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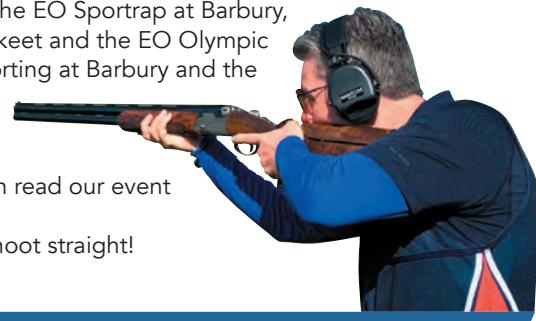
It's hard to believe that we are almost half the way through 2023 already, spring is behind us, and we look forward to a glorious summer ahead – fingers crossed!

Our championship season is well and truly upon us, and we've already held the EO All Round and the EO ESK, both at Nottingham & District Gun Club, thank you to Carl and his team for running two great events. Congratulations to Tony Coulstock as the High Gun of the EO All Round winning outright and to Martin Walmsley as the EO ESK High Gun, shooting faultlessly to win a 3-way shoot-off without dropping a single target!

We also attended our first major Sporting championship during May, the English Open Sporting at Eriswell Lodge, but at the time of writing we hadn't completed the event so a full report will follow in the July issue. We also returned to the Northern Shooting Show in May, with our Clayline giving the opportunity to try clay shooting for the first time under the expert tuition of our qualified Instructors, and I'd like to thank the team for their enthusiasm in sharing our fantastic sport with so many people.

June is an incredibly busy month for us with the EO Sportrap at Barbury, the DTL Weekend at Bywell, the EO Olympic Skeet and the EO Olympic Trap both at East Yorkshire, the EO FITASC Sporting at Barbury and the EO ABT at NCSC. July also sees the return of the World Sporting at E J Churchills from the 1-8th with teams from around the globe descending upon Buckinghamshire and you can read our event preview on page 25.

Wherever you are shooting, good luck and shoot straight!
Iain Parker // Chief Executive



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CLUBHOUSE NEWS

REMINDER: VISITOR'S SHOTGUN PERMIT

As we gear up for our upcoming international events, we want to remind all participants that if you're planning to travel into the UK with your gun, you must obtain a permit in advance. This paperwork is crucial and must include a passport photo and details of your gun licence.

ICSI OLYMPIC SKEET WORKSHOP

Members of the ICSI attended an Olympic Skeet workshop given by Frank Miller at the East Yorkshire Target Centre near Beverley.

Frank, who is a GB OSK Team Member and regularly coaches OSK, introduced the Institute members to the processes of coaching Olympic Skeet.

The delivery was of excellent quality and the information supplied, in handout format, being of informative and appropriate level to non and Olympic Skeet shooters.

Furthermore Frank's explanations and demonstrations during the classroom session were informative.

On Range Coaching took the same model as the classroom. Everyone participated in shooting Olympic Skeet Stations demonstrated by Frank, then all workshop attendees participated, under the watchful eye of Frank, who coached excellently, answering any questions that were highlighted.

This Workshop shows the ability of the Institute Clay Shooting Instructors in updating, transferring and sharing knowledge in all areas of Coaching, irrespective of discipline shot.

Please note that the application process for permits can take a minimum of eight weeks, and additional time for postage should be factored in. We don't want anyone to miss out on the excitement of our events due to not getting their permit in time. To ensure a smooth and hassle-free experience, we strongly urge all shooters to apply for their permits well in advance. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to this important requirement, and we look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events. Let's make it a memorable shooting season!

For additional guidance on the Visitor's Permit application process, please visit our webpage cpsa.co.uk/visitors-shotgun-permits



SAFETY OFFICER COURSES

Congratulations to all those who successfully completed their Safety Officer courses in Guernsey and Devon recently! Check out our full range of courses on page 10 or visit our website cpsa.co.uk/courses for more information and to book on.





THE GWCT WELSH GAME FAIR SET TO RETURN TO VAYNOL ESTATE THIS AUTUMN

Following the success of the inaugural GWCT Welsh Game Fair last year which welcomed 10,000 visitors, organisers have announced that the event is set to return to Vaynol Estate in Gwynedd, North Wales on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 September 2023.

As well as showcasing fishing, clay shooting, gundogs, game cookery, falconry, horses and hounds, rural crafts, food and drink, visitors were

treated to a wide range of attractions. Displays, live debates, shopping at hundreds of trade stands and family entertainment, all with a countryside theme. The event was also an important fundraiser for the Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), a charity that conducts vital research into Wales' most vulnerable species such as woodcock and sea trout. For more information, visit: welshgamefair.org

REGIONAL & COUNTY LEVIES

Recently a few members have asked about levies. Most regions and counties organise shoots to help select teams but also to raise funds in the form of levies. These levies are usually around £2 or £3 per shooter taking part as per rule 1.4 – 'Any levies applied by County or Regional Committees for their official championship shoots must be paid by all entrants irrespective of whether they reside within the County or Region.'

The money raised from the levies is used for many things including examples of the below:

- Trophies, medals and badges for winners of the regional or county shoot.
- Youth or Ladies days
- Help subsidise entry for team members into regional/major events

Please note that county and regional committees are made up of volunteers and they are not paid positions.

In regard to the CPSA we do not take levies unless the event is a selection shoot or a Major/Minor competition.

Any levies taken at an England Team event go towards sending the team to the Home International and World events. Levies for Major and Minors shoots help to run the event and supply any trophies/medals/badges.

RIGBY ENGRAVER KAREN WALLACE WINS THE CARTIER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Renowned London gunmaker, John Rigby & Co, is proud to announce that their talented engraver, Karen Wallace, has won the prestigious Jacques Cartier Award for Excellence, presented at the 2023 Goldsmiths' Craftsmanship and Design Awards. Karen entered a Rigby bolt action rifle magazine floor plate that she had made, which was beautifully carved with scrollwork.

The Cartier Award for Excellence is a national award that recognises exceptional craftsmanship and artistry in jewellery making and other related fields. Independent jewellers and artisans from around the world are invited to submit their work for consideration. Out of all the gold medal winners, only one piece is selected as the winner of Cartier excellence. This award has been presented for 65 years, but it has only been awarded 43 times, as it is only given if there is a clear winner that meets the highest standards of excellence.

Karen Wallace's winning entry is particularly noteworthy because it is the only time that someone has won with an item that is not made from gold nor silver. It is also the only gun engraving or anything related to gunmaking that has ever won the award. Karen's beautiful scrollwork on the Rigby bolt action rifle magazine floor plate impressed the judges with its exceptional quality and attention to detail.



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

EAST KENT MASONIC CLAY SHOOTERS SUPPORT MEDWAY HOSPITAL

On 20 April Assistant Provincial Grand Master Richard Wingatt, Roger Wilkes Secretary and Bernie Connolly Chairman from the Provincial Clay Shooting Team visited the cold cot that the members of the East Kent Masonic Clay Shooting Team had donated to the charity Abigail's Footsteps at the Bereavement Suite at Medway Maritime Hospital.

They were greeted by members of the charity and bereavement team and said "It is one thing to be able to fund-raise and donate a cold cot but it is indeed very special to see it in place and to understand the back-story of why it is important and how it helps bereaved parents."

This cold cot and the private suite allows parents time to spend with their child that has suffered an infant mortality, and on hearing the back case of the need for these facilities become a startling reality.

Roger Wilkes, who is also the Hon. Secretary of the National Masonic Clay Shooting Society said "Today is a very special day to see and understand the outstanding work that both Abigail's Footsteps and the Bereavement Team undertake. It is both a sad and sobering thought as to why it is needed and we as members of the East Kent Masonic Clay Shooting Team and the Province of East Kent are immensely proud to help where we can"

Both Abigail's Footsteps and the Hospital Bereavement Team rely heavily on charitable giving in providing this service to help those in need and paid tribute for the donation of the Cold Cot.

Below: Roger Wilkes, Yvonne Morrison, Lead Specialist Bereavement Midwife, Richard Wingatt, Alison Herron, Director of Midwifery and Bernie Connolly.



SOUTHDOWN GUN ROOM

Southdown Gun Club is one of the most established shooting grounds in the UK, situated in the heart of the beautiful Southdowns National Park. Although well known for its award-winning targets and facilities, the on-site gun room is not so widely known, despite being one of the largest on range gun shops in the Southeast.

The Southdown Gun Room has its own try a gun range, adjacent to the shop with five great targets to test any used shotgun on display, plus one of the largest demonstrator gun selections, including



the new Blaser F3, Beretta DT11 Sporter, Yildiz Pro Black to mention a few.

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We truly believe that you should try a gun before buying and where better to do this than at a fully equipped gun shop on a shooting range, take advantage of our professional team and make sure that your new gun is a good fit, to give you the best performance in the field or on the range.

MEL SEARLE 1948-2023

We are very sad to hear of the passing of Mel Searle on Saturday 1 April through a heart attack. Mel was an active grassroots CPSA member for over 23 years who frequently shot at High Tower Shooting Ground. He was an avid member of Sutton Bridge GC, the East of England Shooting Ground, and the Priory Clay Target Centre. Both Sporting Targets and Kibworth Shooting Ground featured in his trips away from Lincolnshire and Mel will be sadly missed by his many shooting friends. Our condolences to all of his family and friends.

IAN COLEY SPORTING OPEN DAY SATURDAY 24 JUNE

Join Ian Coley Sporting for their only Open Day of the year on Saturday 24 June! Come and see their expanded Shop and entirely new café and event space, as well as their extended Sporting layout.

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There will be a chance to win a Beretta A300 worth £1,250 in a 'Dirty Dozen Challenge' plus lots of other fun competitions and a Have-A-Go stand

for new shooters. Free entry. Hot food available. For more information visit iancoley.co.uk or call 01242 870391.



ASHCOMBE'S BROWNING SPORTING MASTERS

The South West's newest 77-acre sporting competition ground, Ashcombe, is honoured to be hosting the legendary Browning Masters as it makes its long-awaited return over 120 targets amidst Devonshire terrain and topography.

This sporting event can be shot on either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th June with the participants able to use any make, model or brand of shotgun that they choose. Browning have generously given six prize guns whilst thousands of cartridges from Eley complete the prize fund. This exciting, exclusive shoot is set to be fun for shooters of all abilities. There are no wad restrictions on this event.

You can enter via our website in the "Book Competitions" section, through email info@ashcombeshootingground.co.uk or by calling Ashcombe - 01626 866766. Ashcombe is situated just off the M5 at Exeter, on Colley Lane (B3192), near Dawlish, EX7 0QD. What 3 Words address: breezy/flagged/strapping.

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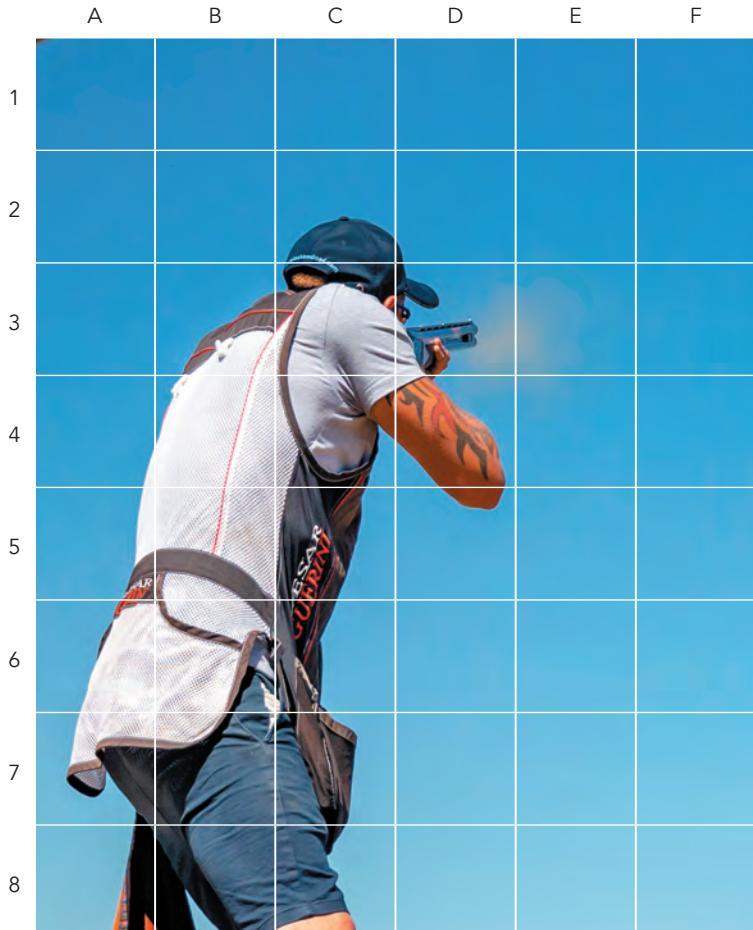
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— Andy Blay



FIND THE CLAY

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

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a winner will be chosen using a random generator (in the case of multiple correct entries) and will be contacted by Fellows Media or the Witham Group with information on how to claim your prize.

Congratulations to last month's find the clay winner, Paul Jackson, who correctly located the missing clay in section B3 of the grid.



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

- 3 Jun Nottingham & District GC
- 8 Jun East Yorkshire CSG

● 9 Oct NCSC

- 26 Aug Nottingham & District GC

ADV SGSS

- 12 Jun TRAP, NCSC
- 15 Jul ESK, Nottingham & District GC
- 31 Jul ESK, NCSC

£99/£149

Referee Course

Available in each of the four domestic disciplines of English Sporting, English Skeet, Down the Line and Automatic Ball Trap, these one-day courses will equip you with the general and discipline specific rules to enable you to referee regularly at registered competitions or national championships and, with it, the assurance that what you are calling

£75/£125 (combined course)

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.

- 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

REGIONS

● The North

● West Midlands

● East Midlands

● South West

● South East

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

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higher L1 Instructor and L2 Coaching qualifications.

- 19 Jun Nottingham & District GC
- 8 July Bisley GC
- 17 Aug East Yorkshire CSG
- 21 Aug Northampton SG
- 26 Aug South West Shooting School
- 28 Aug Millrude 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.

- 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

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

- 14 Jun ESK/Trap CDW at Northampton SG
- 11-13 Sep ESK 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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2023 DOWN THE LINE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

DTL England Team Manager **David Amos** reports back from the 14th World DTL South Africa at Valley Target Clay Club 29-31 March 2023.

Preceding the DTL World Championships, the National South African Championships took place including the Mackintosh International Postal Championship for The Mackintosh Trophy where all of the Home Countries, South Africa, New Zealand, and Australia participated. Started in 1939 (introduced by Mr Donald Mackintosh a world renown shooter) it includes all the classes; the perpetual trophy is held in Australia and the event is administrated there too. In England we submit the scores from the Home Internationals. The disciplines included Handicap-by-Distance, Singles, Double Rise, and DTL gave the England shooters a good start.

Geoff Howlett won the 200 DTL High Gun Outright 299/291 and after a shoot-off with the New Zealand Junior James Sullivan went on to win the Silver in the ATA Singles. It went one full round then sudden death – halfway through the next round James dropped a target.

Paul Chaplow shot a cracking 100

singles on the first day which gave him a podium finish along with three other medals including the ATA Trap Overall High Gun (1687).

Other medals were won by Nigel Chapman (three medals), David Amos, (three medals) and other podium finishes included New Cap Lorrie Greening, Matt Sheldrake, Emma Holden, Cliff Pain, Clive Weston, and Ted Philipson (Universal Trap and Double Trap).

The DTL World Championship Opening Ceremony took place on Tuesday 28 March 2023 which started with a walk past with the National Anthems being played followed by drinks and some classy Canapes.

The start of the Worlds greeted the shooters with a real

hard blowy day affecting the targets all over the place, although bright sunshine which gave good visibility but on many targets it was the luck of the draw.

Somebody always does well whatever the condition and it came from the Welsh Shooter Elis Jones on 100/297 who took high gun on the day followed by Aussie Ashley Hawker on 296 then England Captain Nigel Chapman on 100/295.

We had one other shooter in the 90s that of Geoff Howlett on 291.

We had another six shooters from England in the 280 plus (including the Junior Toby Hurstfield) and the rest just a little off the pace.





All the teams were determined to do well the next day and get a podium place. The England individuals were also just a little off the pace. Tomorrow is another day as they say and we were expecting higher scores.

The next day the weather was just the same high winds and sunshine.

Elis Jones (Wales Senior) did one better shooting a lovely 100/298, Ashley Hawker (Australia Senior) posted a 100/297 and Mathew Stokes (Australia Senior) 100/298 kept the pressure on Elis, John Sleightholme 99/295 (Australia Vet) equalled Nigel Chapman's score after two days for Veteran.

The main Ladies contention after the second day was Bella Woolcock (Australia) 575, Jessica Robb (Australia) 568 and England Emma Holden 561. On the super final day Emma posted a 50/148 which kept her in touch with the silver, Bella was way out in front and Jessica was hanging in. In the last 25 targets the Bronze and Silver changed hands three times and up until the last target they were both equal and then Jessica missed her last target which gave Emma the Silver for the Worlds Ladies Runner-up title.

In Nigel Chapman's case on the Super Final day his rival, John Sleightholme and himself matched target to target until John dropped a half target which opened the door for Nigel in the last 25 targets and that's all it needed to clear up winning by a half the Worlds Veteran title. On the day Nigel shot 100/299 and John 100/298. Both finals kept us sitting on the edge of our seats. Nigel also won silver in AA class.

At the end of the second day the England Teams had done really well, the Ladies won the Bronze missing out by two points to take silver which included two new caps in the team.



All the teams were determined to do well

The Super Vets missed the Gold by two points to take silver and the Vets took bronze. The Senior team came fourth a few points away from the Bronze. Best scores in the Seniors came from Geoff Howlett (569) and David Weston (866).

Welsh shooter Elis Jones carried on where he left off and shot a fabulous 100/300 to win the World Title on the last day, eight points away from his closet rival.

David Baugh from Wales won the World Super Vets title to keep Elis company. I should also mention the World Junior was won by Cody Brady with a total 869 (plus Gold in the team event) from Northern Ireland and Roan Quinn (853) the Bronze for Ireland (plus silver in the Team event. The Seniors team Runner-up title was also won by Ireland.

I would like the shooters to give themselves a pat on the back for putting themselves in these nerve-racking experiences on the world stage in this prestigious event especially the new caps. Team events are very stressful, in the sense, if a target or point drops

things start to play on your mind then it can go either way. All the team went the right way!

I would like to thank the England DTL Team and the dozen individuals who participated in the DTL Worlds, always very smartly turned out and who went about their business in a very professional way, accepting the targets as they were.

There was a real shortage of ammunition owing to the war in the Ukraine and transport costs to South Africa which led to the majority of shooters not shooting with their preferred shell. Despite the ammunition situation as well as a number of the England Team being 'under the weather' the Team performed really well (that old British bulldog approach)!

Lastly thank you to the Governing body CTSASA (Sarah Kalell) and the Valley Clay Target Club (Rob Henderson and Crew) for running a terrific shoot and the kindness they offered, nothing was too much trouble and when something did go wrong it was corrected immediately and thank you to Jenny in the office for not losings her rag as I pestered her constantly for printing, updates etc.

It's a long way to go but the DTL Worlds are coming home next year to Bywell.





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ENGLISH OPEN ALL ROUND

Matt Kidd reports on the first CPSA championship of the year.

Over the weekend of the 15-16 April, nearly 100 shooters from around the UK descended on the Nottingham & District Gun Club for the English Open All Round Event; the first CPSA Championship of 2023.

Under grey skies and in bitter, challenging wind conditions, squads made their way around the ground shooting 25 clays on each of the four disciplines, starting with Single Barrel DTL, moving to ABT, English Skeet and finishing on English Sporting – the latter comprising four varied stands. Each of the disciplines was to be shot in accordance with their technical rules and regulations.

In the event of a tie, each of the discipline's titles were placed into a hat with one drawn at random to decide which discipline would host the shoot-off. On this occasion, Single Barrel DTL was selected, which ground owner Carl Smith described as: "Possibly the easiest of the four disciplines, with targets being much closer than ABT, for example, however the most challenging as you only get one shot which is all the more difficult when under shoot-off pressure." In the end no shoot offs for places were required though, with the top spots unchallenged and ties for any other places worked out via default.

Claiming overall High Gun for the weekend was Tony Coulstock (AA) who set a score of 98/100 on the Saturday, three



clays ahead of the next competitors, Richard King (AA) and Joakim Smith (AA). Veteran Champion Graham Elkington (AA) shot 92/100, with second place awarded to Russ Hufton (AA) with 90/100 and third place to Graham Stirzaker (AA) 88/100.

Lady High Gun, Junior Champion and A Class top shot Lucy Earl (A) set a score of 93/100, followed by Emma Stacey (AA) 88/100 and Olivia

Stevens (B*) 84/100. Colt Champion Brae Taylor (C*) shot 74/100 and Disabled Sitting Champion Paul Bailey (B*) set a score of 76/100. B Class and C Class winners were Richard Croft (87/100) and Simon Scott (83/100) respectively.

