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Spring is well and truly upon us and as always, I'm amazed at how quickly the year is going! During March we held our CPSA Annual Awards to celebrate our fantastic sport, and on behalf of all at the CPSA, I offer our congratulations to all of the finalists and winners. You can read all about the evening on pages 14-19.

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

We also attended the British Shooting Show at the NEC in late February, and I'm pleased to say that it was an excellent show for us with the highest number of new members joining and past members rejoining since pre-pandemic.

Looking forward, our championship season starts in May with the English Open English Sporting at Doveridge, and you can read our event preview on page 26. Also, during May, our England Sporting team heads out to Pennsylvania to compete in the World Sporting, and we wish them all good shooting!

Arguably, one of the biggest topics in shooting currently is the licensing process, so please do take the time to read the article by our Honorary Solicitor and Shotgun Licensing Advisor, Laura Saunsbury on pages 28-29 on the steps required when dealing with a new licence application or a renewal.

Iain Parker // Chief Executive

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CPSA Awards.
JAMES MARCHINGTON



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CHAMPIONSHIP BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!

The following CPSA Major Championships are now open for booking:

- 20-21 July, English Open ABT, Nuthampstead Shooting Ground, £105.00
- 3-4 August, British Open Skeet, Nottingham & District Gun Club, £63.00
- 27-31 August, British Open Sporting, E J Churchill Swinton Estate, £83.00
- 27-30 August, British Open Sportrap, E J Churchill Swinton Estate, £68.00

Our bookings operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and spaces fill up fast. To secure your preferred date and time, we recommend booking online through our championships booking portal as soon as possible.

Visit our championship booking portal here: championships.cpsa.co.uk



CPSA CELEBRATES THRIVING COMMUNITY AT BRITISH SHOOTING SHOW 2024

We had a blast at the British Shooting Show 2024, fostering a vibrant community of clay shooting enthusiasts. Engaging conversations, new memberships, and valuable sponsor connections marked

our successful participation. The event provided a dynamic platform for showcasing the thriving spirit of our sport and building lasting relationships within the shooting community. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our stand, we look forward to next year!



MY THANKS TO LAUREN

Coley's 6 March - Nervously entering my first squaddied sporting comp after major health issues, and developing Parkinson's Disease, I realised once we were underway that I had left my Parkinson's medication in my car some 250 yards away. My shakes were only going to get worse. A member of my squad, Lauren, offered to run and fetch my tablets, and despite my protests would not take no for an answer. She ran that round trip, partly uphill, and got back without missing her turn to shoot. I can't think of anyone else who would have volunteered for that act of kindness. Tablets taken I went on to shoot a pleasing score. Lauren, I totally thank you. **Steve Coote 6594**

CAESAR GUERINI ANNOUNCES A NEW COMPETITION SHOTGUN

Caesar Guerini has always focused on a traditional aesthetic for the extensive line of fine shotguns. That is why the new ARTCO competition model is a departure from our classic style. The goal was to take our proven Invictus sporting and create a new grade that would offer something unique, without compromising the attributes that make it so popular. The famous engraving house Bottega C. Giovanelli was commissioned to give the Invictus frame a new contemporary interpretation. Starting with a blank sheet of paper, master engraver Dario Cortini imagined a new contemporary style of engraving utilizing red enamel accents with multi toned textures, arranged in an abstract composition. The final result is a new interpretation of what is already considered an attractive shotgun with well-balanced lines.

The new ARTCO will be available as a sporting clays model in 12 gauge with 28", 30", 32" and 34" barrels, while the Ascent version with 30" or 32" barrels. The stock will be offered in a high grade of Turkish walnut with a hand rubbed oil finish. Right and left hand models will be available.

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Giorgio Guerini president of Caesar Guerini.

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CPSA Events Executive

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Key responsibilities include:

- Manage the end-to-end process for all events within defined budgets such as the British Shooting Show, National Shooting Show, The Game Fair and CPSA Annual Awards.
- Responsible for all branding at our events and championships.
- Liaise with 'Business Members & Partner Brands', sponsors, and business's both in shooting and outside of the sport, to create Trade Villages at CPSA Championships.

Who are we looking for:

- Extremely well-organised with the ability to multi-task – you'll need to be able to juggle many projects or tasks at once.
- Experience of clay shooting would be an advantage but is not essential.
- Minimum three years' experience in event co-ordination, or event management.
- This is a full-time position, based at our CPSA HQ in Bisley, Surrey and includes working away from home and over weekends.
- Full driving licence required.

What's in it for you?

As well as joining a vibrant team on a competitive salary, we will also give you 23 day's holiday, company pension scheme and other benefits including: honorary membership of the CPSA, access to all CPSA member benefits, compensation for weekend work with additional days off in lieu. All of this, in a professional but fun environment.

In the first instance, please email Richard Worthington, Marketing & Development Manager at the CPSA via richard@cpsa.co.uk with your expression of interest and CV.

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Ian Coley Sporting are holding 100 Registered FITASC competitions on 19 June, 21 August and 18 September 2024. There will be a £150 High Gun each month and Class prizes in A, B, C and D Classes. £70 for targets only of £75 for competition. Targets only are not eligible for any cash prizes but can still win the High Gun title. The events are squadded at 9am, 9:20am, 12pm, and 12:20pm. For more information and to book please visit iancoley.co.uk/fitasc



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The job requires:

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- Previous sales experience would be an advantage but not essential
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THE EXPANSION OF SCHÖFFEL COUNTRY'S CLAY SHOOTING COLLECTION

Schöffel Country have added to their clay shooting collection, with these must-have pieces for this spring/summer. When it's too warm to wear a shooting vest or jacket, but you require a little extra padding, the new Cordoba polo shirt is a go-to. With built in reinforced suede shoulder patches and classic fit there is plenty of movement available and added comfort when shooting.

If a jacket is more your preference, the Grimsthorpe is the one. It's 100% waterproof, windproof, and breathable, perfect for the British summer weather.



It features everything you need in a shooting coat, from two double bellows cartridge pockets with drainage holes, recoil pad pockets in left and right shoulder and two D-rings on the back. The Grimsthorpe Vest has all the features of the jacket but in vest form for the warmer days out clay shooting.

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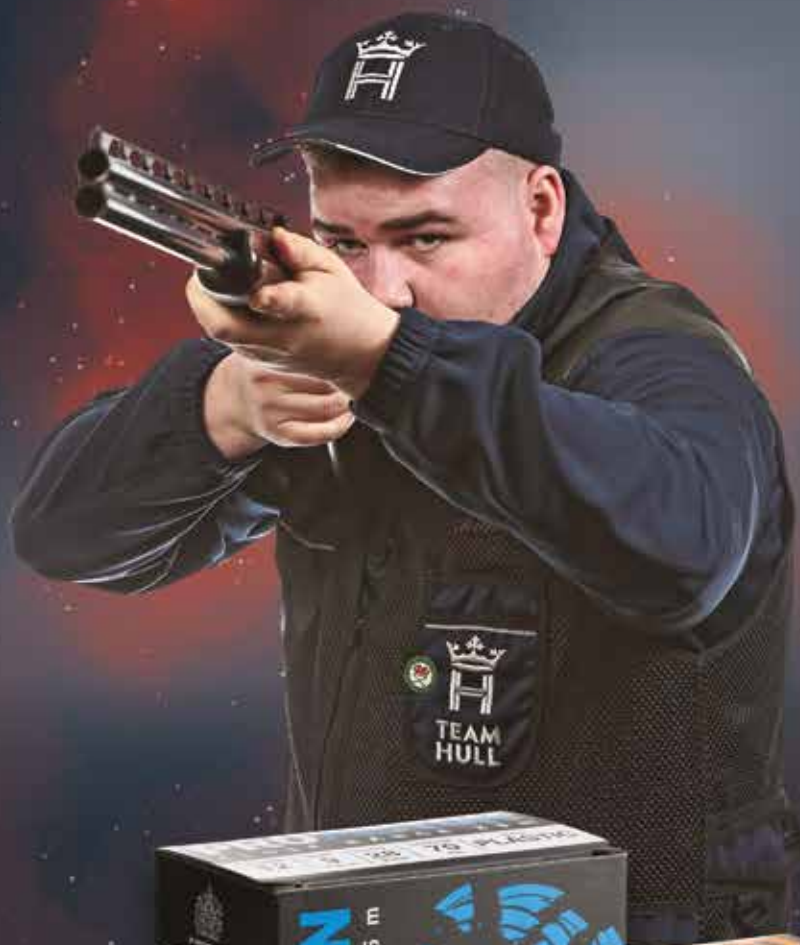
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NEW FITASC REFEREES

Many thanks to all the staff at Barbury Shooting School for making all the candidates welcome and providing the venue for the recent FITASC Compak referees course held on Friday 9 February 2024. All 11 candidates were successful.

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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, Mark Tomlin, who correctly located the missing clay in section F4 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!

Head to cpsa.co.uk/courses to book a course

"Very informative course, full of everything I needed. Both tutors were wonderful!"
Lucinda Ings

"I would like to thank Tony & Richard for their excellent tutor abilities on the IDW. I now look forward to the ITC." Steve Miller

"We had a very good weekend with the referee course. All 30 enjoyed the course very much!"
Larry Fay

"I would like to thank all involved in the Instructor course, especially John, Mike and Mick for the professional way they have done the course." Joe Attard

Safety Officer Course

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

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| 22 Apr | Doveridge CPC |
| 18 May | Bisley |
| 17 Jun | Nottingham & District |
| 29 Jun | South West SS |
| 6 Jul | Bisley |
| 16 Jul | Doveridge CPC |
| 15 Aug | East Yorkshire CSG (TBC) |
| 19 Aug | Northampton SG |
| 21 Sep | Bisley |
| 23 Sep | Doveridge CPC |

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Safety Officer Requalification

We will be launching a new online Safety Officer requalification exam in January for those who qualified in 2019,

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

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Instructor Development Workshop (IDW)

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

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| 15 Apr | Doveridge CPC |
| 18 Apr | East Yorkshire CSG |
| 3 Jun | Nottingham & District |
| 4 Jul | East Yorkshire CSG |
| 15 Jul | Doveridge CPC |
| 30 Jul | Eriswell Lodge |
| 2 Sept | Doveridge CPC |
| 21 Oct | NCSC |

£175

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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.

Shotgun Skills

- 13 Apr Nottingham & District
- 22 Apr NCSC
- 18 May Nottingham & District

- 20 May NCSC
- 6 Jun East Yorkshire CSG
- 19 Aug NCSC
- 21 Sep Nottingham & District

Advanced Shotgun Skills

- 15 Apr ESP NCSC
- 29 Jul ESK NCSC
- 10 Aug ESK Nottingham & District
- 7 Sep ESP Nottingham & District
- 7 Oct Trap NCSC

£99/£149

Referee Course

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

- 4 Apr ESK East Yorkshire CSG
- 8 Apr ESP Doveridge CPC
- 15 Apr ESP West Kent SS
- 20 Apr ESK Dartford SG
- 25 Apr ABT East Yorkshire CSG
- 29 Apr ESP Northampton SG
- 18 May South West SS
- 28 May ESK Eriswell Lodge
- 18 Jun ESP Sorting Targets
- 24 Jun DTL Doveridge CPC
- 1 July DTL/ABT The Priory CPC
- 22 July ESP Doveridge CPC
- 20 Aug ESP Nottingham & District

£80/£130 (combined course)

Level 1 Instructor Training Course (ITC)

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

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

- 13-16 May Northampton SG
- 24-27 Jun NCSC
- 12-15 Aug Doveridge CPC
- 2-5 Sep NCSC
- 25-28 Sep East Yorkshire CSG (TBC)

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L2 Common Element & L2 CTC

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

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

- 20-22 May Common Element inc CDW's Northampton SG
- 10 Jun ESP/ESK/Trap CDW Northampton SG
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THE 2024 CPSA AWARDS

Report and photos by James Marchington.

The Annual CPSA Awards have become a much anticipated highlight of the clay shooting calendar, providing a welcome opportunity to dress up and enjoy a glitzy evening out, as well as recognising the achievements of the previous year and heralding the start of a new season after what seems like a long, dark, damp winter. This year's event was the 13th Awards and certainly proved lucky for some, indeed many.

The event continues to grow in size and stature. It was held once again in the splendid function room at the Hilton at St George's Park near Burton upon Trent in Staffordshire, the home of England's national football teams. As always the Dancing Squirrel team

had done a tremendous job of staging the proceedings, with staging, lighting, PA system and a huge TV screen all adding to the excitement and sense of occasion. The room looked an absolute picture, with tables beautifully laid and decorated, as the guests arrived, dressed to the nines, and mingled at the drinks reception before taking their seats.

The formal part of the evening began with a welcome from CPSA CEO Iain Parker, who went on to thank the sponsors for their invaluable support: Browning, Fellows Media, Laporte CPC, Promatic, Solware, Swatcom, Zoli, Romero and Eley Hawk. In a break with tradition, Iain called all the nominees to the stage by category, in recognition of their efforts and achievements. Spirits were high, with huge cheers going up for each of the nominees, some of the loudest coming from the Dynamic Ladies

Shooting Club who were attending in even greater numbers than last year.

After an excellent meal, the lights dimmed and the anticipation heightened as we moved towards the awards themselves. CPSA Chairman Dr John Martin set the tone, officially opening the Awards ceremony and welcoming our host for the evening, stand-up comedian and broadcaster Ian Stone, known for his TV and radio appearances as well as a weekly Arsenal Football Club podcast. His sardonic humour soon had the room laughing, and one or two audience members joined in with the off-the-cuff banter.

Having lightened the mood, it was time to reveal this year's awards winners, starting with the County Committee of the Year. One by one, the nominees for each category were read out, then the drama of opening the envelope to reveal the winner. The CPSA Awards are specially prized as they are nominated and voted for by the members, so they

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are a true reflection of the feelings of shooters themselves.

The drama unfolded with the announcement of each category winner: Disabled Shooter of the Year, Young Shot of the Year, Lady Shooter of the Year, Course Setter, Club/Ground, until finally we reached the coveted Clay Shooter of the Year. This was always going to be a tough choice, with four very strong contenders in the list of nominees: James Attwood, Nathan Hales, Peter Chester and Sam Green. Each could claim a fantastic list of achievements in 2023, with numerous wins and honours for their country: James and Sam in the field of Sporting; Nathan in Trap and Peter Skeet.

It could only be one of them, however, and a cheer went up when this year's winner was revealed as Norfolk gamekeeper's son Sam Green, who had a remarkable 2023 winning both the British and World Sporting Championships.

The celebrations went on late into the night, with guests mingling and chatting in the bar area, where a casino added to the atmosphere. Guests gave generously to the raffle, which raised a significant sum for the two chosen charities: CLAPA the Cleft Lip and Palate Association, and the Alzheimer's Society.

Next morning social media was awash with posts celebrating the nominees and winners, and commenting on a superb evening which had a true sense of occasion and demonstrates the health and vitality of our sport.

CLAY SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: James Attwood, Nathan Hales, Peter Chester, Sam Green

WINNER: SAM GREEN

With so many outstanding shooters in our sport, the coveted Clay Shooter of the Year Award was always going to be hotly contested. Four outstanding shots made it through to the list of finalists. James Attwood started 2023 with a great win at the English Open Compak at Orston with 99 ex-100, and continued in that vein, shooting two 100-straight at English Sporting, another at English Skeet and yet another at the English Open Skeet Doubles.

Outstanding scores at the British Open Sporting and elsewhere saw him placed top of the CPSA's English Sporting rankings while the highlight of his year was winning the World Compak in Greece with a phenomenal 199 ex-200. "I have been to some amazing places over the years and got to meet some amazing people on the way and it's been an incredible journey," he said, adding that just being nominated for the award was such an honour.

Next on the list of nominations was Trap shooter Nathan Hales, who also had a fantastic 2023, winning a World Cup in Lonato, Italy, shooting the highest qualifying score of 123 then in the final making a world record score of 49 ex-50 to win the gold medal. Another high for Nathan was winning a bronze medal at the World Cup Final, an event only the top 15 shooters in the world get invited to.

Also nominated was 36-year-old Skeet shooter Peter Chester, who returned to Skeet shooting just four years ago after giving it up at the tender age of 16. He has been on the up ever since, and had great success in 2023, with a long list of titles and runner-up positions achieved during the year – notably winning the English Open Skeet Doubles and Scottish and Jersey Open Skeet Championships, all with

100 ex-100, as well as shooting 100-straight at the British Open Skeet Championship and going two rounds of shoot-off before taking the runner-up position.

In the end, however, it was Norfolk-based Sporting shooter Sam Green who took the award. Country sports have always been a big part of life for gamekeeper's son Sam, who first shot competitively at the age of 12. A Browning sponsored shooter, Sam has long been in the upper echelons of the Sporting scene, but 2023 was when he really hit the big time, winning first the World English Sporting at E.J. Churchill, and shortly afterwards the British Open Sporting Championships at Garlands.

