prizes at Nottingham & District Gun Clubs Down the Line Winter series. David Weston was Overall High Gun, Geoff Smith A Class winner, Dave Hinchliffe Veterans winner, and Troy Hunt Juniors winner. The Super shoot-off for the Lincoln Shotgun was won by David Weston with Geoff Smith Runner-up.

Handicap by Distance

The Handicap by Distance County Championship was held at Nottingham & District Gun Club on 5 March, this was the first Championship of 2023. Dave Hinchliffe was Overall County Champion on 86/250, this was matched by Samantha Rhodes on 87/250 who was Ladies Champion.

Veterans Champion was Simon Taylor on 83/243 and Junior Champion was Troy Hunt on 84/248. Well done to you all.

AGM

The County AGM was held on Sunday 5 March. The following people were elected: Chairman Geoff Flint, Vice Chairman Julie Havill, Secretary Ron Baron, Treasurers Ron Baron and Geoff Flint, Regional reps Geoff Flint and Julie Havill, Press Officer Geoff Flint, Skeet rep Ron Baron, Sporting rep Geoff Flint, DTL reps Tom Waring Geoff Flint, All Round reps Sam Rhodes and Geoff Flint, Trap rep Simon Taylor.

Website

The Derbyshire CPSA website is now up and running and is part of the CPSA syndicated websites and can be found by going to the following address
sites.cpsa.co.uk/Derbyshire

News

Anyone with any news, results, etc for the website, Pull! or Facebook please contact Geoff Flint on 07778 639691, email geoffflint@rocketmail.com or derbyps1@rocketmail.com, or contact any of the shoot reps.

Diary Dates

2 Apr WM Area DR, East Yorkshire SG
 9 Apr WM Area SKD, Nottingham & DGC
 16 Apr Sporting Team Selection, Kegworth



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Notes from the Chair

Firstly, thank you all for being so welcoming! It's been a very busy start to the year, and we've seen some fantastic performances from Gloucestershire County members already.

At the AGM it was voted that selection shoots would return this year for English Sporting. Nigel Thornell stepped up to assist Matt Turk, however it has proven to be very challenging to organise in such a short amount of time and with a very busy calendar of events to contend with. Thank you both for your efforts. We will revisit the selection shoot process later this year and look to start the process much earlier if proceedable.

The main reason for returning to selection shoots was to ensure everyone had a fair chance to be selected to shoot for the county, with this in mind the selection process for this year will be based on average scores taken between 1 January and 31 August 2023 over a minimum of 700 Registered targets. Please note that we hope to enter more than the one Senior team, possibly three if enough interest from you all. More details of Inter-County and Gloucestershire County shoots will follow both here and on the Facebook page.

Steve Lovatt at the Clay Shooting Company has very kindly donated the funds to the committee that would have been generated from the levies collected at selection shoots – a big thank you to Steve!

Look forward to seeing you all as the season gets underway and the weather warms up a little!

Out & About

Westfield, firstly in FITASC 8 January Chris Biddlecome 88 for second in A Class, on 11 February Tim James won C Class with 88. English Sporting, 29 January in A Class targets only Stephen Hughes 91, 12 February in A Class well clear but going targets only was Mark Buckley 92, and in B Class first Sam Townsend 88. Super Sporting, still finding the classes for this most confusing, a 94 saw Nick Portlock first in AA Class, in A Class 91 and second was Adrian Johnson, in C Class would have been Ben Malecki, whose 72 was targets only. 1 March Ian Coleys saw some big scores here and the counties finest to the fore Adrian Johnson a superb 99 to take High Gun, in A Class Sean Pritchard an eye catching 95 for first, in B Class second with 88 Christopher Sopp, and in C Class very well-done Joanne Knappman 78 for second place.

Out of county in Barbury 25 January,

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The H&W AGM was held on 11 February at Ombersley Village Hall. The committee was elected as: Chairman Rod Davies, Vice Chairman Fiona Reed, Secretary Karen Mackison, and Treasurer Fiona Reed. The following members were also elected to the committee: Nick Stokes, Jerry Ruane, Matt Pugh, Brandon Smith, Harry Pugh, and Phil Mackison. At the request of members the meeting was moved to a village hall venue but turnout was low so we will be looking to move to a different format in the future. Members who weren't present to collect their badges can email Karen with their address and they will be posted to you.

The Chairman's report and newsletter can be found on the website, but we would just like to highlight here our thanks for all those who support, host, and attend our county events. Special thanks are given to Phil and Di Sanders and all those at Park Farm for their support in events and allowing us to base ourselves at their venue.

Our John Hadley Memorial shoot was held at Park Farm on 11 February and raised a super £280 for charity. Overall High Gun for the day was Chris Moule. Chris was top Veteran, Dan Price top

first in AA Class Dean Horswell 94, in B Class first Thomas Hammets with 82, second Dave Probert 79, and in C Class first George Pearce 74 and targets only John Hemmings 74. On 22 February, taking second in AA and making a rare outing behind the gun Sean Ponting 96, in B Class first Mark Slater 87. Mention to B Class shooter Michael Alvis who had three stand out shoots, 86 for second at Gunsite, 82 for second at Hangman Stone, and 81 for first at Meadowcroft, here also second in AA Class Adrian Johnson 89 and Phil Richings a 91 for first in A Class. 4 March an finally at Owls Lodge, winning second in B Class Sam Townsend 84.

County Championships

14 May AR, Park Farm

For entries please contact the ground.



Senior, Fiona Reed top Lady, and Junior Overall was Aimee Addison. Chris Moule was on fine form to win the Skeet and Sportrap but denied the trio after a shoot-off in the ABT, with Rod Davies the winner. Further results on Chris' excellent recent scores will be in next month's update.

H&W were sad to announce the passing of a well-known member of our shooting community, John Boraston, who passed away on 3 February aged 91. His obituary can be found in this month's Pull!

On the international scene H&W send our congratulations to Tom Burns for his first place in Junior Men's trap at the Portugal Grand Prix. Slightly further afield at the Qatar Grand Prix Mitchell Brooker-Smith brought home first place in Junior Men's Skeet and Tom Betts first in Junior Men's Trap. Well done All!

All the dates for the new season are now on the H&W website as well as the West Midlands Regional Shoots. As always, you are advised to keep an eye on the website as this is the primary source of up-to-date information and where any last-minute changes will be published. Some grounds require telephone bookings in advance and their numbers can be found there. A summary is given below but a downloadable pdf is available on the website. H&W hope you all enjoy a wonderful season of competition!

County Championships Diary Dates

- 30 Apr UT, Fauxdeglia
- 14 May AR, Park Farm
- 21 May OSK, Gloucester
- 4 Jun ESK, Gloucester
- 11 Jun ABT, Park Farm
- 11 Jun FITASC, Westfield
- 24 Jun Helice, Rugby
- 30 Jul DTL, Holmes Chapel
- 13 Aug OT, Griffin-Lloyd
- 13 Aug ESP, Westfield


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Shropshire Awards Evening

The 2022 Shropshire Awards Evening was attended by more than 30 people. Medals, that have been announced throughout 2022 in Pull!, were presented to those members present. The award winners were as follows: Clay Shot of the Year Arran Eccleston, Lady Shot of the Year Janine Dixon, Junior Shot of the Year Joel Kelly, Veteran Shot of the Year Graham Evans, ABT Shot of the Year Graham Evans, DTL Shot of the Year Shaun Gardener, English Skeet Shot of the Year Paul Stokes, English Sporting Shot of the Year Michael Cyffin-Jones, Shot of the Decade Lady Julie Burton, Shot of the Decade Men Graham Evans, and Emerging Shot of the Year Daniel Whittall.

The food was good and the company excellent. Thanks to all those who supported the county and raised some money too! Thanks to those who helped sponsor some prizes, including Mickley Hall Shooting School and Lyalvale Express. Graham Evans is seen in the photo receiving his Shot of the Decade Award from Treasurer Ian Bolingbroke and Secretary Marius Coulon.

22 Jan: ESK 100, Nottingham

Paul Stokes shot an excellent 99 for joint third and first in A Class.

29 Jan: DTL 100, Fauxdeglia

Alan Rowley shot a very solid 98/291 for third Overall and first in AA Class. Andy Greenstock shot a good 99/289 for fifth Overall and second in AA Class. Peter Bridger shot 91/268 for first in B Class.

5 Feb: ABT 100, Fauxdeglia

Graham continued his incredible form into February with another win in ABT at Fauxdeglia, with an excellent 93ex100.

15 Feb: ESP 100, Barby SC

Stuart Burgess was third in A Class and joint second in Veterans. Julie Burton was third in Ladies.

15 Feb: STR 100, WSSG, Hodnet

Mike Cashmore was joint sixth ►


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Overall and second in A class.

19 Feb: ESP 100, Garlands

Michael Cyffin-Jones was joint third on an excellent 95. Six other Shropshire guns all shot well too.

22 Feb: ESP 100, Mickley Hall

Michael Cyffin-Jones was joint High Gun, Mike Cashmore third in A Class, and George Horton first in B Class.

26 Feb: ESP 100, Catton Hall

Michael Cyffin-Jones was Runner-up, just one off the High Gun with an excellent 96. 12 other Shropshire guns all shot well too.

26 Feb: ESK 100, NWSS

Paul Stokes shot a good 96 for joint High Gun and joint 1st in A Class.

01 Mar: ESP 100, Ian Coley Shooting School

Michael Cyffin-Jones was joint runner-up, with an excellent 96 but three behind Gloucestershire's Adrian Johnson who hit 99! Paul Stokes 87 and David Ward 79, both good scores for their classes.

04 Mar: OTR 50 and ABT 50, Fauxdeglia

Graham Evans shot in the OTR a 24ex25 first round, then a 23 to be just one clay behind the High Gun, Welsh International Emyr Davies, another excellent performance that included a field with England Team members Mike Faux, and Mark Shaw. Later in the ABT, Graham was joint High Gun with Mike Faux, Lewis Kirk, and Mark Shaw.

05 Mar: DTL 100, Ranton

Graham Evans shot another excellent score of 98/290 for first in AA Class but was the Runner-up by one point to Staffordshire's David Malpass. In total there were eight Shropshire guns, including three Veterans, two Seniors, a Lady Junior Alivia Sylvester; two Colts Callum Bailey-Hands and David Hughes. Shropshire had the only young shots present, good to see you all having fun! Great start to the year for many in Shropshire, best wishes for great shooting to all Shropshire members during 2023 and beyond!

by Marcus Iddon, UK Group Sales Manager for Lyalvale Express.

All those participating in our ESP selection shoots and paying the £2 levy will be given a ticket number. One ticket number per shooter per shoot (up to eight in total). The more selection shoots you take part in, the more chances you have to win.