To round up the day, Carl presented the awards to all in attendance and thanked the staff for their hard work in hosting another great event.

Left: Veteran High Gun Graham Elkington (right) with ground owner Carl Smith.

2023 ENGLISH OPEN ALL ROUND RESULTS

		Score		Score	
High Gun	Tony Coulstock	98	Junior 1st	Lucy Earl	93
Runner Up	Richard King	95	2nd	Olivia Stevens	84
3rd	Joakim Smith	95	3rd	Jake Davis	76
AA Class 1st	Richard King	95	Veterans 1st	Graham Elkington	92
A Class 1st	Lucy Earl	93	2nd	Russ Hufton	90
B Class 1st	Richard Croft	87	3rd	Graham Stirzaker	88
C Class 1st	Simon Scott	83	Colts 1st	Brae Taylor	74
Ladies 1st	Lucy Earl	93	Disabled		
2nd	Emma Stacey	88	Sitting 1st	Paul Bailey	76
3rd	Olivia Stevens	84			



ENGLISH OPEN ENGLISH SKEET

The three-day English Open English Skeet finished in style. **Matt Kidd** reports.

Nottingham and District Gun Club hosted a second English Open event for the month on 28-30 April, this time for English Skeet. A total of 205 individuals from all over the UK, including ten teams of parent and child duos, set impressive scores over the weekend, requiring four shoot-offs to finalise the places.

Despite dramatically different weather conditions impacting the high and low birds across layouts 2, 3, 4 and 5 over the three days – gentle breeze to strong, gusty winds and even a torrential downpour – a clay or two was the only separating factor across top performers across all classes and categories.

Claiming the overall High Gun after a nerve-wracking shoot off and sudden death with Peter Chester (100 +25 +3) in front of a considerable crowd, was Martin Walmsley (100 +25 +4) who didn't miss a clay



throughout the competition. Overall third place was claimed by Daren Parsons who dropped one clay in the shoot off. The three other shoot-offs were for the Veteran High Gun, Veteran Third and Junior High Gun, won by Pat Dickman (99 +25), Niel Orr (98 + 25) and Henry Lungley (98 + 24) respectively.

First place in the other categories were as follows: AA Class, Phil Gray (100); A Class, Marcus Lord (99); B Class, David Friel (98); C Class, Ryan Fisher (95); Super Veteran, Martin Brister (98); Lady, Becky Kibble (99); Colt, Charlie Faulds (97); Disabled Sitting, Ben Woodham (92); Disabled Standing, James Centre (86); Parent and Child, Marcus & Ethan Lord (197); and Side-By-Side, Harry Peart (94).

During the prize ceremony Carl Smith, Nottingham and District Gun Club owner heralded the staff who hosted nearly 50 squads across the three days without

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		Score
High Gun	Martin Walmsley	100 (+25)(+4)
Runner Up	Pete Chester	100 (+25)(+3)
3rd	Daren Parsons	100 (+24)
AA Class 1st	Phil Gray	100
A Class 1st	Marcus Lord	99
B Class 1st	David Friel	98
C Class 1st	Ryan Fisher	95
Ladies 1st	Becky Kibble	99
2nd	Becky King	98
3rd	Isabel Cartlidge	97
Junior 1st	Henry Lungley	98 (+24)
2nd	Ethan Lord	98 (+23)
3rd	Isabel Cartlidge	97
Veterans 1st	Pat Dickman	99 (+25)
2nd	Allen Warren	99 (+24)
3rd	Neil Orr	98 (+25)
Super Veteran 1st	Martin Brister	98
2nd	Gary Thatcher	97 CB
3rd	Bob Tucker	97
Colt 1st	Charlie Faulds	97
2nd	Mathew Huxtable	94
3rd	Joe Turner	91
Disabled Sitting 1st	Ben Woodham	92
Disabled Standing 1st	James Centre	86
Shooters Trophy	Sarah Love	95
Side By Side	Harry Peart	94
Parent & Child	Marcus & Ethan Lord	197
5 Person Team	Morton Mavericks	487

Left: Overall High Gun Martin Walmsley.

ever running behind time, all the while being welcoming and highly accommodating. A view which was clearly shared by all entrants. He later went on to award the special Shooter's Trophy to Sarah Love for her endearing attitude, before presenting the final team trophies to Morton Mavericks – who shot a combined score of 487/500 – and the historic championship cup to Martin Walmsley.



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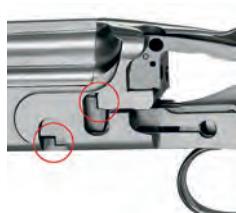
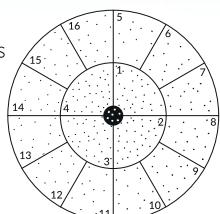


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INTERNATIONAL

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

The fourth ISSF World Cup of the season was hosted in Cairo, Egypt, with approximately 347 competitors from 56 countries.

Skeet Women: Emily Hibbs. Skeet Men Ben Llewellyn, Mitchell Brooker-Smith, Freddie Killander. RPO Arran Eccleston, Hugh Westminster.

Trap Women: Lucy Hall, Georgina Roberts, Ellie Seward. RPO Abbey Ling.

Trap Men Nathan Hales, Aaron Heading, Matt Coward-Holley. RPO Steve Scott.

The Skeet and Trap events were each shot over three days, 50 targets on days one and two, 25 targets and finals on day three, so the athletes were in for a long haul.

Emily Hibbs was up with

the leaders lying equal second at the end of day two in the Skeet Women. A 21ex25 on the last day put her out of running for the finals matches by one target, but still finishing well ahead of some very good competition.

Mitchell Brooker-Smith, shooting a Beretta DT11/RC4 combination, put in a mammoth performance in the Skeet Men. There was one place left for the Ranking Matches (RM), and Mitchell won a six-way shoot-off for that one place, including beating team-mate, Freddie Killander World Ranking (WR) 17. and multi medallist Tammaro Cassandro (ITA).

Shooting up against some big hitters in his RM, including WR number two, Gabriele Rossetti, Federico Gil (ARG) WR nine. Mitchell overhauled Erik Watndal (NOR) by the tenth target, to finish the first Rule Out stage three targets ahead of Erik, going on to finish the RM just

one target behind Federico Gil (ARG).

I asked Michell how he felt about the result: "I don't think I could have found form at a better time, I was RPO in the other three Senior events this year, this was the first one where I had the opportunity to make the finals matches, so I was very, very pleased." A great result, so much so, he now has a WR of 22!

At the end of day two in the Trap Women, Lucy Hall and Georgina Roberts were lying equal eighth on 89ex100 but missed out on a chance for the finals by one target and two targets respectively.

Nathan Hales was the leading GBR shooter in

the Trap Men on 94ex100 on equal 12th, with Matt Coward-Holley on 89ex100. Nathan posted a 'straight' on the last day, enough to put him in the mix of a RM in fourth place.

Nathan did not make the MM, but he did push Hubert Olejnik (SVK) into fourth place.

It is some time since GBR has returned

from a World Cup or Championship

emptyhanded, however, there were still some good performances with two qualifying for their RM and some GBR team members only just off the pace.

See websites for international results and videos:
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DTL WEEKEND PREVIEW

To be held at Bywell Shooting Ground in Northumberland on 9 - 11 June.

The DTL Weekend is set to return to Bywell Shooting Ground in Northumberland for the 13th consecutive year on the 9-11 June. As always, the three-day event comprises three separate championships – the Sponsored DTL, the Dougall Memorial, and the CPSA English Open DTL.

The Dougall Memorial is the jewel in the event's crown. It was first contested in 1896 and has been shot every year since, with the exceptions of 1915-1920 and 1941-1945 owing to the World Wars. It is dedicated to Mr I D Dougall, the first chairman of the IBSA (Inanimate Bird Shooting Association – the precursor to the CPSA) and was first won by Frank Izzard. At 127 years old it is probably the oldest championship in clay shooting.

The defending Dougall Memorial champion is Welsh shooter Elis Jones, who shot a superb 100/299 last year and is surely in form having just won the World DTL championship in South Africa! Elis' score was matched by Rob Hall from East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground to win the English Open DTL and who commented at the time that

"Everything went well – really well! Bywell have put on a great shoot, the targets were very good and consistent" – high praise indeed considering the challenging weather conditions last year!

The Sponsored day on the Friday was perhaps the most challenging weather conditions but that didn't stop Paul Chaplow BEM putting in the perfect 100/300 to take the title. We can't wait to see what this year's weekend will bring – three perfect 100/300 perhaps and the defending champions holding onto their titles?

The Henry family have been running Bywell for over 40 years now and always look forward to hosting DTL shooters from around the country. "We are delighted to be hosting the DTL Weekend for the 13th straight year and look forward to welcoming DTL shooters

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Above: Defending English Open Champion Rob Hall.

from near and far for this great event."

Eley Hawk will return as a headline sponsor of the event, contributing to the prize fund and donating over 14,000 cartridges for distribution amongst the winners of across all three championships. Eley's Carl Weller tells us: "We are very proud to be sponsoring the DTL Weekend at Bywell Shooting Ground for 2023. It is a highly competitive event that we have been pleased to support for a number of years now, and as leading manufacturer of fine shotgun cartridges for clay shooting, it is one we always look forward to."

We also welcome back CPSA Headline Sponsor SWATCOM who are supporting the English Open DTL with Active8 Headsets for the winners of Super Veterans, Veterans,

Ladies, Juniors and Colts. Keith Foote, MD of Swatcom distributor Talking Headsets UK, tells us: "The 2023 season is definitely up and running and we look forward to sponsoring our fourth CPSA Championship, the English Open DTL. I'd like to wish all those competing over the whole weekend the very best of luck."

This year we are delighted to welcome Browning, Schöffel and Le Chameau as headline sponsors and Browning have added a little extra spice to the weekend with the Browning Challenge, with five Browning shotguns up for grabs for the highest combined scores over the three days across the classes AA – C and Overall High Gun. You must shoot all three days though to qualify!"



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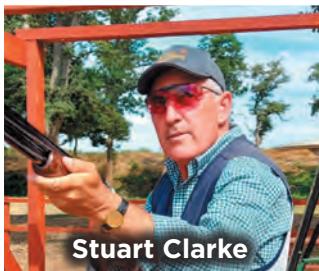
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PREVIEW WORLD ENGLISH SPORTING & SPORTRAP CHAMPIONSHIP

A preview of the event at E.J. Churchill on 1-8 July.

We are very excited and looking forward to the return of the CPSA/NSCA World English Sporting and Sportrap Championships at E.J. Churchill Shooting Ground from the 1-8 July. This true festival of shooting comprises four separate competitions, the main 200 target World English Sporting, a 100 target World Sportrap, a 100 target Registered Super Sporting and an open 100 target Prelim English Sporting, plus various additional pool shoots to really maximise your shooting enjoyment during the eight-day event.

The last time it was held here was in 2021 when Mark Winser was crowned World Champion, after winning a nail-biting super final in front of a hushed crowd against the backdrop of the stunning stately home and grounds of West Wycombe Park, home of Sir Edward Dashwood.

In 2022 the championship returned to the US at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Texas and once again an English Shooter prevailed with a remarkable display of shooting from George Digweed MBE to take the title and also secure his legendary status having won a world championship in each of the last 5 decades!

Can the Americans cross the pond and take the title back home with them or will 2023 be a hattrick of English wins?



We caught up with E.J. Churchill Managing Director Rob Fenwick who told us "We are delighted to be hosting this fabulous event again. There is a huge amount of work to bring it all together to produce an event worthy of being a World Championship and we can't wait to see everybody in July!"

CPSA CEO Iain Parker added "The last World Sporting in England in 2021 was just coming out of the pandemic and travel restrictions were still in place, so we are really pleased to see teams from the US and Europe returning this year to ensure a truly international festival of shooting".

We welcome back our generous headline sponsors Swatcom, Eley, and Gamebore and welcome for the first time as a World Championship sponsors, Browning, B&P, Schöffel & Le Chameau. We spoke to David Stapley, UK Country Manager from Browning who are contributing to the prize fund with cash and guns

"We are extremely proud to be headline sponsors for all of the CPSA Sporting championships for the next three years, but the World Sporting is the icing on the cake, and we are very much looking forward to being there".

We are also grateful to our additional event sponsors, Fine Shooting Accessories (FSA), Teague Precision Chokes and Promatic whose contribution all adds up to producing a magnificent week of shooting with an estimated prize fund of £100,000 comprising cash and sponsored prizes including guns, headsets, cartridges and more!"



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Teamwork makes the DREAM WORK

Clay shooting is not all about individual competitions, and as **Anita North** explains, you can represent your county or even your country in team competitions which provide great camaraderie and friendly rivalry.



Are you new to the world of clay shooting or are you a seasoned competitor? Have you ever thought about competing in this individual sport as part of a team? If you love clay shooting and relish the challenge of competing then why not do so as part of a team, particularly if it means you might have the opportunity to represent your country? For competitors in all pursuits there can be few greater feelings than stepping into the arena on behalf of a nation.

But let's look at walking before we can run. With summer around the corner the competition season is well under way so take a look at the calendar on the CPSA website to see the array of events from March to October. As well as a number of Championships, there are a whole host of competitions on the calendar – all in addition to the regular Registered competitions, Game Fairs, and Shooting Shows. There is a big world of competing out there available in clay shooting.

As well as the championships across the array of disciplines, there are also selection shoots – for England teams as well as for GB teams.

The CPSA selects teams for Home Internationals across seven disciplines – ABT, DTL, English Skeet, English Sporting, FITASC Sporting, Olympic Skeet and Olympic Trap.

ARE YOU TEMPTED?

Interested in finding out more? Then check out the England team section on the CPSA website for lots of helpful information for each of the seven disciplines. Under each discipline you will find a brief introduction, fixtures and team information, selection process, selection event dates, and a link to a form if you wish to be considered for selection (this normally needs to be completed immediately after the last of any selection events) as well as team manager information. You will also find a link to the England team handbook, so you can check out eligibility, get an insight into what you can expect and what's expected of you as a team member.

England teams are mainly for Home International matches, although certain disciplines also have teams for other competitions including DTL and English Sporting, Olympic Skeet, and Olympic Trap.

Home International teams range from 17 to 40 members, depending on discipline. All teams include Seniors (nine to 20 members), Ladies, Juniors, Veterans, and Super Veterans members (two to five members in each category). In fact in Olympic Trap there is a Seniors/Open category instead of a Seniors category, which means that Ladies, Juniors, Veterans, or Super Veterans may qualify for this team.

AGE CATEGORIES FOR HOME INTERNATIONALS

Junior

Under 21 on 1 January in the year of competition.

Veteran

55 or over on 1 January in the year of competition.

Super Veteran

65 or over on 1 January in the year of competition.

A GREAT HONOUR

Each discipline has its own Home International, usually scheduled between July and September.

Generally a Home International is a one or two-day competition with a banquet and prize ceremony that includes official formal team photo moments. Often seen as a friendly competition, as with other sports, there is great pride and rivalry between teams at a Home International.

Each year the Home International moves around the home nations, so this year there are Home International matches taking place in England, Ireland, Jersey, Northern Ireland and Wales, depending on discipline.

I am the team manager for the England OT Team for the Home International and for me it is a great honour. It made me incredibly proud when I got my first England cap for DTL and I have also represented England in OT. Writing this at the beginning of April, I'm really looking forward to the first selection shoot for this year's team at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground. And the Home International will be at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, home territory for me so an additional bonus.

So go on, give it a go and you never know where it might lead. Get competing this year and get team ready. 



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YOUR COUNTY NEEDS YOU TOO

There are county championships in a variety of disciplines as well as national inter-county competitions in DTL, English Skeet, English Sporting, ABT and All Round (check out the calendar on the CPSA website). Check out your local County Committee for more information on how to qualify. You never know, you could compete for your county at the National Intercounty Championships in September or October.

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SWATCOM

SWATCOM's **Keith Foote** tells us about recent developments at the hearing protection specialists.

Q Tell us a little bit about what SWATCOM have been up to over the last 12 months, and what we can look forward to in the future?

In the last year we have recruited more staff to enable us to provide even more support for our customers. We have also been refurbishing our demonstration and training facilities to help educate customers and resellers, which is proving really beneficial.

As for products themselves, the Active8 headset continues to sell very well and we have been developing

some new colour options that will hopefully be released soon. The SC20 electronic generic in-ear headset is being given a new casing and is undergoing an upgrade that will improve audio quality. This model – along with the SC21 passive in-ear model – is now available with custom-fit ear moulds and we are now offering the custom fit impression service ourselves.

Our Slim Passive earmuffs have been given a major upgrade with the

popular GEL earseals fitted as standard, along with a new leather headband, and a vibrant pink cup colour option has been added for those that might want it. The MIL-Spec manufacturing quality and technology is proving it's worth investing in, and we continue to deliver high quality products with great customer care which is of paramount importance to

us and helps to maintain SWATCOM as a leading brand in this industry.

Q Why do you think people should invest in SWATCOM devices?

We can develop bespoke solutions unique to people or offer out-of-the-box solutions that will increase safety and efficiency immediately. As manufacturers, we need to offer users a great choice of hearing protection so that people wear them all the time that they are exposed to harmful levels of noise. Our hearing protection range is expanding rapidly, so we can offer over-ear and in-ear, passive and electronic etc., with different models offering different features and benefits. Users can therefore consider what it is they need and find a product best suited to them.

We also like to support charities and fund-raising events whenever possible.



Q What have been the greatest achievements of SWATCOM shooters/ambassadors in clay shooting in the last 12 months?

Our shooters have had some great results in the past year that we are very proud of – all the way from grass roots to the international stage – however it would be wrong of me to single out only a few names. We are very committed to supporting shooters at all levels within this industry, and feel it is important that we support young, up-and-coming shooters and not just the elite. We also like to support charities and fund-raising events whenever possible. Young shooters and people who are new to the sport need access to equipment, tuition and the opportunity to shoot, which all costs money and takes a lot of time, which can be hard on parents. I hope the funds and products we put into this sport help the youngsters have a greater chance of participating and most of all enjoying the time they spend shooting.

Q Who are the ones to watch and in what events in 2023?

Charlie Faulds is now teaching his dad a few tricks so must be one to watch out for in the sporting disciplines, and Chip Smith seems to get better with age at FITASC, while Steve Scott is right at the pinnacle of the International Olympic Trap discipline.

Q What CPSA events are you supporting with a physical presence in 2023?

We are headline sponsors of, and our team will be on hand to let people try our range of hearing protection at: English Open Sportrap, Barbury Shooting School, 2-4 June; DTL Weekend, Bywell Shooting Ground, 9-11 June; World English Sporting, E.J. Churchill Shooting Ground, 3-8 July; and the ESP British Open, Garlands Shooting Ground, 30 August – 3 September. 

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YOUNG SHOTS

by Kallum Burrell



HOW I GOT STARTED IN SHOOTING

My dad had always gone on local farm game shoots when I was younger. However, I didn't fire my first shot until I was 12 when I got a 20-bore side-by-side for Christmas, I had one shot and it scared me so much I didn't shoot again till I was 14. At this point I would shoot maybe 150 clays per year until I was nearly 16, which is when I had my first shooting lesson at Grimsthorpe Shooting Ground. After a few lessons with Mark Russell they decided to sponsor me for a year. Mark helped me to set the foundations of my shooting within that first year and helped me find my love for FITASC.

I always remember one of the first questions Mark asked was how far I wanted to go with my shooting, I simply answered I want to compete, he

predicted that within 3 years I would shoot for England; after 18 months I had been selected for the first time for Texas in 2022. When Mark decided he could no longer help me advance any further we found John Lee and had my first lesson with him in April 2021. After only 2 lessons with John I had won the junior and overall Sportrap world title in July 2021 and went on to get 2 England caps in 2022.

Finally, that brings us this year, now I have moved coaches again to Ed Solomons to focus more time into FITASC, which so far seems to have worked as I have made the GB squad for the European championships in Cyprus, only narrowly missing out on a team place.



MY GUN & CARTRIDGES

My gun: I use a 32" Browning 725 ProSport and have done for about two and a half years, I have recently changed my chokes to match with both being half choke, only changing for any clays that are on the end of the barrels.

My cartridges: I use Gamebore white gold 7.5s.





MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENTS

I have two standouts, Winning the world Sporttrap at E.J. Churchills in 2021, a shoot at which I had only set my sites on top 5 in juniors as it was my first time attending a world championships and at the time having only shot around 500 Sporttrap before. However, getting my first England Cap in San Antonio last year is another favourite moment and I am looking forward to hopefully getting more caps this year.



MY SUPPORT: COACHES & SPONSORSHIP

I am very fortunate to have an amazing support team around me, including my sponsors, coach and of course friends and family. I am extremely grateful to be sponsored by Gamebore cartridges, Ascenso tyres, Irelands farm machinery and East of England SG. Irelands (A new sponsor this year) have kindly provided me with some Swazi clothing to wear when it's cold or raining. Gamebore (Another new addition) are synonymous with the champions of our sport, so to now be a part of the team is a true honour and having the ability to be able to use the same great cartridges in almost any country I could ever need to, I'm sure is going to be a fantastic advantage. Ascenso tyres are now my longest-term sponsors and support me with the costs of entry fees and some travel costs. Finally, East of England SG

provide me with free practice as and when I get the opportunity to get there between university, work and competitions.