"It was a fantastic year, absolutely amazing – and this really tops it off," said Sam. "It's the first time I've been nominated, and to win Clay Shooter of the Year really means a lot. There were some fantastic shooters nominated, so I think winning it must have been more luck than judgement. Thank you to everyone who voted, and good luck to everyone this coming season."

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YOUNG SHOT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Charlie Faulds, Edward Armett, Olivia Stevens, Joe Turner

WINNER: CHARLIE FAULDS

Young Shot of the Year went to Charlie Faulds, son of Olympic gold medallist Richard Faulds MBE, who achieved some astounding success in 2023, including winning juniors at the European Compak Sporting Championship at just 15 years old. He shot 188 ex-200 over four days, tying first in his category, then beat his rival in a demanding shoot-off alongside the best in the world.

He has also had notable wins in English, FITASC and Super Sporting, Sportrap, Skeet and ABT. A significant personal achievement for Charlie in 2023 was beating his dad for the first time – we are sure it won't be the last.

On receiving the award, Charlie said: "After a quiet year in 2022 I went all over the world in 2023, dedicated all my free time to shooting and found a big love for it. I started by going to the US Open at Tucson in March and from then on I just filled my boots, got stuck in and thrived off winning. I was up against some tough competitors for this award, so it means a lot."

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LADY SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Catherine Smalley, Cheryl Hall, Emma Holden

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WINNER: CHERYL HALL

Lady Shooter of the Year award was won by Cheryl Hall, ahead of fellow nominees Catherine Smalley and Emma Holden. Cheryl has had a significant break from competing internationally and was excited to represent Great Britain again in 2023. It turned out to be a very good year with multiple highlights including being crowned World Sportrap Ladies Champion and World Compak Ladies Champion with a personal best of 195ex200.

Her other achievements during the year include taking the top spot in Ladies in the World and European Compak Cups, English Open Compak, British FITASC Grand Prix, Essex Masters, French FITASC Grand Prix, UK Compak Championship and French Compak Grand Prix.

"I want to thank everyone that voted for me; it's nice to be recognised," Cheryl said. "Thanks to my sponsors as well, because without them I wouldn't have had the year I had. It was a really busy year and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I will probably take a bit of a step back and focus on my coaching this year and growing the club."





COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Ali Schwind, David Dale, Mhairi-Ann Troup, Mike Williams

WINNER: MIKE WILLIAMS

Mike Williams never thought he would win Coach of the Year because he isn't active on Facebook and Instagram, which can seem essential nowadays – so his win demonstrates that quality counts for more than posts, selfies and likes.

Mike is the longest-serving member of the CPSA Academy Tutor Team, having served 30 years, and thoroughly enjoys passing on what he has learned, teaching competent shooters how to become new CPSA Instructors and Coaches. He coaches a wide spectrum of shooters, from total novices to international competitors, and gets the same satisfaction from helping them achieve their aims as he used to get from competing himself. "It's my one and overriding passion, I just love to get shooters 'smoking' clays," says Mike, who is also known for having

created the Swing-To method – not to be confused with Swing-Through – for shooting quartering-away targets.

On winning the award ahead of nominees Ali Schwind, David Dale and Mhairi-Ann Troup, Mike said: "I'm over the moon. Really pleased that it's people I've coached in the past who have voted for me. It's just fabulous."



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CLUB/GROUND OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: E.J. Churchill, Eriswell Lodge, Nottingham & District Gun Club

WINNER: E.J. CHURCHILL

There was a strong contingent representing E.J. Churchill at the Awards ceremony, so no surprise when a huge cheer went up as the ground was announced as the winner of the Club/Ground of the Year. The ground is known for hosting world-class events and in 2023 cemented its reputation by holding its fifth World Championship, the hugely successful World English Sporting.

E.J. Churchill's commitment to the sport runs much deeper, however. The ground offers everything from corporate events, practice and coaching sessions for all levels, provides facilities for British Shooting, supports university teams, and hosts dozens of charitable and fundraising events. "We understand the importance of contributing to the broader community and supporting worthy causes," they say.

E.J. Churchill managing director Rob Fenwick was visibly moved on collecting the award, as he paid tribute to his team. "It's just fantastic, they have worked so hard all year. Obviously people talk about the World Championships, but they do so much work throughout the whole year with all the charity events and the regular competitions. I'm just delighted for them. We're all absolutely over the moon, as you can see by them celebrating rather hard!"

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DISABLED SHOOTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Ben Woodham, Paul Bailey, Lorrie Greening

WINNER: LORRIE GREENING

Next up, the Disabled Shooter of the Year award also went to the same winner for the second year running. Lorrie Greening took the award ahead of Ben Woodham and Paul Bailey. Lorraine took up shooting in a wheelchair in 2018, searching for fulfilment after a serious car accident. Lorrie won her first England cap in 2022. Last year saw her achieve a second England cap and proudly shoot for her country in the Worlds in South Africa, the Europeans, the Home Internationals, and the British Open in Ireland.

"2023 has been my greatest and proudest year to date," says Lorrie, who adds: "Shooting has changed and enriched my life so much. I truly love this sport and the support I have received from fellow shooters, my sponsors, my husband and coach make me want to achieve more and more."

Speaking immediately after receiving her award, Lorrie said: "I actually feel very honoured to be here, and very humbled considering my fellow finalists and how well they have done. I absolutely love shooting, love competing, love the people, love everything about it."

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COURSE SETTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Josh Brown, Steve Lovatt, Stuart Smith

WINNER: JOSH BROWN

The Course Setter of the Year Award went to Josh Brown of Barbury Shooting School – for the third year in a row. He was up against stiff competition from Steve Lovatt whose regular Registered competitions are always popular, and who set up and ran the British Open Sporting and British Sportrap in 2023; and Stuart Smith who was behind the English Open Sporting Championships at Eriswell last year.

Josh was a popular choice however, who has enjoyed setting many courses at Barbury Shooting School in 2023, from the ground's monthly Registered Sporting, Super Sporting and Sportrap competitions to the Hull Pro One Challenge, Caesar Guerini Masters, Benelli Sp-Auto, English Open Sportrap and English Open FITASC.

On being nominated Josh said "To win this award for a third year in a row would mean a lot to me. It would show that I have done my job successfully and created fun, varied and challenging courses for all shooters to enjoy. I believe this is the most important thing when setting a shoot. All of which wouldn't have been possible without the help and support from my colleagues at Barbury Shooting School."

Josh was unable to attend the Awards ceremony, and his award was accepted on his behalf by CPSA CEO Iain Parker.

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COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominees: Cheshire County Committee, Lincolnshire County Committee, Cornwall County Committee

WINNER: LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COMMITTEE

County committees work hard behind the scenes, often with little recognition, organising the sport at a grassroots level, running county teams and championships, promoting the sport locally, and bringing new people into the sport through public-facing events such as have-a-go days at county shows and the like. The three nominated counties all take pride in their commitment to organising and developing clay shooting in their area, supporting their members and running events to raise money for worthy local charities.

This year it was Lincolnshire who once again reigned supreme. The experienced committee has spent another 12 months raising the profile of clay shooting, working tirelessly to support local shooters, fielding teams for regional and national intercounty

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shoots, raising money for their chosen prostate cancer charity, and running clay lines at country fairs. This year has seen the development of a .410 championship by Richard Gray and the expansion of Helice into the region by Donovan Jenkin.

Committee treasurer Janet Stennett said: "We are absolutely over the moon. To have won it once was brilliant, but twice... People do appreciate the work of county and regional committees, but they don't always tell you, so to have this recognition is really gratifying and very special."





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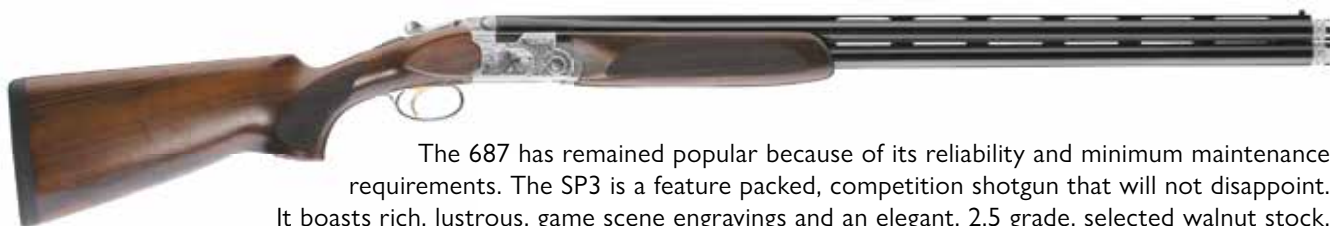
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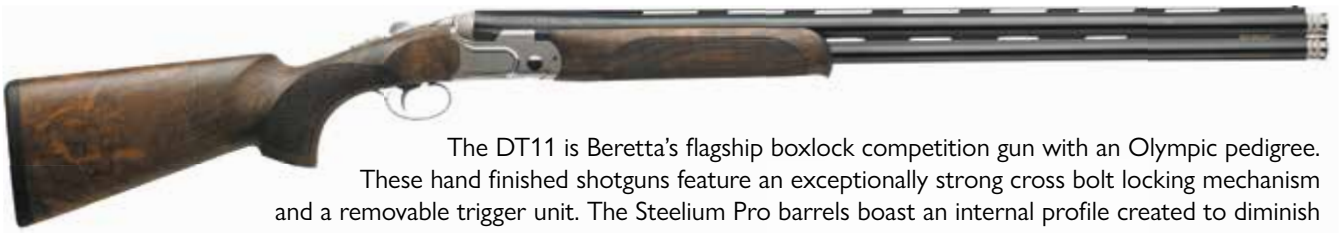
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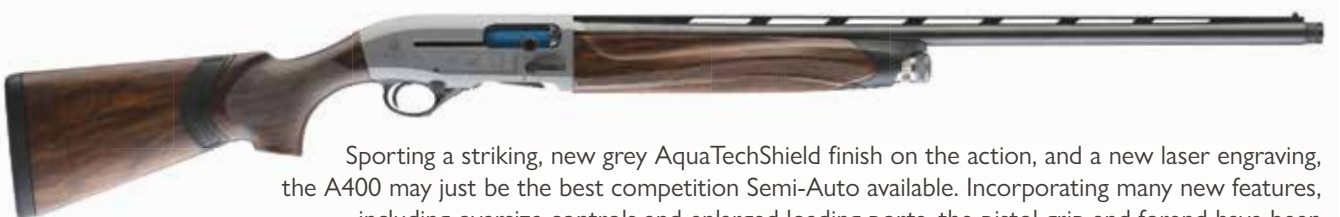
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There can be life after retirement from the competitive scene: there is coaching, but also there are opportunities with the International Governing Bodies, eg: for the Olympic disciplines of Shotgun, Rifle and Pistol it is the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF); there is also the European Shooting Confederation (ESC); also for non-Olympic shotgun disciplines: Fédération Internationale de Tir aux Armes Sportives de Chasse (FITASC).

BEHIND THE SCENES

So, who do we have behind the scenes in the ISSF? From the shotgun disciplines: Elena Allen, voted onto the Executive Committee by the 2022 General Assembly in Egypt and Christian Schofield sits on the Coaches Committee.

Elena was GBR's top Skeet Women shooter, winning medals and setting a World Record in 2005 which stood for seven years. Her first role on an International Committee was in 2015 when she was voted on to the European Athletes Committee by her fellow athletes. She was re-elected in 2017 to the same ESC Athletes Committee who

then voted to have her as Chairwoman for the next four years.

Elena was also elected on to the ISSF Athletes Committee in 2018 during the World Championships in Korea. She was finally elected on the ISSF Executive Committee (EC) in 2022.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO PITCH FOR THE EC?

"I was a member of British Shooting's International Relations Group for a number of years and after my election onto the ESC Athletes Committee. My name was put forward for the UK Sport International Leadership Programme. I applied to go on the program, went for an interview and was accepted to join the ILP and completed the one year course. I found the program of immense benefit, as coming into this as an athlete, I had little knowledge of how international federations functioned."

"From 2019 I attended a number of ISSF and ESC Annual General Assemblies alongside British Shootings' CEO Hamish McInnes. This gave me the opportunity to expand my contacts and increased my visibility. At the 2021 ESC General Assembly in Cyprus, we had elections for the ESC President and the Presidium. I was asked to be the Chair of the Scrutineers Committee but, when the Electronic Voting suddenly did not function correctly we had to go to manual voting, I was suddenly thrust into the spotlight as I had to take charge of the voting process which took over two days. This was the golden opportunity to acquaint myself with various delegates representing their nations."

HOW DID YOU START ON THIS JOURNEY?

"All due to you originally, after you tried to persuade me to put my name forward for the Athletes Committee. I was reticent, but you completed the form for me and forwarded it to the relevant people! And the rest is history!"

"And yes, I am really pleased that you pushed me along and I am where I am now! I still get to travel and attend quite a few competitions, which will include this years' Olympic Games in Paris."

FOR INFORMATION:

Briefly: The Executive Committee's responsibility is to ensure that the decisions taken at the General Assembly are being adhered to, to appoint the Secretary General on proposal of the President, to temporarily suspend Member Federations, amend, create and approve Technical Rules for shooting events. Commercial Rights and Sponsorship Rules come under the EC's remit, along with deciding the hosts for the ISSF

supervised competitions. It also designates delegates, representatives, and juries for the ISSF competitions and the Olympic Games.

CHRISTIAN SCHOFIELD

A qualified ISSF A licence coach, which involved a great deal of work, has helped the CPSA and APSI.

WHAT ENCOURAGED YOU TO GO FOR THE ISSF COACHING COMMITTEE.

"Having had the privilege to go back and help and support people developing and running coaching courses so it was a natural progression to go for the ISSF."

"British Shooting encouraged me to put my name forward."

"I will be doing a course with Sport England and Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) on

culture in sport to create the right environment for athletes and coaches to thrive.

"I am very aware that without the athletes and their coaching and support staff, there is no competition!"

"The Coaching Committee reviews the rules and regulations from a coaches and athlete point of view, and promote great coaching in the ISSF."

"In many instances it is the coaches who notice, encourage and support new athletes into the sport, which enables the sport to continue."

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Above left: Elena Allen 2014 ©ISSFDalla Dea. **Below:** Christian Schofield with some of the medallists of the Olympic Experience Competition 2017.



ENGLISH OPEN ENGLISH SPORTING - PREVIEW -

English Open English Sporting Championship will be held at Doveridge in Derbyshire on 1-5 May 2024.

The 2024 CPSA Sporting Championships kick off with the English Open English Sporting at Doveridge Clay Sports Club on the 1st – 5th May. Over 1,100 shooters are booked onto the event at this Premier Plus shooting ground, ideally situated in the centre of the country! Doveridge last hosted this championship back in 2013 when Adam Cork took the title!

Hampshire shooter, multiple world champion and Olympic Gold medallist Richard Faulds MBE will defend his 2023 title, secured at Eriswell Lodge last year with a huge 115ex120, beating the chasing pack of James Attwood, Nick Portlock, Phil Gray and Philip Thorrold by two clays to take his 7th English Open title outright. Those four went on to an exciting shoot-off in front of a large crowd to determine their final positions,

with James finishing Runner Up, Nick third overall, Phil Gray 1st in AAA and Philip 2nd in AAA. This also resolved the top two Veterans positions with Nick 1st and Philip 2nd in that category!

Other notable results from last year include John Porter winning AA Class and Colts with a superb 108, and Charlotte Kerwood, after years dedicated to shooting Olympic Trap for Team GB, winning the Ladies High Gun following a shoot-off with Emma Stacey.

As per 2023, the EO ESP will be 'first past the post' with the top scores over the competition winning in Class & Category with only shoot-offs required on Sunday afternoon, in the event of any tied scores from the 15 stand, 120

target course set by Clive Bramley from Doveridge. Remember, you must attend the prize ceremony to receive any sponsored prizes!

We caught up with Clive who told us "We are looking forward to hosting the 2024 CPSA English Open Sporting Championship. We are putting in new paths which will create new areas around the ground specially for this event. We would like to thank Promatic International for supplying all the traps and we would also like to thank JCB who are supplying 3 x telehandlers which will be used around the layout as towers."

We are also delighted to welcome back our headline sponsors Browning, Swatcom, Eley, Schöffel and Le Chateau with event sponsors Teague Precision Chokes and Promatic Traps who will be supporting the smooth running of the championship.

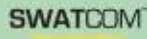
There is a fantastic prize fund of cash & sponsored prizes with a current estimate of £40,000, which includes a superb range of prizes from Browning shotguns, Eley Cartridges, Active8 headsets from Swatcom and vouchers from Schöffel and Le Chateau and daily prize draws that any shooter has the chance of winning!

We also caught up with Carl Weller from Eley Hawk who told us "We are delighted to be sponsoring the English Open Sporting again this year and really looking forward to seeing everyone at Doveridge in May."