Full details of the selection shoots and raffle are on our Facebook page and website.

ESP Staffordshire Selection Shoot – Round 1

A big thank you to all of you who made it to the first ESP selection shoot of the year at Mickley Hall. The course tested precision shooting with some tricky, technical targets. High Gun was shared between Ed Harrison and Tim Simmons with 97/100. Top Lady was Lauren Oakes on 83, Junior/Colt was Neil Foxley on 85, and Veteran Tim Howell on 92.

The Ladies Clay Shooting League

We're delighted to support the LCSL. It's a great way to introduce women in Staffordshire and beyond to this fantastic sport. The LCSL welcomes women from across the whole of the West Midlands region, with several events throughout 2023. If you'd like more information, contact our Staffs CPSA Ladies Shooting Representatives, Kate Poyer and Valerie-Anne Barrow, and they'll be happy to help.

Perfect 100 from Martin

One of our top English Skeet shots, Martin Walmsley hit a maximum 100 in the ESK Winter Series at Nottingham & District GC on 5 February. Not the first time Martin has done this and almost certainly won't be the last.

New ABT Competition at Garlands

A brand new ABT 50 target re-entry competition at Garlands, run by the Clay Shooting Company started on 25 February and will be run every last Saturday of the month.

Dates are subject to change to avoid selection shoots and majors. Prizes to be won include first place £50, second £40, third £20. Shooting times can be pre booked in advance with shooting starting at 9am, using one layout. 50 clays to be shot straight through with a ref there to score for you, so no hanging back to score. Entry fee £25 first go, re-entry £20 (shoot as many times as you like, all scores to count). Full catering available all day in the clubhouse. ►



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English Sporting Selection Shoots

Team Manager, Martin Butcher has put together some great 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 shoots in the series, shoot at least two different grounds, be available on the date of the Inter-County championship, be CPSA

registered and pay the levy. Selection shoots will take place at Garlands, Kingsley Moor, Mickley Hall, and Doveridge with your best three scores to count.

ESP Selection Series Cartridge Raffle

The winner of the draw will receive 1,000 Lyalvale Express Power Gold competition cartridges. The draw will be held at our County Championship on 17 September. The lucky winner will also win an exclusive factory tour for two at the Lyalvale Express UK manufacturing facility here in Staffordshire, a prize generously donated





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19 Feb: ABT and ESP, Garlands

Talking of ABT, Adam Gutteridge put in a fine 92/100 to take High Gun with Martin Osborne and Darren Wood one behind and Ian Hull joint third on 89. Meanwhile, in ESP, Tim Simmons hit 96 to finish Runner-up. Stephen Williams was also Runner-up, this time in Veterans with 92.

Staffordshire County, Area, and Inter-County Championship Dates

All fixtures are on our Facebook page and website: sites.cpsa.co.uk/staffordshire

Upcoming Fixtures

18-19 Mar ESP Area Champs, Doveridge CSC
 2 Apr DR Area Champs, E Yorks SG
 9 Apr SD Area Champs, Nottingham
 22 Apr OT County Champs, Doveridge
 23 Apr ESK Area Champs, Doveridge
 30 Apr UT County, Area & IC Champs, Fauxdeglia
 21 May ABT County Champs, Garlands



1 Martin Walmsley 100 straight
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By the time you are reading this, the 2023 County Championship season will have started with three of the shoots, including the new Handicap by Distance, having taken place during March. We are looking forward to a busy season with a total of 15 County Championship shoots taking place throughout the year and, in addition to meeting up with regular shooters, I very much hope that we will be welcoming some new shooters too.

May I take this opportunity to remind the holders of any trophies from 2022 to have them engraved and to ensure that they either bring them to this year's shoot (nice and shiny!) or return them to me (Tim Jones) at least one week before the event so that we can ensure they are available at the shoot to present to this year's winners.

For those aspiring to be Supreme Champion you are reminded that you need to shoot five out of the eight qualifying shoots (DTL, ESK, AR, DR, ABT, SPT, SKD, SB.) For further details for this check the website which has the

full details and categories.

Please remember that the whole point of the championships is to select the teams to represent the county for the Inter-Counties Championships and the chance to be selected to shoot in the National Inter-Counties that are held towards the end of the year. Please let the committee representatives be aware of your wishes to be able to be selected or availability as without your input it is very difficult to find all the shooters needed to accomplish the tasks in hand.

Good luck for a successful year in all your shooting.

County Championships

2 Apr AR, Priory
 10 Apr FITASC, High Lodge
 23 Apr ESP, East of England
 7 May SKD, Priory
 4 Jun UT, Nuthampstead
 10 Jun Helice, Rugby
 23 Jul DTL, Priory
 30 Jul OT, Nuthampstead
 20 Aug ESK, Priory
 3 Sep DR, Priory
 10 Sep SPT, East of England
 22 Oct SB, Priory

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9-11 Feb: First Fujairah Mountain Shooting Championship, UAE

This was a very well attended Sporting Championship with over 400 competitors from around the globe. The 200 targets over eight layouts set by George Digweed were not for the fainthearted. With mountainous conditions, this was always going to be a very challenging competition. It comes as no surprise that the attendees from Norfolk were up for this challenge. Carson Revell (162) Joint 15th, Richard Bunning (153) Joint 42nd, and Archy Stannard (116) Joint 12th in Juniors must all be congratulated on their excellent scores at this prestigious event.

15-18 Feb: Cyprus Grand Prix, Nicosia Olympic Shooting Range

Elise Dixon was one of a few British athletes who flew out for the Cyprus Olympic Trap Grand Prix. Whilst the sun was shining it was still quite cold and windy. With no Junior finals Elise secured a Junior Ladies Bronze medal with a score of 77/125. With lots of encouragement from the competitors, the Cyprus SSF then agreed to allow the previously cancelled Mixed Team Event to go ahead. Competing in sunnier, warmer conditions, Elise and fellow Hillfort Sporting athlete George Eyston qualified for the finals. They then came away as winners of the Bronze Medal Match against the Ukrainian team. A fantastic end to the Grand Prix and an encouraging start to the year.

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I thought I'd start by jumping in with both feet and repeat the email I sent to all county members asking for support and help with this year's Inter-County competitions. Some are shot alongside the regional competitions to make things easier, and given the cost of everything these days, less expensive.

We are looking for shooters who would be willing to shoot for the county in the Regional Inter-County competitions. We are particularly looking for those willing to shoot the FITASC, DTL, and ABT.

If you are interested, please contact Roy Tyler or Marty Harding at the Northampton Shooting Ground, or me by email, to pass on your contact details and discipline preferences so that team managers can make contact and discuss details and the dates.

I've had a few replies about FITASC, but not enough to make a team. Luke Passmore has kindly offered to be team manager for the DTL and ABT teams and I am sure he would welcome offers to be on those teams. New shooters are awarded a county cap as a thank you and this year all who shoot for the county will have their name entered into a draw to win £50, to partly repay the cost of the competition.

Writing about the recent committee meeting has put it in mind to tell you about the other thing we have been

talking about. We are looking at new ways to present championship winners with their trophies as not everyone who shoots a county competition stays to the end to be awarded the trophy on the day. Attendance at the annual presentation evening and meal was low even before COVID put the tin lid on it. The attendance at our AGM in January was limited to just a few past and present committee members – despite the change of venue and time – so there was nobody there to present anything to. We would like to hear from you about this – do you want to be presented with the trophy at an event, a named day at the shooting ground, the next time you come to the Northampton Shooting Ground, a night at a local venue with a drink or an awards event with a meal? Please make contact through Facebook, by email, or in person to Roy or Marty with your preferences.

If you won a county competition in 2022, congratulations! Please come to the Northampton Shooting Ground to collect your trophy. All winners' names are already engraved on the trophy.

Supreme County Champs – Dave Grant Innes, Penny Spademan, Mick Russell. All Round – Jo Smith, Penny Spademan, Mick Russell. Sporting – Jo Smith, Louise Smith, Neil Faulkner, Harry Piercy. Sportrap – Jo Smith, Louise Smith, Keith Smith. FITASC – Jo Smith, Louise Smith, Matt Sheppard. Skeet – Leon Gill, Izzy Russell, Mick Russell, Sonny Bowman. Skeet Doubles – Dave Grant Innes, Izzy Russell, Neil Faulkner, Sonny Bowman.

18 Feb: 100 English Sporting, Chalk Farm Clay Ground

A very well attended competition with 138 competitors, 66 from Norfolk. This was the first Registered shoot of the year for Chalk Farm, with a coveted High Gun prize of £200 up for grabs. Congratulations to Oliver Gooderham who scored 94 to take the High Gun title. Congratulations also to Reo Freitas (75) who was Junior High Gun.

Spaces for these shoots fill up fast, so make sure you book on early, especially if you wish to shoot with your friends. Chalk Farm also holds regular Compak Sporting competitions on Sundays and Tuesdays. Please check out their website or Facebook page for more details.

26 Feb: 100 OTR, Nuthampstead SG

Norfolk Juniors William Gilbert (87), William Nicholas (64), and Colt Rhys Dixon (72)

Olympic Skeet – Andrew Lea, Penny Spademan, Bob Meadows. DTL – Joe Tomlin, Penny Spademan, Frank Owen. Single Barrel – Joe Tomlin, John Woolacott. ABT – Joe Smith, Kirstin Vogel, Laurie Cookson. Double Rise – Glen Smith, Neil Faulkner. Universal Trench – Tony Clayton.

Inter-County events

24-25 Jun	IC Sporting, East of England
2 Jul	IC Skeet, Eriswell
16 Jul	IC AR, The Priory
12-13 Aug	IC FISTASC, Sporting Targets
10 Sep	IC DTL, Nottingham
23-24 Sep	IC STR, Orston
1 Oct	IC ABT, Nottingham
TBC	IC ZZ Helice, Rugby DCSC

Upcoming County Fixtures

9 Apr	OT, East Yorkshire
22-23 Apr	FITASC, Sporting Targets
29-30 Apr	STR (50), Northampton



travelled to Nuthampstead SG on a cold and windy Sunday. Despite the challenging conditions, it is great to see such a promising start to the new season from the three young Trap shooters. Congratulations to William Gilbert who placed joint second, one point behind the High Gun.

Dates for your diaries: Downham Market Young Farmers Club Charity Clay Shoot

Downham Market YFC will be hosting their charity shoot at Chalk Farm Clay Ground on Sunday 16 April from 10am. Please come along and help them raise money for their chosen charities – Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust and West Norfolk Fire Service. There will be burgers, cakes, and raffle tickets available to purchase and prizes to be won. Cartridges will be available to purchase. Please remember to take your Shotgun Certificate if you wish to shoot.