Of course, there are my two main 'sponsors', my fantastic parents who drive me up and down the country, week-in, week-out and have to listen to me talk about nothing but shooting and football during every car journey.

I am now coached by Ed Solomons, having only been working together for three months I've only had two lessons with Ed, but for anyone who has seen me shoot in the early months of the season will know the improvement to my discipline on targets, having made some big changes on certain targets there are still a few struggles, but they are being ironed out week by week, ready for the championships season to begin.

MY FAVOURITE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND WHY?

My favourite piece of equipment is something I've only started using this season and is something that many shooters will likely not have used. Earphones. I have started wearing earphones under my ear defenders and listening to music whilst I am shooting, aiding me in maintaining my focus whilst I am in a stand and giving me something to focus on between pairs to prevent my thoughts from wandering and I'm sure this will be something I continue using for the foreseeable future.




THREE DESERT ISLAND ESSENTIALS
Gym equipment, music and my dogs

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CHALLENGING PIECE OF EQUIPMENT

Standing at 6'6" finding a gun off the shelf to fit was a near impossibility, therefore I've had a custom-made stock from Midland Gun Services since I got my 725 about 2.5 years ago. This has a large monte carlo and measures at 16" long. I also had to have adjustments made to my trigger plate to allow the trigger to sit further forwards.

A MASTER OF HIS ART



Having won his first FITASC World Champs in 1988, **John Bidwell** has just added another title to his CV. He tells **Matt Kidd** all about his remarkable career.

It's unlikely that John Bidwell needs an introduction to readers of this magazine and the multi-world champion clay shot is now at the ripe age of 75, "nearly 76," he adds, laughing. John grew up in the quaint, most eastern town of England, Lowestoft and he is recognised globally as a true legend of the sport. He is also the owner of the prestigious High Lodge Shooting Ground, and an eternally charming gentleman to boot.

The septuagenarian's latest accolade, a few sleeps ago now, puts him in a realm of which he is on his own. For at the World FITASC Championships in Italy last year, John won the Master's Category (age 74 and over) to add to his Men's (under 55), Senior (age 55-65), and Veteran (age 65-73) titles, making him the only person to have won a world title in each. While there are a couple who could equal this feat – George Digweed MBE and Richard Faulds MBE, for example – it will be at least another decade away for anyone to match it, if ever. It's very rare for someone to be at the top of the tree for so long.

STILL IN THE GAME

It is true the Master's Category is a long way from as hotly contested as the others. "You have to live long enough for starters," John exclaims, "and most people have packed it up by my age!" But don't let that fool you into thinking John's performance is suffering – far from it. Apart from struggling to get from stand to stand (for anyone in their 70s operations aren't uncommon and neither are health scares), his standard of shooting and fluid "move, mount, shoot" style mirrors his younger, world-beating self. As such, he frequently challenges the top of the table despite many opponents being 50 years or more his junior.

For example, when we caught up, he had just completed a round at the notoriously difficult Essex Gun Masters at Hepworth Hall with 170/200, and a

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score of 95/100 in the English Open Compak at Orston. "I'd only been up and about for three weeks properly after an op on a major artery eight weeks ago, let alone picked up a gun much, so I've been pretty happy with my recent performances, particularly at Hepworth Hall. I've not been far off the very top of the table elsewhere, and had I been a little luckier on a couple of stands I probably would have been," he admits.

THE DRIVE TO SUCCEED

"Nowadays the drive isn't there like it was, my eyesight isn't improving, I certainly don't train anymore, and I like to enjoy it and shoot with friends and people I have never met. Back in the day as soon as I got on the plane for a

world champs, I was there to win, and so determined it really wasn't fun. In fact, I used to want to win so much I'd often be sick from adrenaline the night before the final day. You can't relax too much if you really want to win, and any champion telling you they didn't feel any pressure is likely to be telling fibs."

Despite making history in Italy, it wasn't John's most memorable title. "Don't get me wrong, all titles are special for their own reasons," he explains: "My first world FITASC title in 1988, in Australia, obviously stands out and meant a hell of a lot, but the title in 1996 is what claims the top spot for me. It was at Goodwood, on home soil, and the biggest championships ever held, I believe. I was 47 at the time, and would be the oldest ever to have won it. On the penultimate day I shot a 24/25, dropping my last bird and was in fourth or fifth place. I'd won the year before in Madrid, but I really, really wanted to win this one, and would need to shoot 50/50 on the final day. Something no one thought possible. I was physically sick in the morning but felt fine. And when I had only four targets left, two doubles, having hit them all prior, a marshal came up to me and said I'd won it. Elated, my concentration was also broken, but despite that I went on to hit them all, finishing five targets clear of the field, which was unbelievable and something I will never forget," smiles John. ▶





LUCK OF THE DRAW

Then there have been the ones that went the other way, of course, that are equally memorable. "I remember the last target of one European Champs some years ago which was a rabbit target, and as I pulled the trigger it took a crazy bounce completely over my shot. We've all had it, but why then?" he laughs. "This meant I came second – indeed, I have never actually won a Euros despite many close calls. On another occasion I went to shoot my final targets in the late afternoon and dropped the last five due to being directly into a giant ball of orange that was the setting sun. I've been on

layouts where the weather has changed completely. In Australia we went from flat calm and sunny to torrential rain and wind pushing the targets almost 20 yards further away – next minute it was still again.

In Dubai, it's common the conditions are still in the morning and blowing hard come the afternoon. One time I even shot in a sandstorm!"

SECRETS OF SUCCESS

No doubt readers will want to know John's secrets to success and a very long career?

"Attitude," he replies. "First and foremost, you the right attitude. For example, when you say 'pull', truly mean it. Focus on hitting the clay with everything you have. Staying fit

I am confident I could still win another major somewhere!

and healthy is also important; do eat the right things. And finally, be consistent. You need to be able to do the same thing over, and over, and over again. That's essentially what my technique of move, mount, shoot does, the principals are the same for every target I shoot. Eventually, with consistency you'll get it right. You won't win them all, but you'll win a lot more."

With that in mind, reducing variables in your equipment will help too, according to John. His gun of choice for everything is a Blaser F3 with 30" barrels. If you didn't know, he was actually heavily involved with the design and development of the gun, a popular choice today. "For the majority of targets I think 30 inch barrels are perfect. It keeps the gun easier to move and faster to handle than one with longer barrels, and if you can get your shot string in the right place it is still ample for the longer targets. Choke wise, I use half and half for almost everything. I might swap the top choke for a 3/4 for a really long target, but usually I just put a bigger cartridge in, such as a no 6.5. As for cartridges I have been very lucky to have been supported by Eley Hawk for such a long time – I feel like part of the furniture. I use VIP Sporting for everything, predominantly 28g No 8s, as they are incredibly consistent, offer good clay breaks, and suit me and my gun very well."

FOR THE LOVE OF SHOOTING

As we chatted John reminisced about the good old days and learning from fascinating characters like Wally Sykes, Brian Wells, Barry Simpson and Paddy Howe. He also told me about creating his own style of shooting without ever having a lesson, setting up High Lodge, and much more, but there was one burning question left to ask. Is it time for retirement?

"I guess, sometimes you have to say enough is enough," John ponders, "I have sciatica all the time, a collapsed spine, a few other issues and I don't enjoy pain. So I'm not sure how long I'll carry on with it, to be honest. I don't think I'll compete at the worlds again this year. However," John adds with a typical spark of enthusiasm, "my technique is good enough, and so long as I can see the targets and luck is on my side, I am confident I could still win another major somewhere!"

I don't know about you, but I would love to see that.

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100 YEARS OF BISLEY GUN CLUB

We look back at the history of Bisley Gun Club, thought to be the oldest continuing member's club in the country.

In 1923 the club was founded by Major Northover, who had been to Germany and seen aircraft gunners being trained to hit moving targets by practising on clays. The Major was a fine shot at Skeet and DTL and a regular member of the English International team.

The club started with one simple pull-back trap at Bisley Camp which developed into

 The club has a large and impressive collection of trophies including the impressive Silver Partridge many donated by and in commemoration of past members 

a trap, cocked and released remotely by the puller using a lever positioned behind the shooters and connected to the trap mechanically. As with the button pusher today the puller if it was consistent and quick to respond this made all the difference to experienced shooters and a good one was much respected. The pace was much slower then, competitions were over 20 targets, ten in the morning and ten in the afternoon and dress was more formal, collars, ties and often trilby were the norm. New members had to demonstrate to the Club Secretary that they could shoot safely.

In July 2002 we were required to leave the original clubhouse and move into shared accommodation. A decision was made to build a new clubhouse and in March 2003 the build started under project Manager Bill Logan with magnificent effort of committee/members and non-members with all manner of trade skills, donations of time, money and furniture.

On 2 April 2004 The Read Pavilion was named after Joan and Gilbert Read for their outstanding service and dedication to the club and was officially opened by Mick and John Halfacre, a distinguished shooting family, who were extremely supportive and made a generous donation toward the build.

An International Roll of Honour's board takes pride of place in the clubhouse, a place where many a member aspires to have their name recorded. To date there have been 94 members who have shot for England including 12 Women and three representing Ireland, one for Scotland, one for Wales, and one for Lithuania. Ten men and four women had the additional honour of accepting a Captain's role. Two men and one woman as England Manager, and three with international honours for ABT, three for Helice, and one for OT.

The club has a large and impressive collection of trophies including the impressive Silver Partridge, many donated by and in commemoration of past members. A sad but poignant tradition is also held on the death of members where a gun salute is held in memorial.

MEMBERS OF NOTE

Harry Robert Northover OBE MC (Founder) – Designed and built the prototype of a weapon known as the Northover Projector, exhibited to Winston Churchill at 10 Downing Street, who after viewing a demonstration on Hangmoor ranges immediately ordered 10,000 weapons.

John Bodkin Adams – BGC President 1975-1983. General



Above: Group photo with Major Northover Below: The Duke of Edinburgh visited Bisley Gun Club in 1954.





Below inset: Bisley Gun Club Secretary Joan Read. **Right inset:** Bill Logan.

Practitioner, convicted fraudster and suspected serial killer. Between 1946 and 1956, 163 of his patients died while in comas in addition 310 patients had left Adams money or items in their wills. Struck off the medical register in 1957, reinstated 1961. (Source Wikipedia/Daily Express 25/05/2013).

Joan Read – who had the role of Secretary for many years into her 80s. A fine lady who had worked at Bletchley Park during the war and was responsible for continuing the values and traditions of a bygone era into the club, a stickler for rules and taking no nonsense!

We have had many fantastic members and

visitors over the years with great characters and memories that are entrenched in the very fabric of Bisley Gun Club. A member's only club that has, regrettably, come to the end of its tenure after 100 years. It is indeed the end of an era in which emotion cannot come into play even though, arguably, sport in part is made up of that very thing. Please be assured that the level of passion and commitment given by committee members past and present cannot be underestimated nor the responsibility felt as custodians of this fine club. We thank you for your support. 



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WILLIAM (BILL) LOGAN

Bill (Mr Bisley) has made an outstanding contribution to Bisley Gun Club. In attending the club for well over 40 years of which there can be no dispute, he has been one of its main supporting pillars. Driven by the generous donation from the committee back in 1997 towards him making the DTL World Championships in Australia he has paid that support back tenfold by:

- Taking active role in the committee for many years including chairman and vice president
- Along with other members, contributed financially with an interest free loan to the club in order to build this clubhouse
- Volunteered and acted as project manager which entailed working many long hours, meeting architects, obtaining estimates, liaising with other club members assisting with plumbing, electrics, fitting kitchen, supplying furniture and alarm system and contributing to works with painting and decorating and finishing off the building. All this on top of making his own living, his wife Marjorie tiled the kitchen and toilets, made curtains, kept the place tidy and made the Mosaic above the door
- He was instrumental in recognising the generous financial contribution of the Halfacre family in organising the appreciation plaque
- Responsible for the role of Honour board which we all aspire to be on



- Organised several maintenance working parties often ending up being a party of One!

ACHEIVEMENTS

- He was the first person at Bisley GC to shoot 100/100 straights. 20 July 2003 shot a 300
- Has shot for England 27 times, England Captain six times
- Competed in three World and seven European DTL teams
- Won World championships Team Gold in Vets team in South Africa
- Has also won Gold and Silver medals in European championships
- Won the English Open in 1994
- Dougall Memorial Vets title in 2010 and numerous others
- Came back from injury 2019 after being told he couldn't shoot again

Everyone who knows Bill knows how much DTL, this club and its history means to him – both he and his sons Billy and Danny developed their shooting careers here, all three reaching the pinnacle of their sport and shooting for their country an achievement of which he is very proud of.



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K80 Supersport – Left handed, 32" Barrels, Titanium chokes & hanger, Flat tapered rib with centre tramline, Symphony styled engraved action with strong lockup design, Adjustable trigger, Pistol grip stock with adjustable comb for fine tuning gun fit, Well figured dark wood, Very stable balance.

Used Benelli £1,850



828U Sport Black Edition – 30" Barrels, Extended multi chokes, Carbon fibre effect rib, Blued action with modern striking look, Detachable trigger group, 15" Pistol grip stock with fully adjustable dimensions with comprehensive shim system, As new condition.

Used Beretta £2,650



692 X-Trap – 32" Barrels, Extended multi chokes, Fully adjustable high rib for increased vision, Beavertail forend, Adjustable trigger, Glove grip styled stock with fully adjustable comb, Very highly figured wood, Very good condition.

Used Beretta £4,995



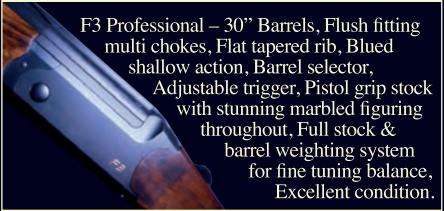
DT10 L Grade Sport – 32" Barrels, Flush fitting multi chokes, Flat tapered rib, Deep scroll engraved action with strong lockup design, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Detachable trigger group for easy maintenance, Pistol grip stock with well figured wood, Handles very well, Great condition.

Used Beretta £9,250



DT11 EELL Trap – 29 1/2" Barrels, Flat parallel rib, Deep scroll engraved sideplates action for timeless look, Detachable trigger group for easy maintenance, Adjustable trigger, Palm swell for added comfort, 15" Pistol grip stock with deep figured honey coloured wood, As new condition.

Used Blaser £4,995



F3 Professional – 30" Barrels, Flush fitting multi chokes, Flat tapered rib, Blued shallow action, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Pistol grip stock with stunning marbled figuring throughout, Full stock & barrel weighting system for fine tuning balance, Excellent condition.

Used Browning £3,795



B725 Grade 5 Sport – Left handed, 32" Barrels, Flush fitting multi chokes, Flat tapered rib with centre tramline, Deep scroll engraved action, Palm swell for added comfort, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Pistol grip stock with highly figured wood, Very good condition.

Used Perazzi £6,995



High Tech – 31 1/2" Barrels, Teague multi choked, Reverse tapered rib, Beavertail forend for extra control, Nickel & blued action for modern look, Detachable trigger group, Palm swell, Adjustable Monte-Carlo stock with deeply figured dark wood, Excellent condition.

Used Perazzi £6,850



MX2005 Trap – 31 1/2" Barrels, Choked multi & full, Fully adjustable 25mm high rib for increased vision, Beavertail forend, Blued action with fine scroll engraving, Detachable trigger for easy maintenance, Adjustable Monte-Carlo stock with dark well figured wood, Great condition.

Unfired Perazzi £9,750



High Tech S – 32" Barrels, Fixed choke 3/8 & 5/8, Reverse tapered rib with centre tramline, Slim beavertail forend, Blued action with contrasting red script, Barrel selector, 14 3/4" Pistol grip stock with well figured wood, Handles fantastically.

Used Krieghoff £14,500



K80 Super Sport – 32" Barrels, Titanium chokes & hanger, Step tapered rib with centre tramline, Centre bead, Blued action with Black Super Scroll engraving with deep scroll pattern and Gold border, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Adjustable comb for fine tuning gun fit, Deeply figured dark wood, Very good condition.

New Krieghoff £17,350



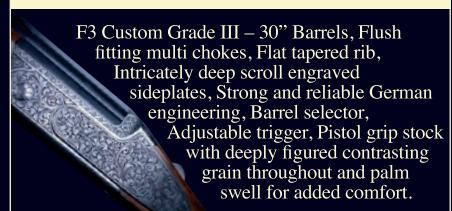
K80 Pro Rib – 32" Barrels, Titanium multi chokes & hanger, Adjustable rib for altering point of impact, Eleganza engraved action, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Adjustable Monte-Carlo stock with upgraded wood, Stable handling, Superb build quality.

New Krieghoff £31,500



K80 Parcours X – 32" Barrels, Multi choke, Steel shot proofed, Flat tapered rib with centre tramline, Beautiful Renaissance scroll with colour case hardening and Gold inlay, Adjustable trigger, Pistol grip stock with stunning figuring throughout, Adjustable comb for altering gun fit, Handles effortlessly.

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F3 Custom Grade III – 30" Barrels, Flush fitting multi chokes, Flat tapered rib, Intricately deep scroll engraved sideplates, Strong and reliable German engineering, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Pistol grip stock with deeply figured contrasting grain throughout and palm swell for added comfort.

BREAKING CLAYS?

BREAKING RECORDS!

We take a look at **Jim Sheffield's** record-breaking shooting career.

Jim Sheffield is a keen DTL shot who has set a number of records at the DTL Weekend over the years. Nowadays, he spends most of his time abroad enjoying a warmer climate but will be returning to the UK in June to take part in the event, which will be held at Bywell Shooting Ground on 9-11 May. In the run up to the event we took a look at Jim's successful shooting history.

During 57 years as a CPSA member Jim has set a total of five shooting records – a sixth to be confirmed – specialising in Skeet and Trap disciplines. His first success story took place on 1 June 1963, when he won not only the Colts category of the English Open DTL Championship, but the Overall Championship itself, at the age of just 16 years and five days.

On the other end of the spectrum, in June of 2017 Jim returned to the English Open DTL Championship at the age of 70 to win the Veterans Champion title. This places Jim as not only the



Jim has won the English Open English Skeet Championship four times.

youngest person ever to win the overall event, but also the only person ever to also win the Colts and Veterans Championship titles... 54 years between the first and last occurrences. It is also suspected that Jim is the oldest person ever to win the Veterans title at the English Open DTL Championship.

In 1963, at the age of 16, Jim pipped all of Britain's best domestic and Olympic shooters to the post when he won both the English Open DTL Championship and the English Open English Skeet Championship in the same year.

Jim has won the English Open English Skeet Championship four times – in 1963, 1974, 1975, and 1976 – recording himself as the first (and only) person to win the event four times, three of those consecutively after a shoot-off in each instance.

It's clear to see that Jim has amassed a fair amount of shooting records in his time, but he's also built up quite the shooting CV in several different disciplines. The most notable being time as a member of the GB Olympic Skeet team from 1981-1993. During this time he won several Grand Prix Championships, competed in many out of country championships and even won a Silver Medal at the 1982 Commonwealth Games.

Now coaching abroad on an individual basis, we are delighted to welcome Jim back to competitive shooting at the DTL Weekend at the beginning of June. Who knows – perhaps another record-breaking shoot is on the cards? 



Above: Jim with the English Open Down the Line trophy, along with badges and medals from his career.

Left: Jim in 1963 after winning the English Open DTL Championship at the age of 16.



GUY DIXON PHOTOGRAPHY

This month **Mark Brown** tested the Beretta DT11 Sport with 31" barrel spec which was launched in late 2022.

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The DT11 is at the mid to top end of the Beretta range and naturally has a price tag that reflects this but as with so many things in life you get what you pay for and it is obvious that the DT11 is a very high quality sporting shotgun.

Opening the ABS case the first thing you notice is the styling of this gun, it is simple yet modern and everything that I would personally look for in a competition gun. The action sports a very simple design with nothing more than the Beretta name and a modern swirl motif in blue with the DT11 name to match it. I really like this blue accent it sets it apart from many other guns in the

market and whilst we have seen something similar on the 694, it does mean that you are in no doubt that you are shooting a Beretta. The underside of the action boasts the Beretta logo and DT11 again in blue and also two highly polished chrome

panels that really bring the gun to life. At the muzzle end of the barrels there is "Sport 31" emblazoned on the bottom barrel to note that you do indeed have a limited edition model.

As expected at this price point the woodwork is

MAKE/MODEL	Beretta DT11 Sport 31
GAUGE	12g
ACTION	Over & Under
CHAMBER	3" 76mm
BARREL LENGTH	31"
CHOKES	Multi choke (5 HP Optima supplied)
STOCK ADJUSTMENT	Adjustable comb stock (standard available and also left and right handed versions of each)
STOCK FINISH	Traditional hand oil finish
WEIGHT	8lb 9oz

exceptional and there is always something about the walnut that Beretta have access to and this gun was no different, the figuring was beautiful on both the stock and fore-end and matched perfectly – a joy to look at.