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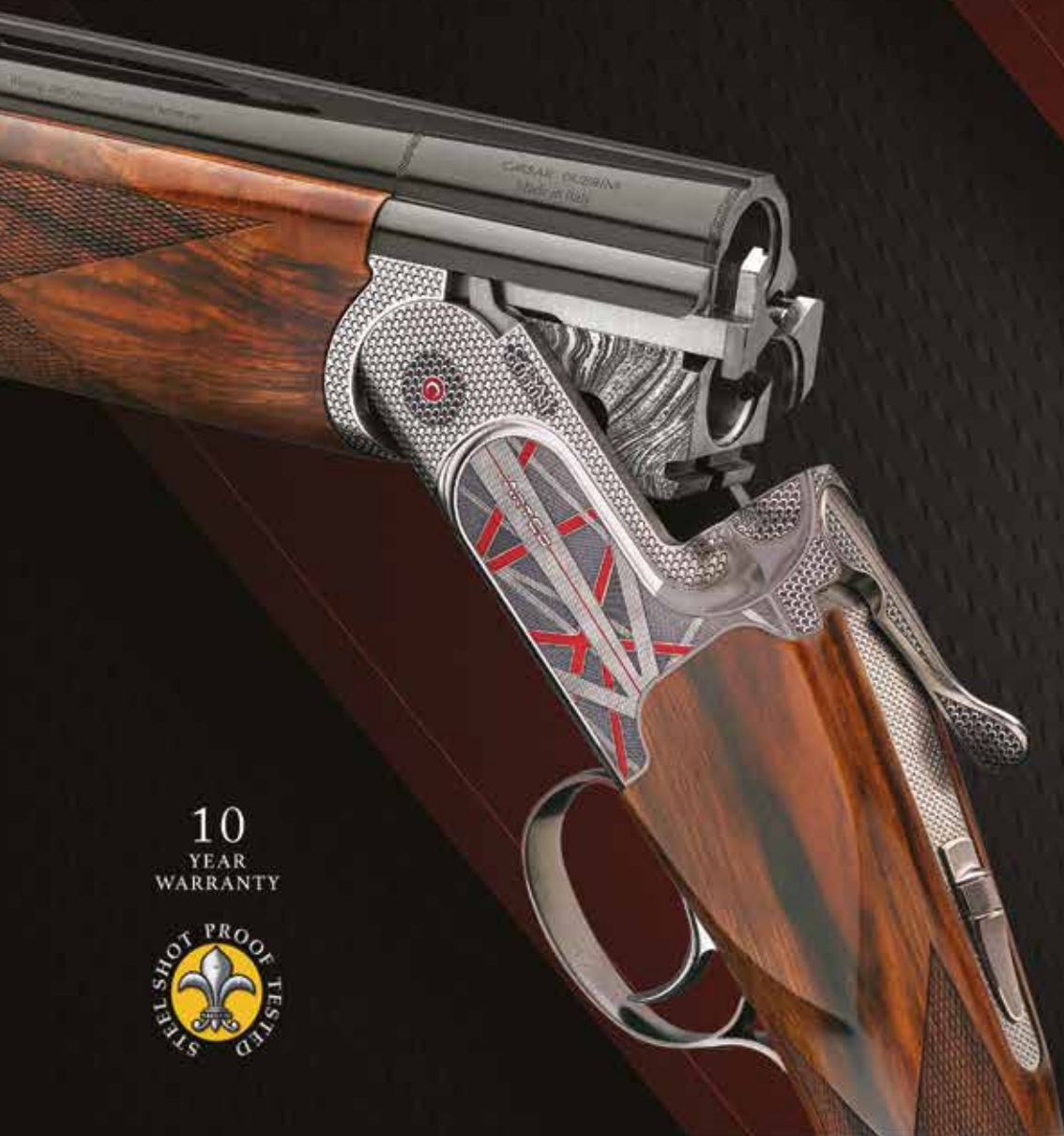
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CERTIFICATE RENEWAL MASTERCLASS

In a welcome return of her legal column, CPSA Honorary solicitor **Laura Saunbury** gives her top tips on how to avoid the common pitfalls of the application process for the grant and renewal of shotgun certificates.

It is clear that police forces are scrutinising each certificate application and renewal ever more closely since the introduction of the Home Office Statutory Guidance to Police on Firearms Licensing in November 2021 in the wake of the tragic Plymouth shootings. For this reason, if having a shotgun certificate is important to you, you should be equally careful how you go about the application process.

Read the guidance notes to the application thoroughly at least once before you start to

complete it, and again when you have finished prior to submitting it, to be sure you have declared all information that is required of you. You may have renewed your certificate a number of times before, but bear in mind that what information is required may have changed since your last renewal five years ago.

Do not fall into the trap of thinking that you don't need to declare a conviction or something from your medical history which you are quite certain the police already know all about because you have discussed it with your

local firearms enquiry officer (FEO) previously. There was a time when that was the case, and you only needed to declare things which had happened since your last renewal. However, the rules have now changed, and you are expected to declare everything of potential relevance, no matter how minor or how long ago, and even if you have declared it several times before. So exactly what information are you obliged to share with the police?

CRIMINAL RECORD

All criminal convictions or formal police cautions must be declared, including motoring offences dealt with by fixed penalty points, and whether in the

UK or abroad. Remember, convictions never become 'spent' for firearms licensing purposes. If your offending history was decades ago in your youth and you can no longer remember the details accurately, simply state that on the application form, so that you cannot be accused of trying to hide anything. Better still, apply to ACRO (the national Criminal Records Office) for a full print of your criminal record well in advance of starting the application process. A basic DBS check with the Disclosure & Barring Service will not include spent convictions, and they only supply enhanced DBS checks to employers.



Laura Saunbury is a consultant solicitor with a leading London law firm and has 14 years experience as the Association's Honorary Solicitor and shotgun licensing advisor.



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MEDICAL HISTORY

The Police are not entitled to and should not be asking for full access to your entire medical records. This may contain sensitive personal information about you and other family members, which is of no relevance to the police in assessing your suitability to be a certificate holder. The medical proforma to be completed and signed by your GP, which is now standardised across all forces, should be all that they require in most cases. Only if the doctor has indicated on the proforma that you have now or in the past suffered from a relevant medical condition, should the police consider asking your GP for a medical report giving more detail.

Despite the policy of some forces, there is nothing in any of the Home Office guidance to the police which specifies that the doctor must confirm they have reviewed your medical records going right back to when you were born. However, the police are entitled to ask you and your doctor if you have ever suffered from any of the relevant medical conditions listed, not just

in the recent past. It would therefore be reasonable for them to expect the doctor has your medical records for at least the last 10 years, and preferably going back to your late teens or early adulthood. If this is not possible, for example you lived abroad when you were younger or early paper records have been lost when changing GP, this may need to be explained.

Most police forces now require the applicant to collect the completed proforma from their doctor to submit at the same time as their application, although some forces insist that the completed proforma is sent straight to them by the doctor's surgery. Check your local police website, and if your force requires you to obtain the signed medical proforma, do not bother submitting your application without it. The police will simply reject your application as incomplete and reimburse the fee you have paid, so that you then have to start the process all over again from the beginning.

You may be confident that there is nothing of relevance

in your medical history, but if you live in a force area where you get to see the medical proforma completed by your GP before you submit it with your application, then do avail yourself of that opportunity. Don't just glance at it to see if the doctor has signed, dated and stamped it at the end. Check all of the boxes to see if the doctor has ticked or written anything about any relevant medical conditions. If you read anything on the form which surprises you, arrange an appointment to discuss it with your GP before submitting your application so that you can deal with this appropriately in your application form.

WHAT IF MY DOCTOR IS BEING UNHELPFUL?

It is possible to get the proforma

completed by another qualified GP registered with the General Medical Council if your own doctor refuses to complete the proforma on grounds of being a conscientious objector to gun ownership, if you are concerned about long delays at your surgery in dealing with this, or if you consider the fee they are going to charge is excessive. However, any other doctor providing this service for you will need to confirm on the proforma that they have been given full access to your medical records by your own GP, and it can take up to 30 days for your surgery to facilitate this. The CPSA recommends using Shootcert (shootcert.co.uk) if you are having difficulty with your own GP.

WHEN TO SUBMIT MY APPLICATION

As an absolute minimum, you need to have submitted your application, complete with

the signed medical proforma, at least 8 weeks before your certificate expires, so that you are automatically entitled by law to an 8 week extension of your certificate if the police cannot process your renewal by your certificate expiry date. The Police should send you a letter confirming the extension. This means starting your preparations for the renewal by asking your GP to complete the medical proforma at least 12-14 weeks before your certificate expires, and preferably longer. In reality, given the backlogs with renewals in most force areas it would be wise to submit your application at least 4-6 months before your certificate expires, and in some forces even longer. Check with your local police force as to the level of delays in your area.

It's better to have the police thank you for being totally candid

GOLDEN RULE – REMEMBER IT'S AN HONESTY TEST!

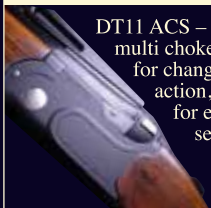
Always keep in mind, the police will effectively treat the application process, and in

particular the questions on the form about previous convictions and medical history, as a test of whether they can trust you to be honest and open in your dealings with them as a certificate holder. So do not give them the opportunity to question whether you may have chosen not to declare something in the hope that it would go unnoticed. It's far better to have the police thank you for being totally candid, rather than have them regard you with suspicion. Approaching the application process with this mindset that it is a test of your honesty and integrity should help you to avoid many of the common pitfalls which tend to result in refusal to grant or renew a certificate. 🐣



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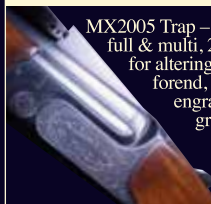
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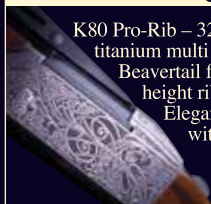
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Used Krieghoff £15,995



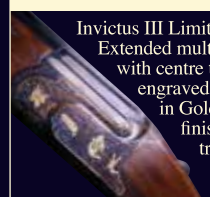
K80 Supersport – 30" Barrels, Multi choke, Flat tapered rib with centre tramline, Beavertail forend, Asprey scroll engraved action depicting a detailed scroll pattern, Barrel selector, Adjustable trigger, Pistol grip stock with stunning honey and black marbled figuring throughout, Immaculate condition.

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THE EYES HAVE IT

Eyesight is critical in our sport and improvements of any kind can have a big impact on your performance, as **Anita North** discovers with two leading experts in the field.

Above: Ed Lyons and Ed Solomons.

Below: Ed Solomons with a Client.

I recently caught up with Ed Lyons, sports vision specialist optometrist and Ed Solomons, top shooting coach. Both have built reputations in recent years for excellence in their work and have clients from all over the world. Together they are Edwards Eyewear and they offer a range of vision solution products including specialist shooting glasses. I asked them both about some

aspects of eyesight and eye function and what can be done to optimise these.

DOES A PERSON'S EYESIGHT STAY THE SAME?

Quite simply, no. There is a multitude of factors that can influence eyesight and eye health and vision performance. As well as changes with age, health and activities can also influence our eyesight. For example increased screentime can mean a person can become visually fatigued quite quickly. Evidence shows increasing numbers of children are becoming short sighted due to this. Further to that a medical condition, such as chronic diabetes or hypertension, can have an influence on eyesight.

WHY SHOULD A CLAY SHOOTER GET THEIR EYESIGHT TESTED?

Shooting is a pursuit that requires your vision to be as good as it can be. The best visual skills will help a shooter; clarity, accuracy of vision, depth

perception, and peripheral vision will all give you the advantage. You are making things that much easier for yourself.

It is about getting the fundamentals right. Before you work on technical aspects of your shooting, make sure you know how your eyes work.

While your eyesight might be fine for normal activities, when it comes to shooting, a small prescription could have a significant impact on your shooting.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD TESTING BE DONE?

As a minimum, get your eyesight tested every two years. In fact, any shooter seriously working on honing their skills should get their eyesight tested every year (and each eye needs to be checked in any good eyesight check). You may be undergoing tiny increments of change in your eyesight that accumulate over time and impact your ability to see the clay clearly. You might not have noticed anything





Above: Ed Solomons showing good fit shooting glasses.

dramatic because of the gradual nature of the change, but in fact your performance may have dipped as a result. Regular tests will help you avoid this. In addition regular testing will also check your eye health as well as identifying any other things that might be affecting your vision.

BEYOND THE EYE TEST CAN MORE TESTING BE DONE?

Yes, you can undergo a full assessment which covers lots of tests including a raft of vision function tests, colour preference, eye dominance and eye health. It takes between two and three hours, so is quite a lot more than the 15 minutes of a standard eyesight test. This means we can make recommendations around vision correction, coloured lens optimised choice and more.

From a coach's perspective, if a shooter is serious about becoming the best they can be (whether to compete seriously or just have the best time shooting) then they need to cover all bases and eyesight and vision function should be in that.

OPTIONS IF YOUR EYESIGHT NEEDS CORRECTING

Different options suit different people so it's always on a case-by-case basis.

1. Contact lenses

Contact lens technology has improved year on year and can be a really useful thing for shooters. There may be instances where they do mean a compromise – some people with an astigmatism may have issues. However, they are a great option for many people, especially those that are very shortsighted.

2. Prescription lenses

The gold standard would be to have shooting glasses with prescription lenses in each colour of lens that you want. An alternative is to have shooting glasses with prescription clear lens inserts to be used with tinted lenses. Whatever glasses you use, they have to be suitable for you when you are using your gun.

3. Corrective surgery

Surgery has made leaps and bounds and after exploring all other options consider it as the last resort. In addition, the surgeon must understand and appreciate

EYE DOMINANCE

A complicated issue

A person can be left or right eye dominant and a whole range in between and Ed Lyons grades an individual's eye dominance. There may be any number of reasons for eye dominance but the extent can only be discovered in a comprehensive eye examination.

Do you have to shoot with both eyes open to be a successful shooter?

No – it is down to the individual and what works for them. There are very successful shooters out there, including Olympic medallists, who only use one eye. Two is good, if you can shoot like that, but if you are cross dominant, one eye is better. All things are not always equal.

How do you test for eye dominance?

In the consulting room I assess a number of factors and discuss each of these with the client and their coach to understand how each contributes to the overall eye dominance state.

1. Visual clarity – can each eye see to the same high standard?
2. Are the eye muscles equally balanced in all positions of gaze?
3. Sensory Eye Dominance – what is the brain doing with the visual data from each eye and which is favoured?
4. Motor dominance and record the results on my iPad.
5. The classic pointing test and aperture tests.
6. Gunfit.

I would argue that only if all of these are completed can the true eye dominance state of the client be ascertained. In an ideal world I will also see the person shoot, as it's not uncommon for someone to think (or have been told) they have an eye dominance issue when in fact they have a technical aspect to work on.

Can anything be done to help someone with dominance issues?

The solution to help an individual can be identified properly after an examination. It is better to address the reasons behind the situation than try something that is an apparent fix without being a proper solution. Any solution should be tailored to each individual.



Shooting is a pursuit that requires your vision to be as good as it can be.



the shooter's requirements and any vision correction should be to optimise vision needed for shooting. Any surgery should be undertaken following proper advice.

IS IT OK TO SHOOT IN YOUR STANDARD PRESCRIPTION GLASSES?

On the whole no, but it does depend on you the shooter. If you have a very upright stance then it is. Regular glasses sit well when the user is looking

straight ahead, but with the various types of gun mount we see with clay shooters, the top rim often gets in the way.

The user can also find they're looking outside the limits of the prescription lens, so shooting without the benefit of the optics.

'Proper' shooting glasses should give a wide field of view, sit up nice and high and have a narrow bridge to give the best unobstructed view of the target. ►

Below: Vision Analysis for a shooter – Senaptec report.

Inset: Games with tennis balls work out eyes.

WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENT COLOUR LENSES IN SHOOTING GLASSES?

The coloured lenses protect from impact, from UV light and help improve contrast of the target against background. Ed Lyons recommends a maximum of three colours – something for bright conditions, something for dull conditions and a good allrounder. That's all. Anything more and you can be spending money unnecessarily.

Colour vision differs from person to person, so lens colour is personal. You have to subjectively test to work out what is best for you. You can go a step further

and have a full sports vision assessment which includes testing on a colorimeter. Results from testing on this can mean product choice is optimised, even to the level of producing a custom tint for an individual.

CAN A SHOOTER WORK ON IMPROVING THEIR VISION?

You can't improve your visual acuity (precision), but you can help muscle strength and eye coordination. Visual training kits are available to give your eyes a workout (check out the training kits from Ed Lyons and use the discount code SHOOTBETTER10).