Norfolk County Championships

10 Apr	FITASC, High Lodge
23 Apr	AR & Dennis Rudd Memorial, The Priory CTC
30 Apr	ABT & DR, The Priory CTC
7 May	SKD, The Priory CTC

Please contact the grounds to book on to the County Championships. These results count towards the Supreme Champion Competition and are taken into consideration when selecting teams for Regional Inter-Counties Championships. Dates for these fixtures can be found on the East Midlands CPSA website.



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Hello to you all, just a short message this time. The local clubs are still packing them in with their Sporting events, good scores being made, looks good for the year to come.

A new committee has been sorted out and is as follows – Chairman Adam Curtis, Vice Chair Mick Marlow, Treasurer Tony Cox, Secretary Alan Bott, committee John Wroughton, Keith Mault, Jason Marlow, Markie Van Allen, Alex Harris, Alan Bavington, Mark Berry, and Mike Brookes. The discipline team managers are to be decided at the next meeting on 8 March 2023.


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As February drew to a close so did Nottingham and District's Winter Series for both Skeet and DTL. There aren't merely reputations to maintain over the gruelling six shoots for each discipline, but also up for grabs is the prize of a new gun awarded to the super shoot-off winner in each discipline and some great goodies going to the Runners-up.

A brilliant English Skeet Winter Series finished on 19 February. The series saw plenty of personal bests being achieved. With such an enjoyable atmosphere, it shines a light on how good our sport can be. After six shoots, the High Gun, category winners, and first in each class decided, a shoot-off was needed for the top two from each class to enter the super shoot-off.

Of the six that started the full round, four remained with 25/25 at the finish and peg four was called upon for a sudden-death. After the first two pairs, third and fourth had been decided, leaving Gary Cooke and Allen Warren to battle on for the super shoot-off prize of a brand new gun.

It was nail-biting stuff, it took six pairs to

split the two with Allen Warren winning by just one clay.

The 26 February saw the last of the Down the Line Winter Series. Even on the last day, shooters were still jostling for a place in the super shoot-off. Despite the bitterly cold wind, a good-sized crowd gathered to watch the five shooters consisting of go head-to-head in the super shoot-off.

All credit to David Weston, shooting a fantastic round, who not only had taken High Gun Overall but also won the super shoot-off prize of a brand new gun. The final winners in each category can be seen below.

The ground would like to thank all the shooters that have joined them throughout the series. A well done, for their fantastic effort, goes to all the winners. This sentiment is echoed when you consider the effect that everybody goes to in making these events happen, whether that be the professionalism of the referees, the staff that provide the catering and those behind the scenes who make these events run like clockwork.

If you have not done so already, do secure your spot on all of the forthcoming events.

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Winter DTL winner David Weston.



Winter Skeet winner - Allen Warren.

(Nottinghamshire CPSA) or our website for news and fixture details at sites.cpsa.co.uk

Nottingham and District Gun Club

9 Apr Skeet Doubles
 7 May English Skeet
 21 May Down The Line
 28 May All Round
 13 Aug ABT

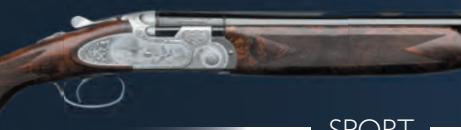
Orston Shooting Ground

7-8 Jul FITASC

DTL Winter Series Results	
High Gun	David Weston
AA 1 st	Allen Warren
A 1 st	Geoff Smith
B 1 st	Gordon Hodgkinson
C 1 st	Matt Townsend
Veteran 1 st	Dave Hinchliffe
Lady 1 st	Saira Boardman
Junior 1 st	Troy Hunt
Super Shoot Off	
1 st Place	David Weston
2 nd Place	Geoff Smith
3 rd Place	Allen Warren
4 th Place	Gordon Hodgkinson
5 th Place	Gerry Stevenson

ESK Winter Series	
Final Results	
Overall High Gun	Gary Cooke
AA 1 st	Allen Warren
A 1 st	Matt Morgan
B 1 st	Alice Marks
C 1 st	Peter Cook
Veteran 1 st	Bob Tucker
Lady 1 st	Sam Rhodes
Junior 1 st	Sonny Bowman
Colt 1 st	Matt Huxtable
Super Shoot Off Results	
1 st	Allen Warren
2 nd	Gary Cooke
3 rd	Matt Morgan
4 th	Sam Rhodes
5 th	Alice Marks
6 th	Isabel Russell

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Here we go! The 2023 Championship Season is underway and the dates for County, East Midlands, and Inter-Counties Championships are set. 2023 is going to be a great year to get out there and compete, so please make sure you book your places (if needed) and support these events.

Our thanks to all the Suffolk CPSA shooting grounds for hosting the 2023 events.

At each event, a county team entry sheet will be available at the ground. If you would like to put your name forward to shoot for Suffolk, please make sure to complete the sheet on the day. Team managers will then select the teams based on the scores.

As the season starts, let us mention the brilliant referees that we have at all Suffolk CPSA competitions. The Committee would like to give a well-deserved shout out to all the referees that play such a key role in our sport. Throughout the year, whether it is freezing cold or boiling hot, they will be there and they make the events possible.

We are working now on several initiatives for Suffolk CPSA shooters. These will include updating the county website, devising county team training events, and developing new team kit. In the meantime, if you have any ideas or need any assistance, please get in contact.

All that remains now, is to wish you all an enjoyable and very successful 2023 competition season. Have a blast!

Suffolk CPSA 2023 Championships Dates

- 10 Apr FITASC, High Lodge
- 23 Apr Sporting Masters, Eriswell Lodge
- 07 May ESK, Eriswell Lodge
- 08 May ESP, High Lodge
- 28 May STR, Eriswell Lodge
- 07 Jun DTL, Eriswell Lodge
- 11 Jun AR, Eriswell Lodge
- 14 Jun SKD, Eriswell Lodge
- 18 Jun Sporting Challenge, Barrow SC
- 21 Jun ABT, Eriswell Lodge
- 25 Jun Compak, Eriswell Lodge
- 16 Jul Super Sporting, Barrow SC

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Presentation evening

Thanks to all members who joined us for our presentation evening at St Stephen on 17 February. It was nice to see so many members with partners along with representatives from shooting grounds. Thanks go to the St Stephen Social Club for welcoming us and allowing us to use their premises for committee meetings throughout the year. It was a great evening which was enjoyed by many.

David Johns provided an excellent recap of county successes during the year. There were six new caps – Pete Gibbons All round; Sam Bate, Jayden McGall, Bruce Taylor and Louis Ashton Sporting; and Graham Reynolds Skeet.

Eight of our teams won Inter-County competitions, narrowly missing winning the South West Inter-Counties cup. The teams were Ladies Sporting, Skeet Seniors, Ladies, and Juniors, and for All Round a clean sweep of Seniors, Ladies, Vets, and Juniors.

We had ten SW Champions from the county for which we won the SW Championship Cup: Barny Jackson for DTL Overall champ, Simon Ede for both Single Barrel and Double Rise Overall champ; Keith Woolcock Single Barrel Vet champ; Martin Elworthy for UT Overall champ; Pete Mylam for Skeet as both Overall champ and Vet; Katie Rowe for Skeet Lady champ; Oakley Reynolds as Skeet Junior champ; and Emily Morden-Hawke as Sporttrap Ladies champ.

Presentation glasses were handed out to all our worthy county champions together with new perpetual shields for Vets, Ladies, and Junior champions in each sporting category which had been obtained by the 2022 committee.

2022 AGM

This was held just before the presentation evening. Minutes of the meeting will be published on our website once approved by the new committee. A total of ten CPSA members attended the event including three from the present committee. Thanks were given to all who worked on the 2022 committee and to Simon Ede who is not on the committee but continues to coordinate the Trap selections shoots and team selections as there was no trap rep on the committee.

The 2023 committee has been elected of Chair Jody Tomlinson, Vice Chair none, Secretary Alison Morden-Hawke, Treasurer Alison Morden-Hawke, SW Reps Jody Tomlinson and Steve Tomlinson, Other Members-David Johns, Steve Moses, Denzil Grose, Jamie Grose, John Trevethan, and Ian Lobb.

There followed during the AOB section a very good discussion with suggestions on how we can encourage the Juniors, of whom there are a number now shooting within the county, and help them deal with the challenges of competition at Inter-Counties level. Views were also expressed that the county had lost some of its team spirit in the last few years, which might have made finding members willing to shoot for teams hard.

Selection shoots

Dates for all sporting and most of the Trap shoots have been announced and shown on our website as at the time of writing. Any further trap dates will be added once known. Good luck to all who take part.

Fixtures

- 25 Mar Skeet Sel 1, Lower Lake
- 1 Apr DTL Sel, Bradford
- 15 Apr AR County Champs, Landare
- 22 Apr Skeet Sel 2, Lower lake
- 29 Apr ABT Sel, Bradford



Presentation Shields.

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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 squared 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



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5 Mar: Two Counties Gun Club

Many thanks to all who braved the dry and cold weather to support Jethro's Memorial Shoot on Sunday 5 March of 100 DTL. Congratulations to Simon Ede for retaining his High Gun title with a score of 100/296. First in AA Class was Simon Ede with 100/296, second Nick Shadrick on 98/293. A Class equal first was Andrew Vanstone and Dave Sleeman on 98/290, second Ben Knightley on 96/283, and third Mike Webber on 97/281.

First in B Class was Frank Reynolds on 94/276, second Roger Lewis on 94/275, and third Alan Davey 92/266.

First in C Class was Mathew Rowland on 94/278, and in second Lanyon Rowe 95/274.

Other News

Congratulations to Paul Gorrett for shooting his first 100-straight in DTL at Bradford SG on 18 February 2023.

Congratulations to Darren Vicary for also shooting his first 100-straight DTL at Bradford SG on 4 March 2023.

Please send any news and photos to Marilyn Chapple, Devon CPSA Secretary. Tel: 01769 540501, E-mail: marilynchapple@btopenworld.com



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Hampshire CPSA AGM

This years AGM was held on a non-shoot day at Owls Lodge so no surprise that only the committee turned up. In the past the AGM was held after a shoot at Owls but even then only two or three members stayed behind. We were joined via a Zoom meeting connection, hoping to see many Hampshire members but the only faces to appear were that of the discipline managers. CPSA Nicola Heron did appear on screen to preside over the meeting. Lauren Goodman stood down as the Chairperson but thankfully is staying on as a committee member to help organize Inter-County shoot events along side Neil Lockton.

I had been approached and agreed that if no other member wishes the position then I would be very happy to resit as Chairman a position I've held many times over the 40 odd years. Richard Faulds remains as Vice Chairman, Britta Beach as Secretary, Brian Coupe as Treasurer. A full list of the team managers and the minutes can be found on the web site.