Another feature of this gun that must be mentioned is the action. Another engineering masterpiece that utilises the cross-locking bolt typically found on the SO range of guns and it's also wide and very square and actually wider than that found on its predecessor the DT10. For me, it is this design that makes the gun stand out so much from so many other guns that I have tested and reviewed.

The other notable features are the three lock branded ABS case, matt finish barrels, steelium bore profile and 5 x colour coded HP Optima chokes.

On to shooting, we took the DT11 Sport 31 to a simulated day and whilst I normally wouldn't shoot an "unknown quantity" at this kind of event the DT11 felt so good in my hands/ shoulder that I decided to risk it. I'm glad that I did. The gun is so well balanced and so easy to move that I honestly struggled to miss, I have never shot so many targets in a row without missing and the compliments from the chaps behind me about my shooting were for once enjoyable. I have always had a natural affinity for Beretta shotguns but this was something else and for me the 31" barrels offered the perfect balance and weight and it was effortless to shoot and I enjoyed every moment of it. As I've said before on these pages you do occasionally come across a gun that you really connect with and it is very special when that happens.

To check whether or not my

performance on the flurries was a fluke or not I took the DT11 for a round of sporting at Ian Coley's and found it again to be a joy to shoot and the gun had a big impact on what I would normally expect to score even making the more challenging targets a doddle. The 31" barrels give the gun a weight of just over 8lbs 9oz which is not the heaviest of guns that we have tested but it moves very well and handled all targets very well indeed.

There is very little that I could fault about the DT11, it offers the perfect mix of sporting aesthetics and design, perfect balance and poise and effortless handling. If you add to the mix that it comes from one of the most well-known gun brands in the world and its re-sale or trade in value will always be high then you have to wonder why everyone doesn't own one but then the price tag does limit that for some shooters.

The only slightly negative thing that I could find on the gun was that the edge of the metal was very sharp at the bottom of the barrel selector on the safety catch but I'm sure this was just unique to this test gun.

The DT11 Sport 31 is a great gun it offers all that you will need in a competition gun and a whole lot more, if you are lucky enough to be in the market for a gun at this price point you will not be disappointed with this model and I would urge you to look at one and add it to your shortlist. ☺

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TOP TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR SCORING

Steps you can take to move up the places this summer, by **Anita North**.

A few months ago I wrote about some of the training activities to do in the quieter, colder winter months including physical preparation, gun mount practice and even giving a shooting simulator a try. Now the clay shooting season is in full swing, what can you do to help get the most out of your clay shooting experience? Well here goes with some things to give you food for thought.

Focus on the process rather than the outcome.

TIP 1 **MAKE A PLAN**
It's a well-known adage that failing to plan is planning to fail. I am a believer in this. Your plan is your roadmap, the satnav route, so that you know where you are going and have your destination in sight. What are your goals/ambitions with your shooting? Are you looking to compete or are you just looking to improve your shooting skills to help maximise your enjoyment of the sport? Whatever your goals are record them, whether with a pen and paper or digitally, it doesn't matter. Start with your big goals and then go into details in your plan. For each one of your goals, think carefully about the journey towards it.

How are you going to achieve it? Break it down into bite size pieces that you can work your way through. Be realistic about your resources too in terms of time, energy and funds.

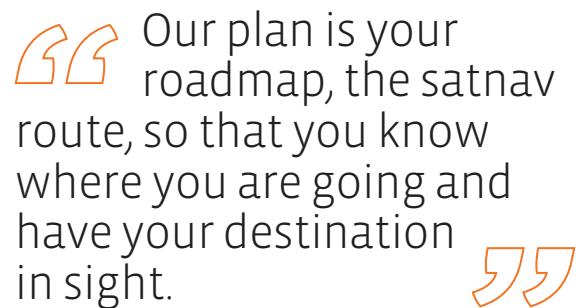
Once you have your plan you can refer back to it and see how you are getting on. If things are taking longer than expected then no problem, you can review it and change it if required. However, you might surprise yourself and discover you are ahead of schedule if you follow the rest of the tips here.

TIP 2 **PRACTICE... WITH PURPOSE**
There are so many things that can form part of your training. But how about when you go out to shoot



clays. If you want to improve your shooting, then get training rather than just pulling the trigger and doing the things you are already good at. Thinking back to those goals you recorded and those bite size pieces, remember each time you go out to shoot there is a specific purpose for the day. When I write about specifics, I am not talking about setting yourself a number of clays to be broken, but rather work on an aspect of your shooting. This might be working on how you determine your pick up point or improving your footwork, or trying certain lens colours in certain conditions. Training time is the perfect time to experiment. Don't be afraid of missing clays – as long as you are working on learning something, then that's a successful outcome.

Some of this training will be working with a coach or instructor on aspects of your shooting. Some of it will be you going out to shoot clays without a coach, perhaps with friends or shooting buddies. I emphasise working **WITH** someone, as it is really important that you understand your shooting process

 Our plan is your roadmap, the satnav route, so that you know where you are going and have your destination in sight.

and your shot routine. A coach will help you, but do work with them –ask questions, discuss things with them, request things that you want to work on. Share your plan and your goals with them and they have more chance of helping you.

TIP 3

FIND YOUR FOCUS

How do you judge a successful training session? Do you count hits or do you look at what you have learnt? I am going to recommend you focus on the process rather than the outcome. Like showing your workings in a maths problem. Get to understand the process – how you prepare so that when you call for the clay you are ready to be on autopilot. Focus on getting to know yourself, the shooter. The most important relationship you will ever have in your sport is with yourself. If you understand what works for you and how you tick as a shooter, you can work on being your best.

You can focus on numbers when it comes to competitions. How you are doing, how the work you are putting in pays on competition day. You can use your competition results, your averages, as part of charting your progress.

TIP 4

WHO ARE YOUR COMPETITORS?

Who do you actually compete against? I would suggest the real competition is not your fellow clay shooters but yourself. Clay shooting is about your journey, so all you can do is strive to be better tomorrow than you were yesterday – that's the real journey. Keep working on all the elements of your own shooting to develop your skills, understand exactly what works best for you and to have a solid and dependable shot routine.

TIP 5

KEEP A JOURNAL

Keep notes of your shooting activities. Each time you go out record relevant information such as the date, venue, weather, discipline, load etc. This is not just about numbers, but it is important to record what you were working on and the outcome and you may see some interesting patterns emerging. In addition, I would encourage you to record three of three different elements:

- Three things you did well
- Three things you learned
- Three things you want to work on

AND FINALLY

The biggest tip I would like to finish on is actually a bit of a reminder for you - enjoy what you do. Remember, we do this sport for the love of it - for the challenge and the accompanying sense of satisfaction. So go on, get out there and have fun. See it, shoot it, enjoy it... and keep learning. 



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5 Mar: DTL NoE Selection, North of England CTC

I would like to thank all the shooters who turned up and the ground for holding the event. There were 51 shooters who turned up to take part. It was good weather conditions but had a chill in the air. The high gun of the shoot was Emma Holden Hardy with the perfect score of 100/300. Cory Doble was close behind with 100/299. John Adams was the highest Veteran with 100/298 closely followed by Eric Atkinson with 100/297. Once again thank you to everyone who turned up.

There are still four more North of England selection shoots to take place. The next one is being held at East Yorkshire on 2 April, then Bywell on 16 April. The penultimate selections are being held at Spennymoor on 28 May and the last shoot where the team will be decided is Penrith on 4 June. The team will consist of ten Seniors, three Ladies, three Veterans, and three Juniors and team members will be selected using their best three scores from the above five selection shoots.

The North of England team will be expected to represent the North region at the English Open DTL at Bywell SG on 11 June. It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that they have entered the English Open as team places will not be reserved. We hope to see as many shooters as possible at the selections. **Emma Holden and Charlotte Kitchen, NOE DTL Team Managers**

29-32 Mar: World DTL Champs, South Africa

Congratulations to all the Northern Shooters who made the England team. Nigel Chapman shot fantastic; he is the World DTL Veteran Champion. Emma Holden Hardy also had an outstanding performance and got the Silver Medal. Congratulation Nigel and Emma for these amazing performances.

2 Apr: DTL NoE Selection, East Yorkshire

The second of the five selections shoots. We would like to thank the ground for holding this shoot for us. The High Gun of the shoot of

Stephen Petch with a score of 100/298 well done Stephen. Paul Turner was close behind with 100/297. The highest Veteran was David Priestman with a 295. The highest Junior was Cory Doble with a 295. Charlotte Kitchen was the highest lady with a 287. Well done to all the shooters who went and competed.

16 Apr: North of England Selection, Bywell

The third selection shoot. We would like to thank the ground for holding this shoot for us. Nigel Chapman was still in top form and was the High Gun of the shoot with a score of 297. Again, Paul Turner was the Runner-up only one point behind High Gun with a 296. Allan Henry was the highest Veteran with a score of 293. The highest Lady was Emma Holden Hardy. Sadly, we had no Juniors or Colts attend this shoot this time. We look forward to seeing you at the next two selections which will be held at Spennymoor and Penrith.

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8-9 Apr: England and North region Sporting Selection Shoot, Oak Lodge

It was a good turnout of nearly 200 competitors for the first north region sporting selection and England team selection. The course was challenging however there were no silly targets, just a clever selection of distance and tricky angles. It was enough to catch out many of the top shots who were leaving the stands with bewildered expressions.

Day one saw the better weather, and this was displayed in the scores. Josh Bridges topped the North Region with a great 90ex100, hot on his heels were a couple of 87's from Frank Lowrison and Ross Holmes.

Day two saw the winds pick up, making the already tricky layout more difficult. High Gun for day two was from northern shooter Paul Foster on 86, followed by Paul Fulford on 83, and Jason Housby on 82 which was matched by Phil Rowbottom.

A great shoot, run very smoothly with minimal holdups, well done Oak Lodge and thank you to all the refs and staff. The North of England selection points will be calculated from Josh Bridges' score of 90. **Jason housby**

2 Apr: Northumberland Sporting Championship, Bywell

A nice sunny breezy day provided comfortable conditions in which shooters enjoyed the course. The event ran like clockwork with no breakdowns or issues. Layout one caught a lot of shooters out with a slow right-to-left D target that needed more lead than most initially thought. A great target that woke a lot of competitors up. From there it was all about composure, a couple of fast and long hanging simo pairs on the latter seemed to have caused the other slippages.

Tom Young who is shooting very well took the course in his stride with a 97, pushing local hero Ian Mullarkey into a noble second place with an awesome 95. Ian was top of the Northumberland tree and took the Senior title. Emma Lowrison was the Ladies champion just ten points behind Ian on an 85. Local legend Wes Gray clutched the vets title with 78. Once again, thank you to Bywell and the Henry family for hosting the Championship. **Paul Wheatley**

ABT Team

With our ABT selection shoots done for this year it's time to pick a team for the English Open. The Team that will be representing the Northern Region at the English Open at Bisley Shooting Ground on 24-25 June will be posted on Facebook in due course. Please let me know if you will be attending the English Open unless you have already booked on via the CPSA Championship website, my contact details are below. John Leightley – 07749 783344 or john@leightley.me. Great shooting once again from the Northern Shooters.

News from EYCSG

The 125 Lancs Sportrap held at East Yorkshire had 86 entries with Lancs champion Joe Emmott and lady champ Joanne Atherton. Congratulations to you both.



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1 Apr: Sportrap county Champs

NWSS held the sportrap county championships yet again for us with the 100 target course over four layouts set by Brett Davies.

The towers layout was the one to sort the men out from the boys particularly the simo driven pair off the high towers.

A good turn out from Merseyside leading to some stiff competition for the title.

Jay Smith won the county title with a solid 90 just five clays behind the High Gun. Marie Meadows took the Ladies title and James Southwood the Junior's.



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Double Rise

The West Midlands Area Double Rise was held at East Yorkshire Shooting Ground on 2 April. Ian Roper won the Area title on 88/100, with Tom Waring runner up on 86/100. Ian was also the Veterans Champion. Well done to you both.

Down the Line

The second Down the Line team selection was held at Nottingham & District Gun Club on 9 April. In a battle of the Veterans Ian Roper came out on



Steve Pinch.



Samantha Rhodes.

top on 99/296 followed by Dave Hinchliffe on 98/291, Stuart Haywood on 97/289, Clive Weston on 99/289 and Geoff Smith on 97/288. Tom Waring was the top Senior on 98/291, and Charlie Parkin was the top Lady on 71/204. Well done to all shooters.

Skeet Doubles

The West Midlands Area Skeet Doubles Championship was held at Nottingham on 9 April. Steve Pinch finished third Overall winning the Bronze medal on 94/100 and won the Veterans Gold medal. In the Ladies, Samantha Rhodes finished Runner-up on 89/100 winning the Silver Medal. Well done to you both. At the Mick Tomlinson Memorial shoot on 23 April held at Nottingham & District Gun Club, Samantha Rhodes won the Ladies class on 93/100.

Sporting

The second Sporting team selection was held at Kegworth on 16 April. Shot over 13 stands of varying targets, top of the Seniors was Steve Ogden and Mark Fisher both on 92/100, followed by Tom Weston and Tristan Yeomans on 91/100, James Roe 89/100 and Grenville Bromfield on 86/100. Top of the Veterans was Andrew Roe and

or you can go directly to sites.cpsa.co.uk/cheshire. You will also find your scores on this page and the Catton Hall results have already been published here.

As for the shoot itself, I can't really comment due to unforeseen circumstances which prevented me from attending. However, by all accounts it was a terrific shoot with over 160 competitors so congratulations to all the staff at Catton Hall for their hard work in enabling this.

Some notable scores were put in by Scott Barnett 97, Nick Beavis 97, and Sam Ward 93, who has just moved into the County. There were also some good scores from the Vets, Andy Jones 91, Neil Waterman 87, Mike Holland 87, and Guy Robinson 87. Whilst for the Ladies, Lara Dale who has also just moved into the County and switched from Skeet to Sporting put in a brilliant 89, and finally Junior Ed Morris with a tidy 87. There were also some good scores from B and C Class shooters which were above their averages so keep up the good work. Nigel Lane ESP Team Manager.

Steve Hurt both on 83/100 followed by Iain Platts and Steve Varney on 81/100. In Juniors/Colts Jake Davis was the top scorer on 74/100 followed by Jack Feerick-Twigg on 73/100 followed by Vinie Spencer on 59/100. Well done to Jake Davis on being selected for the GB FITASC Team/Squad for the European Championships at Limassol, Cyprus.

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 sites.cpsa.co.uk/derbyshire

Anyone with any News, Results etc for the website, Pull! or Facebook please contact Geoff Flint on 07778639691 or email geoffflint@rocketmail.com or derbycpsa1@rocketmail.com or any of the shoot reps.

Diary Dates

4 Jun	Skeet County Champs, Doveridge
9-10 Jun	Sporting Team sel, Orston SG
24 Jun	WM Area/IC Helice/ ZZ, Rugby
25 Jun	Skeet Team sel, Nottingham GC
25 Jun	WM Area DTL, Holmes Chapel

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11 Mar: Ladies CSL, Catton Hall

We were blessed with good weather for the first shoot of this season. It was a challenging course with a good variety of targets. In first place was Sarah Ledwidge with 56, second place Jan Dixon on 44, and third place Nicola Booth with 46.

11 Mar: CPSA Annual Awards

The ceremony featured several Cheshire shooters. Congratulations to Lucy Earl for winning Emerging Shooter of the year, she was also Runner-up for Shot of the year. Toby Hurstfield was Runner-up for Young Shot of the year, and Cheshire committee were Runner-up for Committee of the year. Well done to you all.


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In county, Ian Coleys, despite getting some mixed reviews for the first spring/summer shoots it was another massive entry for the 5 April 100 ESP, Joe Hemmings 95 for first in AA, Martyn Harris shot a targets only 89 in A and in C third Joanna Knapman 78. 19 April 100 SSP, Alan Bullock 89 ran away with B and in C a county 1-2-3 clean sweep Ben Malecki 83, Dave Probert 82, and Andrew McWhirter 80, would add the rider that in Super Sporting these classifications are still in need of time to correct themselves. Westfield, again massive entries at our busiest registered sporting ground, 7 April 100ESP, Nick Portlock 95 for High Gun, in B Sam Townsend 85 for second and in C another well done to Joanne Knapman whose 74 saw another third placing. 16 April in A Class second Tim James 93, and third Ivan Reid 91. On 30 April in A first Doug Pinnegar 92 joint second Luke Russell and another big score from Tim James 91, in B third for Trevor Carr 84 Gloucester 100ESK. 23 April second Overall Clifford Gardner 97 and third Mark Powell 95.

Out and about, Gunsite 100ESP 9 April in B Class Ben Malecki shot 90 to win B followed closely by Spencer Chard 89. Barby 12 April High Gun on 95 Rob Wise, Oxfordshire 14 April in A second Martin Ferret 83. Hangmanstone 100ESP 23 April, in AA Joe Hemmings third 94, in A Class its another 91 from Ivan Reid and in B Sam Townsend second with his second 85 of the month. Somerset 100ESP, Nick Portlock, took High Gun with an outstanding 98 on quite a difficult shoot.

15 Mar: Cheshire CPSA AGM, Catton Hall

The minutes of the last AGM were adopted, and we heard the Chairman's, Secretaries, and Treasurers reports. One minutes silence was held in memory of those we have lost during the last year. They are Miss W Blackburn, Mr D Worthington, Mr T M Hollinshead, Mr M Matthews, Mr F D Thornley, and Mr Gowrie.

There is still much debate over the use of lead shot. New officers and committee members were elected. Firearms regulation is under review. It was announced that Paul Sant and Toby Hurstfield are going to South Africa to compete in the World DTL Championships, we wish them well.

The North West Air Ambulance is our chosen charity. We had the awards presentation to last year's County Champions, and our Chairman appealed for suggestions of new initiatives. We had a raffle to close the evening, with the proceeds going to the Air Ambulance.



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6 Aug SKD, Gloucester entries direct to Paul Tudge
19 Aug STR, Barbury Entries direct to ground
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3 Sep OSK, Gloucester


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Demand for places at some County Championships has meant some members having trouble booking, so we advise members to please book early where possible. To be able to run events, grounds will book first come, first serve. We are very grateful that to accommodate the demand for the FITASC, Steve Lovatt of The Clay Shooting Company has put on an extra day on 10 June at Westfields and hope our members show their support. Details for booking are on the website.

Round up of members news for April

Congratulations to Tom Burns for first place in the French Grand Prix, Junior Olympic Trap Champion 2023, with Tom Betts hot on his heels with second place. In the Olympic Trap Shotgun Series Round 1 at East Yorkshire SG. Thomas Betts took the top Junior spot demonstrating his continued great form.

Mitchell Brooker-Smith was on excellent form at the National Clay Shooting Centre to take first place in Round One of the Shotgun Series Mens Skeet, as well as High Gun in OSK at ▶

Forthcoming Events

11 Jun FITASC, Westfield entries direct to ground
11 Jun ABT, Park Farm entries direct to ground


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the South Wales 2000 SG for the two days running.

In Helice news, Paul Colley took second place in the English Open Helice Championships Veterans section at Invicta Gun Club in Kent.

Amongst our younger members' accomplishments for April worthy of mention, Connor Davies shot a personal best in English Sporting with an 88 at Westfields, never an easy course.

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On 1 April Nick Williamson participated in the FITASC selection shoot at E.J. Churchill at the Swinton estate, as a Super Veteran carding a good 70 on a tough course. Meanwhile at Fauxdeglia Graham Evans bagged a pair of High Gun places in the OT and ABT. At Mickley Hall ESP Phil Hartshorn continued his recent good form with a score in the 80s. At North Wales SG Dave Harley finished second in the Sporttrap.

On 2 April Craig Bebbington put in a solid performance at the DTL in East Yorkshire whilst Alan Ellison took part in the WCTSA DTL selection shoot at Fauxdeglia. A good contingent of Sporting shooters attended Garlands for the registered ESP. Of note was Matthew

Love attaining classification on the day and Paul O'Neill putting in a respectable score as a Veteran.

Also on 2 April the Ranton 100 DTL Clanford Trophy Stage 2 saw a sizeable Shropshire presence

In our first County Championship of the year Tom Burns is our Universal Trench County Champion on 92 with Runner-up, Craig Miles a close 90 behind. Phil Sanders takes the Veteran title with Fiona Reed the top Lady. Thanks to Fauxdeglia for hosting and to all those who took part.

Congratulations to all our above members on their success and good luck to all our members in their own personal shooting goals over the coming season.

and it was great to see all age groups and classes in the county represented at this shoot. Graham Evans led the way as High Gun setting the pace for Jack Shipton who claimed High Gun in Junior class. Trevor Lewis claimed fourth in Vets (well shot Trevor). Alivia Sylvester gained a classification on the day as a Lady Junior. Callum Bailey Hands and David Hughes represented the Colts with David gaining a classification on the day. Well done to all.

On 5 April at Ian Coley Shooting School's ESP, Michael Cyffin-Jones shot a superb 95 to finish joint second with good scores posted by fellow Shropshire shooters David Ward, Paul Stokes, Mark Foster and Robert Bower.