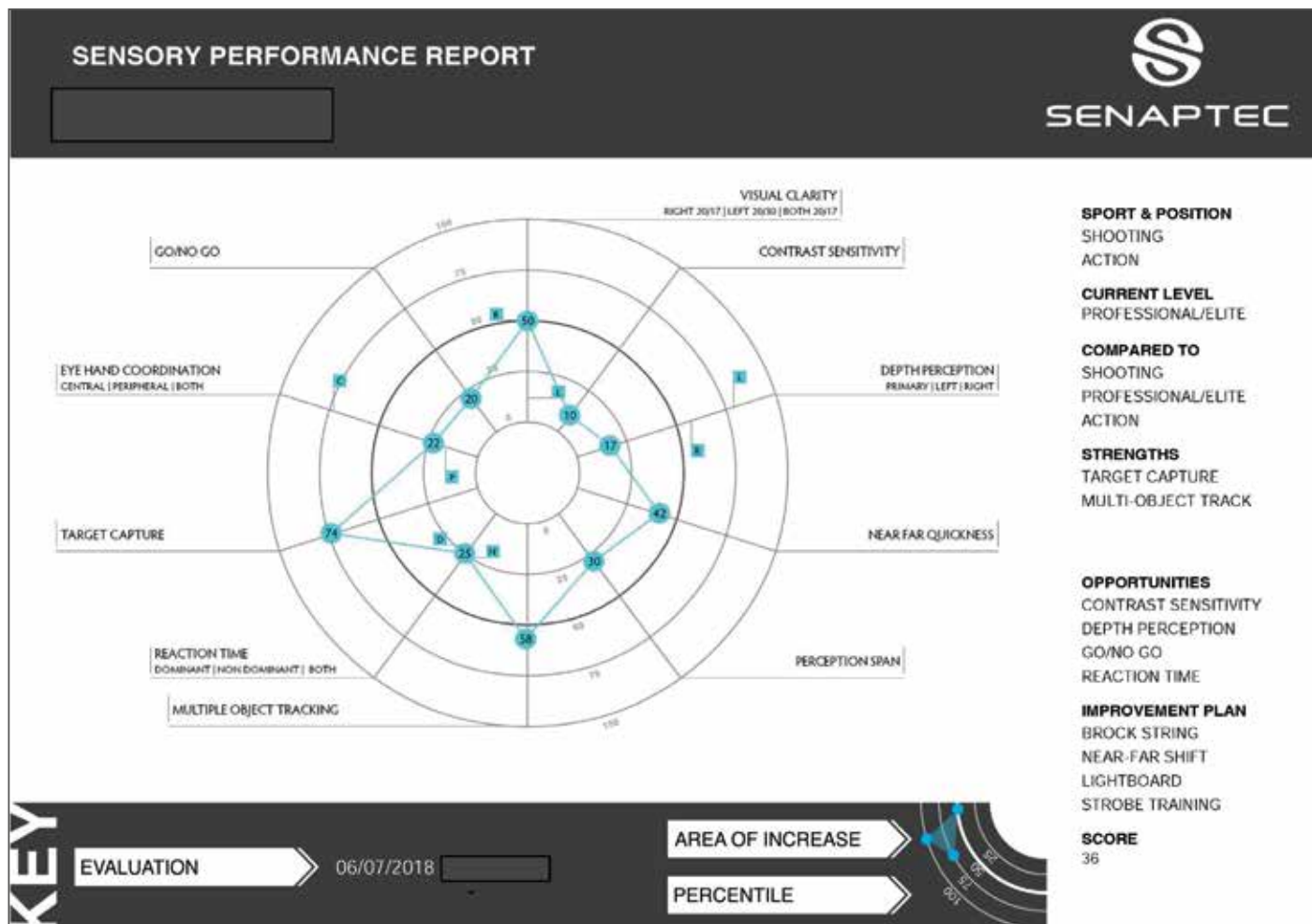
Training with strobe glasses has increased in recent years – these force you to process your visual data more effectively and help improve your perception of speed, lead, etc.

You can warm up your eyes before you shoot so that your eyes are ready to move quickly, to react to seeing the clay. A game of catch with a tennis ball is a commonly used exercise for eyes. Just google hand eye coordination exercises and you will find plenty.

And use any opportunity to shoot clays before you compete – 25 or 50 clays focusing on the process, so that you are ready for competition.

It was clear from these discussions that when looking to improve your visual performance you may never achieve the whole 'fix', but it is just one of the pieces that make you a complete (competent) shooter.

Happy shooting and I hope that you clearly see the value of paying attention to this part of your shooting kit. 🍎





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YOUNG SHOTS

by Edward Armett

MY SHOOTING JOURNEY

The family business is Cockett Farm Shooting Ground offering all the major domestic disciplines, so it was a natural thing to be introduced to. I started with a garden gun at age 6 and then progressed to a 410 on skeet and sporting. My Dad and my friend Curtis Woolley got

me into Down the Line and this is the discipline I have chosen to specialise in.

My favourite shooting moment so far was winning the Krieghoff 500 and being the youngest winner of the event ever. However, the last year has had many highlights including shooting my first 300 at an England selection and shooting for England for the first time.



SPONSORS AND SUPPORT TEAM

Following on from my results last year I'm privileged to be sponsored by Krieghoff and Alan Rhone. Cockett Farm sponsor me with cartridges and training clays. I also have a great team behind me which consists of my Mum and Dad, my coach & mentor Curtis Woolley and my regular squad mates Paul Meakin, Lee Wilcoxson and my Dad.



THREE DESERT ISLAND ESSENTIALS

I would take a helicopter, fuel, and a pilot.



EQUIPMENT

My favourite piece of kit is my Krieghoff, I have always wanted one but being young I couldn't afford one. However, I was lucky enough to gain sponsorship after winning the Krieghoff 500 in 2023.

The most challenging piece of kit is my shooting glasses. Due to needing a prescription I struggled to get the lenses in the ideal place. I have solved this by using prescription inserts in adjustable Pilla frames.

MY TOP TIPS

TIP 1 Focus on 1 target at a time and what's in your control, don't get distracted by things outside your control.

TIP 2 Remember the positives not the negatives - you will have good days and bad days.

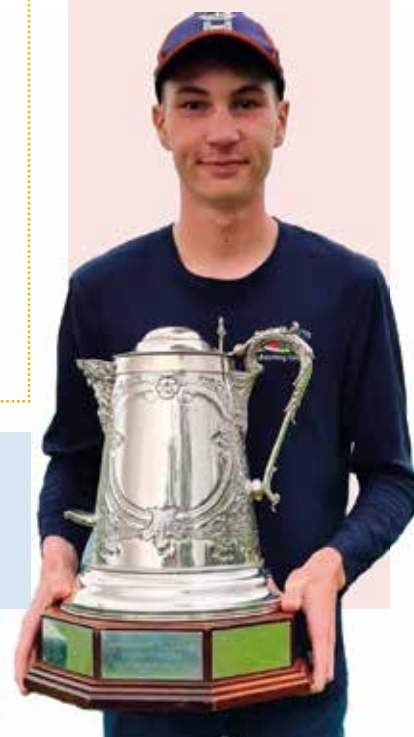
TIP 3 Train with purpose, work on specific things each session rather than aimless practice.

TIP 4 Get a coach that understands how you shoot, and has proven ability as a coach and shooter.

TIP 5 Focus on process and routine not outcome.

GUN, CHOKES AND CARTRIDGES

I shoot a Krieghoff K80 trap with 32" barrels. For DTL I use 5/8 and 3/4 chokes. For cartridges I use Cockett Farms own load "Custom HV" they are a 27g 8.





EYEWEAR

TOP FAVOURITES

► **Optilabs** are welcoming the new clay pigeon season with some great deals on their performance prescription shooting eyewear. Get 50% off Optilabs Pulse glasses with any prescription lens combination while stocks last. No code required, the discount is already applied on the website. Plus, throughout March and April, receive 15% off any other shooting glasses using code PULL15. Optilabs offer a comprehensive range of prescription lenses and a free try-before-you-buy service on all frames.



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▲ **The 2RX series** of shooting glasses by X Sight Sport introduces a game-changing, frameless design for shooters. Featuring a quick, magnetic lens change system, it offers seamless adaptability with wide, wrap-around lenses for distraction-free coverage. Adjustable arms and a ventilation bar ensure comfort and airflow, with a prescription insert option for prescription wearers. Choose from over 20 lens colours to enhance contrast and clarity across any backdrop. Made from optical class 1 polycarbonate, the lenses provide distortion-free vision, ensuring superior clarity.

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◀ **Prescription RX Insert** for X Sight's 2RX shooting glasses model offers a simple and affordable solution for prescription shooters to utilise multiple lens colours without buying numerous glasses. The insert is transferable between lenses and has built-in adjustable nose pads that improve positioning, airflow, and comfort. The RX insert was recently updated to a crystal-clear finish and modified to sit higher.

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▲ **Evolution** have introduced a prescription version of the Evolution Magnex multi lens sets. This prescription version includes an optical insert purpose-designed to fit this model. The metal insert fits behind the frame and is larger than most others – combined with the thin metal frame means it isn't visible in peripheral vision. Magnex lenses attach with magnets – lens changing takes less than five seconds.

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21 Feb: Cheshire CPSA AGM, Catton Hall Shooting Ground

We started with the Chairman's report, and his appeal for a fundraiser to join the committee. Then the Secretary's report which included disturbing news that in three Counties the Police are not issuing any new shotgun certificates, and delays of up to two years are not uncommon in renewing existing certificates. We had the treasurers report and the election of officers. It was decided that North West Air Ambulance would be our chosen charity. A list of new committee members will soon be on our website. Then we had reports from all the discipline managers. If you don't already shoot a fast trap discipline, a 'have-a-go day' at a fast trap discipline will soon be organised at Fauxdegla Shooting Ground. Watch this space and our website for more details. The trophies were presented to this year's winners, and the evening was rounded off with a raffle, all the proceeds, £140 going to North West Air Ambulance.

Eley Hawk Shotgun Cartridges

We had a guest speaker at the AGM, Mr Tony Broomwich from Eley. He told us that Eley have been making cartridges since 1828, but now face very challenging times. They have developed the UK's first and only dissolvable and biodegradable wad. It is 100% plastic free, water soluble, harmless to the environment and will biodegrade in 30 days in normal climate. It's called the Pro Eco Wad. After consultation with the HSE it is likely, that at some time in the future, lead shot will be phased out. So they are constantly researching alternatives to lead shot, including steel, bismuth, tungsten, and titanium.

North West Air Ambulance

Were represented at the AGM by Danny Daynes, we presented him with a cheque for £406.30. This year is their 25th birthday. They do not receive any funding from government or NHS, and are completely reliant on donations and income from their shop in Market Street, Congleton. They need to raise 12 million pounds each year to keep going. The helicopters cannot fly at night, so they are increasing the night car service from two days a week to seven. Flight hours have been boosted to 12 on each helicopter ►



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Would you like to shoot for your county

If so, please register your interest with the relevant team manager. For DTL it's David Hurstfield at Holmes Chapel shooting ground 07841 825307. For ESP it's Nigel Lane 07943 647474. For fast trap disciplines (ABT, OTR, UTR) it's Mike

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Forthcoming dates

- 23 Mar BO UT, Fauxdegla
- 24 Mar BO UT, Fauxdegla
- 31 Mar WM Individual DTL Champs, Holmes Chapel
- 7 Apr WM Individual SKD Champs, Doveridge
- 14 Apr WM Individual ESK Champs, Doveridge
- 14 Apr WM Individual OT Champs, Fauxdegla
- 14 Apr WM IC OT Champs, Fauxdegla
- 14 Apr Cheshire OT Champs, Fauxdegla
- 28 Apr Cheshire ABT Champs, Fauxdegla
- 12 May ESP team sel, Garlands

and they attend 3,000 call outs per year. The team includes a HEMS Paramedic, Flight Engineer, Critical Care Paramedic, Doctor, and Pilot. They plan to recruit five new Paramedics, and strengthen links with local hospitals.

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Please check with our website as these dates or locations might change.



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Thank you to everyone who joined us for the John Hadley Memorial Shoot. The weather thankfully remained dry and we even occasionally saw the sun! Overall High Gun for the John Hadley was Chris Moule but there were many good results that meant quite a few

shoot-offs. Congratulations to Wes Harris, Brandon Smith, Fiona Reed, Connor Davies, Aimee Addison, and Taylor Alderton for their respective wins, too many to mention individually!

Our AGM followed and we're very grateful for those who stayed on. No committee position was contested and all current members were happy to continue. As such your committee remains as follows – Chairman Rod Davies, Vice Chairman and Treasurer Fiona Reed, Secretary Karen Mackison, and committee members Nick Stokes, Jerry Ruane, Matt Pugh, Brandon Smith, Harry Pugh, and Phil Mackison. Our chairman's report can be found on our website on the welcome page and all uncollected county champion badges are behind the desk at Park Farm for pick-up at your convenience. Our raffle for 250 Pro-one cartridges was won by Darren Wood – congratulations!

The Chris Bayliss Memorial Trophy for DTL for 2023 goes to Dan Price, and the Chris Bayliss Memorial Trophy for Sporting 2023 was presented to Phil Smith (top two scores to count from area, county and Inter-County results). Congratulations to them both and all our 2023 winners, we hope the new season finds you on the same fine form!

Huge thanks go to Park Farm Shooting Ground for hosting both the John Hadley and our AGM. Your time, energy and support are appreciated enormously, and we are very grateful.

Dates and locations for our County Championships are all up on our website and you should be receiving a printable pdf via email as soon as the last date is confirmed. Please continue to check our Facebook page for updates. Squadded events will require booking in advance with the host ground.

Please note – Our County ABT championship will be limited to 24 shooters, and we have priority booking up until 7 April. After that time, it will be open for shooters outside the county.

County Championships

- 21 Apr OSK, Gloucester
- 18 May Helice, Rugby
- 26 May ABT, Park Farm
- 7 Jul UT, Rugby
- 12-13 Jul FITASC, Westfields
- 28 Jul Skeet, Gloucester
- 24 Aug STR, Barbury
- 22 Sep DTL, Holmes Chapel
- 29 Sep ESP, Westfields
- 13 Oct SKD, Gloucester
- 13 Oct SB, Holmes Chapel
- 20 Oct Super Sporting, Westfields
- TBC AR

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



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AGM

The AGM was held at Nottingham on Sunday March 2024. The Committee remains much the same as before. Your committee is as follows: Chairman Geoff Flint, Vice Chairwoman Julie Havill, Secretary Ron Baron, Treasurers Ron Baron and Geoff Flint, All Round Manger Tom Waring, Skeet Manager Ron Baron, Sporting Geoff Flint, Down the Line and Trap Tom Waring and Geoff Flint, Pull magazine, website and Facebook Geoff Flint, WM Regional Reps Geoff Flint and Julie Havill.

By the time you read this hopefully all County Championships and Selections will be in place. Unfortunately some of these might clash but with a busy calendar this cannot be helped.

Down the Line

Congratulations to Peter Dale who won the Super shoot off for the Webley and Scott Shotgun at Nottingham's DTL Winter series. Peter was C Class series High Gun. Geoff Smith was the Veterans series High Gun. Well done to you both.

Website

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

Anyone with any News, Results etc for the website, Pull! or Facebook please contact Geoff Flint on 07778 639691, email geoffflint@rocketmail.com, derbycpsa1@rocketmail.com or any of the shoot reps.

Forthcoming Events

7 Apr WM SKD Champs, Doveridge
14 Apr WM Skeep Champs, Doveridge
14 Apr WM IC OT, Fauxdegla SG
21 Apr Sporting Team Sel, Orston SG
28 Apr HBD County Champs, Nottingham & DGC



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FITASC

The WM area and Inter-Counties will be held at Garlands on 24-25 August, the Bank Holiday weekend. Team manager Nick Portlock would like to hear from anyone in the county who would like to be considered for the team event. Nick can be found at most Registered shoots within the county.

Sporting

Ian Coleys 3 February held the last of a very well attended series of Saturday shoots. One wonders/hopes for more as one significant difference here being some of the shoot being on areas shut off to the weekday practice. Yes, I know it's now not quite an unused ground, but it was a pleasant change. Joe Hale shot a quite outstanding 97 to take High Gun, our only success on home soil, Mark Searle did shoot 92 in A Class. At Westfield on 4 February, the shoot days have changed to the first and third Sunday of the month which looks to be quite a success, as well over 200 entries flocked to what was a high scoring shoot. In AA third was Alan Bullock 97. In A Class Luke Russell shot 96 for first and Doug Pinnegar 95 for second. Sadly overnight storms flooded out Westfield and the 18 February shoot had to be cancelled. At Westfield on 3 March, a rather decent Spring day heralded another large entry, Sam Usher 97 for High Gun, in A Class first Samuel Brown 90, third Sam Townsend 90, in B Class Mike Peppard 79 and a could have been

for Roy Leadbeaters targets only 77, in C Class 69 for Jamie Woodward who finished third.

English Skeet

At Gloucester on 25 February, Cliff Gardner and Brett Powell shared the win both on 98. Well done and good luck to Joanne Knapman who has been selected to compete in the English Skeet selection shoots for a national team place.

English Open Compak

E.J. Churchill's on 2 March, Chloe Applin 87 + 21 in a tense shoot-off was third in Ladies, and winning C Class was Luke Russell on 95.