There is a possibility that the Isle of Wight members will be asked to vote on the Island to become as one with the Hampshire CPSA. We are expecting an answer soon. If the majority vote is yes then the Island members will be able to enter Hampshire Championships and be represented at Regional meetings.

Super Sporting

Owls Lodge will be holding a two day Super Sporting event on Thursday 20 and Saturday 22 April. Hopefully this article will reach you in plenty of time to book a place for this event. Another great event that you Sporting lovers should have entered is The Royal Berkshire Handicap Challenge. Held


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It's the start of a new year and a new committee. We now have only three people on the committee. This does not make for a healthy situation so if you're interested in

from 9 January to 4 March. A 100-target event designed by World Champion Ed Solomon and the Purdey team – a challenging course indeed. Hampshire member Trevor Bell finished week four with a final score 100/100 winning 350 Gamebore cartridges and a place in the final. A very promising Hampshire Junior Charlie Faulds is escalating towards many wins like dad Richard, returning a 94/100 at the Gun Site ground recently.

On a sad note G&L closes

Its never good for our sport when a ground has to close, the well-known Hampshire ground Gosport and Lee-on-the-Solent which has been steeped in Hampshire shooting history has been unfairly ordered to close by the new owner of the land Fareham Borough Council. The shooting ground was established way back in the 70's by Ian Gibson and Dave Browning and became the mecca for some of our great Hampshire shooting heroes.

Sadly working in the background Fareham BC, who have tried on so many occasions over the years to close the ground, had finally won by doing a deal with the land owner. The land – now under new ownership – ordered G&L to close. Its such a shame for the two club owners, passionate about the sporting discipline, Adie and Max who had put so much effort into returning the club to its former glory.

Eco clays

Recently Fareham CTC took delivery of Eco clays and used them on an ABT Trap competition, then wondered why the scores plummeted. On picking up the clays that had been shot at, many had scuff marks or multiple holes in them but had not broken. It would appear if missed with the first barrel and due to the distance gained by the target the second barrel was not always effective. The entire delivery were immediately replaced.

seeing the County Championships, Inter-County Championships, and Sporting Challenge continue please join us.

AGM

This year's AGM was held on 23 February 2023 via Zoom. Three people attended. The chairman, Steve Bosson, presented his report: ►

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"Good evening, everyone and welcome to the 2023 Wiltshire AGM.

"Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank all officers and committee, shooting ground owners, gun shops, and all sponsors their continued support. Secondly, I thank all those that have entered Inter-County competitions this year to represent Wiltshire. We also ran the Wiltshire Sporting Challenge this year, numbers being slightly down on previous years. Thanks to all the sponsors and grounds who make this event possible, and congratulations to all the winners in this event.

"Moving forward into the 2023 shooting season, it is hoped again to run the Wiltshire sporting challenge and enter more teams into Inter-County competitions. Details of these will be posted on the Wiltshire CPSA face book page and at local shooting grounds, alternatively you can contact a member of the Wiltshire committee for more details.

"It would be good to see some new volunteers on committee to help plan and run future events, as sadly after many years of service Terry Howe has decided to step down from committee to enjoy his retirement, also our current Secretary Peter Sharpe is standing down from his post but remaining with us as a committee member. Any members who wish to know more about what's involved in being a Wiltshire

CPSA committee member feel free to approach and ask for more details.

"Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a successful 2023 shooting season."

Steve Bosson was re-elected as Chairman and Jamie Campbell was re-elected as Treasurer and Secretary.

County Championships

We have some dates for this year's county championships at the end of this article, more will follow as we get them.

Supreme Champion

As a reminder, if you are interested in competing for the Supreme Champion trophy you need to enter at least five of the county competitions – your best five scores count to your overall score.

Sporting Challenge

It is our intention to run the Sporting Challenge again this year. We will publicise the dates and grounds as we get them.

Social Media

Wiltshire CPSA is also on Facebook. Please feel free to join the "Wiltshire CPSA" group.

County Championships

24 Jun DTL, Urchfont

24 Jun SB, Urchfont

19 Aug STR, Barbury



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It was great to see our Berkshire members, old and new, at the Berkshire CPSA AGM and award ceremony in January. The venue was the excellent Bisley Shooting Ground clubhouse, where we were treated to a delicious selection of sandwiches and provided with a well-stocked bar.

The elected Berkshire CPSA officers and discipline reps for 2023 are: Paul White Chair, Phil Montague Vice-Chair, Luke Flynn Secretary, Richard Bodley-Scott Treasurer, Sporting (ESP, Compak, Super Sporting and Sporting) Discipline Rep Chris Childerhouse and Paul Gendall, FITASC Chris Childerhouse and Phil Montague, Trap (DTL, SB, OT, ABT and UT) Mike Bovingdon, ESK and SKD Sandra Harman and Luke Flynn, OSK Richard Bodley-Scott.

It was great to see award winners collect their trophies and be recognised for their successes in 2022 – congratulations to all and special thanks to Claire and Kaiya Pascall for trophy admin support.

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Hopefully we will have kicked off our events by the time you read this update, just a reminder that it is possible that some dates will change so please keep an eye out on Facebook and our Website for the latest schedule: sites.cpsa.co.uk/south-east

In the meantime, we have already seen some international success from South East region Helice shooters at the ninth African Championship.

Chris Potter (Kent) took home Silver in the Masters category of the Presidents Cup, a Silver in the Masters category of the Grand Prix, as well

as Gold in the Masters category of the Beretta Cup.

Howard Batt (Kent) took home Gold in the Veterans category of the Grand Prix, as well as Bronze in the Overall Grand Prix. Also silver in the Veterans category for the African championship, Gold in the Beretta Cup for the Veterans category, and Bronze in the Overall Beretta Cup. Dionne Rodgers (Kent) took home Gold in the Ladies category for the African championship, as well as Silver in the Beretta Cup. Kevin Tyler (Greater London) took home Gold in the Seniors category of the Presidents Cup, Phil Negus (Sussex) took home Bronze in the Presidents Cup, and Tim Rickard (Kent) took home Silver in the Presidents Cup.

In the team events, the Ladies team consisting of Dionne Rodgers and Jo Watson-Hopkinson, won Silver. The Veterans with Chris Potter, Steve Cole (Surrey), and Jack Sparrowhawk (Greater London) also took Silver, as did the Senior team with Fergus Watson-Hopkinson (Surrey), Frank Gammon (Sussex), and Kevin Tyler (Greater London). The Men's team won Bronze with Alasdair Williams (Sussex), Stu King (Oxfordshire), and Tim Rickard.

And finally...

If you have any stories or pictures from around the region, please send them into committee@southeast.cpsa.uk as we would love to post more news and updates on the website, Facebook and in Pull!

Check our website sites.cpsa.co.uk/south-east for updates and additions, and don't forget to follow us on Facebook too!

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2022 Award Winners

OT: Keith Kilvington, Harry Poolman.
 ABT: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Jay Jay Attwell, Ken Harman. UT: Keith Kilvington, Ceyla Ismet, Harry Poolman. DTL: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Jay Jay Attwell, Ken Harman. SB: Ken Harman, Ceyla Ismet. ESK: Luke Flynn, Ceyla Ismet, Tristan Sell, Ken Harman, Dominic Sell. OSK: Phoebe Bodley-Scott, Richard Bodley-Scott. SKD: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Phoebe Bodley-Scott, Glenn Adaway. FSP: Chris Childerhouse, Pam Tibbatts, Tristan Sell. ESP: Paul Gendall, Ceyla Ismet, Elliot Langford, Jeffrey Russell. SSP: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Bernard Creed. STR: Chris Childerhouse, Ceyla Ismet, Chris Dennis. Compak: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Chris Dennis. AR: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Kaiya Pascall, Paul White, Jay Jay Attwell. Supreme Championship: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet, Jay Jay Attwell, Ken Harman.

Class Winners: ESK: AA Luke Flynn, A Joe

Clarke, B Argun Ismet, C Matthew Sell. OTR: A Keith Kilvington, B Maciej Bilkiewicz, C Harry Poolman, D Jay Jay Attwell.

Berkshire Special Recognition Award: Argun Ismet, Ceyla Ismet. Chairmans Award: Katy Essex – most promising Colt. Phoebe Bodley-Scott – outstanding Junior. Supreme Junior Champion: Jay Jay Attwell. Supreme Veteran Champion: Ken Harman

County Championships:

16 Apr OSK, NCSC
 23 Apr ESK, NCSC
 7 May UT, NCSC
 25 Jun ESP, Hangmans Stone
 26 Aug FITASC, Barbury
 13 Sep SSP, Barbury

We are still finalising dates for the Compak, Single Barrel, Sportrap and DTL.

The committee and discipline reps are looking forward to another fantastic season!



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26 Feb: Essex Olympic Trap County Championships

Freezing cold conditions and strong Northerly winds greeted the shooters on Saturday 26 February for the Essex County OT championships at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground. The

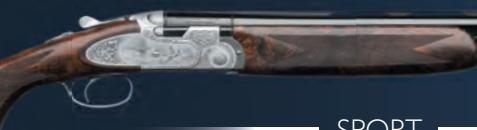
cold, wind and ever-changing light made for a challenging day shooting. After four rounds Chris Banks emerged as the Essex High Gun with Dave Izzard taking home the Veteran trophy and Eddie Lockwood – shooting OT for the first time – winning Juniors. Special thanks go to Ed and Nicky at Nuthampstead shooting ground for putting on such a well-run event.

Updated county championships:

10 Apr FITASC, High Lodge
 30 Apr DTL, Maylands GC
 14 May Super Sporting, Redricks
 21 May Essex Helice, Invicta
 Entries through Chris Potter at
 Country Sports 01892522208
 24 Jun Skeet, Clacton
 25 Jun Sporting, Redricks
 1 Jul STR, Clacton GC
 15 Jul AR, Clacton
 30 Jul SB, Mayland
 19 Aug SKD, Clacton GC
 27 Aug DR, Mayland
 9 Sep OSK, Bisley



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Bucks County CPSA held their AGM at E.J. Churchill shooting ground on Thursday 16 February.

The meeting started by thanking Katherine Gibbard for her work as Chairman over the last couple of years before she stepped down from the role. Andy Powell has now taken on the role of Chairman, and we wish Andy good luck in the year to come.

The other Committee member positions were proposed and seconded as follows:

Jon Carter Vice Chairman, Mike Self Treasurer, Helena Cox Secretary, Phil Easeman Discipline Manager English Sporting, Gary Cooper Discipline Manager Trap, Peter Woodliffe-Thomas Publicity/ *Pull!* magazine, Billy Baughan, Jamie Gutteridge, Holly Lumsden – General.