On 7 April at the DTL at Fauxdeglia, the ever-consistent Graham Evans with Andrew Greenstock alongside posted high scores. Well shot both.

The WMSG Brockton pre-season shoot was held on 8 April. Congratulations to Mike Cashmore, picking up the trophy for this curtain raiser to the season. For anybody who has not been to Brockton before, we highly recommend you give it a go. 50 targets every Wednesday evening until 26 July – good targets, great atmosphere, and very scenic. Fibre wads only postcode TF13 6JT.

A busy day in the calendar was 9 April for Shropshire shooters all over the country. Mike Nixon put in an appearance on the Skeet layout at Fauxdeglia Welcome back Mike. Hope this is the first of many future



appearances. Jason Machin carded a score in the high 80's at Grange Farm ESP, Holmes Chapel DTL Graham Evans third in Veterans with Shaun Gardener, Alan Ellison, A Gardener and craig Bebbington all competing. Stephen Trow and Richard North shot well at Kingsley Moor ESP. WM Area Championship Skeet Doubles saw Stu Burgess card an 87 with Julie Burton, Pete Bridger and Jan Dixon all representing the county. Thanks guys.

At Fauxdeglia on 16 April for the DTL, Shropshire shooters Shaun Gardener, Alan Ellison and A Gardener all shot well.

On the same day at then Helice English Championship, Invicta ZZ Kent,

Shropshire was well represented in this event with Malcolm Grant, Alan Rowley and Trevor Lewis all making the long journey to compete. Alan and Malcolm both hit 22 targets with Trevor not far behind. Thanks for flying the flag for the county in this discipline.

Again on 16 April at the English Open All Round, Nottingham, Stu Burgess, Julie Burton and Pete Bridger were competing and all returned good scores. Rugby Universal Trench saw Graham Evans return an impressive 90 to finish fourth in super vets with four super vets finishing in the top six. Westfield ESP saw Richard green classified A on the day with Matthew Love continuing his progress with a good score in the 70's. Further April news on the Facebook page.

involved in the sport – whatever your level or experience, it's welcoming and inclusive. Get in touch with our Ladies reps Kate Poyer and Valerie-Ann Barrow if you're from Staffordshire and would like to get involved.

Adam shot 95 on day one and followed this up with an even better 98 on day two, giving him a winning 193/200.

8 Apr: Ladies CSL, Mickley Hall
Delighted to be supporting The Ladies Clay Shooting League. Thanks to Miles Machin and Kate Poyer for putting on the shoot and good to see so many women from across the region taking part. The LCS League is a great way for women to get

9 Apr: ESK Doubles WM Area Championship, Nottingham & DGC
A terrific win for Martin Walmsley in the Skeet Doubles. Martin had a shaky start, dropping two on the first layout but kept his cool and focus to go on and hit 98. This left him level with Megan Jones and three clear of second placed Neil Orr. Megan ►

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was unable to make a shoot-off leaving Martin to take the High Gun Trophy.

16 Apr: OT BS Shotgun Series

Leah Southall hit a new PB of 114/125 in the first of the Olympic Trap British Shotgun Series and England selection shoots at East Yorkshire SG. Leah was top Junior lady and top lady shooter of the weekend and 13th out of 118 shooters. In the final, Leah had a tough start but hitting 15-straight enabled to take a great Silver behind winner, Hollie Lumsden.



22 Apr: OT Staffs County Championship

Our County Champion for 2023 was Marcus Iddon. His score of 44/50 edged out reigning champion Ian Hull (42). Peter Read was third on 41. Adam Gutteridge was the highest placed Senior with 40/50, matched by Veteran Colin Heathcote.

23 Apr: ESK WM Area Championship

Congratulations David Roling (98ex100) of Warwickshire who took Gold after a shoot-off with Callum Jones. Martin Walmsley and Martin Butcher both hit 97 but lost out in a shoot-off for Bronze to Paul Stokes (Shropshire). Kian Maher took second in Juniors behind Isabel with 96.

28-30 Apr: ESK English Open, Nottingham CSG

Martin Walmsley is the new English Open champion! He nailed one of only four straights of 100 in the whole competition out of 205 shooters. Martin went into the shoot-off, showing nerves of steel to edge out Pete Chester after both had cleared another 25. Kian Maher finished fourth in Juniors.

30 Apr: UT Staffs County, WM Area and Inter-County, Fauxdegla CSC

In the WM Area, Adam Gutteridge once more took Gold and High Gun with 95ex100. This was backed up by Ian Hull and Ray Sutton sharing the Bronze with Craig Miles (H&W). This also gave Ian Hull the Gold in the Veterans.

This then helped Team Staffordshire to take the Inter-Counties title, finishing on 447ex500. Congratulations to Team Manager Ian Hull and his squad of Adam Gutteridge, Richard Lees-Styler, Martin

Osbourne, Ray Sutton, and Darren Wood.

Staffs County Champion was Adam Gutteridge, Veteran was Ian Hull, with Gill Greasley taking the Ladies title.

Staffordshire County, Area and Inter-County Championship Dates

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

12 Jul	SB County Champs, Ranton
9 Jul	OT WM Area & Inter County Champs, Fauxdegla
15-16 Jul	ABT WM Area & Inter County Champs, Garlands
22-23 Jul	FITASC WM Area & Inter County Champs, Westfields
23 Jul	ESP Selection Shoot #7, Kingsley Moor
6 Aug	DTL County Champs, Ranton
9-12 Aug	FITASC County Champs, Mickley Hall
12 Aug	AR County Champs, Doveridge

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With the competition season in full swing now June looks to be a busy month with several County and Area championship events for our membership to enjoy.

First up is the Sportrap County Championship at Cosford on 3 June. The following day is the DTL County Championship at Normanton.

On 24 June Rugby and District Trap Club will be host to the Warwickshire Helice County Championship an event that is also the West Midlands Area and Inter Counties Championship.

There are two other West Midlands Area events in June for our Trap shooters, the Double Rise on 11 June at Ranton and the DTL at Holmes Chapel.

As we move into July the Warwickshire Single Barrel Championship will be held on 2 July at Normanton followed by the All Round on 8-9 July at Northampton, and the Olympic Skeet on 15 July at Cosford.

As always, check with the ground for any late changes before traveling and to

ensure your place on a squad.

Early season success for Warwickshire shooters is already in evidence.

After the winter layoff, Ben Killian tasted success with a Silver medal in the British Shooting Shotgun Series Round 1 held at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground. After making the shoot-offs Ben went through to the Gold/Silver medal match bringing home the Silver, a great achievement in the first event of his domestic and international program.

David Roling enjoyed success in the West Midlands Area ESK Championship at Doveridge in late April. Dave prevailed over fellow Warwickshire competitor Callum Jones in a shoot-off for the Gold and Silver medals. Also in the medals at the ESK were Warwickshire's Alice Marks collecting both ladies silver and Junior Bronze, while Paul Fallon won Gold in the Veteran category.



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1-2 Apr: Beds, Northants and EM FITASC Champs, Sporting Targets

After a full day of rain on Friday there was a lot of surface water around the ground but luckily there was only a few spots of rain during the Saturday with a small cold breeze and overcast so shooting conditions was good.

There were four layouts – Plantation, Embankment, Basin, and Skeet – with a large mixture of targets both in distance and angles using 60, 70, 90mm, battue rabbit and standard. Plantation and Skeet were the harder of the four layouts with some big targets on each.

25 EM shooters came on the first day and Toby Reed was EM leader after day one with 89, close behind was Andrew Clifton on 88 with Peter Simpson and Henry Collins on 86.

Top Beds Shooter was Andrew Clifton on 88, Top Vet Richard Flint 72, and Top Lady Zoe Bruce 52. Top Northants Shooter was Henry Collins on 86, Top Vet Matt Sheppard 84.

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The calm before the storm, a quiet period before our County Championships really pick up, hopefully with a change in the weather for the better... we can live in hope!

9 Apr: Skeet Doubles Champs, Nottingham and District GC

The weather for the County Skeet Doubles was a little duller than the last few days but finally it stayed dry and mild giving everyone a fair chance. Although Skeet Doubles are only shot a few times a year there was a good turn out and everyone was in high spirits. The early squads had the bad light but that didn't deter and some of the highest scores were recorded early.

Yours truly tried to throw down the gauntlet using his wife's semi auto to see how I got on with it, setting the early standard with a solid score that held strong until Doug Moore arrived. Having won this trophy five out of the last six years, Doug was determined to put in his best effort to retain it once again. Doug true to his word posted a good 91/100 and

Sunday, the weather was overcast to start and then the sun came out in the afternoon, there was no breeze. We had 21 EM shooters with Mark Goddard on top with 91, with Junior Harry Dickens 86, and Chris Baker on 85 the next highest EM scores of the day. A total of 46 EM shooters took part.

Results

Bedfordshire (six shooters) – FITASC Champ Andrew Clifton 88, Vet Richard Flint 72, Lady Becky Clifton 76.

Northamptonshire (13 Shooters) – Beds FITASC Champion Henry Collins 86, Runner-up Josh Millar 84, Top Vet Matt Sheppard/Keith Smith 84.

East Midlands Champion Mark Goddard 91, Runner-up Toby Reed 89, Top Veteran Andrew Clifton 88, Top Super Veteran Peter Simpson 86, Top Lady Louise Smith 80, Top Junior Harry Dickens 86.

Bedfordshire Sporting Championship

The County Sporting Championships were held at Sporting Targets on Monday 1 May alongside the Martin Soley Memorial Shoot. Shot over 100 Sporting targets on 13 stands to see who would become County Champion 2023.

claimed once again Lincolnshire High Gun. Congratulations to Liz McGregor White for being Lincs High scoring Lady. Congratulations to all that took part and to the winners – fantastic shooting well done. Thank you as always to Carl, Linda, Kieley and the team at Nottingham and District GC for making the day a success as always.

30 Apr: County UT Championships, East Yorkshire CSG

Arguably the best day we have had so far this year with a gentle breeze but warm and, for once, dry conditions. Perhaps to be expected given the current economic climate, entries for this shoot were a little down on last year with the notable absence of all our younger shooters i.e. anyone who is not a Veteran. Whilst our youngsters may have been missing it was a day where Silver Shotguns ruled, with every entry a Veteran or over, the quality of the field was undeniable with some superb scoring from some of our big names in this discipline. Both John Winn and Steve Parker carded a

This year we had 42 Beds shooters with 20 Seniors, three Ladies, one Junior and 18 vets. David Ferriman took High Gun with a 92, Steve Whinnett was Runner-up with 90, Andrew Clifton and Scott Mann were joint third place with 88. Becky Clifton and Chelsea King tied for joint Ladies High Gun on 85 with Zoe Bruce third on 69. Bert Mason shot a great 88 to take the Veterans title with Paul Burgoine Runner up on 87, with Jim Munday third with 86. Craig Hollick was Junior High Gun on 81. Thanks to you all for shooting the championship.

Martin Soley Memorial Shoot

Martin was a well-known and popular shooter from Bedfordshire, shooting for the County at several events, so it's no surprise that the shoot was well-attended from many shooters, both from Beds and out of the county. Shot at the same time as the County Championship we had a big entry that took on the tricky set of targets arranged by Marc and Vince. Martin Myers drew with Richard Bunning on 94 to get their names on Martins Cup, thanks to all those who came along to remember Martin. See you all next year.



Norman Eaton.



Doug Moore.

lowly 20 (for them) but both still managed to score 90, just one target back from our top scorer, Norman Eaton, whose score of 91 not only secured him the Lincolnshire title but was joint top score overall.

Norman is no stranger to picking up awards, but he took pleasure in receiving this one as this was the first time he had won this particular title. Surprise of the day, not least of all to himself, was John Mansfield's score of 83 which included a 25-straight.

Congratulations to Norman and all those who took part. UT is the most testing of disciplines so well shot all. Thank you to Sean and the team at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground for a well-run event. Stay safe and shoot straight.

Forthcoming Events

- 4 Jun OT, East Yorkshire SG
- 10 Jun ZZ Helice, Rugby & DTC
- 11 Jun ESP, East of England
- 18 Jun SB, The Priory CTC
- 25 Jun DR, East Yorkshire SG
- 7-8 Jul FITASC, Orston SG
- 30 Jul STR, East of England
- 6 Aug Revesby Fair
- 13 Aug DTL, The Priory CTC
- 24 Sep Derek Olivant Memorial, Notts & DGC



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At the time of writing two further Cambridgeshire Championships have taken place. The FITASC Championship took place over the Easter weekend at High Lodge. After a sunny day on the Saturday (an additional day because the Monday was full) the weather took a turn for the worse on the Monday with relentless rain and strong winds. Despite this it was an enjoyable

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shoot with challenging but fair targets. Thanks go to all the team at High Lodge for their work in putting on a successful event. Congratulations to P Gray on winning the Overall Championship with an excellent 99 – shot on the Saturday!

Congratulations also to winners of the category trophies – P Simpson Seniors and Veterans; G Moule Ladies; B Jordan Juniors.

The English Sporting Championship was held at East of England Shooting Ground on Sunday 23 April and attracted a good turnout. Thank you to Simon, Becky, and the rest of the team at the ground for their hard work setting up and running a successful event with some challenging targets.

Congratulations to Glen Spalding on winning the Championship with 85. Glen also wins the AA Class trophy. Congratulations also go to the winners of the category trophies: S Whitwell Senior's and Veterans; G Chamberlain Ladies; H Dickens Junior; M Allen Colt; A Russo A Class; T Floyd B Class; B Jordan C Class.

Thank you to all the shooters for their support at these county events. For the disciplines where there is an Inter-Counties competition later in the year, the teams will be listed on Facebook and the Cambridgeshire CPSA website.



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9 Apr: Olympic Trap, East Yorkshire SG

This was held alongside the regional individual competition in the hope of attracting a greater number of county participants and giving a better competition atmosphere. There was an entry of 28 which is very decent. I am sure everyone had a great time there. Sadly, there were no county shooters in amongst the numbers. The competition was won by a Cambridgeshire shooter with a score of 78.

29-30 Apr: Sportrap Competition

There was a wonderful turnout for this competition on a sunny Bank Holiday weekend with 33 county entrants, 30% up on last year. Jo Smith won the Senior title with the full 50 scored – a lovely display of shooting. Lee Corkram, in his first competition for a while, took the Veteran's category with a score of 45. Louise Smith shot a creditable 37 and took the Ladies' title for the third time in a row. For the first time in a couple of years the Junior title could be awarded. This year to Sonny Bowman. Congratulations and thank you to all those who took part. This discipline is increasing in popularity, and I think it is becoming a popular first competition for those new to shooting.

The competition also held the very first 'If You're In: You May Win' prize draw. The

random number generated was 48. There was no shooter with this score and so the prize of 250 cartridges was awarded to the nearest shooter. Two shooters Jo Smith 50x50 and Scott Harding 46ex50 were the closest and so they will share the prize. Congratulations and thank you to all who took part.

English National Competitions

County shooters have also been enjoying great shooting outside of county competitions. At the English Open All Round at Nottingham and District, on 17 April Jo Smith came third by Default with a lovely score of 96ex100.

Eleven county guns took part in the English Open Skeet competition again held at Nottingham Gun Club. The standard was stratospheric with the winning High Gun only being decided after four shooters took part in a further round of 25 clays and a sudden-death shoot-off. Sadly, none of the county shooters were involved in the tussle for national silverware. Leon Gill was the highest county Senior with 97ex100. Mick Russell was the highest county Veteran with 96 whilst Sonny Bowman was the highest county Junior shooter with 94ex100. Izzy Russell, county Ladies Skeet Champion was the highest Lady shooter with 91. Well Done!

Sorry

I have an apology to make to Keith Alibone. I have previously published that he would be the Team Manager for the All Round

taking the title. The other Juniors competing were Rhys Dixon 57 and William Nicholas 33.

30 Apr: Norfolk ABT Champs, The Priory

One of two county championships held on the same day, at the same ground. The weather conditions were better than forecast, with some warm sunshine and a gentle breeze for most of the day. With 17 Norfolk shooters competing for the ABT titles, the first squad set the pace with Robert Flowers, Richard Gilbert and William Gilbert tied on 47/50. This score remained unbeaten, but Mark Goddard and Jason Mathewson came close scoring 45. This meant a three-way shoot-off for the County Champion title, with Robert and Richard also shooting off for the Veterans title. William held



Dave Gooding & Kyle.



Elise, Will & Richard.

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Now that the competition season has begun, our focus this month is on Regional and County Championships. We wish you all the best, and good luck to everyone competing over the coming months.

9 Apr: East Midlands Region Olympic Trap Championship, East Yorkshire

12 shooters from the region attended this competition. Numbers were down due to a clash with an ABT Selection Shoot but several competitors travelled to attend, including Australian James Willett. He was High Gun of the day with 97. In joint fifth place and taking the Regional Junior title was William Gilbert, 90.

8-10 Apr: Norfolk FITASC Champs

This was held alongside the Suffolk,

Cambs, and Essex champs. Saturday saw the better weather, with rain and gusty winds on Monday making the conditions challenging. High Gun on Saturday posted a score of 99, which was tough to beat. Congratulations to the County winners – Richard Bunning 92 County Champ, Mark Cobbold 88 Veteran, Archie Alexander 74 Junior, and Heather Pointer 55 who retained her Ladies title.

23 Apr: Norfolk All Round Championship and Dennis Rudd Memorial, The Priory

Thankfully the rain held off and the sun appeared through the clouds at times. 18 Norfolk shooters competed. With consistently high scores across all four disciplines, David Gooding 93 was crowned County Champion. Much to his surprise he then discovered that he had also won the Veterans' category. Jason Mathewson 90 came second, and the Ladies' category, which had only one entrant, was won by Alison Coupe 51. The Junior category had three entrants with William Gilbert 84

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team to enter the Director's Trophy. This was in error. I am sorry for any pressure this put onto Keith to undertake the role or embarrassment in having to explain his position. We are still looking for a Team Manager to undertake the role. If anyone would be willing to undertake this role, please speak with Roy Tyler or contact me by email.

A request

Each Pull! report is allowed up to three photos to accompany the text. I've run out of current photos of county shooters. The ones I have date back many years and have really run their course and all my photos of flowers from around the ground aren't relevant. If you have any photos of yourself, or county friends shooting or around the shooting grounds, please can you send them to me at the above email address so I can include them in my reports.

County Championships

- 4 Jun ESP, Northampton SG
- 10 Jun ZZ Helice, Rugby
- 10-11 Jun SB DTL, Northampton SG
- 8-9 Jul AR, Northampton SG



his nerve to shoot a 25-straight to retain the County and Junior titles, whilst Richard claimed the Veterans' title. Elise Dixon retained her Ladies' title with 33.

30 Apr: Norfolk DR Champs, The Priory
 Thirteen Norfolk shooters competed in the DR Champs. Some of the targets were a little wind-affected and proved tricky for the slower shooters. This didn't stop Rhys Dixon putting in a score of 44/60 in the Juniors in only his second DR Registered shoot. William's Gilbert's score of 50 won him the County and Junior titles, beating Shane Johnston and Jason Mathewson into joint second place Overall, whilst Richard's score of 47 won him his second Veterans' title.

County Championships

- 4 Jun ESK, The Priory CTC
- 10 Jun ESP, Chalk Farm SG
- 23 Jul DTL & Dennis Rudd Memorial, The Priory



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Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 April saw the English Open All Round shot at Nottingham & District Gun Club, the first time that the event was run over two days. This was clearly the correct decision given that numbers over the two days far exceeded those that normally attend when the event is held purely on one day – in the end 93 attended.

The weather over both days was extremely kind to us as well with plenty of sunshine and just enough breeze. There were plenty of strong scores achieved over both days but 98/100 posted on Saturday was always going to be a tall order to topple. In the end 95/100 took both second and third places. It was great to see all the categories and classes being contested except for disabled standing.

Across the categories, the scores were exceptional with a 92/100 winning Veterans, 93/100 winning the Ladies and 93/100 also winning the Juniors. A huge congratulations must go to all the winners and a well done must go to all that joined us over the weekend and took part in the event. Some highlights for our county members were that Russ Hufton was second in Vets, with Olivia Stevens taking both third in Ladies and second in Juniors. Finally, Simon Scott was first in C Class.

Some of you will remember Michael Tomlinson and the Memorial Shoot in his honour was held on Sunday 23 April.

Mick was the master of all things shooting but a legend in the Skeet world, teaching many champions the art. With a North wind watching the 98's and 97's wash across the boards was impressive and at the end three 98's were going to have to shoot off for the trophy. Unfortunately, Allen Warren was unable to return so it was Doug Moore and Tom Clifford left to battle it out. Both were square after a full round with 24 each so to the middle peg it was and as the dust settled Tom was crowned the winner by just one point. Well done to everyone that took part and thank you to all that attended.

Once again, thanks must be offered to the entire team at the shooting ground, without whom these events would not happen. They ensure the events run smoothly and their many characters make the events thoroughly enjoyable.