County Championships

As the year is now saturated with Registered and some high profile Open events – regrettably fixture clashes will arise and the committee have tried to be as practical as is possible with our county championship shoot dates and all support is appreciated. Please note all events that are squadded will require pre-booking, further championship shoot dates will be added as they are confirmed.

Forthcoming Events

12-13 Jul FITASC, Westfield
28 Jul ABT, Garlands
24 Aug STR, Barbury
29 Sep ESP, Westfield
20 Oct SS, Westfield

Please do keep your eyes open for up-to-date news, views, and results from our shooters on our own and other shoots on the counties Facebook page, there is a lot of weekly content offered.



SHROPSHIRE

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Welcome everyone to April news. Firstly the ESP team selection shoot at Kingsley Moor 12 May 2024 has had to be cancelled due to the club being closed for refurbishment of which we were unaware of.

The Shropshire AGM took place on 24 February at WMSG alongside our awards and 50-target shoot.

A great day was had by all, with stunning weather and blue sky, it started with the shoot (to blow a few cobwebs out) and then led on to the buffet lunch

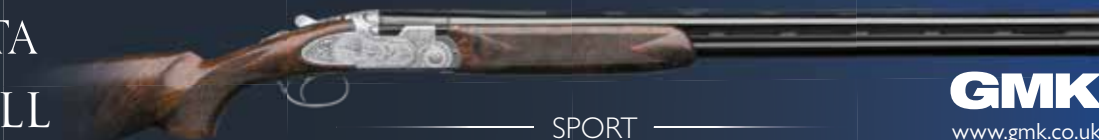
and awards with the AGM to follow.

The members returned are Jim Turner as Chairman, Alan Rowley Vice Chairman, Treasurer Jim Turner, Signatory Jan Dixon, Secretary Jim Turner, Regional reps Jim Turner, Peter Harris, Committee members Stuart Burgess, Julie Burton, Jan Dixon, Keith Tipton, Rob Dytor, Sam Linington, Neil Meredith, Mike Cashmore.

We must also say a very big thank you to Therie and Bea from the Hungry Frog Cafe for the wonderful Buffet they provided and to Jess, Debs, and everyone else at the West Midlands Shooting Ground for a wonderful day. ►



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Around the grounds

ESP 3 Feb Ian Coley Ground – good shooting and fine scores from Dave Harley, Stewart Owen, David Ward, Chris Smith. ABT 4 Feb Ranton – Graham Evans still showing good form. SSP 9 Feb Mickley Hall – with Vince Higginson, David Ward, James Warner all returning scores in the eighties. And well shot to Phil Hartshorn, Richard Toth, Martin Lloyd, Nigel Houlston. DTL 11 Feb Holmes Chapel – Malcolm Grant and Allan Ellison both putting in good scores. ESP 11 Feb Garlands – Well shot to Jason Machin, Vince Higginson, Neil Meredith, Matthew Love and ever improving Shropshire colt Cody Love. ABT 18 Feb Rugby District Trap Club – Graham Evans still shooting to high standards. ESK 24 Feb Cosford Shooting Ground – Well shot to Lee Downing for taking High Gun. ESP 25 Feb Catton Hall – Well shot to Stu Burgess, Roy Millington, Vince Higginson, Julie Burton, Roy Jones, Paul Wootton, Tony Wootton, Trevor Keeble. DTL 25 Feb Holmes Chapel – Shaun Gardener, Allan Ellison, Craig Bebbington, Malcolm Grant all well shot. ESP 25 Feb Garlands – Great scores from Paul Stokes, Jason Machin, Matthew Love, Cody Love, and Paul O'Neill. ESP 25 Feb Kingsley Moor – Good shooting from Shropshire Junior Alfie Edwards. ESP 28 Feb Mickley Hall – Very well shot to Mike Ceffin-Jones and to all the Shropshire shooters who shot that day.

Diary Dates

All below dates are in conjunction with West Midlands Area and Inter-County championships.

Forthcoming Events

7 Apr Shropshire SKD CC, Doveridge
14 Apr Shropshire ESK CC, Doveridge
14 Apr Shropshire OTR CC, Fauxdegla
18 May Shropshire Helice CC, Rugby & DTC

As last year's county ESP championship counted as the first, the four remaining Inter-Country ESP team selection shoot dates, will be announced on Facebook and posted in upcoming editions of Pull! magazine. This is based on five shoots three scores to count.

STAFFORDSHIRE

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11 Feb: ESP at Garlands

Brett Hand shared High Gun with Henry Collins, Nick Hendrick, and Neil Smith.



Jack Whitehouse.



Kate Poysner.

Other top scores from Martin Butcher 94, Jack Whitehouse and Brent Woodard 93, Tim Hatton and Martin Walmsley 92, and Neil Foxley third in Juniors/Colts with 76.

25 Feb: ABT at Garlands

Congratulations to Adam Gutteridge who hit 95 to tie with Jack Wilkinson (Lincs). Jamie Sutton 92, Martin Osborne 92, and Ian Hull 90 also hit the 90 plus mark.

25 Feb: ESP at Garlands

Jack Whitehouse put in 93 to finish Runner-up. Edward Jones also finished Runner-up in B class with a fine 80.

25 Feb: Last ESP at Kingsley Moor

Possibly the final ever shoot at Kingsley saw Staffordshire's Mark Colclough 88 take Runner-up spot behind Nick Beavis (Cheshire) with Paul Rowbottom 87 third.

Subsequently, the ground has announced that they will be closing for redevelopment work. No news yet on how long this will take or even if shooting will continue once completed. When we hear anything on that front,

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Its time to get your shooting plans for the upcoming season started and to help we have a number of our Warwickshire County Championship events scheduled for your enjoyment. Get out the diary and a pen and check these out.

Forthcoming Events

13 Apr Helice, Rugby & DTC
11 May SKD, Cosford
12 May ABT, Rugby & DTC
1 Jun DTL, Normanton
1 Jun STR, Cosford
2 Jun UT, Rugby & DTC
15 Jun SB, Normanton
18 Aug ESP, Northampton

As you can see the full program is yet to be completed but this is what we have

to date at the beginning of March as this goes to press.

Please keep an eye on the fixtures page of our website, sites.cpsa.co.uk/warwickshire/fixtures-2024 where you will find the most up to date and complete information on our events.

As always, please do confirm with the host ground before traveling to ensure no late changes and the availability of places if you plan on shooting.

Reminder

Our 2024 AGM will be announced shortly and is expected to be held in the first half of April. We will get the details out to you by email where CPSA HQ hold your email address and your ok for them to send such information out to you, also via our website and Facebook page. Do keep an eye out for it. If you think you could assist or would like to know more about what we do please contact via secretary@warwickshirecpsa.co.uk or via the Facebook page or the contacts page on the website.

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we'll let you know. For now, Registered shoots in the county will continue with The Clay Shooting Company at Garlands. Plenty of others available – see the CPSA website for details of grounds across the region.

2 Mar: Ladies Clay Shooting League Shoot, Mickley Hall

March kicked off with a great turn out from the WM region for the first LCSL competition of the season. Congratulations to Staffordshire's Kate Poyser who was High Gun. Upcoming shoots are 6 April at Manchester, 11 May at Doveridge, 1 June at Fauxdegla, 29 June at Manchester, 3 August at Mickley Hall, 7 September at Doveridge, and 5 October at Catton Hall. The LCSL is a great way to get involved in shooting, while experiencing friendly competition, support from your fellow shooters and across different grounds. Give it a go! Visit facebook.com/LadiesClayShootingLeague for more information.

3 Mar: ESP Staffs Sel Shoot, Doveridge

A mercifully dry if muddy day saw a large field of over 200 turn out for the first selection shoot of the season. Given the English Open is taking place there in May, no surprise it was popular.

Overall High Gun was Dave Harley of Shropshire with 95/100. High Gun for Staffordshire was Jack Whitehouse 91, followed by Martin Butcher 84, and Ed Harrison 83. Not content with being one of the top ABT shots in the country, Adam Gutteridge won B Class with 82. Our leading Veteran was Keith Hodgkinson who also hit 82. Top Staffs Ladies shot was Lauren Oakes who also took C Class with 75. Archie Tromans hit the same score for High Gun in Junior/Colts, with Neil Foxley third with 73. Great shooting from all of you!

English Sporting Selection Shoots

Team Manager Martin Butcher has put together some great selection shoots for 2024. To qualify to represent Staffordshire, you must take part in at least three of the shoots in the series and at two different grounds, be available to shoot the Inter County championship on 22 September, be CPSA Registered and pay the £2 levy. Shoots will take place at Doveridge, Mickley Hall, and Garlands, with your best three scores to count. Score updates will be published on the Staffordshire Facebook page.

27 May: Tony Thompson Memorial Shoot

Taking place on Bank Holiday Monday

in aid of North West Air Ambulance and hosted by Checkley Clays, the 100 target ESP will be an individual competition, plus four-man team event. Tony was a popular figure, and we were so sad to lose him. This will be a lovely opportunity to remember him. Contact Nick Beavis on 07970 229419 to book your place.

Forthcoming Events

- 31 Mar DTL Area Champs, Holmes Chapel
- 14 Apr ESK Area Champs, Doveridge
- 14 Apr OT Area & IC Champs, Fauxdegla
- 1-5 May ESP English Open, Doveridge
- 18 May Helice County, Area & IC Champs, Rugby & District
- 26 May ESP Selection Shoot, Garlands
- 27 May Tony Thompson Memorial, Checkley
- 9 Jun ESK County Champs, Doveridge
- 27-29 Jun FITASC County Champ, Mickley Hall
- 30 Jun ESP Selection Shoot, Doveridge

All County fixtures and selection shoots can be found on both our Facebook and website sites.cpsa.co.uk/staffordshire

EAST MIDLANDS



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7 Feb: Bedfordshire CPSA AGM

Four people attended the 2023 AGM at Sporting Targets, with Graham Elliott sending his apologies from South Africa. The minutes from 2023 were read and agreed, Chairman, Andrew Clifton, read his report of 2023 listing all the county Championships and the winners, the finances were read and agreed. AC thanked John Stanton & Paul Walker for attending. The committee was re-elected for 2024 and are as follows: Chair Andrew Clifton, Vice Chair Graham Elliott, Secretary Becky Clifton, Treasurer AC. Social Media Graham Elliott, Website John Hartog, Regional Reps: AC & BC.

Dates for this years meetings were

fixed, as was next years AGM, it would be nice to see more members next year so please put the date in your diary: Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 6pm.

We are looking for more Juniors so if you know any – or are one – please contact andrew@sportingtargts.co.uk or graham.elliott@mail.com.

We are also looking for more Skeet and DTL shooters and people to run and expand the teams for these disciplines, are you our person, can you bring together some shooters to create teams? Please contact andrew@sportingtargts.co.uk or graham.elliott@mail.com

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Magazine Reports: Andrew Clifton. Committee: Andrew & Becky Clifton, John Hartog, Graham Elliott. Reginal Reps: Andrew & Becky Clifton. We look forward to seeing you at all the county events in 2024.

Bedfordshire CPSA 2024 Fixtures

If major changes occur in CPSA Regional or National events, there may need to be changes in Bedfordshire County events. We will post any changes as soon as practical on the Bedfordshire CPSA website (cpsabeds.co.uk) and at Sporting Targets. ▶

Forthcoming events

- 6-7 Apr FITASC Beds/Cambs Champs, Sporting Targets
- 21 Apr Sporting Qualifier, Sporting Targets
- 6 May STR County Champs, Sporting Targets
- 19 May STR Beds/Cambs Champs, Sporting Targets



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25-26 May DTL, Northampton
8-9 Jun DTL, Northampton
22-23 Jun AR, Northampton
10-11 Aug ABT, Northampton
18 Aug IC Sporting, East of England
12-13 Oct Nat IC Sporting, Barrow Heath

Sporting Team will be taken from the best two scores from the four Qualifiers and County Championships. Please note a min of five Seniors, three Juniors, Veterans or Ladies are needed before medals are awarded in each of these categories, County Trophies will still be updated.



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The first of the 2024 Cambridgeshire County Shoots, Olympic Trap, was held at Nuthampstead on 25 February. Congratulations to C Chen who won the Overall Championship and to T Jones, winner of the Veterans and Senior's categories. Thanks to Ed, Nicky and team for hosting the event.

The Cambridgeshire Helice (ZZ) Championship will be held at Rugby on Saturday 13 April. This completes the dates and venues for all the Cambridgeshire 2024 Championship competitions. The full list is on Facebook and our website.



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CPSA Awards Evening 2024

and the winner is... announced by the time this report is published!

It's not only an honour but a privilege to receive a nomination for County Committee of the year. If we have been successful this will be our second year as winners. If not we will always try to ensure our shooters are well represented and supported across the Country at the various Regional and National Inter-Counties events. And wherever possible we always promote our sport whenever the opportunity arises, Lincolnshire CPSA wishes all the winners and nominees every success.

Congratulations to all those who also scooped awards – all well deserved.

County Championships

Our county championships kick off in earnest in March and we would like to wish all our competitors new and experienced every success.

If you are new to shooting or new to competitions, please get in touch. We will ensure you are squadded with an experienced shooter who will explain the various requirements from signing in at the ground to arriving at the stand/layout ready, suited and booted for the event. We all started somewhere, and we encourage all newcomers to give competition a go. You never know you may enjoy it. Look forward to seeing you out there.

It's a great experience and opportunity to meet like minded people who enjoy the banter and camaraderie that our sport encourages and thrives on.

Our list of Championships finalised as below, please get in touch with the ground in the first instance to get booked on to avoid disappointment. Or drop us a message via Facebook or our website and we will endeavour to answer any questions or queries you may have.

Good luck to all our County hopefuls who have been selected for the England Selection process at the various disciplines available. Good luck and shoot straight.

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Forthcoming Events

31 Mar SB, Nottingham & DGC
13 Apr Helice, Rugby & DTC
14 Apr Derek Olivant memorial, EYCSG
28 Apr HBD, Nottingham & DGC
5 May ESK, The Priory CTC
19 May UTR, EYCSG
24-25 May FITASC, Orston SG
2 Jun ABT, EYCSG
9 Jun OT, EYCSG
30 Jun STR, EoE SG
4 Jul ESP, EoE SG
21 Jul Notts vs Lincs AR, Nottingham & DGC
18 Aug AR, Nottingham & DGC
25 Aug DTL, The Priory CTC
22 Sep SS, EoE SG
6 Oct OSK, The Priory CTC
20 Oct DR, The Priory CTC



NORFOLK

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With February confirmed as the wettest on record, some of you may have been reluctant to venture out too often. The more hardy, or maybe that should be foolhardy of you, have been out and about around the region. There have been some great results this month, especially from the Sporting and Skeet shooters.

We wish you well at the start of the new season and look forward to seeing you at the County and Regional Championships over the coming months. Please remember to let the relevant team managers know if you would like to represent Norfolk at any of the Inter-Counties competitions this year. We are

looking to field our strongest teams to defend last year's fantastic win of the East Midlands Region Directors' Trophy.

Patrick "Paddy" Howe, 10 Nov 1938 – 7 Feb 2024

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Patrick "Paddy" Howe. He was a well-respected and much-loved member of the shooting community for almost 60 years. Married to Greta in 1964, he had two sons, Robert and Andrew. Having taken up clay shooting in the late 1960s, he went on to represent England and Great Britain from 1973. He competed around the world, winning World, European, British, English, Masters, Regional and County titles and championships. In 1983, he and his son Robert were the first father and son pair



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to represent Great Britain at FITASC Sporting.

His involvement in clay shooting did not stop after he retired from competitive shooting, and he continued to support the community by coaching Junior shooters. He also kept active raising money for charity and held the position of Honorary President of the Norfolk CPSA. He is survived by his wife Greta, sons Robert and Andrew, daughters-in-law Julia and Sally, and grandchildren Henry and Imogen. Our condolences go to his family, and many friends around the globe.

His funeral was held on Friday 1 March at St Faith's Crematorium. Donations to the charity Dementia UK can be made in his memory, and sent via the online donations page at jerrymarchfuneralservices.co.uk

20 Feb: East Midlands AGM

The 51st East Midlands AGM was held

at The Bell Inn Hotel, Stilton on 20 February. Although attendance was slightly down on previous years, Norfolk shooters had plenty to celebrate. The meeting was attended by Iain Parker, CPSA CEO, who was the guest speaker. He discussed the lead debate, shotgun licence issues, and reviewed last season before previewing the coming season. He also presented the regional awards which included awards for East Midlands Shooter of the Year – Sam Green. Services to the Region – Kyle Woodhall-Cross, Norfolk CPSA Secretary and East Midlands Representative. Directors' Trophy – Norfolk, presented to Roger Farman, Norfolk CPSA Chairman.



Paddy Howe.

County Championships

21 Apr DTL & Dennis Rudd Memorial,
The Priory CTC
28 Apr SKD, The Priory CTC
4 May ESK, Eriswell Lodge



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PAM BAIRSTOW

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I've sat in front of my computer for two days now thinking of something to write and been unsuccessful. The competition shooting season is yet to start and with Marty and Pete away there hasn't been any 100 Sporting competitions to comment on.