Following the formal business, the presentation of trophies for the 2022 County championships took place and it was great to see many of the trophies going to first time winners.

The evening was brought to a close with a well-supported raffle which raised £235 for the Bucks CPSA funds. Many thanks to all those who provided the prizes.

At the time of writing 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. Bucks shooters have been competing in all of these events and results will be reported in the next issue.

Around the shoots

Many Bucks shooters compete each week in registered competitions and although many people are still in semi hibernation there has been some notable results.

Luke Mortimer, who has recently moved back into Bucks, shot 95/100 at Barby shooting Ground to be placed second on 15 February. Luke then went on to shoot 92/100 at E.J. Churchill on 16 February to again be placed second.

Aaron Christie won the Colts category at Redricks English Sporting registered shoot on 12 February with an impressive 83/100.

Finally, as a reminder, there is an active Buckinghamshire CPSA Facebook page so please keep a look out for news of events that you may be interested in.




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18 Feb: AGM report

With COVID easing this was the next AGM in 2023 after the very last one at the A1 shooting ground in 2022, sadly no more.

The AGM for 2023 was held at Dartford Gun Club who kindly provided a base and food for those who came. The turnout was not great with only six members present. Apologies from John Perry and Trevor Haywood (fast trap team manager).

At the time of writing the main 2023 fixture list was not yet underway, those who had assembled had plenty of time to discuss the inherited county badge problems and what the committee, through Zoom meetings in the year, had done to try and resolve.

The County Champion Badges had been ordered in plenty of time and were ready to hand out at the forthcoming events in the year. (See Fixture list online)

The badges for the South East Region (SER) team events, however, were another problem, as the last badges in stock were ordered by a previous committee member and were dated 2020, then COVID intervened and team events did not resume until 2022.

The committee decided a new strategy was needed and it was decided to wait until all the SER team events were over and then send back to Pakistan those badges for the 2022 team entrants to have the date changed from 2020 to 2022. This was done and fortunately the updated badges were at the AGM just in time to hand out.

This left a residual stock of 2020 team badges and it had been decided to wait until the end of 2023 to know how many were involved before sending those back for date update. This process would continue until all of the existing stock was used before ordering 'new' badges. These changes will, over time, save the Greater London County a great deal of unnecessary expenses.

Everyone at the Dartford AGM agreed this was a much more sensible method. And 2023 SER Team badges will be handed out at the 2024 AGM.

The Greater London committee were re-elected and consists of Steve Williams Chair, Richard Weller vice Chair, Hugh Pughe-Jones Treasurer, and Peter Carsons continues as secretary. Trevor Haywood has agreed to be team manager for the fast trap events.

Any others wishing to help, please contact the secretary.

Peter Carsons in his secretary's report gave tribute to the late Johnny Jonson (William) with whom Peter had served on the CPSA management

committee and the disciplinary sub-committee. Peter said Johnny's contribution to the furtherance of clay shooting cannot be understated, and he will be greatly missed.

The County award certificates were also distributed at the AGM with thanks given from Steve to those who attended Greater London county events in 2022 and won a certificate. The Supreme Champion was Cemel Seziner who also received the newly launched Supreme cloth badge – 2022.

The committee hopes that given COVID may be on the way out some sort of normality can be resumed.

Peter Carsons

Fixtures

19 Mar	OT, NCSC
26 Mar	ABT, NCSC
9 Apr	SKD, NCSC
23 Apr	ESK, NCSC
7 May	UTR, NCSC
20 May	SB, Bisley GC
21 May	Helice, Invicta GC
29 May	ESP, Southdown
18 Jun	DTL GP, Bisley GC
25 Jun	STR, Southdown GC
2 Jul	DTL, Bisley GC
28 Aug	Compak, Southdown GC
29 Oct	AR, NCSC
15 Sep	FITASC, Southdown GC

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26 Feb: Herts County Olympic Trap Championship

Nuthampstead Shooting Ground hosted the first of our County Championships on an extremely cold and windy day. Ten shooters contested the title and it was very close at the top. On the day however Andreas Hadjisavva emerged victorious to become our Overall and Veteran Champion. Scoring 87ex100, Andreas also placed joint second Overall, first in C Class, and was the highest scoring Veteran. Maddie Purser was not far behind on 85ex100 which earned her the Lady and Junior titles. She also placed third in A Class, second in Juniors, and first in Ladies. Congratulations to them both!

13-16 Feb: Olympic Skeet Cyprus Grand Prix

There was success for our Junior Olympic Skeet shooter Maddie Russell in her first international competition of the year at Nicosia Olympic Shooting Complex. Despite very early starts and blustery conditions Maddie shot consistently in the individual competition, producing a winning score of 112ex125 to take Gold in Junior Ladies and placing her third in Ladies Overall. Following on from her

individual success Maddie and her partner Marcos Kontopoulos performed well in the qualification rounds, both helping each other to focus and stay positive. They secured a place in the mixed team Gold Medal match where they just lost out to a more experienced team to win the Silver Medal. Maddie shot a fantastic 15ex16, an overall wonderful result and gained a wealth of experience. A big thank you must go to Nuthampstead and British Shooting for supporting our young shots. Well done Maddie, we look forward to following your journey in 2023.

Around the Shoots

As expected, a quiet month but we still have some successes to report on.

Jamie Pope was on top form over the weekend of 4-5 February taking first in C Class on both days at Bisley's DTL fixtures. On Saturday he scored 87/242 and then on the Sunday he improved his score to 88/246.

Rugby and District Trap Club held a Universal Trench fixture on 5 February where Nigel Caves topped B Class with a score of 94ex100 which also placed him second Overall. Nigel returned to Rugby on 19 February for their ABT event where he took High Gun with a magnificent 92ex100. Not content with two great results Nigel ended the month shooting all the trap disciplines at East Yorkshire Clay Ground over the weekend of 24-25

February. In the Universal Trench fixture he was joint High Gun with 90ex100. Great shooting Nigel!

On 12 February Redricks Sporting Clay held their regular English Sporting fixture where Robert Gray was the top scoring Veteran with a fantastic score of 94ex100. This also placed Robert joint third Overall. At their second shoot of the month on 26 February Ryan Johnson placed first in A Class with an excellent 93ex100. Nicholas White topped C Class with 77ex100.

At AGL on 24 February, Daryl Vas and Stuart Taylor shared the honours, both scoring 87ex100 in their English Sporting event. This placed them top of A Class. Chris Osborn was joint first in B Class with 84ex100. Jack Lovick was on great form once again taking High Gun at Eriswell Lodge's Sporttrap fixture on 26 February with a great score of 93ex100.

Finally!

Please email us with your achievements and follow our Facebook page, CPSA Hertfordshire, for up-to-date news, fixtures and latest results. We would like to wish all our shooters every success for the coming 2023 season!

Diary Dates

30 Jun English Sporting County Championship, AGL

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Hello Oxfordshire, as I write this the committee are busy preparing for the upcoming AGM. I will have a full report for you in the May edition of Pull!. I am happy to report on a few local shoots but sadly not a lot to report on this month.

One event that has happened recently and involves an Oxfordshire shooter. George Eyston from Didcot contacted me – and although it's not a CPSA run event – I thought it's still worth a mention. George shoots OT and recently went out to Cyprus to compete in the Grand Prix with his

teammate Elsie Dixon. The weather was blustery and challenging but having entered the mixed team event, they managed to walk away with the Bronze medal, congratulations to you both.

E.J. Churchill's

The mid-February shoot drew 120 competitors in to take part in their Thursday ESP shoot. Congratulations to Roger Carter for winning B Class with a stonking score of 86ex100. Well done Roger.

The early March ESP shoot remained popular and attracted 119 shooters. It was brave of you all to take part as the temperature was starting to fall. Oxfordshire's Bob Blundell shot a brilliant score of 91ex100 placing him second in AA Class. Robert Honour shot a strong

90ex100 leaving him close third in AA Class. Marc Armstrong shot a very respectable 79 in C Class placing him second. Well done to you all.

Oxford Shooting School

The monthly ESP is getting more and more popular with 81 shooters supporting the competition. Bob Blundell shot a brilliant 93ex100, leaving him second Overall but also first in AA Class. Scott Leonard reached the dizzy heights of 91ex100 leaving him second in A Class. Well done Steve.

If you would like me to mention or include and CPSA achievements in the monthly report, please get in touch.

Happy, safe shooting everyone.



SURREY

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Surrey Supreme Championship

As outlined last month, the 2023 Surrey Supreme Championship will be held over 11 events with points from the top seven to count towards final total.

The selection of Sporting, Trap, and Skeet events listed below will be included. 15 points will be awarded to the winner of each event, down to one point for 15th place. As you can see from last year's final table on the website, the few odd points can make a difference so come along and have a go at some new disciplines.

Remember that there are trophies and titles for Seniors, Ladies, Veterans, Juniors, and Colts so get the family involved too.

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

2022 Top Ten

Senior Rik Travers 98, Lady Janine Travers 73, Senior Fergus Watson-

Hopkinson 65, Senior Andy Smith 65, Lady Jo Watson-Hopkinson 57, Veteran Frank Arico 54, Senior Billy Greenwood 45, Veteran Chip Smith 39, Veteran Peter Saich 39, Veteran Steve Cole 38.

2023 Events

9 Apr	SKD, NCSC
16 Apr	OSK, NCSC
23 Apr	ESK, NCSC
1 May	STR, Southdown
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	Side by Side, 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 www.surreycpsa.com for the latest details of forthcoming events and don't forget to follow Surrey CPSA on Facebook too.



SUSSEX

SIMON ARBUCKLE

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Not a lot to report this month as the competition season hasn't quite started yet but all the majors have now opened for booking as well as a lot of other big competitions.

Zimbabwe

George Digweed, resident of this fair county, has started the year with a medal already. Shooting in the Pan African Compak championships in Zimbabwe he came second Overall and won Gold in the Seniors. Congratulations George, great start to the year.

AGM

Held at Southdown Gun Club on a very wet and cold night, ten brave members attended including the committee. Chairman Tim Woodhams and the rest of the committee were re-elected for another year, trophies were handed out to winners present and Cliff Goodwin presented the medals for the Supreme Champion competition.

Interestingly, 83 people shot one or more County Championships which make up the Supreme Champion competition. In terms of categories the breakdown was: 49 Veterans, 23 Seniors, eight Ladies, three Juniors, and no colts. The aim this year is to raise those figures so please enter. Don't be put off because it's a competition, you might ►

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Tim Woodhams (right) Overall Supreme Champion.