Finally, our own Joe Turner continues to create waves. He shot the Olympic Trap Series 1 at East Yorkshire, shooting 108/125 in qualifiers, going on to win the Junior Men's final. 22-23 April saw him shoot his second selection shoot for DTL at Brook Bank shooting his first 100-straight. Well shot Joe!



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The 2023 Championship Season is now well underway with the FITASC Championship having taken place at High Lodge Leisure and the Suffolk Sporting Masters at Eriswell Lodge.

At High Lodge Leisure, competitors enjoyed a fantastic event with challenging layouts. Congratulations to Will Page who shot an excellent score of 93 and is the 2023 Suffolk CPSA FITASC Champion. Well done to Peter Mayhew who scored a strong 92 and Chris Baker and Adrian Cook who both scored 89. This event was shot over two days and with 115 competitors taking part. Our thanks to all competitors, referees, and everyone at High Lodge.

Eriswell Lodge kindly hosted this year's Suffolk CPSA Sporting Masters on 23

April. Eriswell Lodge put on an excellent course of targets that made it the perfect start to the Sporting season. Derren Burn is the 2023 Sporting Masters Champion shooting a exceptional 95 to take the title. Great shooting. Seth Peters (92) was the Junior Champion, Tina Henshaw (68 was Ladies Champion, and Peter Jarvis (87) the Veteran Champion. Great shooting by all of you. Our thanks to all the competitors, the referees, and all the team at Eriswell Lodge. If the quality of these two events is setting the tone for the Championships of 2023, we are in for a brilliant year of competitions.

Geoff Howlett and Joanna Fairclough represented England at the DTL World Championships at the Valley Clay Target Club in South Africa. Both did England (and Suffolk) proud with Geoff winning the 200 DTL High Gun (299/291) and the Silver ATA Singles after a thrilling shoot-off with James Sullivan from New Zealand. Well done to both of you. ►



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On the subject of Trap disciplines, Suffolk CPSA are planning to host a coaching day for Suffolk shooters, where some of our county's top Trap shots will provide coaching to participants. This will be a great opportunity to hone your Trap shooting aided by the guidance and experience of top level Trap shooters. More details to follow.

We would like to congratulate the Lincolnshire CPSA Committee on winning the 2023 County Committee of the Year Award. Well deserved.

We have plenty more Championships ahead during the next few months. It really is going to be a great year for competing in all the disciplines and events. We hope you all enjoy yourselves and we wish you every success.



Derren Burn.



Will Page.

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All Round County Championship

Our first championship of 2023 took place on the 15 April at Landare in the sunshine. Squads started shooting at 9am. Our county champion was Simon Wood who shot 94. Vet champion was Pete Mylam with 90, and Jayden McGall was Junior champion with 84. Katy Rowe and Emily Morden-Hawke tied with 78. ABT was selected at random as the shoot-off with Katy winning by one point. Thank you to Dave and his team for hosting and for the volunteer referees for keeping the squads flowing through the different disciplines.

All round teams

This being our only selection the teams have been selected. Our Senior team is Simon Wood, Paul Colsell, Pete Mylam, Tim Manhire, Andrew Gregory, Bruce Wilton, Louis Ashton, John Dunne, Nick Parkyn, and Jayden McGall. The Vets team is Pete Mylam, Dave Tugwell, and Colin Jago. Ladies

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Following a hugely successful AGM at the beginning of the year, a full committee of 13 has been formed for Dorset. These include individuals that are keen and support all registered disciplines, which we hope will be successful for our County in 2023.

Our FITASC championship shoot was held at Purbeck Shooting School on 5 April which was our County championship of 2023. This was also the first Registered shoot since the tragic loss of Graham Brown to be held at Purbeck. Sam Brown and his team certainly has inherited the passion and skill of Graham, producing a day with layouts and targets that will be remembered for years to come. It was certainly fitting that the new committee combined with Purbeck Shooting Ground held their first shoot at Purbeck and that

it was FITASC. As many of you will know, Graham was a passionate supporter of the discipline, in years past his regular monthly shoots were enjoyed by many of the best competitors in the country. He also travelled Europe setting shoot layouts coaching at many major grounds, the discipline that he truly loved and that everyone associated him with. His course design and plans for Purbeck were plain for all to see, with course layouts set in vast areas and the practice areas always available for those that are not involved in competition events. It was therefore tragic that he was suddenly taken before his dreams and plans were completed for Purbeck Shooting Ground.

For our County event Sam had designed a course that his father would have been proud of and certainly fit for any championship, making full use of the fantastic venue. Dorset shooters performed well on the day, with High Gun Robert Taylor scoring

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South West Shooting School

Rob and Andrew Harris are providing a good variation of Sporting events for Devon Sporting shooters. Results of the 100 Sporttrap Reg held on 25 March are High Gun Teddy Taylor 89, Dean Martin and David Grundy 87, Ian Jago 86. The 100 Super Sporting held on 22 April 2023 was won by Alan Bullock from Gloucestershire with 89, second place Ian Stephenson and Dean Martin scoring 88, third Robin Heal and Simon Rowe 86.

Two Counties S

Team, Katy Rowe, Emily Morden-Hawke, and Alison Morden-Hawke. Juniors, Jayden McGall, Jedson Herman, and Sam Bate. We are waiting for the IC date to be announced but it is likely to be at Landare. Please can members of the team let Alison Morden-Hawke know if they are not able to shoot the event.

Skeet Selection 2

This was held at Lower Lake on 22 April. High Gun was Bill Moussalli with 98 who is also the top Vet. Top lady was Katy Rowe with 85 and top Junior was Aiden Scott with 92. The scores are on the website to show the current points and placings for the teams. We have five Juniors taking part in the process which is really good to see.

On 16 April 100 DLT was held with 41 entries. AA Class first Robert Dietz 100/288, second Nick Shadrick 96/285. A Class equal first Richard Chapple 100/295 and David Sleeman 99/295. B Class first Mike Ladd 94/277, second Roger Lewis 94/270. C Class first Phillip Webb 92/268, second Michael Cunningham 89/263.

Forthcoming Events

- 4 Jun ABT Selection, Two Counties
- 4 Jun DR Champs, Two Counties
- 17 Jun ESK Selection, Ashcombe
- 24 DTL Selection, Bradford

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

Champion of Champions

Each year the CPSA ask us to nominate someone to represent the county to take part in the champion of champions at the Game Fair. In previous years our invitees have been unable to attend. The top five scorers at the event take part in a shoot-off in the arena and the winning county receives £300. The timing for entry is before our Sporting championship has been held so this year Paul Colsell has been invited to represent us. Next year we will be asking the 2023 county champion to attend.

Forthcoming Events

- 17 Jun DTL Championship, North Cornwall
- 17 Jun Sporting Championship, Landare

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a tremendous 89, four targets clear of second place and Runner-up for Dorset Richard King 85. Fellow Dorset guns Paul Tomas 82, Sam Sawyer 79, and Mike Hillyer 78 completed the top five scores for our A Team at the Inter-Counties later in the year. Much thanks to our sponsors for the event who provided a healthy prize pot for all the classes. Hamworthy Car Centre High Gun, Agri giveaways layout Sponsor, Redlynch Agricultural Engineering Layout Sponsor, Hendy Land Rover Layout Sponsor, Ford Fuels Layout Sponsor, ETS Truck & Van Ltd car park sponsor.

9 Apr: All round, Brook Bank

Our all-round championship was held at Brook Bank Shooting Ground on Friday 9 April and how lucky are we to have truly all round champion in our county. Richard King again retained his County championship having been Runner-up a few days earlier

at the FITASC. Richard's passion and commitment to all disciplines was again well rewarded and long may it continue. He has been a shining example of what can be achieved and certainly for our committee and other Dorset members, someone we can all aspire to. A strong turnout from Dorset was noted with the best scores – Richard King 90, Ian Mulliner 87, Chris Griffin 85. Richard Pike, and Dean Webber 82. Many thanks to Wesley and Alison Hann for a superb Good Friday at their ground. Hopefully more Dorset members will take a trip to Somerset to enjoy the fabulous disciplines that are held regularly at Brook Bank.

County championships

11 Jun ESK, Fareham CTC
2 Jul ESP, Willoughby Hedge
19 Aug STR, Barbury



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Congratulations to the latest County Champions! All events in April were Trap and held at Brook Bank.

All Round Martin Howe, Automatic Ball Trap Andy Weech, and Universal Trench Stefan Roberts.

Somerset Shooting Ground are hosting the English Sporting CC at Willoughby Hedge in May – watch this space!

From Chairman Ian Stones

By the time you read this the majority of our county championships will have taken place and we will have a good base for putting forward our teams for the Inter-County championships later in the year. To ensure that we have good representation and help with contacting everyone who has qualified we have agreed that the following committee members will have responsibility for the different disciplines.

Sporting, FITASC, Sportrap, Super Sporting – Robin Heal and Ian Stephenson. Down the Line, Single Barrel, Automatic Ball Trap, All Round – Geoff Eltham and John Bradham. Skeet – Jon Belcher. Olympic Trap, Universal Trench – Julian Fairburn and Wesley Hann.

Inter-County shoot dates and venues are available on the South West Region website accessed via the CPSA Regions page on their website.

Please contact any of the above committee members if you need further information. In the meantime, enjoy your shooting.



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19 Mar: Olympic Trap, Bisley

The Hampshire Championships kicked off with Bisley holding the Olympic Trap. Not too many made it to this first event on the Championship calendar, in fact there were just six Hampshire entries. No surprise that Rod Gould returned the winning score of 91/100 for the Hampshire Champ title and the Vets title. Sean Gamblen, normally associated with the sporting disciplines, returned a 77/100 to outshoot Roger Deacon, Carl Miles, and Stuart Cureton to win the Seniors title and collected five points towards the Supreme Championship table. Tegan Hart returned 76/100 to pick up the Ladies and Juniors titles.

8 Apr: Hampshire Sporting Championship

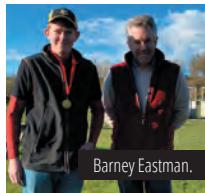
Hosted by Owls Lodge SS the English Sporting, a much better entry with 75 Hampshire members shooting the 14 stand, 28 Trap course, and it didn't disappoint. Those that made the pilgrimage on this warm sunny spring day battled it out. Sean Gamblen returned a great 94/100 getting more points onto the Supreme Championship table as the Senior class winner. Sean obviously loves the sport, shooting and hitting 1,263 targets out of a possible 1,400 since 8 January this year!

Close behind Sean was Chris Bloxham with 92/100 taking B Class and also getting points on the SC table. Adam Nash picked

up the C Class with 85/100, but it was Des Sturgess who returned a whopping 97/100 to claim the big Sporting cup and the Vets class medal with just three away a well-deserved win. Tanya Faulds 86/100 picked up the Ladies class, Barney Eastman 87/100 the Junior Class, and Charlie Faulds up there with a 86/100 claiming the Colt's title.

13 Apr: Compak Sporting, Owls Lodge

The morning started with the weather not too settled for the early squads one minute raining then sunshine then hailstones then back to sunshine. The early shooters did suffer but the squad I was on set out at 1pm and it turned out calm and sunny. The targets on the four Compak Sporting layouts were good, covering all the angles and speeds. If you haven't shot Compak Sporting before then do the targets are not far away unlike some Sportrap targets. The targets on the four Compak layouts all have to pass through an area 25m deep by 40m wide and like FITASC lots of single targets which allows full use of the gun. ▶



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Richard at Owls SS got it spot on and it made a very enjoyable competition. The following names appear again as the Hampshire Champions out of the 39 Hampshire entries, starting with Sean Gamblin Senior Champ with a 94/100 and another nine points to the SC table. Ladies title to Tanya Faulds 84/100, keeping it in the family Charlie Faulds Colts 90/100, Barney Eastman Juniors 91/100, and Kevin Marks 84/100 the Vets Champ.

16 April: Olympic Skeet, NCSC Bisley

Unfortunately like the OT held at Bisley there were only five Hampshire entries and out of the five that made the event the Hampshire Champion was Alex Wells the Seniors position 83/100, James Biddlecombe 69/100 the Vets, and Ladies/ Juniors title went to Emma Ilesley 80/100.

Forthcoming Events

- 11 Jun English Skeet, Fareham CTC
- 25 Jun AR, Fareham CTC
- 8 Jul ABT, Fareham CTC
- 23 Jul DTL, Fareham CTC
- 17 Aug FITASC, Owls LSS

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County Championships

The County All Round was held at Brook Bank on Good Friday. Eight shooters from Wiltshire attended. Kevin Young won the Wiltshire Championship with 92ex100; Tim Gibbins won the Veterans with 82ex100, and Sarah Holmes won Ladies with 61ex100. The County ABT was held at Brook Bank on 16 April. Six shooters from Wiltshire attended. Paul Atkinson won the Wiltshire Championship with 85ex100. The County UT was held at Brook Bank on 30 April. Three shooters from Wiltshire attended. Mark Baker won the Wiltshire Championship with 87ex100. Please note that this year's DTL and Single Barrel will be held on a Saturday, and you will need to pre-book with Steve Bosson on 07838 004540.

The dates are: OT at Brook Bank 21 May, DTL at Urchfont on Saturday 24

June, Single Barrel at Urchfont also on Saturday 24 June, Sportrap at Barbury on Saturday 19 August, FITASC at Barbury on Saturday 26 August.

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

The current list of dates for this year's Sporting Challenge are: Meadowcroft 18 June, Urchfont 30 July, Willoughby Hedge 6 August, Gunsite 15 October. Please note that Willoughby Hedge is squadded, and you will need to pre-book by contacting Liana at Somerset Shooting ground on somersetshootingground@gmail.com

Social Media

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

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Finally this season's competitions have kicked off, 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

We have had two of the South East of England competitions and our congratulations go to all the winners.

South East of England DTL

Many congratulations to Tom Smith from Surrey, for winning with a splendid score of 99/294. Super Veterans was won by John Malden on 98/293, closely followed by Veteran, Dave Fenton on 98/291. Karen Allen retained the ladies title from last year, and George Madden took the Juniors title. Thanks to the team at Mayland for hosting a great event.

South East of England English Sporting

A great score of 95/100 gained Peter Goldsmith from Sussex the championship title for 2023. Charlotte Kerwood, also a Sussex shooter won the ladies title with

93/100. Veteran's was won by Kenny Bennett with 91/100 with the Junior title going to Cameron Cobb on 83/100 and the Colts champion was Aaron Christie with 85/100. Thanks to the team at Southdown, and we look forward to the next event.

National Championships

Whilst the South East regional events have kicked off, we have also regional success at some national events. The Helice English Open took place at Invicta Gun Club with an exciting finish as eight shooters went into a shoot-off for the overall championship title having all finished on 23/24. In the end Kevin Tyler from Great London held strong to take the Overall title as well as the Veterans. Jo Watson-Hopkinson won the Ladies with 23/24, Lennie Abrey won the Junior's and Cliff Goodwin took the Super Veterans title, both with a strong 22/24.

At the English Open All Round, Kent shooter Tony Coulstock took the honours taking the title with a brilliant 98/100.

The English Open English Skeet also resulted in great scores for the regions shooters, Pete Chester just missed out on the overall title after a thrilling shoot-off.

Martin Brister won the Super Veterans title and Charlie Faulds won the Colts with an excellent 97/100.

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



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30 Apr: Essex DTL, Mayland Gun Club

It was nice to see a good turn for Essex DTL shoot at Mayland Gun Club. The weather was ideal for shooting, which accounted for some very good scores. After a very exciting shoot-off between Robert Cresswell and Toby Bean. Toby Bean won by two points. Essex Champion Toby Bean 295, Senior Rob Cresswell 295, Veteran Gary Bridger 290, Ladies Jane Buy 272, Junior Isobel Ingram 229, Colts Nathaniel Bridges 146.

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2023's County Championships are now well underway with impressive attendance so far, numbers are slightly up from last year which is great to see. The ever-reliable Ismet's have made their intentions clear with their already impressive supreme champion campaigns for 2023.

It's been great to see the number of Berkshire Juniors and Colt's taking the field so far; with Katy Essex making her mark on the OSK world and Kaiya Pascall along with the competitive brother combination of Dominic and Tristian Sell, all putting in great scores across the disciplines, these really are top shots in the making.

19 Mar: Olympic Trap, NCSC

A great start to 2023 by Berkshire's trap maestro, Michael Bovingdon, taking Overall High Gun and the Berkshire OT title with a strong 92ex100. Keith Kilvington was on usual fine form to take the Vets title with 78ex100 and Ceyla Ismet started her 2023 Supreme campaign by taking the Ladies title with 76ex100. Tristian Sell picked up the Junior title while Kaiya Pascall and Dominic Sell showed great promise in this challenging Olympic discipline,

26 Mar: Automatic Ball Trap, NCSC

Argun Ismet returned to winning ways to lift the Berkshire trophy with a fine 78ex100 while Ceyla Ismet notched up the second win of her 2023 campaign to take the Ladies title with 61ex100.

Berkshire Skeet legend, Ken Harman, showed his versatility across disciplines

10 Apr: Essex FITASC County Championships, High Lodge

This year's county FITASC was held at High Lodge in Suffolk and was staged with Cambridge, Norfolk, and Suffolk on 8-10 April 2023. Contested over five, 20-target "old style" parcours, the shoot delivered some very enjoyable and challenging targets. Nothing was more challenging than the change of weather conditions from a glorious Saturday to torrential monsoon like conditions on the bank holiday Monday!

The better scores were shot on the Saturday but as with any multi-day event, it's very much weather dependant on the day. Congratulations to all County champion including S Clarke for Overall

by lifting the Vets. title with 77ex100. Promising Berkshire Colt, Kaiya Pascall claimed the Junior title with a steady 54ex100.

16 Apr: Olympic Skeet, NCSC

Solid performance by Katy Essex, finishing eighth Overall to lift the Berkshire High Gun, Ladies and Juniors titles. Veterans title went to Berkshire Treasurer, Richard Bodley-Scott. Another well-run competition by the NCSC team and a great day enjoyed by all.

23 Apr: English Skeet, NCSC

Joe Clarke and Argün Ismet both set the pace early on with a solid target of 97/100. The majority of the Berks shooters elected to shoot on later squads with ten on the last rotation. This included Luke Flynn, who sealed the deal with a 99/100 and lift the ESK CC for the third successive year. The formidable father/daughter combo of Ken and Sandra Harman fired in 92/100 and 89/100 respectively to lift the Veterans' and Ladies' titles and promising Berkshire Junior, Tristian Sell, continued his good form to lift another Juniors' title with 87/100.

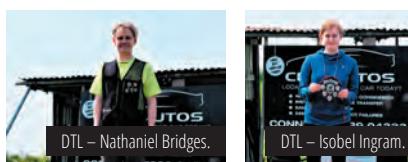
Special Mention to Berkshire's ever reliable Iain Stamp, who is always on hand to referee the nationwide Skeet Comps, without people like Iain we wouldn't be able to run these competitions. So from all of us, Thank you!

Further afield

Katy Essex was on form at the first shotgun series of 2023 which took place at NCSC on 9 April, Katy finishing third Overall in the Juniors after battling it out in the finals. Michael Bovingdon was also flying the flag

and Veteran's title, J Price Super Veteran's, T Riddington Ladies and E Lockwood Juniors.

Special thanks to Andy and his team at High Lodge for staging such an enjoyable shoot.



and getting it done at the OT shotgun series, missing out on the finals by only two targets. Luke Flynn was Joint High Gun at the end of play with a 99ex100 at Dartford's ESK Browning Masters, losing out on the silverware to Wiltshire's Peter Chester in the shoot-off.

Forthcoming Events

8 Jun Compak Sporting, Owls Lodge Shooting School
11 Jun SKD, Dartford Clay Shooting Club
25 Jun ESP, Hangmans Stone

We always look forward to hearing from our members. Please do get in touch and if you've got photos to share, tag us on Facebook and Instagram.


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Jan-Mar: The Churchill Challenge

The annual Churchill Challenge was completed at the end of March and there were some good results from Bucks County shooters. Amy Easeman won the Ladies category shooting 88/100, Aaron Christie won the Juniors shooting 84/100, 11 targets ahead of second place.

8-9 Apr: England ESP selection shoot, Oak Lodge SG

Amy Easeman made the long journey to Hartlepool and won the Ladies category shooting 87/100 which placed her ninth Overall. ▶


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10 Apr: Kelmarsh Country show, Kelmarsh Hall Northamptonshire
Aaron Christie shot the 50 target English Sporting competition and won the Under 14s category scoring 33/50. His prize was a new Yildiz shotgun.

22 Apr: Ceasar Guerini Super Sporting Masters, Owls Lodge SG
Aaron Christie won the Colts shooting 105/120.

Bucks Junior Trap Shooters update
15-16 Apr: British Shooting shotgun series, Olympic Trap, East Yorkshire
Hollie Lumsden took part in the Junior Ladies category at the first British Shooting shotgun series event of 2023. After a very competitive and high scoring qualification rounds Hollie went on to take the Gold medal shooting 43/50 in the final.