The shooting at the moment is mostly damp and blustery at best and with the regular storms we've had blowing through. My garden is like a quagmire in places with the sound of squishing following any footstep onto the grass but grounds continue to strive to make conditions underfoot sound to give a firm base to shoot from. Much of the ground has been waterlogged or flooded and shooting grounds are really pulling out the stops to make the shooting experience as good as possible given the weather. Safety is always a first priority but they have continues to give a range of targets that are achievable even for those of us with

modest levels of skill against the wind. I do take my hat off to them. At least there was a good crop of snowdrops this year and with the recent burst of warmth the blackthorn blossom and daffodils are brightening up the scenery!

The fixtures for this year are mostly sorted and are on the website and below.

I'll finish with more photos taken at the Awards event.

Forthcoming Events

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| 11-12 May | STR, Northampton |
| 18 May | ZZ Helice, Rugby & DTC |
| 25-26 May | DTL, Northampton |
| 2 Jun | UTR, Rugby & DTC |
| 8-9 Jun | ESK, Northampton |
| 22-23 Jun | AR, Northampton |
| 27-28 Jul | DR, Northampton |
| 29-30 Jun | SB DTL, Northampton |
| 4 Aug | ESP, Northampton |
| 10-11 Aug | ABT, Northampton |
| 24-25 Aug | SKD, Northampton |
| TBC | FITASC, Sporting Targets |
| TBC | OT, TBC |
| TBC | OSK, Northampton |



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East Midlands CPSA - AGM

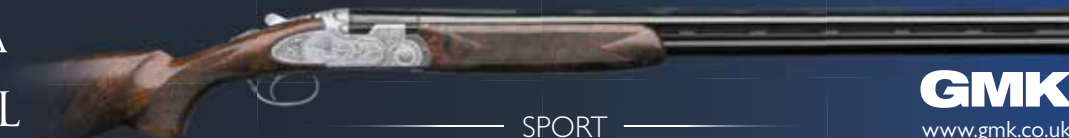
The 2024 East Midlands CPSA AGM was held on 20 February at Stilton, and Nigel Kingston (Chair) and Adrian Cook (Vice Chair) attended this enjoyable event. Much to Adrian's surprise, Janet Stennett (EM Chair) presented Adrian with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his services to the East Midlands Committee. This award is well deserved, as Adrian has contributed immensely to Suffolk/East Midlands CPSA over many years and continues to do so.

Also at the AGM, John Porter was presented with the Services to Region Award. This award recognises John's massive competition achievements and his donating all of his 2023 prize winnings (approx £7,500) to the St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds. Not only is John (The Machine) Porter a truly gifted shooter but this is an immensely generous action to have taken. We thank John, and his father Shane, for their dedication to the sport and their kindness. And, thanks to Iain Parker (CPSA CEO) for attending the AGM, updating members on current CPSA matters and presenting the award to John Porter.

Finally, our appreciation and thanks to Janet Stennett, and the East



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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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As the curtain rises on our Nottinghamshire County Championships, it's an opportune moment to cast a spotlight on the illustrious supreme championships – a yearly highlight for Nottinghamshire's shooting aficionados. Membership in the CPSA automatically enrolls you, provided you've participated in at least four of these categories: English Sporting, Sport Trap, English Skeet, Skeet Doubles, ABT, All Round, DTL.

Victory in these categories is determined by a points system, with your top four scores sealing your fate. The awards are generous – not only does the supreme county champion receive accolades, but category winners (Senior, Veteran,

Super Veteran, Lady, Junior, and Colt) are also celebrated. Prizes include a trophy, exclusive Nottinghamshire county merchandise, and complimentary entries to next year's championships. Queries and participation interests should be directed to Nottingham and District Gun Club (NDGC) at 01623 883798.

Reflecting on the recently concluded Down the Line Winter Series at NDGC, the event was a resounding success, marked by a kaleidoscope of weather conditions and spirited camaraderie. Our heartfelt appreciation extends to Webley & Scott and Hull Cartridge Company for their support. Kudos to Allen Warren, our High Gun winner, for his unwavering performance, and to Pete Dale, a C Class sharpshooter, who clinched the W&S 912XS shotgun in the adrenaline-fueled 'super shoot-off'. A collective salute to

Midlands Committee, for all their hard work and invaluable support in organising the East Midlands Events.

Suffolk CPSA Website

We are working on the development of a new website for Suffolk CPSA. We will keep you updated with progress and will try to get the initial website pages up and running as soon as we can. In the meantime, if you require any information, please check our social media or contact any of the committee members.

Suffolk CPSA 2024 Training Days

After the success of the 2023 DTL Training Day, we are now working on plans to have four training days in 2024. These might include Skeet, DTL, FITASC and Sporting. At each event, an experienced Suffolk CPSA competitor will host a training event, where their knowledge/techniques, on a particular shooting discipline, will be provided to a group of shooters. These events are completely free and available to any Suffolk CPSA shooter. At the moment we are working on setting dates for each event. Numbers will be limited, but we hope that similar events will become regular fixtures in the Suffolk CPSA calendar. More details for these training days will be posted on Facebook / Instagram very soon.

2024 Suffolk CPSA Team Managers

The team managers, and assistant team managers for 2024 have been selected: AR Dennis Meekings Manager, Adrian Cook Asst. ABT Paul Neal Manager, Nigel

Kingston Asst. DTL Paul Neal Manager, Nigel Kingston Asst. ESP Adrian Cook Manager, Ben Thorrold Asst. FITASC Mike Hermitage Manager, Mark Hurrell (Asst. Skeet Ben Woodham Manager, Mike Hermitage Asst. STR Dennis Meekings Manager, Aaron Harvey Asst.

2024 Suffolk CPSA Championships

We hope that you will all be able to participate in the 2024 Suffolk Championships and, if selected, will join one of the 2024 Suffolk CPSA teams and compete in an East Midlands Inter-County Championship and/or a National Inter County Championship. These are always very enjoyable events and with great team spirit. The first section of Suffolk CPSA Championships on this year's calendar are:

Forthcoming Events

21 Apr Suffolk AR Champs, Eriswell
28 Apr Suffolk STR Champs, Eriswell
5 May Suffolk ESK Champs, Eriswell
2 Jun Suffolk Sporting Champs, Barrow SC

Please contact the Championship ground for booking and check social media for updates.

Referee Initiative 2024

We appreciate the contribution that referees make to our sport, and to demonstrate that, in 2024 we will pay for three referees to take a CPSA course in a

our team, from referees to kitchen and office staff, for orchestrating such a splendid series.

In a thrilling turn of events at the English Open Compak Sporting championship at Orston Shooting Ground on 2 March 2024, #teamcocketts' Matthew Armett narrowly missed the champion's title, despite a spectacular shoot-off against Phil Gray. Armett's impeccable 99ex100 score is a testament to his skill and determination.

The English Skeet Winter Series finale at NDGC was a spectacle of skill and nerve. Our champion, Gary Cooke, emerged victorious in a nail-biting super shoot-off, a testament to the power of peer encouragement. His win, clinched with a Webley & Scott 912XS shotgun, was a fitting end to a series that exemplified the spirit of competition and camaraderie.

Looking ahead, the Orston Masters at Orston Shooting Ground beckons on 31 March to 1 April, promising another showcase of sharpshooting excellence. Meanwhile, the Roger Collingham Memorial Shoot at Cockett Farm Shooting Ground on 29 June remains a sought-after event, honouring a legendary figure in the shooting community. With additional squads to accommodate the high demand, early booking is advised to ensure participation in what promises to be a memorable competition.



discipline of their choice. Our first referee to take up the initiative will be taking a referee course in ESK later this year.

So, all that remains is to wish you success with your shooting in 2024. Get out there shooting, get out there competing and enjoy your sport!



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Well, its springtime and the season has started now for a lot of people across the Duchy and the National, Local championships, and selections shoots have started booking in, all the dates can be found on the Cornwall CPSA Website and Facebook pages, this is the best place to keep up to date with all the latest updates on the shoots along with any changes.

This time of year is when the Cornwall CPSA announce the person who will be shooting the CPSA Champion of Champions at this years Game fair later this year, and we are pleased to announce Kelvin Walsh – who is the current Sporting Champion in the Duchy – will be representing Cornwall and we wish him all the best and hoping for a great result!

The National Shooting show at the NEC has just taken place and it was great to see so many of the Cornish shooters at the show, and I would say many of us have enjoyed the show as it was great to catch up with some of you there and also it was a chance to speak to some of the companies who were pleased to see how the Cornish clay shooters are taking part in championships across the UK, commenting

on how well some of our young members are progressing well in all disciplines.

At the time of this going to press we are just over one week away from the CPSA Awards 2024, we will have more on this in the next few issues of the Pull! magazine. The other meeting this week was the CPSA South West Region AGM which was interesting. We heard some positive news with the championships this year and there was also an update on the number of members in the UK and South West Region – this was talked about in a way of how we get new members to join the CPSA in Cornwall and the rest of the region.

We are looking, as a committee, to join in events this year to help promote the CPSA alongside its memberships. We would also like to see our members encourage non members to join up or even if they don't shoot they can still be a member and this will help keep the support going for the shooting community across the Duchy and UK, if any one would be interested in joining up please contact the Cornwall CPSA via the website or the social media channel on Facebook.

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A new year of championship events is almost upon us, kicking off with the All Round at Brook Bank on 29 March. The All Round is a combined championship with Dorset and Wiltshire counties - numbers should be high.

When you're taking part in a County Championship event this year, for any discipline, wherever it is, if you have been successful and made the team - it is your responsibility to make sure your contact details are either with the County Champion or a committee member. This way, you can be contacted about arrangements for the Inter County event.



The County AGM took place on 12 February and was reasonably well attended -

especially by trap shooters, specifically DTL. Trophies were given to those who hadn't yet received them (see photo) and everyone enjoyed chocolate cake after the meeting, provided by Philip Stott - to celebrate his birthday. The committee is virtually the same - apart from the addition of Andrew King – welcome to the committee Andrew. Ian Stones has continued as Chairman and Lorna as Treasurer - excellent!

Somerset CPSA Trivia for you – at the end of 2023 there were 575 Active Somerset Members of which 205 are Veteran Men - of which we're very grateful for. But, disappointingly, there's only 5 Junior and 13 Colt members. Maybe in 2024 we could all have a think and see if we know of any young people who might like to try clay shooting - make it a birthday gift perhaps. Who knows, they may get to really enjoy it and grow to become respectful and knowledgeable about shotgun handling. You might also like to encourage a new lady into your sport of interest – there's only 35 active ladies in Somerset...

SOUTH WEST

We had some sad news on 10 February as we learned that Brian Barker sadly passed away. Brian was a great person who loved all his disciplines of clay shooting and was a regular at many events across Cornwall and Devon. He will be sadly missed by all, and on behalf of the Cornwall CPSA committee and members we pass on our condolences to the family of the late Brian Barker.

If any of our members or shooting grounds have any events going on or success stories, please feel free to get in touch with us at the Cornwall CPSA.

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As the competition clay season starts to begin, we are pleased to announce the following County Championships for 2024:

Forthcoming Events

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| 29 Mar | AR, Brook Bank |
| 1 Apr | ABT, Brook Bank |
| 14 Apr | ABT, Brook Bank |
| 21 Apr | OT, Brook Bank |
| 6 May | SS, Ham Cross |
| 29 May | FITASC, Barbury |
| 24 Aug | STR, Barbury |
| 31 Aug | ESP, Barbury |
| TBC | SB, Brook Bank |
| TBC | OSK, Gloucester SC |
| TBC | ESK, Gloucester SC |

All the championships, with the exception of the English Sporting, will need to be pre-booked directly with the ground. Brook Bank – Alison 01749 871055. Ham Cross – Fran 07711 242749. Barbury – Office 01793 940420.

We are hoping to have the remaining dates sorted in the next couple of weeks and will be published in the next edition of Pull magazine. In the meantime, keep an eye on our Facebook page 'Wiltshire CPSA' for further announcements.

Amongst the awful weather, it is still great to see so many shooters out enjoying our sport. Some notable results from county members at sporting shoots this month include ▶

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Steve Williams second in B Class – Gunsite 11 Feb. Tamsin Holmes third in C Class – Gunsite 11 Feb. Mark Fletcher third in AA Class – Meadowcroft 18 Feb. Sam Baggs first in B Class – Barbury 21 Feb. Kevin Pettit third in C Class – Barbury 21 Feb. Sam Baggs first in B Class – Somerset 23 Feb. Tamsin Holmes first in C Class – Somerset 23 Feb. Tamsin Holmes first in C Class – Hangmans 25 Feb. Josh Brown High Gun – Westfield 3 March. Bryan Kinch first in A Class – Westfield 3 March.

We enjoy hearing of your successes and love to share them with everybody. Do email me of any results you have had to josh@barburyshoot.com

If you are keen to have your say and get involved with the Wiltshire CPSA, come and join us on the committee!

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15 Feb: AGM

The annual AGM for the Hampshire and

IOW CPSA was held this year at Fareham CTC Clubhouse at 7.30pm. The thought was that a lot more local Hampshire members would make it to the meeting.... wrong! Apart from the committee four non committee members made it giving a total of 13 in the room. We even went to the trouble of setting up Zoom so members could join the meeting from the comfort of their home. Great idea but apart from CPSA's Nicola Heron who did join the meeting by Zoom to oversee the proceedings, we had just one member from the IOW join us on the screen.

As my previous prediction the 2024 committee is the same, Andy Gordge as Chairman, Richard Faulds as Vice Chairman, Britta Beach as Secretary, Brian Coupe as Treasurer. A list of the discipline managers are now up on the website, one new manager this year is Stuart Cureton who will be looking after all the trap shooting Championships.

The main aim this year will be to make sure all the cups and badges are at the respective championships. The first being the English Sporting at Owls Lodge on 30 March then shortly after on 7 April is Skeet Doubles at Fareham CTC, all entry places to be pre booked. A full list of the dates and venues are on the Hampshire and IOW website.

As previously stated the Hampshire committee are trying to find some sponsors to support the championship shoots. We have INEOS of Portsmouth who have very kindly put a £200 prize pot up for the winner of the Supreme Championship. I'm hoping we can also give a slab of 250 cartridges to the Hampshire Champion in the well supported disciplines. I personally think there should be atleast 15 competition entries to qualify for the cartridges, this will be looked into and discussed at our first Hampshire CPSA meeting.

Beretta World Sporting Championship

This year's Sporting spectacular is at the fabulous Barbury Shooting Ground near Swindon on 4-6 July. A definite event to go to even if you're not going to make the podium it's the experience. I'm sure the 120 targets, 15 stand Sporting course will be a great test of shooting skills for all that dare. To book a place just type in on the search bar "Beretta World Championships" and follow the instructions, be quick as this event sells out very quickly.

The next edition will have some Hampshire Championship results with hopefully pictures of the winners so until then we wish you well and do have some successful shooting.

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Greetings, fellow shooters! It was fantastic to see so many of you at our recent AGM. A big thank you to everyone who attended, and a special shoutout to E.J. Churchill and their staff for hosting us once again. It was a great opportunity to discuss important topics and solidify our plans for the upcoming season.

As the sun starts to peek out in Buckinghamshire, it's wonderful to see more and more of you hitting the clay shooting grounds over the past month or so. Let's look at some of our local shooters' recent achievements:

Callum Noble bagged a solid 92 to take home the A Class Super Sporting win at College Farm on

3 February. Jack Williams smashed C Class at Westfield's ESP on 4 February with a huge score of 89. Graham Card won C Class at Oxford Shooting School's ESP on 9 February with a score of 68. Aaron Christie continues to impress with a solid score of 89, securing the Colts category win at E.J. Churchill's ESP on 15 February. Jordan Gillies nailed the Atkin Grand & Lang ESP B Class title on 23 February with a solid 85. Toni Dixon crushed it in Compak at E.J. Churchills on 23 February, scoring a phenomenal 99, a personal best and an Overall High Gun. Congratulations again Toni! Amy Easeman was crowned the Ladies Compak High Gun at the English Open held at E.J. Churchill's on 2 March with a score of 92.

Of course, there are probably more individual victories that I've missed. I spend hours scouring various shoots, hunting down wins from C Class to AAA Class. If there are any scores you'd

like to see included, please don't hesitate to send me an email or a message on Facebook. Finding scores on the CPSA's website isn't always easy, especially when it comes to filtering out Bucks' wins!

The English Open Compak Sporting 2024 was a huge success, thanks to E.J. Churchill's for hosting such a brilliant event. The targets were decent, with a good variety of difficulty and some sim pairs that required lots of thought. There were lots of Bucks shooters near the top, so congratulations to all that shot well.

With such talent and camaraderie in our county, let's continue supporting each other and enjoying the sport, regardless of our level or ability.

I look forward to bumping into more of you soon. Until next time, stay safe and keep shooting!