Kenny Bennett (left) ESP veteran champion.

find that you're good at another discipline and it also means you're trying different grounds and expanding your experience.

Again, I will appeal for any shoot reports and accompanying photos over the forthcoming year. There are many shooters in Sussex and the committee can't be at every shoot, so we rely on you to help keep us updated and informed.

Forthcoming dates

- 16 Apr OS, NCSC
- 23 Apr ESK, NCSC
- 07 May UT, NCSC
- 21 May ZZ, Invicta
- 29 May SxS, Southdown
- 25 Jun STR, Southdown
- 05 Aug ABT, Fareham
- 28 Aug ESP, Southdown
- 28 Aug CPK, Southdown
- 15 Oct FITASC, Southdown

Please contact the grounds to confirm date and booking in requirements.

Other dates will be published as and when they are finalised.

DISABLED SHOOTERS GROUP



DSG
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Unfortunately, no Major updates from the DSG from the last issue of Pull! We are all excitedly waiting for the season to begin, by the time you are all reading this the clocks will have changed, most will have hopefully remembered to book a slot in the Major and Minor Competitions happening this year. Reminder to all Disabled Shooters Group Members that all CPSA competitions,

major or minor, have Disabled Standing and Sitting Categories.

2023 DSG Calendar

Confirmed DSG events for 2023 to book onto these events or find out more details please visit the website at disabledsg.co.uk

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

29 Apr	Nottingham & District, CPSA EO ESK and DSG Skeet Shield
15 Jun	Sporting Targets, The Jack Pyke English Open
12 Jul	Rugby and District, Trapfest 12 Helice, 25 ABT, 25 UT
29 Jul	The Priory Clay Target Centre, DTL Shield Competition
19 Aug	Kibworth, 100 All Round DSG Competition
7 Oct	Sporting Targets, AGM and 100 Sporting Competition

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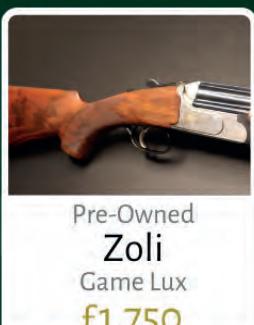
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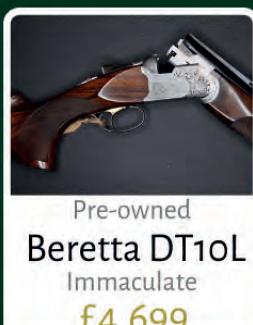
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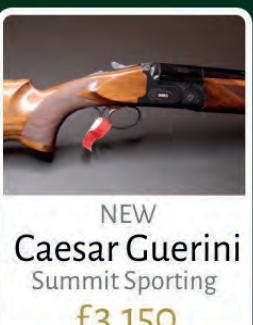
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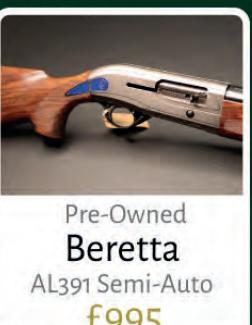
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SU 09:00-12:00

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WE, FR-SA 11:00-16:00

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NORTHUMBERLAND

R BYWELL SHOOTING CLUB

SU-MO CLOSED, TU-SA 9:30-17:30

Open on Sunday only for Reg shoots, see fixtures

• 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. • abwcpcl@ao.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

• DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, SKD.

P EAST YORKSHIRE CLAY SHOOTING CLUB

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

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.

P E.J. CHURCHILL AT THE SWINTON ESTATE

WINTER: MO, WE, TH, FR, SA 09:00-17:30. TU, SU CLOSED

SUMMER: MO 11:00-20:00. WE-SA 09:00-17:30.

TU, SU CLOSED ejchurchill.com/northyorkshire • 01765 357997 • ESP, STR, FSP, CSP • Offer lessons, caddied rounds and Claymate.

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

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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

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• holmeschapelsg.com • 01477 518444 • DTL
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A DARLEY DALE CPSC

MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-15:00

Open 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month

• ddpsc.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.

R HARBORO ROCKS CLAY SHOOT

SU 10:00-16:00. MO-WE, FR CLOSED.

TH 14:00-DUSK. SA 09:00-17:00

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

• Only portable site toilets available.

R OLD GLOSSOP CLAY SHOOTING GROUND

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

Registered English Sporting Competitions 1st & 3rd Sun each month. • oldglossopclaysg.co.uk • 07508 363918 • ESP, STR.

A QUARRY SIMULATED GAME & SPORTING CLAYS

SU 09:30 - 13:00

Every third Sunday of the month • jackiewilliams666@btinternet.com • 07597 333720 / 07875 097534

• ESP, STR.

A YEAVELEY ESTATE & SHOOTING SCHOOL

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

thewclayshootingcompany.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 sporttrap 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. • cosfords.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

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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 Sporttrap. Open weekdays by prior appointment. Call or see website. • kegworth.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 starts the last week of May until the last week 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.



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P EAST OF ENGLAND SHOOTING GROUND

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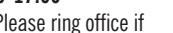
• 01406 540362 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, CSP, STR.



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.



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P NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND

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

TH FROM 13:00

northamptonshootingground.co.uk • 01604 642252



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. • nottsclayshooting.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. • nottsclayshooting.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.



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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

ashcombeventure.co.uk • 01626 866766 •

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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

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R FAREHAM CLAY TARGET CLUB



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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.

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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 & Fiocchi 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

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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.

P 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 • iomcpsc@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. • fauxdeglia.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 FERNDALE SHOOTING CLUB**MO-WE, FR, SU CLOSED. TH 12:00-19:00. SA 09:00-16:00**
Open Practise • ferndaleshooting.club • 07771 603989 • ESP.**A LEADBROOK 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.



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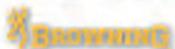


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ESP—English Sporting

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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 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.

SATURDAY 1 APRIL

Bisley Gun Club, Surrey, 07713 762928, 100 DTL
REG + PRACTISE 11AM - 3PM, 07:30-15:00

Bradford Shooting Ground, Devon, 01409 281341,
100 DTL REG 100 DTL Cornwall Selection Shoot,
09:30-10:30

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

Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent, 01322
311001, 100 DTL REG, 100 ESK REG Invitation
only; FIRST England team selection shoot; Day 1 of
2; 100-targets, shoot either day, 10:00-17:00

E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire,
01765 357997, 100 FSP REG FITASC Team GB
Selection, £75 entry, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198,
50 OTR REG AM, 50 ABT REG PM - OPEN FOR
PRACTICE, 10:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978
790198,, 10:00-17:00

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, open practice for esp and dtl practice and
tuition is also available and calls 10-4. staffs selection
esp, prebook only, 10:00-17:00

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

North Wales Shooting School, Wales, 01244
812219, 100 STR REG Call 01244 812219 to book
Call 01244 812219 to book, 10:00-14:00

**Northampton Shooting Ground,
Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESK
REG, 100 DTL REG, Practice 60 ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT,
Black Powder, 10:00-16:00

**Nuthampstead Shooting Ground,
Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 200 UTR reg
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South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales, 01495 201182,
100 UTR REG UT GB, 09:00-17:00

Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire, 01234
708893, 100 FSP REG Bedfordshire &
Northamptonshire County FITASC + ESP, ESK, STR,
DTL & FSP PRACTICE, 09:00-18:00

SUNDAY 2 APRIL

Ashcombe Adventure, Devon, 07888 697401, 100
SSP REG & ESP Practice. No Wad restrictions on
comp. Prebook only, 09:30-17:00

Ayre Clay Target Club, Isle Of Man, 01624 621451,
100 ESK REG English Skeet League (2), 10:00-13:00

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

Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland,
01670 787827, 100 STR REG Northumberland
Championship, 50 SSP REG, 10:00-12:00

Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent, 01322
311001, 100 ESK REG Invitation only; FIRST
England team selection shoot; Day 2 of 2;
100-targets, shoot either day, 10:00-17:00

E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire,
01765 357997, 100 FSP REG FITASC Team GB
Selection, £75 entry, 09:00-17:00

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

**East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground,
Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 DR REG West
Midlands Area Championship, 09:00-17:00

Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100
ESK REG April Skeet 100 ESK April Open for
Practice visit eriswell-lodge.com for details , 09:00-
15:30

Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire, 07860
700459, 100 DTL REG George Verrier memorial; 100
ESK REG, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198,
100 DTL REG WCTSA Selection, 10:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198,
100 ESP REG 100 esp wctsa sel shoot, 09:00-17:00

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

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

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904
738120, 100 AR REG telephone entries, 09:30-
12:30

**Northampton Shooting Ground,
Northamptonshire**, 01604 642252, 100 ESP
REG, £100 HG (tel.entries preferred),25 Sportrap Pool

Shoot Comp, Open Practice, 09:00-15:30

**Nottingham & District Gun Club,
Nottinghamshire**, 01623 883798, John Bates
Memorial, On-Site Cafe. Practice Pre-book your time
slots at (nottsclayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

**Nuthampstead Shooting Ground,
Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 200 UTR reg
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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 2),
09:00-Dusk

South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales, 01495 201182,
100 UTR REG UT GB - SW2000 GP, 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

Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire, 01234
708893, 100 FSP REG Bedfordshire &
Northamptonshire County FITASC + ESP, ESK, STR,
DTL & FSP PRACTICE, 09:00-14:00

The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire, 01406
351451, 60 DR REG East Midlands Championship,
100 AR REG Cambridgeshire Championship, 09:30-
17:00

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

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

Ian Coley Shooting School, Gloucestershire,
01242 870391, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG £150
HIGH GUN - SQUADS EVERY 10 MINS - iancoley.
co.uk/book-online/reg/, 09:00-17:00

Purbeck Shooting School, Dorset, 01929 405101,
100 FSP REG Dorset Championship, Phone entries
only 01929 405101, 8 Squads Max, Dorset CPSA
Members priority bookings, 10:00-17:00



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THURSDAY 6 APRIL

E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire, 01494 883227, 100 ESP REG CPSA Reg Sporting . SQUADDED. Please call to book. Late night Claymate, 09:00-20:00

FRIDAY 7 APRIL

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

East of England Shooting Ground, Lincolnshire, 01406 540362, 100 ESP REG 100 bird ESP, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 DTL REG Easter Shoot -OPEN FOR PRACTICE, 10:00-17:00

Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire, 07766 252438, open practice for esp and dtl practice and tuition is also available. 100 reg fitasc prebook only 10am start, 10:00-17:00

Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire, 07836 676654, 100 ESP REG Good Friday Easter Special; Entry 9am/1-30pm. Squadded. Prebooking entries to 07836 677764, 09:00-14:00