20-24 Apr: 2nd Grand Prix De France Trap, Centre National de Tir Sportif
Hollie Lumsden made the trip to France to take part in this ISSF Grand Prix event held at the shooting ground which will host the shooting events at the Olympics next year. The trip was well worthwhile as Hollie won the Gold Medal in the Junior Ladies category. Hollie has now been selected to represent Great Britain at the upcoming Junior World Cup in Suhl Germany between 1-9 June. Many Congratulations Hollie!

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The Greater London Olympic Skeet event was run at the NCSC Bisley Camp on 16 April and the County Champion winner was Reg Redjeb with 75/100. County Chairman Steve Williams was on hand to present the trophy and county Champion badge.



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.

9 Mar: Super Sporting, E.J. Churchill SG
Phil Easeman was High Gun shooting 96/100 and Luke Mortimer placed second shooting 94/100.

9 Apr: English Sporting, Gunsite
Aaron Christie won the Colts category shooting 84/100.

12 Apr: English Sporting, Barbury SS
Aaron Christie won B class after shooting 85/100.

13 Apr: English Sporting, E.J. Churchill
Amy Easeman shot 97/100 to be placed joint second Overall and winning the Ladies. Aaron Christie won both B Class and the Colts shooting 86.

16 Apr: English Sporting, Westfield SG
Aaron Christie won B class with 89/100.

22 Apr: English Sporting at Redricks
Aaron Christie won B class and Colts shooting 89/100.

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



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Hello happy campers. I hope this report finds you all well. The weather is slowly warming up with a little less of the wet stuff falling from the sky so it's time to be out enjoying our sport. We have had a few County Championships to report on that took place in April. Firstly, Northampton Shooting Ground hosted our English Skeet on 9 April. We were somewhat low on the entries but congratulations to Daryl Burton for shooting a great score of 96ex100 to crown him County English Skeet Champion. Ken Smith came a close second shooting a strong score of 95ex100 which won him the Veterans title. Jane Robbins took the Ladies title having shot 64ex100, well done Jane! Thank you to Martine for hosting.

Rugby & District Trap Club played host to the County UT Championship on the 16 April. Again a little disappointing on the County numbers but a good turnout overall. Congratulations to Peter Farrell for his score of 85ex100 which won him the County title. Well done to Tony Robbins for winning the Vets Class after shooting 80ex100. Ladies Class was won by Jane Robbins having shot 54ex100, well done Jane!

Moving back to Northamptonshire, Martine hosted our DTL County Championship for this year, thank you to Martine and her staff for putting up with us again. Peter Farrell was on fire having shot 96ex100 closely followed by Joe Robbins but Peter Takes this year's title.

Tony Robbins shot a very impressive 93ex100 taking the Veterans title and Jane Robbins took the Ladies title. Well done to you all.

Please take the time to visit our Facebook page to see the revised rules for the 2023 Oxfordshire CPSA Trap Challenge and Challenge Trophy rules. I would happily write them up and have them printed in the Pull! report but sadly with the 600-word restriction given to each County it would take the whole report and then some to have it printed. If anyone has any questions or queries, please get in touch and I will get them answered for you.

Barby Shooting Ground held its mid-week monthly 100 ESP on 12 April. It saw 46 shooters support it. Oxfordshire's Julian Freeman finished second overall having shot a very strong score of 93ex100 in AAA Class. Well done Julian.

Westfield held their mid-April 100 ESP which saw a staggering 195 shooters compete. Oxfordshire's Cheryl Hall shot incredibly well and won the Ladies class with an impressive score of 96ex100 in AAA Class. Well done!

Staying with Westfield for a shoot that was held on Sunday 30 April, yet another brilliant turn out of 166 shooters competed on a bright and dare I say warmish day. Well done to Julian Freeman on shooting 95ex100 placing him third in AAA Class. Steve Cox matched the score in AA Class which placed him second in AA Class. Well done guys

That leaves me to say, as I do each month, please get in touch with your achievements or wins.

Happy safe shooting everyone!

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8-9 Apr: OSK Shotgun Series Round 1 and England Team Selection Shoot

NCSC held the first round of the Olympic Skeet Shotgun Series over the weekend of 8-9 April. Bethany Norton shot 105ex125 over the two days to place her first in Junior Ladies. Maddie Russell placed second with 98ex125. Having qualified for the final both performed brilliantly where Maddie took the Gold medal and Bethany the Silver.

15-16 Apr: OSK French Grand Prix

Maddie and Bethany followed up their success of the previous week with a trip to Chateauroux in France where they had the amazing opportunity to shoot on the 2024 Olympic ranges with many of the world's best shooters. The weather conditions on qualifying day were challenging, being extremely cold with rain and strong winds. Both qualified in Junior Ladies for the final the following day where on this occasion Bethany took the Silver Medal and Maddie the Bronze. Congratulations to them both on a great start to the season.

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Surrey Olympic Skeet Competition

The first of our Skeet events was the Olympic Skeet Championship held at NCSC Bisley on Sunday 16 April. David Dale reclaimed the Trophy with 79 after a break of a couple of years. Andy Smith was second and third was Liam Boyd-Bell. Unusually for this discipline we did not have any entries for the Ladies, Veterans or Juniors so you all missed out on big points in the Supreme table!

Surrey English Skeet Competition

The second of our Skeet events was the English Skeet Championship, held just one week later on Sunday 23 April



22-23 Apr: FITASC Sporting British GP

West Midlands Shooting Ground hosted the British Grand Prix where eight completely different layouts challenged the 209 shooters who competed for the title. Charlie Monahan shot a steady 80ex100 on day one which put him in a good position. He followed this up on day two with a 25-straight on the final layout to finish with an excellent score of 88ex100. His combined total of 168ex100 was a top ten score overall and placed him joint second in B Class. Charlie has also been selected to be part of the Great Britain Squad in the Mens Category at the European Championships which takes place in Limassol, Cyprus on 11-14 May.

Around the Shoots

At Sporting Targets on 7 April Ian Piggott was on top form putting in a great performance to place joint first in A Class with a score of 86ex100 in their ESP event.

Barbury held a Super Sporting fixture on 12 April. Callum Noble shot a fantastic score of 92ex100 which placed him joint first in A.

Darren Wicklow ventured to Oxfordshire Shooting School for their English Sporting event held on 14 April. Shooting a very good score of 85ex100 Darren placed joint first in B Class.



Atkin, Grant and Lang held the final fixture in their STR series on 15 April. Daryl Vas topped A Class with an excellent score of 87ex100, just one below High Gun. Juan Pedro Martinez-Barbera also put in a strong performance to place first in C Class with 86ex100. Chris Brown placed first in B Class.

Ivan Spencer travelled up to Northampton Shooting Ground for their English Sporting fixture on 16 April. Ivan took the High Gun prize with an incredible score of 96ex100.

There were some great performances at Atkin, Grant and Lang on 21 April, this time for their monthly English Sporting event. James McAlevey was on top form scoring 93ex100 which placed him first B Class and joint third Overall. Jamie Collins came first in C Class with 81ex100.

Diary Dates

30 Jun ESP County Champs, AGL

at NCSC Bisley and this time we had Seniors, Veterans, Ladies, and Juniors all represented. Frank Arico hit a good score of 97 to retain his Senior and Veteran's titles. Andy Smith was placed second again and Dan Crowley was third. Top Lady was Jo Watson-Hopkinson with 79 and Oliver Wade won his first Juniors County Title with 69.

Surrey Sportrap Competition

The Sportrap competition at Southdown on 1 May was well supported including three Surrey Juniors. Paul Poulter won the Surrey title with a great 96, just ahead of Billy Greenwood on 94. The Veteran's honours were shared by Danny Smith and Chip Smith on 90 and Sarah White won the Ladies title with 84. Top of the three Juniors was Cameron Cobb on 89, second was Ben Wells on 78 and Maxwell Boyd-Bell was third.

Surrey Supreme

After entering the first five events, Liam Boyd-Bell is the new leader of the Supreme Championship with 42 points. In second place after shooting just three events is Fergus Watson-Hopkinson on 36 points. Top of the Junior table and in third place

Overall is Ben Wells on 32 points. Jo Watson-Hopkinson is leading the Ladies on 31 points. Frank Arico leads the Veterans with his maximum 15 points from the English Skeet, although Danny Smith and Chip Smith are in equal second on 13 points each after tying in the Sportrap. It looks like it could be an exciting and close Championship this year – Check on the website to see if the latest events have had an impact on the leaderboard.

Other honours for our Surrey regulars

Steve Cole and Jo Watson-Hopkinson performed well at the English Open Helice Championship at Invicta Gun Club in April. Steve was third in the Veterans. Jo scored a magnificent 23 out of 24 to tie for first place in the Seniors. Jo unfortunately lost out in the eight-way shoot-off but still won the English Open Ladies title outright. Well shot Jo!

Surrey English Sporting Date and Venue Change

The Surrey Sporting Champs have been moved to avoid clashes with other events and will now be held at Bisley Shooting Ground on Sunday 13 August. ▶

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Further details to be posted later. 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. Please check with the venue before leaving home.

Please see the website surreycpsa.com for the latest details of forthcoming events and don't forget to follow Surrey CPSA on Facebook too.

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As I write this the weather seems to be turning for the better after what feels like a long-wet winter. The competition season is now well under way both here and abroad and the counties shooters are out and about competing and pulling in the prizes.

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Since the last edition the main event has been the English Open English Skeet held at Nottingham and District Gun Club. The event had a great turn out and

a total of 203 entries, most notable of these entries for us was our very own Disabled Members. Disabled Sitting, Paul Bailey shooting a cracking score of 90/100 setting the bar high and taking Runner-up, pipped only slightly by Ben Woodham on 92/100 taking High Gun. In Disabled Standing, James Center putting in an 86/100, very well

Southdown Grand Masters

The annual 120 target competition is held on Easter Monday and yet again attracted a large turnout. Sponsored by SWATCOM, Hull Cartridges and a Yildiz shotgun from Raytrade for the High Gun meant the prize fund was good in all classes and categories. Unfortunately, the weather yet again wasn't kind, wet and windy in the morning and even windier in the afternoon. However, this didn't stop Sussex shooter Tim Fenner from taking HG on 108/120. Other Sussex successes were Hannah Gibson, top lady 103/120 and up and coming colt Jack Malthouse 82/120. Chip Smith took Veterans and Tristan Hockey the Junior title 96/120.

South East of England Sporting Champs

On 1 May, Southdown saw another good turnout in far more pleasant conditions. Apart from a short sharp downpour just before the last few squads went out it was a good shooting day. The new SE Champion is Sussex's own Pete Goldsmith 95/100 who has a habit of not being seen for a while then turning up and winning competitions. Congratulations Pete.

shot to all that attended. We would like to say another Big thank you to all, at Nottingham and District Gun Club, for putting on such a well-run day as always!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our first Disabled Shooters Group Simulated Game Clay Shoot Day at Quidenham Estate Shoot on Saturday 12 of August.

2023 DSG Calendar

Confirmed DSG events for 2023 to book onto these events or find out more details please visit the website at www.disabledsg.co.uk other dates and locations to be confirmed please check the website and social media for updates.

- 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
- 12 Aug Quidenham Estate, Simulated Game Day
- 19 Aug Kibworth, 100 All Round DSG Competition
- 7 Oct Sporting Targets, AGM + 100 Sporting Competition
- Christmas Shoot TBC



Hannah Gibson with Keith Foote from Swatcom.



Tim Fenner.

Sussex Skeet Championship

23 Apr at the NCSC, Bisley, only nine Sussex shooters took part on a rainy day. Sadly yet again no Ladies, Juniors or Colts entered. Martin Brister won the championship with a mighty 98/100 and the Veteran title was decided by count back between three Vets, Derek Welfare, P Betts and Ivor Dadswell all on 87/100. Ivor took the trophy. Many thanks to the team at the NCSC for a great day and perfect targets. As with the British weather, the sun came out when we all finished... oh well!

Compak

29-30 April at Jerring Shooting Ground, Felgyo. Congratulations to George Digweed for his senior gold medal, 192/200, at the Grand Prix of Hungary Compak sporting championship.

FITASC

Congratulations to Kenny Bennett for being selected into the GB FITASC Veteran squad to compete in the European FITASC Sporting Championship at the Limassol Shooting Ground in Cyprus.

Cesar Guerini Super Sporting Masters

20 and 22 Apr at Owls Lodge Shooting School saw Will Fenner take High Gun with 115/120 over a very enjoyable 12 stand course. Ironically Will has recently changed to a Cesar Guerini and so far it has proved a very good move with some excellent scores being posted this year. Not a bad month in the Fenner household with both father and son winning big shoots. If anyone hasn't tried super sporting yet I'd thoroughly recommend you give it a go. This is a discipline which is going to increase in popularity.

Forthcoming dates

- 11 Jun SKD, Dartford
- 25 Jun STR, Southdown
- 02 Jul DTL, Bisley Gun Club
- 05 Aug ABT, Fareham
- 28 Aug ESP, Southdown
- 28 Aug Compak, Southdown
- 24 Sep OT, Nuthampstead
- 15 Oct FITASC, Southdown

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Automatic Ball Trap (ABT) | Compak Sporting (CSP) | Double Rise (DR) | Down The Line (DTL) | English Skeet (ESK) | English Sporting (ESP) | FITASC Sporting (FSP) | Handicap By Distance (HBD) | Helice (HCE) | Olympic Skeet (OSK) | Olympic Trap (OTR) | Sportrap (STR) | Universal Trench (UT) | All Round (AR)

We recommend that you call ahead to confirm opening hours and discipline availability before planning any travel, as these can change with little notice.

NORTH

CUMBRIA

R PENRITH & DISTRICT GUN CLUB LTD ☕♿
MO-SA CLOSED, SU 09:00-DUSK
Open 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month • ABT, DTL, ESP • 07539 269392.

DURHAM

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

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

LANCASHIRE

A BOBBIN MILL SHOOTING GROUND ☕♿📝⌚
SU 9:30-13:30. MO-SA CLOSED
01524 791507 • CSP, DR, DTL, ESK, STR.
• Licensed Gun Storage.

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

A MEANLEY SHOOT LIMITED ☕♿📝⌚
07377403845 • Open for prior bookings only.
• ESP, STR.

A RIXTON & ASTLEY SHOOTING CLUB LTD ☕♿📝⌚
SU 09:30-14:30 07785995526 • jnw@norgas.co.uk • ESP

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. • bywellsportingground.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 ☕ школьн
SU 10:00-13:00

Shoot every other Sunday, fixture list available via our website. • abwpcp@aol.com • ESP.

A BATLEY & DISTRICT GUN CLUB ☕♿📝⌚
MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:30-11:00

Shoot every other Sunday, full fixtures listing can be found on the club website. • BatleyGunClub.org
• 07881661217 • ESP • Due to woodland location WC facilities are not available.

P CONISTON SHOOTING CLUB ☕♿📝⌚
MO CLOSED. TU-FR 09:30-17:00, SA-SU 09:30-13:30

conistonshootingground.co.uk • 01756 748586
• 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

CHESHIRE

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

R CATTON HALL SHOOTING GROUND LTD ☕♿📝⌚
MO-TU, TH CLOSED. WE, SA 10:00-16:00. SU 10:00-15:00

cattonhall.co.uk • 01928 788295 • 100 ESP REG every 4th Sunday, excluding Bank Holiday Weekends where the shoot is on the Monday. • ESP • Good access road.

R HOLMES CHAPEL SHOOTING GROUND ☕♿
MO-TU, SAT CLOSED. WE-FRI 10:00-18:00.
SU 09:30-13:00

Reg. shoots on the second and fourth Sunday
• We must finish shooting by 18:30 in summer
• holmeschapelsg.com • 01477 518444 • DTL
• Tuition by appointment with CPSA-qualified Instructor.

DERBYSHIRE

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**

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

**HEREFORD & WORCESTER****A KIDDERMINSTER GUN CLUB****MO, TU, TH-SU CLOSED. WE 18:00-21:00**

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

**R LONGRIDGE SHOOTING GROUND****WE, FR & SA 10:00-16:00**

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

**R PARK FARM SHOOTING GROUND****MO-SU CLOSED**

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

**SHROPSHIRE****A BRIDGNORTH & DISTRICT GUN CLUB****MO-FR CLOSED. SA-SU 11:00-14:30**

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

**P WEST MIDLANDS SHOOTING GROUND****MO-SA 09:00-17:00. SU CLOSED**

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

**WARWICKSHIRE****R BARBY SHOOTING GROUND****WED 10:00-21:00. SAT 10:00-18:00**

017880891873 • cadmansporting.com • We also have an airgun range which is open 9-6 Mon-Sat and 9-9 on Wed. • Floodlit 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. • cosfordsg.co.uk • 07563 518090 • DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, STR.

**R EDGEHILL SHOOTING GROUND****TH – SAT 10:00 – 18:00**

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

**P HONESBERIE SHOOTING****MO-SA 08:30-18:00. SU CLOSED**

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

**R LEA MARSTON SHOOTING CLUB****MO-TU, TH-FR: 10:30-17:30. WE: 14:30-20:30. SA: 10:30-15:30. SU: 9:30-14:00**

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

**P RUGBY & DISTRICT TRAP CLUB****WE 11:00-DUSK. SU FROM 09:00**

rdtc.info • 07770 551491 • ABT, HEL, UTR

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

**A WEDGNOCK SHOOTING GROUND****MO, SA CLOSED. TU-FR, SU 10:00-13:00**

Open Shoots every Sunday • adventuresport.co.uk

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

**EAST MIDLANDS****BEDFORDSHIRE****P SPORTING TARGETS****MO-SA 09:00-18:00. SU 09:00-14:00**

Shooting will cease at dusk. When the hour goes forward in spring open till 20:00 • sportingtargets.co.uk

• 01234 708893 • CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE****P CAMBRIDGE GUN CLUB LTD****MO-TU CLOSED. WE-SA 10:00-16:00. SU 10:00-15:00**

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

**LEICESTERSHIRE****R KEGWORTH SHOOTING GROUND****MO-SA 09:00-DUSK. SU 09:30-14:00**

ESP REG, All new layouts, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and all bank holidays. See Fixtures for FITASC and Sportrap. Open weekdays by prior appointment. Call or see website. • 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.

**LINCOLNSHIRE****R BLYTON 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 • Blytonshootingground@gmail.com • ESP, FITASC, STR.

**P EAST OF ENGLAND SHOOTING GROUND****MO-WE CLOSED. TH-SU 10:00-16:30**

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

**R THE PRIORY CLAY TARGET CENTRE****MO, TU, TH CLOSED. WE, FR, SA, SU 09:30-16:00**

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

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE****P NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND****MO-WE, FR CLOSED. SA-SU FROM 10:00.****TH FROM 13:00**

northamptonshootingground.co.uk • 01604 642252

• DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, DR, STR.

**R BARBY SPORTING GROUND****SU-TU, TH CLOSED. WE 10:00-21:00. SA 10:00-18:00.**

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

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE****A COCKETT FARM SHOOTING GROUND****MO-WE, FR-SA 10:00-17:00. SU 10:00-15:00.****TH CLOSED**

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

• AR, ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP.

**P NOTTINGHAM & DISTRICT GUN CLUB****SU 09:00-16:00. MO-TU, FR CLOSED. WE-TH,****SA 10:00-17:00.**

Registered shoots every Sunday. By appointment on Fridays. Late night Wednesdays. • 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.



SUFFOLK

R BARROW SPORTING CLAYS 

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

100 ESP Registered Competition - usually the 1st and 3rd Sun of each month. Runs all year round.

• 07912 497000 • ESP, FSP, STR.

R ERISWELL LODGE 

MO-TU, TH-SA 09:00-19:00. WE 09:00-20:30.

SU 09:00-15:30

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

P HIGH LODGE LEISURE LTD 

SU 9:30-12:30. MO-SA 10:00-17:00

Registered Shoots on some weekends. Sunday Morning shooting finishes end of March and then our Late night Wednesday shooting begins. • highlodge.co.uk • 01986 784347 • ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR • Onsite accommodation, large function room for events and large groups, air rifle ranges, archery and fishing. We now require all activities to be booked prior to your visit, we do accept same day bookings.

P HIGHWAYMANS SHOOTING GROUND 

highwaymansshootingground.co.uk • 07836 643436

• ESP, FSP, STR • See fixtures for Sunday hours.

SOUTH WEST

CORNWALL

R COUNTY GUN CLUB 

shootingincornwall.co.uk • 07979 696179 • See fixtures on website for opening hours • AR, ESK, ESP.

R NORTH CORNWALL SHOOTING GROUND 

MO-WE, FR CLOSED. TH 11:00-16:30. SA 09:30-17:30

Opening & closing times may vary according to weather, time of year & competitions • 077901 58109 • ABT, DR, DTL, STR, UT.

DEVON

R ASHCOMBE SHOOTING GROUND 

WE-SA 09:30-5PM. SU 10:00-16:00.

ashcombeshootingground.co.uk • 01626 866766 • Registered Shoot first Sunday of every month, Thurs Late night Shooting til 8pm (Summer only) • Covered All Weather Layouts available. Restaurant "Rabbit Skeet" Layout. FITASC Practice Course. • ESK, ESP, FITASC, STR.