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February has been a busy month for the Berkshire committee, organising our calendar of events. Each year a handful of volunteers connects with local grounds to accommodate the shoots that decide the prize giving at the AGM. The only dates yet to be confirmed are the FITASC AND Compak. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for those: facebook.com/berkshirecpsa

If you like silver on the shelf this is where you need to be in 2024:

Forthcoming Events

17 Mar DTL, NCSC
 23 Mar AR, NCSC
 24 Mar ESK, NCSC
 31 Mar SKD, NCSC
 21 Apr OSK, NCSC
 27 Apr ABT, NCSC
 28 Apr SB, NCSC
 11 May OT, NCSC
 15 May STR, Barbury
 29 May FITASC, Barbury
 12 Jun SSP, Barbury
 23 Jun UT, NCSC
 28 Jul ESP, Hangmans Stone



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25 Feb: Olympic Trap County Championship

Eight Hertfordshire shooters contested the first championship of the year. It was a closely fought contest with Alexander Williams and Lucas Hyde both scoring 92ex100 to take High Gun. A shoot-off was required to decide our Champion and it was Lucas who emerged victorious. Andy Savva was crowned our Veteran Champion with a score of 83ex100. There were no Lady, Junior, or Colt entrants. We would like to extend our thanks to Nuthampstead Shooting Ground for hosting.



28 Feb: Olympic Skeet Amir Grand Prix

Taking place in Doha, Qatar, Maddie Russell and Bethany Norton both put in a strong performance despite the windy conditions. Maddie shot an impressive 114ex125 to take the Gold medal and Bethany shot a shot 108ex125 to take Bronze.

Around the Grounds

The month kicked off at Barrow Sporting Clays ESP fixture on 4 February where Paul and Jack Lovick both scored an excellent 94ex100 to place joint second Overall.

Normanton Shooting Ground held a DTL fixture on 10 February. Anthony England was on top form and took first place in C Class with 92/268.

Fred Burnell was first in A Class and the

highest scoring Veteran at E.J. Churchill's ESP event on 15 February, with a fantastic score of 92ex100.

Anthony England was back in action at North of England Clay Target Club's DTL fixture on 17 February. Scoring 92/267 he placed first in C Class.

Nuthampstead held an ABT fixture on 17 February. Taking on a new discipline Jack Lovick proved just how versatile he is by placing second Overall with a great score of 92ex100.

Richard Arbon put in a great performance at Barrow Sporting Clays ESP fixture on 18 February. Richard was the highest scoring Veteran with 92ex100.

Eriswell Lodge held a Sportrap fixture on 18 February. Jack Lovick took High Gun with an awesome score of 97ex100.

Amanda Tape-Murray attended Orston Shooting Ground's ESP event on 18 February. Shooting a fabulous 80ex100 Amanda was the top scoring Lady and first in C Class, 13 clear of second place!

The ESP fixture at Atkin, Grant & Lang on 23 February was well attended by 33 Hertfordshire shots. Jack Lovick was High Gun with a magnificent 96ex100, three clear of second. Paul Lovick was the highest scoring Veteran and third Overall with another great score of 92ex100. Robert Baker put in a good performance to take first in C Class scoring 79ex100.

Richard Arbon took on a challenging ESP fixture at East of England Shooting Ground on 25 February. Richard scored 83ex100 making him the highest scoring Veteran.



Forthcoming Events

28 Jun ESP County Champs, AGL



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25 Feb: Essex OT Championship

The Essex Olympic Trap Championship was held at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground on Sunday 25 February. This was held in conjunction with the Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, and Greater London county championships, resulting in a large turnout.

The early squads found themselves struggling to see the targets due to mist, whilst later the cold breeze got up and there was a mix of drizzle and occasional sunshine.

Ian Lockwood emerged the Essex Champion on 79, whilst Peter Lunn scored 78 to take the Veteran trophy. Emma Ralph took the Ladies trophy with 73, and Eddie Lockwood scored 65 to win the Junior trophy.

Thanks are due to Nicky and Ed Barker of Nuthampstead Shooting Ground for staging this event on their superb Trap layouts.



David Henshaw presenting a trophy to the winners.



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Hello to all Oxfordshire shooters. Since the last report we have had the AGM which was held at Sturdy's Castle on 5 February. Over 30 shooters turned up to support their county and listen to the years reports from Martin Butler. A huge thank you for the strong support from the CPSA, it was very much appreciated. There was lots to discuss and a great prizegiving took place. We keep all the same committee members but sadly, Steve Cox has decided to step down after many years of support and will be missed by us all. Thank you Steve for all your hard work and dedication to the sport.

This month I received a very rare email from an Oxfordshire shooter, Roger Carter, to tell me about his successful day at Barbury Shooting School:

"It was a regular 100 ESP shoot held on 24 January with a very good entry of 138



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11 Feb: Surrey FITASC Sporting, Southdown GC

Our Surrey Championships got off to an early start with the FITASC Sporting at Southdown Gun Club in February. There were a tough selection of targets and scores were a little lower than last year. Danny Smith was in second place Overall and top of the Surrey entries with a good 85 on a tough day, and is Surrey Senior and Veteran Champion taking the maximum 15 points into the 2024 Supreme Championship. Well done Danny! Close behind in second place on 84 was Jamie Passant, with Chip Smith in third with 80. Sarah White was in fifth place on 72 and now leads the Ladies category.

Surrey CPSA AGM – Bisley

Our AGM and Supreme Championship prizegiving was held at Bisley Shooting Ground Clubhouse on 22 February and was well supported including friends and family of our Supreme Champion Liam Boyd-Bell.

After the AGM, Peter Saich, our South East Region CPSA Director gave a short update on the current membership and the CPSA's

involvement in challenges facing the Shooting community and answered questions.

Our re-elected Chairman Douglas Millard then presented the prizes. Other winners not present were Chip Smith, Surrey Veteran Champion, Ben Wells, Surrey Junior Champion and Rosie Dally, Surrey Colt Champion. Please contact Surrey CPSA to arrange collection of your trophies.

Forthcoming Events

31 Mar SKD, NCSC Bisley*
 1 Apr STR, Southdown GC*
 21 Apr OSK, NCSC Bisley*
 27 Apr ABT, NCSC Bisley*
 28 Apr SB DTL, NCSC Bisley

*Supreme Points event

Please book direct with the ground in advance and look at the Surrey website surreycpsa.com for results and details of forthcoming events. Don't forget to follow Surrey CPSA on Facebook too.



Liam Boyd-Bell.



Jo Watson-Hopkinson.

shooters. This consisted of several great AA and AAA shots. The day was windy and included some technical big targets. Roger shot an amazing 92/100 in A Class (Vet) which won him High Gun. Roger hasn't been clay shooting for long and it's a remarkable achievement. Well done Roger, and a big thank you for getting in touch. Good luck for your future in the sport."

Sticking with Barbury, they hosted their next 100 ESP on 21 February. It attracted 152 shooters to compete. Congratulations to Lewis Bull for his score of 82/100 placing him third in B Class. Well done Lewis, great score.

Moving on to Westfield, Steve held his 100 ESP on 4 February which it saw 199 shooters compete. The scores were off the scale and Northamptonshire's Paul Cooper shot a 100-straight. Oxfordshire's Tim Thornett shot his socks off and put in a card of 97/100 joint fort in AA Class Well done Tim brilliant shooting.

E.J. Churchill held their February 100 Compak and 63 shooters competed. Oxfordshire's Christopher Goodman shot an impressive 96/100 in B Class. Chloe Goodman shot 78/100 in D Class and David McPhillips also shot 78/100 in D Class. Gunsite Sporting Clays saw a massive 226 shooters compete in their mid-February 100 ESP shoot.

Congratulations to Oxfordshire's Matt Smith for shooting an impressive 95/100 – Joint first in AA Class.

Redricks Sporting Clays hosted their February 100 ESP which saw 112 shooters compete. Well done to Oxfordshire's Adam Kemp for putting in a very impressive score of 88/100 placing first in B Class.

Hangman's Stone held their 100 ESP on 25 February saw 196 shooters. Oxfordshire shooters shot well. Matt Smith came first in AA Class with a great score of 94/100. Christopher Goodman came second in AA Class with his score of 92/100, and finally Adam Kemp put in a strong score of 87/100 which won him B Class. Well done to you all.

If you have any results you would like me to include in the next Oxfordshire's Pull! report, please get in touch and I will do my best to write about it.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all our up-to-date news. That leaves me to say, happy, safe shooting!

Forthcoming Events

27 Apr STR, E.J. Churchill
 12 May ABT, Rugby TC, Text 07770 551491
 18 May Helice XX, Rugby TC, Text 07770 551491
 25-26 May 100 DTL, Northampton SG



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As I write this apparently spring is here but you wouldn't believe it with the amount of rain we are having! The entries for the British Open Sporting and Sportrap at Swinton Estate opened and were filled within an incredibly very short space of time. This happened for the English Open Super Sporting and Sportrap at Barbury as well so very wisely an extra day was opened for both, currently there are still spaces for the Super Sporting but the Sportrap already had a waiting list and filled very quickly. Casting my eyes over the entries, there are Sussex shooters entered into all so good luck and let's see if I will have any successes to report about later in the year.

The various 2024 county competition dates are at the end of this article. It would be great to see more people attending these shoots so there will be posts on social media sites on the run up to them just as a reminder. Remember its points accumulated from these shoots that go towards the Supreme Champion championship.

AGM

No competitions to report on yet but we did hold our AGM at Southdown on 15 February where we did have a fair turnout. The usual topics were covered, the committee were re-elected and Peter Saich, CPSA SE regional director gave us an update on CPSA matters. A healthy interesting discussion was had about Police licensing and the ongoing problems shooters are having regarding shotgun certificate grants and renewals. Also as we have done in the past we presented a slab of cartridges to upcoming Colt and Junior

shooters. This year it was Beau Morgan and Jack Malthouse, hopefully we will see more of these two this coming year.

Supreme Champion

Cliff Goodwin, although not present, has again yet again done a sterling job running the Supreme Champion competition and this was noted at the AGM. The medals will be left at Southdown for the winners to collect. The results for 2023 are:

Overall 1 Keith Blighton, 2 Guy Franklin, 3 Derek Welfare. Ladies 1 Liz Salmon, 2 Christine Atkinson, 3 Sarah Franklin. Veterans 1 Keith Blighton, 2 Tim Woodhams, 3 Derek Welfare. Juniors 1 Beau Morgan, 2 Ronnie Cole, 3 Jack Malthouse.

Ladies in shooting

I usually finish this article with a request for news and photos to publish, especially anything regarding new and emerging shooters, Colt, Juniors, and Ladies. So in this article I'd like to mention the Dynamic Ladies Shooting Club set up by Mhari-Ann Troup as a ladies only shooting club, to encourage more ladies to take up the sport and also to progress in it. I am very pleased to say that this certainly appears to be working. Ladies wearing the distinctive DLSC black skeet vest adorned by their name or nickname in bright pink are now a regular sight at shooting grounds and clubs across the south regularly practising and entering competitions. This is a real positive step in the right direction showing everyone this is a sport for all where everyone can shoot together no matter who you are. I wouldn't be surprised if we see some of them competing in the county competitions this year. Who will be the first DLSC member to get a Supreme Champion medal? If any lady is interested in the DLSC Mhari-Ann can be contacted on: mars@dlsc.co.uk.

Forthcoming Events

17 Mar UT, Nuthampstead
01 Apr STR, Southdown
12 May Helice, Invicta
27 May SxS, Southdown
09 Jun ESK, Dartford
29 Jun DTL, Dartford
30 Jun SSP, Southdown
25 Aug OTR, Nuthampstead
25 Aug OSK, Dartford
26 Aug ESP, Southdown
26 Aug CPK, Southdown
01 Sep SKD, Dartford
14 Sep SB, Dartford
15 Sep FSP, Southdown
15 Sep AR, Dartford
21 Sep ABT, Fareham
TBC ESK, Kingsferry (non toxic shot)



We have two have-a-go days planned already for the 2024 Season but we are hoping to add a third. The first being at E.J. Churchill in Buckinghamshire on Saturday 6 April, where as well as the have-a-go existing members are invited along. If you wish to shoot there is a Claymate System available to us or just come along for a bacon roll and a chat. The second have-a-go will be at Eriswell

Lodge in Suffolk on Saturday 29 June – details to follow.

2024 DSG Calendar

Confirmed DSG events for 2024, to book onto these events or find out more details please visit the website at disabledsg.co.uk other dates and locations to be confirmed, please check the website and social media for updates.

Forthcoming Events

6 Apr Have-a-go & Sporting,
E.J. Churchill

DSG

18 May AR, High Lodge
11 Jun Jack Pyke Challenge,
Sporting Targets
29 Jun AR & have-a-go & BBQ, Eriswell
Lodge
10 Aug Simulated Game Day, Quidenham
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- Disabled access

- Tuition by appointment
- Cartridge sales (if no full gun shop)

- Gun shop
- Retail facilities

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DURHAM

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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.

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

LANCASHIRE

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

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

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

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

NORTHUMBERLAND

BYWELL SHOOTING CLUB
SU-MO CLOSED, TU-SA 9:30-17:30
 Open on Sunday only for Reg shoots, see fixtures
 • Open practice WE 12:30-17:00, SA 10:00-17:00, must book all other times. • bywellshootingground.co.uk • 01670 787827 • ABT, DR, DTL, ESK, ESP, HBD, STR.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

E.J. CHURCHILL AT THE SWINTON ESTATE
WINTER: MO, WE, TH, FR, SA 09:00-17:30. TU, SU CLOSED
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 ejchurchill.com/northyorkshire • 01765 357997 • ESP, STR, FSP, CSP • Offer lessons, caddied rounds and Claymate.

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.

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

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

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.

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 CPSCA-qualified Instructor.

MICKLEY HALL SHOOTING SCHOOL
TU-SA 10:00-17:00. SU-MO CLOSED.
 Registered ESP last Wedn every month, Registered SSP 2nd Fri every month. Both Prebook only • mickleyhall.com • 08007720058 • DTL, ESP, FSP, SB, STR • Seasonal Hours: Jan & Dec: 10am-3pm. Feb & Nov: 10am-4pm. Mar-Sep: 10am-5pm. Late night shooting Wed & Thur 10-7

DERBYSHIRE

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

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.

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, SSP, FSP.

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.

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
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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 sportrap Wednesdays 5pm-9pm. covered stands, hot food available. • 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 
 Sun (alternate) - 10.00-14.30. Mon(alternate) and Thu, Fri - 10.30 - 12.30 13.30 - 16.30 (Shooting available until 17.30 subject to availability). Tue - Closed for Clay Shooting. Wed- (BST time - 15.30 - 19.30). Saturday - 10.30 - 15.30 • leamarstonshootingclub.com • Office Mo-Su: 01676 540070 • ABT, CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, STR

P RUGBY & DISTRICT TRAP CLUB 
WE 11.00-DUSK. SU FROM 09.00
 rdte.info • 07770 551491 • ABT, HEL, UTR
 • ABT & UT PRACTICE Wednesdays 10.30 till dusk. 100 targets registered ABT & UT most 1st & 3rd Sundays every month. May vary to avoid clashes with Selection Shoots.

A WEDGNOCK SHOOTING GROUND 
MO, SA CLOSED. TU-FR, SU 10.00-13.00
 Open Shoots every Sunday • adventuresport.co.uk
 • 01926 491948 • DTL, ESK, ESP, STR • Outdoor activity centre for corporate events. Course changed every couple of days and operate two 100 separate target rounds at the same time.

EAST MIDLANDS

BEDFORDSHIRE

P SPORTING TARGETS 
MO-SA 09.00-18.00. SU 09.00-14.00
 Shooting will cease at dusk. When the hour goes forward in spring open till 20.00 • sportingtargets.co.uk
 • 01234 708893 • CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, FSP, STR.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

P CAMBRIDGE GUN CLUB LTD 
MO-TU CLOSED. WE-SA 10.00-16.00. SU 10.00-15.00
 cambridgegunclub.co.uk • 01353 648004 • Practice for ESP, DTL & ESK.

LEICESTERSHIRE

R KEGWORTH SHOOTING GROUND 
MO-SA 09.00-DUSK. SU 09.30-14.00
 ESP REG, All new layouts, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays and all bank holidays. See Fixtures for FITASC and Sportrap. Open weekdays by prior appointment. Call or see website. • kegoworth.co.uk • 07973 111650 • CSP, ESP, FSP, STR • Adult Referees at all stands. Pool shoots at Sporting events. New stands & targets at all events. Fair but testing targets. See website for County, Regional & National Championships. Small selection of gun oil, hats, cleaning & shells for if you have forgotten.

R KIBWORTH SHOOTING CLUB 
MO CLOSED. TU-WE, FR-SA 09.00-17.00. TH 09.00-20.00. SU 09.00-15.00
 Registered ESP first Friday of every month from Feb - Dec Late night Thursday 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, TH, FR 10.00-16.30, SA 09.30-16.30. 01427 628900 • Blytonshootingground@gmail.com • ESP, STR, ESK.