Southdown Gun Club Ltd, Sussex, 01903 877555, 100 FSP REG Good Friday 100 Reg. FITASC + Practice, 08:45-12:30

Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire, 01234 708893, 100 ESP REG Beds Qualifier (4) tel entries only 01234 708893. Itd practice, 09:00-18:00

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

SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Axminster Gun Club, Devon, 01404 881588, 100 DTL REG Free tea & coffee, 09:30-10:30

Clacton Gun Club, Essex, 07394 670871, 50 ESK REG Skeet Club Champs, 50 DTL REG DTL Club Champs, 50 ESP REG Sporting Club Champs. Tel Bookings 07394 670871, 09:00-15:00

Cosford Shooting Ground, Warwickshire, 07563 518090, 100 ESK REG, 10:00-15:00

Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent, 01322 311001, 100 DTL REG, 100 ESK reg & re-entry, 100 skd reg & re-entry, practice ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-17:00

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

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 50 OTR REG AM, 50 ABT REG PM, 100 dtl reg - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, , 10:00-17:00

Kegworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, 07973 111650, 100 ESP REG bank hols special 100 ESP REG £150 HG-Adult Refs+Sporttrap Pool, 09:30-14:30

Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire, 07766 252438, OPEN PRACTICE FOR ESP AND DTL practice and tuition is also available and cafe 10-4. 100 reg fitasc prebook only, 10:00-17:00

National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 125 OSK REG SGS & England Team Selection Shoot Round 1; 2-day, 125-target event, Day 1: 75 targets; shoot both days. , 09:00-17:00

Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire,

01455 888353, 100 DTL reg reg dtl & esp practice reg dtl & esp practice, 10:00-14:00

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

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

Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR REG, Practice 60 ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 200 ABT REG CPSA ABT Team Selection Shoot, 10:00-16:00

Oak Lodge Shooting Ground, Durham, 07786 868691, 100 ESP REG N England team selection shoot; Day 1 of 2; 100-target event, shoot either day, 10:00-13:30

Owls Lodge Shooting School, Hampshire, 07734 200280, 100 ESP reg open entries, hampshire champs & easter shoot, 10:00-15:00

South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG Sporting. Pre Booking 01271 864784 / 07453 790837, 10:30-14:00

SUNDAY 9 APRIL

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, 10:00-17:00

East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 100 OTR REG East Midlands and Northhamptonshire Champs, 09:00-17:00

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

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 ESK REG - 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

Holmes Chapel Shooting Ground, Cheshire, 01477 518444, 100 DTL REG 100 Reg DTL 100 Reg DTL, 09:00-17:00

Isle of Man Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, Isle Of Man, 07624 460 785, 100 ESK REG Summer League 2 50/100, 10:00-17:00

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, 10:00-13:00

National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 125 OSK REG SGS & England Team Selection Shoot Round 1; 2-day, 125-target event, Day 2: 50 targets; shoot both days. , 09:00-17:00

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-12:30

Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR REG, Practice 60 ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 SKD REG NOTT'S, Linc's & WM Area Championship, 100 DTL

REG, 100 ESK REG On-Site Cafe. Practice Pre-booking required, 09:00-17:00

Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 200 ABT REG CPSA ABT Team Selection Shoot, 10:00-16:00

Oak Lodge Shooting Ground, Durham, 07786 868691, 100 ESP REG N England team selection shoot; Day 2 of 2; 100-target event, shoot either day, 10:00-13:30

Penrith & District GC Ltd, Cumbria, 07539 269392, 50 ABT REG, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-14:00

Red Hall Clay Club, Staffordshire, 07497 237006, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-15:00

South Wales 2000 S.G, Wales, 01495 201182, 100 OTR REG OT Welsh Selection, 09:00-17:00

South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG Sporting. Pre Booking 01271 864784 / 07453 790837, 10:30-14:00

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 07564 075210, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP 14 Stands, 09:00-11:00

MONDAY 10 APRIL

Catton Hall SG Ltd, Cheshire, 01928 788295, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 10:00-14:30

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 ABT REG 100 reg ABT, tel entry only 07342338390, 09:00-Dusk

Ham Cross Shooting Ground, Wiltshire, 07711 242749, 100 ESP REG Call 07711 242749 to book, 09:45-14:20

High Lodge Leisure Ltd, Suffolk, 01986 784347, 100 FSP REG SFK, NFK, essex, cambs fitasc cc plus practice clays ESP, CSP, STR, ABT, DTL, & ESK, Archery & Air Rifle , 10:00-17:00

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904 738120, 100 SSP REG £75 High Gun TEL entries , 09:00-12:30

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

Southdown Gun Club Ltd, Sussex, 01903 877555, 100 STR REG; 120 ESP REG Easter Monday Southdown Grand Masters PRE BOOK ONLY + Pool Shoot (NO practice), 09:10-15:30

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL

Barby Sporting Club Ltd, Warwickshire, 01788 891873, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-18:00

THURSDAY 13 APRIL

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

E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire, 01494 883227, 100 ESP REG CPSA Reg Sporting . SQUADDED. Please call to book. Late night Claymate, 09:00-20:00

Owls Lodge Shooting School, Hampshire, 07734 200280, 100 CSP REG PRE BOOKING REQUIRED, 10:00-16:00

FRIDAY 14 APRIL

Ashcombe Adventure, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 SSP REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

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

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

Oxfordshire Shooting School, Oxfordshire, 01608 690 866, 100 ESP REG April English Sporting Registered. £100 High Gun. Squadded *Fibre Wad Only* Call 01608 690866 to book , 09:00-15:00

Somerset Shooting Ground, Somerset, 07860 561677, 100 FSP REG £150 High Gun. Pre-booked entries only via bookwhen.com/somersetshootingground, 09:30-Dusk

SATURDAY 15 APRIL

Ashcombe Adventure, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 SSP REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

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 100 DTL REG, 09:30-10:30

Chalk Farm Clay Ground, Norfolk, 01760 338760, 100 ESP REG Squadded event. high gun £200. Book with JO on 07918627981. Cafe facility open from 8am for breakfast, 09:00-14:00

Clacton Gun Club, Essex, 07394 670871, 100 AR REG All Round Essex Championships. 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, practice esk, ESP, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-17:00

East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 125 OTR REG British Shooting Shotgun Series Round 1, 09:00-17:00

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

Fauxdeglia 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

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

Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 DTL REG, Practice 60 ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, Black Powder, 10:00-16:00

Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 AR REG English Open AR Day 1 of 2; 100-target event, shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

SUNDAY 16 APRIL

Ashcombe Adventure, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 SSP REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

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

Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 100 DTL REG NOE Selection, 100 ABT REG NOE Selection, 10:00-12:00

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, 10:00-17:00

East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 125 OTR REG British Shooting Shotgun Series Round 1, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 ODTL REG WCTSA Selection, 10:00-17:00

Honesberie Shooting, Warwickshire, 01327 262922, 100 ESP REG Hill Farm CV47 2XP, £200 HG, Squadded, Pre-book 01327 262 922, Pool shoot, No wad restriction, food all day, 09:30-15:00

Jet Hall Sporting Clays, Yorkshire, 01302 864842, 100 ESP REG Lancashire Championships, refreshments available all day. For details call 0795636089/07931554986, 09:30-14:00

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

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

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904 738120, 100 AR REG, 09:00-12:30

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

Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 AR REG English Open AR Day 2 of 2; 100-target event, shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

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

Rugby & District Trap Club, Warwickshire, 07770 551491, 100 UTR REG Leicestershire and Rutland ABT County Championship, 09:00-17:00

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

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 07564 075210, 80 DR REG (40 pairs), 50 ESK REG, Practice DTL & ESP, Practice DTL & ESP, 09:30-11:00

Two Counties Gun Club, Devon, 01769 540501, 100 DTL reg entries 10AM - 11AM, 10:00-17:00

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

MONDAY 17 APRIL

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904 738120, 100 AR REG, 09:00-12:30

TUESDAY 18 APRIL

Cefn Tilla Clays, Wales, 01291 672595, 100 SSP REG 100 Super Sporting at Cefn Tilla Clays 100 Super Sporting, 09:00-Dusk

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904 738120, 100 AR REG, 09:00-12:30

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 100 STR REG, pre booking required. 100 ESP Practice Food available barburyshoot.com Last entries 19:00, 09:00-19:00

Ian Coley Shooting School, Gloucestershire, 01242 870391, 100 SSP reg 100 ssp reg £150 high gun - squads every 10 mins - iancoley.co.uk/book-online/reg/, 09:00-17:00

FRIDAY 21 APRIL

Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire, 07766 252438, open practice for esp and dtl practice and tuition is also available. 100 reg fitasc prebook only 10am start, 10:00-17:00

SATURDAY 22 APRIL

Ashcombe Adventure, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 ESK REG & ESP Practice. Prebook only for comp. No wad restrict on comp, 09:30-17:00

Axminster Gun Club, Devon, 01404 881588, 100 DTL REG Free Tea & Coffee, 09:30-10:30

Belsay Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 07816 596564, 100 ESP REG, 100 STR REG pre-book via Facebook with squad names and CPSA numbers preferred, 10:00-15:00

Brook Bank, Somerset, 01749 871056, 100 DTL REG Invitation only; SECOND England team selection shoot; Day 1 of 2; 200-target event, shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

Cosford Shooting Ground, Warwickshire, 07563 518090, 100 ESK REG, 10:00-15:00

County Gun Club, Cornwall, 07979 696179, 100 ESK REG County Selection. Saturday 22nd April 2023, County Selection. Text/Email bookings, 10:00-17:00

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, 10:00-17:00

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

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 UTR REG uk championships - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, 01455 888353, 100 DTL REG REG DTL & ESP practice, 10:00-14:00

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

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

Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR REG, Practice 60 ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 SSP REG 100 SSP Supersporting Pre booking Call 01271 864784 / Text 07453 790837, 10:30-17:00

West Midlands Shooting Ground, Shropshire, 01939 200644, 100 FSP REG BGP 2-day, 200-target event, Day 1 of 2 : 100 targets; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

SUNDAY 23 APRIL
Belsay Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 07816 596564, 100 ESP REG, 100 STR REG pre-book via Facebook with squad names and CPSA numbers preferred, 10:00-15:00

Brook Bank, Somerset, 01749 871056, 100 DTL REG Invitation only; second England team selection shoot; Day 1 of 2; 200-target event, shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

Catton Hall SG Ltd, Cheshire, 01928 788295, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 10:00-14:30

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, 10:00-17:00

Doveridge Clay Sports Centre, Derbyshire, 01889 565986, 100 ESK REG WM Area Championship Practice Sporting / High Towers - No skeet/Trap practice, 09:30-14:30