R ASHLEY CLAY SHOOT 

MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-11:30

01884 243476/07837 197595 • 70 or 100 target practice shoots held on alternate Sunday mornings. Open alternate Wednesday evenings 18:00 in the summer months. • ESP • Set in a deep valley. No need to book. Dates available on Ashley Clay Shoot Facebook page.

R LITTLE SILVER CLAY SHOOT 

SU 10:00-14:00. MO-SA CLOSED

devonclayshooting.co.uk • 07971963421 • ESP, STR • contact by phone or Facebook (Westdown Farm and Littlesilver clay shoots.)

P SOUTH WEST SHOOTING SCHOOL

MO-SA 10:30-17:00. SU 10:30-13:00

Registered shoots every second Sun per month

- southwestshooting.co.uk • 01271 864784 • CSP, ESP, STR • Clubhouse and under cover shelters, 40 shooting positions, eighty plus traps in operation
- Cartridges available with shotgun licence or bring your own, fibre or plastic.

DORSET

A AA SHOOTING SCHOOL 

MO CLOSED. TU-SU 10:00-18:00

aashootingschool.com • 07914918395 • ESP

• Free coffee and tea.

HAMPSHIRE

R FAREHAM CLAY TARGET CLUB 

See website for shoot dates and times • farehamctc.org.uk • 01329 315185 • ABT, DTL, ESK, ESP.

P OWLS LODGE SHOOTING SCHOOL 

MO, WE, FR-SU CLOSED. TU, TH 10:00-18:00

Open till dusk if before 18:00 • olss.co.uk • 07734 200280 • DTL, ESK, ESP, OTR, OSK, STR, FSP, CSP, DR, UTR.

A SPITFIRE SHOOT 

WE-SA 09:00-16:30

spitfireshoot.co.uk • 01264 810312 • ESP • 11 stands of English Sporting, including high tower. Practice and Lessons for all levels by qualified instructors.

SOMERSET

P BROOK BANK 

MO-TU, TH CLOSED. WE 13:00-16:00. FRI, SA 11:00-16:00. SU 10:30-15:30

Pre-book only. Check website for last minute updates.

- brookbankshooting.co.uk • 07773 488018 • ABT, DTL, ESP, OTR, UT • Gunsmith on site • Clubhouse with snack bar. • Cartridge restriction applies Thur, Fri & Sat - only Hull & 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

• John Rigby & Co Rifle Ranges 100 & 200 metre.

HERTFORDSHIRE

P ATKIN GRANT & LANG

MO CLOSED. TU-SA 09:00-17:00. SU 10:00-13:30

agl-uk.com • 01582 849382 • ESP Registered Shoot on the last Friday of every month. Shop open until 5:30pm • Open until 20:00 on Wednesdays throughout the summer • ESP • Catering available Wed-Sun.

A CODICOTE BOTTOM CLAY

TARGET CLUB 

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

07941110381 • Open alternate Sundays. • ESP.

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 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 NUTHAMPTON 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, OSP, 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****B 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, OSP, 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

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

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SU 10:00-16:00

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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.

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

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

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clayandcountry.com • 07711 332097 • OSP • 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.

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50 ESP Open every Thursday & Saturday 10.00 – 3pm
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MO-SA CLOSED. SU 09:00-14:00

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

southdowngunclub.co.uk • 01903 877555
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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, OSP, 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, OSP, 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, OSP, OSK, OTR, STR.

**R ISLE OF MAN CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB**

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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, OSP, 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, OSP, 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 • OSP.

**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 • OSP • 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, OSP, OT, STR.

**R SOUTH WALES 2000 SHOOTING GROUND**

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

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ESP – English Sporting

STR – Sportrap

DTL – Down the Line

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OSK – Olympic Skeet

OTR – Olympic Trap

DT – Double Trap

UTR – Universal Trench

ABT – Automatic Ball Trap

FSP – FITASC

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SB – Single-Barrel

DR – Double Rise

HD – Handicap by Distance

SKD – Skeet Doubles

AR – All-Round

CSP – Compak

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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.

THURSDAY 1 JUNE

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 150 STR REG, booking via CPSA. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyshoot.com Last entries 16:30, 09:00-16:30

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

FRIDAY 2 JUNE

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 150 STR REG, booking via CPSA. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyshoot.com Last entries 16:30, 09:00-16:30

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, open practice for esp and dtl practice and tuition is also available. 100 reg fitasc prebook only 10am start, 10:00-17:00

SATURDAY 3 JUNE

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 150 STR REG, booking via CPSA. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyshoot.com Last entries 16:30, 09:00-15:00

Bisley Gun Club, Surrey, 07713 762928, 200 DTL REG Centenary Shoot, 08:30-17:00

Cosford Shooting Ground, Warwickshire, 07563 518090, 100 STR REG Warwickshire County Sportrap Championship, 10:00-15:00

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 - 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

Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, 01455 888353, 100 DTL REG REG DTL & ESP PRACTICE REG DTL & ESP PRACTICE, 10:00-15:00

North Cornwall Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 07790 158109, 100 DTL REG, 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, 09:00-Dusk

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

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 150 STR REG, booking via CPSA. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyshoot.com Last entries 12:00, 09:00-12:00

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

Bisley Gun Club, Surrey, 07713 762928, 200 DTL REG Centenary Shoot, 08:30-17:00

Doveridge Clay Sports Centre, Derbyshire, 01889 565986, 100 Reg Skeet - Staffs & Derbyshire Championship Tel Entries only Tel:01889 565986 -Practice Sporting, 09:30-14:30

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

Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100 ESK REG June Registered Skeet 100 Registered ESK Call 01638 534045 to book on Open for Practice , 09:00-15:30

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 esp reg wctsa sel (limited sporting available), 100 abt reg wctsa sel, 100 dtl reg, 10:00-17:00

Fauxdeglia Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 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

Gloucester Clay Shooting Club, Gloucestershire, 07827 812796, 100 ESK REG H&W County Championships, 10:30-12:30

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

Horne CPC (Gatton Bottom), Surrey, 07711 332097, 100 ESP REG, Cash Prizes in All Classes, AA, B, C, Ladies, Veterans & Juniors, 10:00-15:00

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

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

P Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 ABT REG East Midlands. Food available. Pre-booking only via website fpr practice (www.nottsclayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

P Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 100 UTR REG Cambridgeshire County Championships 100 REG UT Cambridgeshire County Championships, 09:00-17:00

Oak Lodge Shooting Ground, Durham, 07786 868691, Durham Sportrap championship 125 STR REG, 10:00-14:00

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

Penrith & District GC Ltd, Cumbria, 07539 269392, 100 DTL REG North of England Selection Shoot, 09:00-14:00

Ranton Clay Target Club, Staffordshire, 01785 223621, 50 DR REG (Staffordshire Championship) 50 Pair Double Rise (Staffordshire Championship), 09:00-Dusk

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

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

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

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

Two Counties Gun Club, Devon, 01769 540501, 100 ABT REG DEVON SELECTION SHOOT, 30 DR REG (60 CLAYS) DOUBLE RISE DEVON CHAMPIONSHIP Entries 10.00am - 11.00am, 10:00

National Governing Body **Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association, Wales**, 100 ESK REG Wales Team Selection @ Crynant Shooting Ground (SA10 8PR), 10:00-17:00

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

TUESDAY 6 JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

P Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 50 DTL REG DTL Suffolk County Championship Open for Practice. DTL 50 Bird call 01638534045 to book in sporting open, 09:00-20:30

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

P Ian Coley Shooting School, Gloucestershire, 01242 870391, 100 ESP REG £150 HIGH GUN - HOT FOOD AVAILABLE - SQUADDED - www.iancoley.co.uk/reg/, 09:00-14:30

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 ESK REG 2023 Midweek English Skeet 100 Target, 09:00-17:00

THURSDAY 8 JUNE

P Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 100 DTL REG English Open, 100 DTL REG DTL Sponsors Day, 100 DTL REG Dougall Memorial, DTL Practice, 09:00-17:00

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

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

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

P Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 100 DTL REG English Open, 100 DTL REG DTL Sponsors Day, 100 DTL REG Dougall Memorial, DTL Practice, 09:00-17:00

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 ssp reg pre-book only. squads @ 10am & 1pm; open practice for esp & dtl. tuition is also available, 10:00-17:00

P Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire, 01949 851181, 100 ESP REG DERBY COUNTRY SELECTION ESP Pool Shoot. Practice ESK, DTL & High Towers. Café & Gun Shop open. Pre-book only, 09:00-17:00

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

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

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

P Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 100 DTL REG English Open, 100 DTL REG DTL Sponsors Day, 100 DTL REG Dougall Memorial, DTL Practice, 09:00-17:00

Chalk Farm Clay Ground, Norfolk, 01760 338760, 100 ESP REG Norfolk 100 bird sporting event, Squadded, HG £200, Bookings via Jo 07918 627 981; cafe open from 8am, 09:00-16:00

P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 200 OSK REG English Open/ English GP, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdega Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 OSK REG GRAND PRIX, 10:00-17:00

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

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

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

P Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 50 SB REG (Northants County Champ's). Practice 60 ESP,ESK,DTL & ABT. Black Powder, 10:00-16:00

P Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire, 01949 851181, 100 ESP REG ESP 100 REG Derby County ESP Selection Shoot PREBOOK ONLY Practice Tuition Available. Café & Gun Shop open, 10:00-15:00

Rugby & District Trap Club, Warwickshire, 0770 551491, 30 HEL REG East Midlands Helice Championship East Midlands & Leicestershire county championship Helice Championship, 09:00-Dusk

Shooting Club LT, Rest Of World, +370608 83101, 100 ESP REG Lithuanian English Sporting Championship 2023; Day 1 of 2; Shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

National Governing Body **Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association, Wales**, 100 ESP REG Wales Team Selection @ Ferndale Shooting Club (CF43 4UF), 10:00-17:00

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

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 100 DTL REG English Open, 100 DTL REG DTL Sponsors Day, 100 DTL REG Dougall Memorial, DTL Practice, 09:00-17:00

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

East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 200 OSK REG English Open/ English GP, 09:00-17:00

Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100 AR REG All Round Suffolk County Championship 100 Registered AR Call 01638 534045 to book on Open for Practice , 09:00-15:30

Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire, 07860 700459, 100 ESK REG Hants Champ 100 Open Sporting, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdega Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 100 OSK REG GRAND PRIX, 10:00-17:00

Gloucester Clay Shooting Club, Gloucestershire, 07827 812796, 100 ESK REG Welsh ESK qualifier, 10:30-12:30

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

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

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

Jet Hall Sporting Clays, Yorkshire, 01302 864842, 100 ESP REG North Region Selection shoot no booking needed. For More details 07956536089/07931554986, 09:30-14:00

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

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

P Northampton Shooting Ground, Northamptonshire, 01604 642252, 50 SB REG, 100 SB REG (Northants & Oxon County Champ's), 100 ESK REG, 25 Sportrap Pool Shoot Comp, 10:00-16:00

P Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 ESK REG East Midlands. Food available. Pre-booking only via website (www.nottsclayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

Park Farm Shooting Ground, Hereford & Worcester, 01905 620237, 100 ABT REG H&W County Championships, 09:00-15:00

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

Shooting Club LT, Rest Of World, +370608 83101, 100 ESP REG Lithuanian English Sporting Championship 2023; Day 2 of 2; Shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

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

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

Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire, 07342 338390, 100 FSP REG H&W County Championships, 09:00-15:00

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

Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire, 07342 338390, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 9.30 till 2.30, £150.00 HG, cash in classes; , White Gold qualifier, 09:00-17:00

TUESDAY 13 JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

Barby Sporting Club Ltd, Warwickshire, 01788 891873, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-19:00

P Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 50 SKD REG SKD Suffolk County Championship Open for Practice. SKD 50 Bird call 01638534045 to book in sporting open, 09:00-20:30

Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire, 07860 700459, 100 ABT REG pre booked entries please, 09:00-17:00

FRIDAY 16 JUNE

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

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

SATURDAY 17 JUNE

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

P Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 100 FSP REG English Open, bookings via BICTSF. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyshoot.com Last entries 15:00, 09:00-15:00

Bisley Gun Club, Surrey, 07713 762928, 100 DTL REG + Practice from 1pm, 08:30-13:00

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

P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 200 OTR REG EO OT, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdega Shooting Ground, Wales, 01978 790198, 50 abt reg am, 50 utr reg pm - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

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Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, 01455 888353, 100 DTL REG Leicestershire county championship, 10:00-13:00

North Cornwall Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 07790 158109, 100 DTL REG Cornwall & club Championship, 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, 09:00-17:00

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 ESK REG 2nd ESK selection shoot Food available. Pre-booking practice only via website (www.nottsclayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

Owls Lodge Shooting School, Hampshire, 07734 200280, 100 ESP REG CPSA Registered English Sporting - PRE BOOKING REQUIRED, 10:00-16:00

South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 esp reg 100 reg esp pre booking req 01271 864784 / 07453 790837, 10:30-14:00

SUNDAY 18 JUNE

Ayre Clay Target Club, Isle Of Man, 01624 621451, 100 OSK REG Olympic Skeet MC, 10:00-12:00

Barbury Shooting School, Wiltshire, 01793 940420, 100 FSP REG English Open, bookings via BICTSF. 100 ESP Practice Food available www.barburyshoot.com Last entries 12:00, 09:00-12:00

Barrow Sporting Clays, Suffolk, 07912 497000, 100 ESP REG + Suffolk CPSA - English Sporting Challenge, 09:00-14:00

Bisley Gun Club, Surrey, 07713 762928, 100 DTL REG South of England + Steve Cole Memorial + Greater London Gran Prix, 08:30-16:00

East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 200 OTR REG EO OT, 09:00-17:00

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

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

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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

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

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

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Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 07564 075210, 50 ABT REG Club Championship, 50 ESK REG, 50 ESP Davy Bethell Memorial Club Championship Trophy, Practice DTL & ESP, 09:00-11:00

The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire, 01406 351451, 100 SB REG Lincolnshire Championship, 09:00-16:00

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

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

Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 50 ABT REG ABT Suffolk County Championship Open for Practice. ABT 50 Bird call 01638534045 to book in sporting open, 09:00-20:30

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

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

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

Ashcombe Shooting Ground, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 Reg SuperSporting & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

Nottingham Sporting Clays, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 SSP REG Food available all day. Pre-booking only via website (www.nottsclayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

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

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

Ashcombe Shooting Ground, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 Reg SuperSporting & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 09:30-17:00

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

Clacton Gun Club, Essex, 07394 670871, 100 ESK REG Skeet Essex Championships, 50 ESP REG Sporting. Tel Bookings 07394 670871, 09:00-15:00



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P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 ABT REG English Open Automatic Ball Trap (bookings taken by CPSA Only) 100 Target, 09:00-17:00

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

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

P Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 125 OTR REG British Shooting Round 3 Shotgun Series, 09:00-17:00

P Rugby & District Trap Club, Warwickshire, 07770 551491, 30 HEL REG West Midlands & Inter County, H&W County Helice Championship, 09:00-Dusk

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

Ashcombe Shooting Ground, Devon, 07888 697401, 100 Reg SuperSporting & ESP Practice. Prebook only for Comp. No wad restrict on Comp, 10:00-15:00

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

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Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire, 07860 700459, 100 AR REG Hants Championship CPSA Registered only. Presidents Cup (members), 09:00-17:00

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TUESDAY 27 JUNE

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 SSP REG 27.06.2023 - 01.07.2023 Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-13:00

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE

P Ham Cross Shooting Ground, Wiltshire, 07111 242749, 100 ESP REG Squadded -Call 07711 242749 to book, 09:45-14:25

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 SSP REG 27.06.2023 - 01.07.2023 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

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 50 ABT REG 2023 Midweek Automatic Ball Trap 50 Target, 09:00-17:00

Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, 01455 888353, 70 ESP REG ESP REG £100 high gun, telephone entries preferred 01455 888353 \ 07972603469, 10:00-17:00

THURSDAY 29 JUNE

Hornet Shooting Ground (CF), Buckinghamshire, 01494 883715, 100 SSP REG 27.06.2023 - 01.07.2023 Limited Squads Tel Entries 07702243308, 10:00-16:00

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

Purdey at the Royal Berkshire, Berkshire, 01491 672900, 100 ESP REG, 08:30-17:00

FRIDAY 30 JUNE

P Atkin Grant & Lang SG, Hertfordshire, 01582 849382, 100 ESP REG June 2023 Pre-Booking 01582 849382 100 Bird ESP June 2023 Pre-Booking 01582 849382, 09:00-17:00

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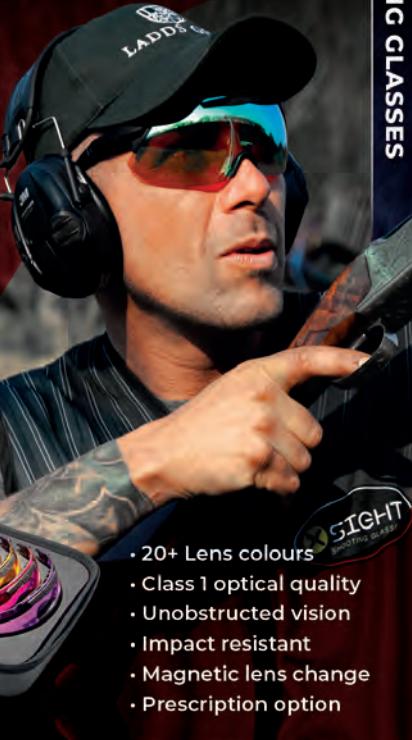
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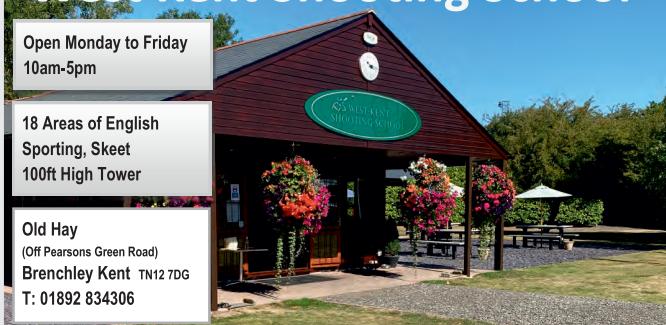
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A CPSA member discusses how to be polite and respectful around the grounds.

Referees are, in my humble opinion, the unsung heroes of the sport. Good ones can increase the popularity of any ground making the day a more memorable one, with not only their knowledge of the rules and targets but with their politeness, efficiency, friendly attitude, and encouragement. A good referee is there not only to implement the rules and see fair play is maintained but also to encourage those new to the sport and to ensure that high standards of safety are maintained at all times.

Having discussed things with other referees there does (unfortunately) appear to be a general consensus that, while the majority of shooters appreciate the work done by the referee, a minority do not. This is the small minority that is making the role of the referee less appealing.

Trust me – it's not a great experience being stuck in the middle of a field, sheltering from all that the British weather has to offer, waiting for the next competitor to arrive. A little common courtesy and appreciation goes a long way to making the day a less miserable one.

Say good morning/afternoon to the referee rather than just thrust your cards at them. Most have their own system of organizing the score-cards to ensure everyone shoots in order so it's a good idea to wait for your card to be taken or asked for, plus a "thank you" at the end is always appreciated. Use the bins provided for cardboard and spent shells. It's amazing

how many people can hit a clay target 50 yards away but can miss a dustbin from two feet when throwing spent cartridges away!

Pick up any shells that miss the bin (if it's safe to do so), it's not the referee's job to tidy up after you.

If you disagree with the referee's decision, consider there to have been a 'slow pull' or are appealing for a 'balk' approach the appeal kindly. A polite approach will be more productive than an aggressive one. Similarly, if you

are waiting a long time to shoot a stand don't blame or be offensive to the referee, chances are the situation is beyond their control and they wish to clear the backlog and move competitors on as quickly as possible.

Always pay attention when waiting your turn to shoot and study the targets, you are only entitled to see a pair if no one's shot them before

Always pay attention when waiting your turn to shoot.

Left: CPSA Referee Tony Axcell is known for donning bright and bold shirts when officiating at stands.

you, so don't be offended if the referee refused to show them again – it's the rule! (as is the wearing of glasses and ear protectors!)

Competitors are able to read the official CPSA rules on the website to understand what to do if you your gun or ammunition malfunction. CPSA General rules states that all member must "ensure that they are conversant with the rules relating to their discipline"

Find out what the cut-off time for entries is and, if you arrive near that time, please don't register, get your score sheet, and then spend the next hour in the clubhouse eating, drinking, and chatting with friends. Have a quick drink or take one with you whilst you shoot the course and then do the above, you'll not only have more to talk about and discuss, but you'll also have the appreciation of the referees.

Also remember that under rule 2.13 of the CPSA General Rules "Competitors must return all/any cards to the organisers whether they have completed the course or not". For the referees and ground staff there is nothing more frustrating than waiting around for a competitor only to find out that they completed only half the course and then left, but did not inform the ground's office staff or return their card.

I would like to remind you all to please read and understand the rules relating to your shooting discipline, show a little common courtesy and deference towards the referee, ensure that the bins are used correctly, be aware of any cut-off times, and follow the rules regarding scorecards. All of this will be greatly appreciated by all at the ground, and go a long way to making the day a more memorable and pleasant one for all concerned.

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