East of England Shooting Ground, Lincolnshire, 01406 540362, 100 ESP REG 100 bird ESP, 09:00-Dusk

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

Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100 ESP REG Suffolk Sporting Master County Championship Open for Practice 100 Reg ESP Entry on the day , 09:00-15:30



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Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 UTR REG uk championships - 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

Grange Farm Sporting Clays, Leicestershire, 01455 822208, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG Leicestershire county championship, selection shoot, 09:30-13:00

Hangman's Stone Sporting Clays, Berkshire, 07979 874887, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-13:00

Isle of Man Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, Isle Of Man, 07624 460 785, 100 SB REG MCTSA Manx Championship, 10:00-17:00

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, 10:00-13:00

North Of England C.T.C, Yorkshire, 01904 738120, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-17:00

Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 100 AR REG, 100 DTL REG, Practice 60 ESP, ESK, DTL & ABT, 10:00-16:00

Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 ESK REG Mick Tomlinson Memorial, 100 DTL REG on site cafe, practice pre-booked at (nottscayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

Red Hall Clay Club, Staffordshire, 07497 237006, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-15:00

Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire, 07836 676654, 100 ESP REG Entry 9am/1-30pm. Squadded. Prebooking entries to 07836 677764, 09:00-14:00

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

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 07564 075210, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP 14 Stands, 09:00-11:00

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

West Midlands Shooting Ground, Shropshire, 01939 200644, 100 FSP REG BGP 2-day, 200-target event, Day 1 of 2: 100 targets; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

TUESDAY 25 APRIL

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-13:00

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 100 ESP REG, pre booking required. 100 ESP Practice Food available barburyshoot.com Last entries 19:00, 09:00-19:00

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire, 07766 252438, 100 ESP reg pre-book only. squads @ 10am & 1pm & 4pm; open practice for esp & dtl. tuition is also available, 10:00-19:00

Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire,

01455 888353, 70 ESP REG REG ESP 70 Targets £100 H/G Telephone entries 01455 888353, 10:00-17:00

THURSDAY 27 APRIL

Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire, 01827 383300, 100 SSP REG 100 reg super sporting, tel entries only 07342338390, 09:00-17:00

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

FRIDAY 28 APRIL

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 ESP REG Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire, 07766 252438, open practice for esp and dtl practice and tuition is also available. 100 reg ches selection prebook, 10:00-17:00

Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 ESK REG English Open. Day 2 of 3; 100-target event, shoot any day. Booking via <https://championships.cpsa.co.uk/>, 09:00-16:00

Nottingham Sporting Clays, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 SSP REG, On-Site Cafe. Pay And Play OR Pre-book your time slots at (nottscayshooting.co.uk), 09:00-13:30

Somerset Shooting Ground, Somerset, 07860 561677, 100 ESP REG £200 high gun. Pre-booked entries only, call/text 07866610086 (Liana), 10:00-Dusk

SATURDAY 29 APRIL

Ashley Clay Shoot, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG ESP devon selection shoot 100 target esp devon selection shoot pre book only fibre wads only, 13:00-16:00

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

Bradford Shooting Ground, Devon, 01409 281341, 100 ABT REG 100 ABT Cornwall Selection, 09:30-10:30

Clacton Gun Club, Essex, 07394 670871, 100 STR REG Sportrap. 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, practice ESK, ESP, OSK, UTR, DTL, DR & CSP, 10:00-17:00

E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire, 01765 357997, 100 ESP REG Squadded; Northern Region Selection, 09:00-15:00

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

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

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 50 OTR REG AM, 50 UTR REG PM - OPEN FOR PRACTICE, 10:00-17:00

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

Mickley Hall Shooting School, Cheshire, 07766 252438, open practice for esp and dtl practice and tuition is also available and cafe 10-4. 100 reg esp ches selection prebook, 10:00-17:00

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

Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 100 ESK REG, 50 STR REG Northants County 60 Sporting + Open Practice, 10:00-16:00

Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 ESK REG English Open. Day 2 of 3; 100-target event, shoot any day. Booking via <https://championships.cpsa.co.uk/>, 09:00-16:00

SUNDAY 30 APRIL

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OBITUARIES



JOHN BORASTON

The first time John held a shotgun was when he was a lad of about ten years of age (country boy that he was) – that would have been around 1940 during the war and rationing. His dad said "Jackie, get down to the orchard and make sure the pigeons don't eat the cherries." Proud as punch off wee John went, gun in hand with a pocketful of cartridges with his mum telling him to be careful and hearing her in the background saying to his dad "are you sure? He'll shoot himself..."

Nothing had changed much in over 80 years. three-four times a week you'd still find John (Jackie) with a pocketful of cartridges and shotgun shooting pigeons – this time though they were made of clay. And we didn't call him Jackie – to us lot that shot with him John was the elder statesman and was fondly known as 'Grandpa'.

John joined the army in 1948 around the age of 18. They saw the potential in his shooting and trained him in rifles before sending him off to Korea. During that conflict John was part of one of the bloodiest battles of the war but he survived and came back unscathed.

After he came back in 1955 he joined the police, those were the days before West Mercia police even existed as a force and in 1962 he came to Worcester from Stourbridge to join traffic – first bikes and then cars. He spent time driving the chief constable around. Not a bad number if you can get it...beats working for a living anyhow.

In 1965 John submitted a "Yellow Form" report to HQ which was the precursor to Force Orders asking if anyone was interested in representing the force at clay shooting. He was contacted by a few officers and the West Mercia Clay Pigeon Shooting club

was born.

John and his team then represented the force all over the UK. There was a notable shooting trip to Ulster that he told me about with a laugh in his voice – but that's for another day.

In 1985 John realised he had been in the Job for six months beyond the 30 years so he put in his ticket, took the money and ran straight back to the country with his five gun dogs where he spent years 'picking up' on partridge and pheasant shoots through the winter and shooting through the summer.

That's nearly 40 years ago and he'd been collecting his police pension by then longer than he ever collected a wage from the force.

In 2008, a group of us in West Mercia got together to resurrect the club, and there was 'Grandpa' John, ready and willing to join up and take part. His experience and advice has been a great help to me and others over the years and he was a firm favourite with all of us.

He celebrated his 80th birthday representing West Mercia at the National Championships in Hull.

He opened the competition on his 90th birthday and he was in the 'A' team for both the DTL and Skeet. He was the oldest competitor at Hull – something he was rightly proud of.

So, he was still representing West Mercia police some 57 years after setting the club up and 80 years after first picking up a shotgun on the farm to keep the pigeons off his dad's cherries.

More recently he'd been using an air rifle keep the rats, rabbits, and Magpies out of his vegetable patch, his compost bucket, and off his lawn, and he could still out-shoot a lot of us on his day.

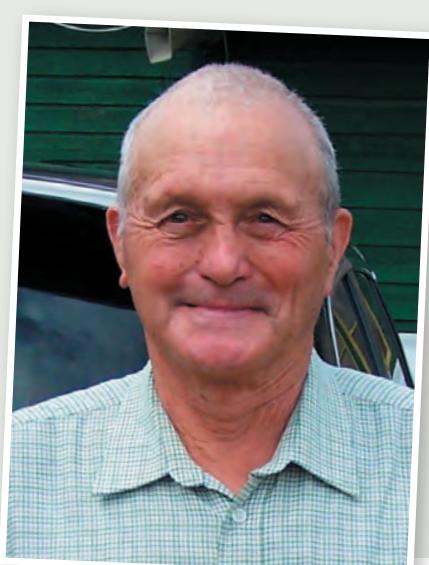
Finally, John represented the county on numerous occasions since starting out, having shot in North Wales for Hereford and Worcester as recently as 2020. That stands testament to how highly John was thought of and his ability despite being nearly 90 at the time.

John 'Grandpa' Boraston, a country boy through and through. Born and bred in the country, lived in the country and never left the country. We salute you.

Patrick (Paddy) Kelly

JACK (JACKIE) BROUGHTON 1932 – 2023

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A TASTE OF TRAP

We spoke to Trap Shooter and CPSA top-20 first Overall ABT shooter **Matt Panter** about his success and year ahead.

Q How did you get into shooting?

I got into clay shooting 20 years ago through my dad who runs a Local Sporting Gun Club called Butts Gun Club. I used to do the scoring there and then shoot 10-20 at the end. After a few months he could see I was keen so he took me to Gloucester Skeet Club where he used to shoot on a Wednesday evening. This lead me on to meeting one of my biggest shooting influences, Simon Darch, who at the time was an England Olympic Trap team member and captain. I remember joking as a cocky teenager I'd have one of those England pin badges one day. He's the reason I discovered competitive clay shooting and more importantly Trap shooting – still to this day he mentors and gives me that push when I need it.

Q What is your preferred discipline(s)?

My preferred disciplines are the Trap disciplines. Olympic Trap still gives me the most buzz, but Universal Trap and ABT I get a lot of enjoyment out of... and I don't mind the odd bit of DTL from time to time! I think you can learn a lot about your shooting from DTL as you've got to be perfect to win and I have the upmost respect for the shooters who are able to put in massive scores week after week.

Q Can you tell us about some of your greatest successes?

For me representing, Great Britain in World Cups at Olympic Trap is still my proudest achievements. Winning the English and British Open ABT in the same year was something

I was very proud of, as was winning the British and UK Championship in Universal Trench. Winning the World Open ABT last year was also something I was pleased to achieve after, being Runner-up the two years previous.

Q Are you planning on taking part in any major competitions this year?

The calendar is filling up rapidly – I'm looking forward to getting the championship season underway with the UK Championship at Fauxdeglia in April, before heading out to Slovenia in June for the European Universal Trap Championship, then the English Open Olympic Trap at East Yorkshire are a few that spring to mind.

Q Do you have any specific goals you would like to achieve this year?

I'd like to make the England Olympic Trap team again this year, the Home International is at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground and it's bound to make for a great event! I'd also love to find my best form at the European or World Universal Trap

Championship as I feel on my day I've a fair chance but the level of competition is so high you have to be at your best and peak at the right time.

Q Do you have any sponsors you would like to mention?

Thank you to Caesar Guerini who I've now been with for ten years. Without question it's the best gun I've shot (and trust me I've tried a few) it suits my style of shooting and is so reliable. I'd also like to thank Shooting Star/RC Cartridges as I've been shooting them for three years now – my scores and consistency have crept up since using them, they are so smooth and pattern superbly. It certainly seems to be a great gun and cartridge combination. Finally a massive thank you to Phil Sanders and the team at Park Farm Shooting Ground as their help and support over the past few years has been incredible. Anyone who hasn't shot there should really pay them a visit.

Q Is there anything else you would like to add?

I would like to say a big thank you to all the shooting grounds who continue to invest and put on great shoots year after year.

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