P EAST OF ENGLAND SHOOTING GROUND 
MO-WE CLOSED. TH-SU 10.00-16.30 eesg.co.uk
 • 01406 540362 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OSK, CSP, STR.

A CROWLAND GUN CLUB
09.00-14.00 EVERY SECOND SUNDAY crowland.gunclub@gmail.com or Leofragale@gmail.com
 • 07767396930 • SKD, DTL, STR, ESP, ESK.

A NORTH COTES BUTTS SHOOTING CLUB 
MO-SU 09.00-17.00
 northcotesbutts.co.uk • 07917 755454 • large clubroom and gun storage • ESP

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. • nottscayshooting.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 • 07539 945490 • ABT, DTL, ESK, ESP.

R LAINS SHOOTING SCHOOL LTD**MO-FR 09:00-15:00. SA 09:00-14:00. SU CLOSED**

Opening Hours from 1 Oct- 30 Apr • lainsshootingschool.co.uk • 01264889467 • ESP, csp • Different for wheelchair users but some stands suitable for mobility scooter access

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.

R ROUNDWOOD SHOOTING GROUND**MO-FR 09:00-17:00**

roundwoodshooting.com • booking@roundwoodshooting.com • 01962 774576 • CSP, ESP, FSP, STR • During winter months we close at 4pm

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 PURDEY AT THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE SHOOTING SCHOOL**MO-FR 8:00-17:30. SA 8:00-17:00. SU CLOSED**

Shooting finishes at dusk during the winter months, but Gun Room and Country Store remain open. Closed Sundays and Bank Holidays • purdey.com • 01491 672900 • ESP

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**P E.J.CHURCHILL****WINTER: MO-SAT 09:00-17:30. SU CLOSED.**

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P THE OXFORD GUN COMPANY**MO-FR 09:00-17:30. SA 10:00 16:00. SU CLOSED**

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

P NUTHAMPSTEAD SHOOTING GROUND

MO-TU, TH-FR CLOSED. SU 09:00-15:00. WE, SA 10:00-16:00.
Sunday opening for competitions and practice, as advertised on Facebook and website.
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R REDRICKS SPORTING CLAYS

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07836 676654 • Last entry 14:00 during Winter.
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P DARTFORD CLAY SC

WE 10:00-16:00. TH 10:00-20:00. FR-SU 10:00-17:00
Winter hours in effect from late October: TH-SU 10:00-16:00 • dartfordclayschoolclub.com • 01322 311001 • DTL, ESK, ESP, ABT, OTR, STR, OSK, FSP, CSP, DR, UTR.

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07932 011287 • ESP.

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P WEST KENT SHOOTING SCHOOL

MO-FR 10:00-17:00. SA-SU CLOSED
westkentshooting.co.uk • 01892834306 • As the light fades we will close 15:00/16:00 • ESK, ESP.

A WILLOW FARM SHOOTING GROUND

WE-FR 09:00-17:00. SA 09:00-16:00. SU 10:00-14:00. MO-TU CLOSED
100 Sporting Competition every Sunday (Last Entry 12:45) Winter closing Tuesday to Saturday 16:00
• willowfarmshootingground.co.uk • 01233 758703
• CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK.

OXFORDSHIRE

A GREENFIELD ENTERTAINMENT

SU 10:00-16:00
Open January to end of October. Regular 100 bird sporting. Most Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays. Fixtures on website. Open any day for lessons and private groups. • greenfieldentertainments.co.uk • 01869 354949 • ESP.

R OXFORDSHIRE SHOOTING SCHOOL

MO, SA CLOSED. TU-SA 09:00-17:00
Registered shoot on the second Friday of every month
• theoxfordshireschoolshooting.co.uk • 01608 690866
• ESP • Catering available Friday and Saturdays
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SURREY

A GATWICK CLAY SHOOTING SCHOOL

MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:00-13:00
gatwickclayschoolshooting.co.uk • 07769701842 • DTL, ESK, ESP • Shoots on Sundays, coaching on Saturdays by appointment • Disabled access to Sporting and DTL, but not to clubhouse or toilets.

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

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

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

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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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A MILL FARM CLAY PIGEON CLUB

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P SOUTHDOWN GUN CLUB LTD

MO-WE CLOSED. FR-SU 10:00-17:00
southdowngunclub.co.uk • 01903 877555
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NON-ENGLAND

CHANNEL ISLANDS

R CRABBE CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

MO-SA 11:00. SU 10:00-13:00
07797 718459 • ESK practice Friday 2pm, ESK and DTL alternate Saturday 2pm, Sporting shoot every Sunday morning 10am • AR, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OTR.

R LECQ CLAY TARGET CLUB

SA 13:00-17:00. SU 09:30-13:00
50 Bird Sporting every Sunday except month end which is Sporting 100 • lecqlaytargetclub.com
• 07797 717940 • ABT, CSP, ESK, ESP, STR, UT.

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R AYRE CLAY TARGET CLUB

MO-FR CLOSED. SA 13:00-16:00. SU 10:00-14:00
ayreclaytargetclub.com • Practice Wednesday evenings April-September - Please check our website and Facebook pages for updates • ABT, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OTR, STR.

R ISLE OF MAN CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

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

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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. • bisleyschooling.co.uk/bisley-at-braidwood
• 01835 870280 • CPS, ESP, FSP, STR.

WALES

A CAE COCH CLAYS

MO-SAT 10:00-16:00
Open Practise • caecochclays.wales • andy@caecochclays.wales • 07812035531 • bookings by reservation only.

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. • fauxdegla.co.uk • 07951 951526 • Corporate hospitality, functions, group parties, tuition, we have all disciplines for practice and everyone is welcome. • ABT, CSP, DT, DTL, ESK, ESP, OSK, OT, STR, UT.

A FERNDAL SHOOTING CLUB

MO-WE, FR, SU CLOSED. TH 12:00-19:00. SA 09:00-16:00
Open Practise • ferndalshooting.club • 07771 603989 • ESP.

A LEADBROOK HALL SHOOTING GROUND

MO-SA CLOSED. SU 10:30-15:30
First gun 10:30, last entry 13:30 • leadbrookclays.com • 07977 624358 • ESP • Open every second Sunday and fifth Sunday.

R NORTH WALES SHOOTING SCHOOL

TU-FR 09:00-17:00, SA 09:00-16:00
nwshootingsschool.co.uk • 01244 812219 • CSP, DTL, ESK, ESP, OT, STR.

P SOUTH WALES 2000 SHOOTING GROUND

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

Practise days and open events for grounds are not listed in the magazine but can be found on our website at cpsa.co.uk/events where you can filter your search for specific grounds.

MONDAY 1 APRIL

Brook Bank, Somerset, 01749 871056, 100 ESK REG, 100 ABT REG Dorset, Somt & Wilts CC Plus ESP Practice, 11:00-15:00

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

Jet Hall Sporting Clays, Yorkshire, 01302 864842, 100 FSP REG £200 Sponsored High Gun, Classes according to entry, Telephone entries Only 07931554986 Start @ 930 or 1015, 09:30-14:00

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

Penrith & District GC Ltd, Cumbria, 07539 269392, 100 DTL REG; 100 ABT REG, 09:00-17:00

P Southdown Gun Club Ltd, Sussex, 01903 877555, 100 STR REG Sus/Sur/GLN CC, 120 ESP REG Southdown Grand Masters pre book, pool Shoot (NO practice) Easter Monday, 09:10-15:30

TUESDAY 2 APRIL

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

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL

P Ian Coley Shooting School, Gloucestershire, 01242 870391, 100 ESP REG £150 high gun - hot food available - squads every 10 mins - www.iancoley.co.uk/book-online/reg/, 09:00-17:00

THURSDAY 4 APRIL

P E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire, 01494 883227, 100 ESP REG; CPSA Reg sporting - squadded. Please call to book, 09:00-17:30

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

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

Kibworth Gun Club, Leicestershire, 0116 279 6001, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG tel entries only entries 10-2PM, 10:00-17:00

SATURDAY 6 APRIL

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

Axminster Gun Club, Devon, 01404 881588, 100 DTL REG 100 reg, 09:00-10:00

Brook Bank (X Robin Heal), Somerset, 07866 610086, 100 SSP REG 100 SSP REG £200 high gun. Pre-booked entries only, call 07866610086 (Liana), 10:00-16:00

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

P E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire, 01765 357997, 100 SSP REG Please contact to book, 09:00-17:00

P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 75 OSK REG First England Team Selection Shoot; 125-target, 2-day event; 75 on Day 1 of 2; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 125 OSK REG British Shooting Shotgun Series, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 50 OTR REG, 50 ABT reg, 100 esk reg wctsa esk sel - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

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

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 ABT REG First England Team Selection Shoot; 200-target, 2-day event; Day 1 of 2; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

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

North Cornwall Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 07790 158109, 100 DTL REG prescott cup '24' Call/Textentries to 07790158109, 10:00-17:00

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 AR REG; Practice 60 ESP,ESK,DTL & ABT, Black Powder, 10:00-16:00

P Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 125 OTR reg bs shotgun series round 1, 09:00-17:00

Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire, 07836 676654, 100 FSP REG Shoot either day; Pre brooking required - contact Phil on 07836 676654, 09:00-17:00

P Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire, 01234 708893, 100 FSP REG beds & camps regional fitasc. tel entries only 01234 708893. ltd practice, 09:00-18:00

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

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

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

P Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 50 ESP REG, 100 STR REG, 10:00-17:00

P Doveridge Clay Sports Centre, Derbyshire, 01889 565986, 100 SKD REG West Mids Area Championship Tel entries 01889 565986; Practice All Disciplines - limited skeet/trap practice, 09:30-14:30

P East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire, 01964 204190, 50 OSK REG First England Team Selection Shoot; 125-target, 2-day event; 50 on Day 2 of 2; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

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P **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 125 OSK REG British Shooting Shotgun Series, 09:00-17:00

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

Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire, 07539 945490, 100 DTL REG George Verrier memorial, 100 SKD REG Hampshire Championship All entries are pre booked, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 100 DTL REG, 100 ESK REG WCTSA ESK sel 100 dtl reg - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Invicta ZZ, Kent, 01892 522208, 24 HEL REG 4th Selection Shoot For Europeans, 09:00-17:00

P **National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey**, 01483 797666, 100 ABT REG First England Team Selection Shoot; 200-target, 2-day event; Day 2 of 2; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

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

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

P **Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire**, 01623 883798, 100 SKD REG inc notts County Champs; 100 ESK REG; 100 DTL REG; On-Site Cafe. Pre-book your time slots via website, 10:00-14:00

P **Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 125 OTR REG BS shotgun series round 1, 09:00-17:00

P **Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 75 OTR REG First England Team Selection Shoot; 125-target, 2-day event; 75 on Day 1 of 2; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

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

P **Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire**, 01949 851181, 100 ESP REG £200 HG Sponsored + cash in classes. 13 stands no booking required. Entries 9-2. Pool Shoot Split, 09:00-17:00

Ranton Clay Target Club, Staffordshire, 01785 223621, 100 DTL REG Clanford Trophy (Stage 2), 09:00-Dusk

Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire, 07836 676654, 100 FSP REG; Shoot either day; Pre brooking required - contact Phil on 07836 676654, 09:00-17:00

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 0191 372 1746, 80 DR REG (40 pairs), 50 ESK REG Practice DTL & ESP, 50 ESK REG, Practice DTL & ESP, 09:00-11:00

P **Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire**, 01234 708893, 100 FSP REG beds & cambs regional fitasc. tel entries only 01234 708893. ltd practice, 09:00-14:00

Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association, Wales, 100 DTL REG Wales Team Selection @ Shooting Wales, Newport (NP10 8SF), 10:00-17:00

Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire, 07342 338390, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG, 09:00-17:00



MONDAY 8 APRIL

P **Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire**, 01763 848172, 50 OTR REG First England Team Selection Shoot; 125-target, 2-day event; 50 on Day 2 of 2; shoot both days, 09:00-16:00

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

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

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Barby Sporting Club Ltd, Warwickshire, 01788 891873, 100 ESP REG, 10:00-17:30

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

P **East of England Shooting Ground, Lincolnshire**, 01406 540362, 100 ESP REG Friday 12th April 100 Reg Sporting Friday 12th April 100 Reg Sporting, 09:00-17:00

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

Oxfordshire Shooting School, Oxfordshire, 01608 690 866, 100 ESP REG 100 ESP REG April £100 High Gun. Squadded *Fibre Wad Only* Pre Booking Essential. Call on 01608 690866, 09:00-17:00

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

P **South West Shooting School, Devon**, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 REG ESP Prebook only 07453790837 100 REG ESP Devon Selection Prebook only 07453790837, 09:00-17:00

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

Blyton Shooting Ground, Lincolnshire, 01427 628900, 100 ESP REG, 09:30-14:30

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

County Gun Club, Cornwall, 07979 696179, 100 ESK REG saturday 13th april 100 esk reg. 100 esk reg. county selection saturday 13th april, 10:00-17:00

P **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 ESP REG South East Selection Shoot; Day 1 of 2; shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

P **E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire**, 01494 883227, 150 CSP REG BICTSF British Grand Prix Compak 13th April 2024; squadded Lessons.Caddie Rounds. Please call to book, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 100 OTR REG - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Mid Cornwall Firearms & Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 01726 68605, 100 STR REG Entries 10-12 booking recommended: 07971 952190, 10:00-12:00

Mid Cornwall Firearms & Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 01726 68605, 100 ESP REG Entries 10-12 booking recommended: 07971 952190, 10:00-12:00

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

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

P **Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire**, 01949 851181, 100 CSP REG 100REG COMPAK 100 REG COMPAK £150 sponsored High Gun Cash in classes Pool Shoot, Gun Shop Cafe. Prebook Only, 09:00-17:00

Rugby & District Trap Club, Warwickshire, 07770 551491, 24 HEL REG East Midlands Helice Championship East Midlands & Counties championship Helice Championship, 09:00-17:00

P **South West Shooting School, Devon**, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 REG ESP Prebook only 07453790837 100 REG ESP Devon Selection Prebook only 07453790837, 09:00-17:00

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

P **Dartford Clay Shooting Club, Kent**, 01322 311001, 100 ESP REG South East Selection Shoot; Day 2 of 2; shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

P **Doveridge Clay Sports Centre, Derbyshire**, 01889 565986, 100 ESK REG West Mids Area Championship Tel entries 01889 565986; Practice All Disciplines - No Skeet/trap Practice, 09:30-14:30

P **East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground, Yorkshire**, 01964 204190, 100 ABT REG Derek Olivant Memorial, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 100 ESP REG 100 REG ESP WCTSA SEL, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 100 OTR REG west mids (county & area) wctsa sel & cheshire otr, 100 ESP REG Sport trap practice only, 09:00-17:00

Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire, 01827 383300, 100 ESP REG 9.00 till 2.00, £150.00 HG, cash in classes, 25 Bird Pool Shoot, 09:00-17:00

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

Gunsite Sporting Clays, Wiltshire, 07979 874887, 100 ESP REG (16's and under shoot for free when accompanied by a paying adult), 10:00-13:00

Holmes Chapel Shooting Ground, Cheshire, 01477 518444, 100 DTL REG 100 Reg DTL Shoot Cancer Down 100 Reg DTL Shoot Cancer Down phone 01477518444, 09:00-17:00

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

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 DTL REG South of England, 09:00-17:00

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

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

P Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 ESK REG INC Mick Tomlinson Memorial, 100 DTL REG; On-Site Cafe. Pre-book your time slots via website, 10:00-14:00

P South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 ESP REG 100 REG ESP Prebook only 07453790837 100 REG ESP Devon Selection Prebook only 07453790837, 09:00-17:00

P Southdown Gun Club Ltd, Sussex, 01903 877555, 100 FSP REG - Southdown Spring Series 3rd Shoot + practice, 08:45-12:30

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 0191 372 1746, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP, 09:00-11:00

The Priory Clay Target Centre, Lincolnshire, 01406 351451, 50 OSK REG east midlands osk championship Practise available on DTL,ABT,ESK,OSK,DR, 09:00-16:00

Two Counties Gun Club, Devon, 01769 540501, 100 DTL REG devon & cornwall selection shoot, 10:00-11:00

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

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

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

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

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

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

P E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire, 01494 883227, 100 ESP REG; CPSA Reg Sporting . squadded. Please call to book, 09:00-17:30

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

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

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

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



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Axminster Gun Club, Devon, 01404 881588, 100 DTL REG, 09:00-17:00

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

Brook Bank (X Robin Heal), Somerset, 07866 610086, 100 ESP REG £200 high gun plus class prizes. Pre-booked entries only, text 07866610086 (Liana), 10:00-15:30

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

Fareham Clay Target Club, Hampshire, 07539 945490, 100 ABT REG; 100 Open Sporting, 09:00-17:00

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 50 OTR REG AM; 50 ABT reg pm - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Holmes Chapel Shooting Ground, Cheshire, 01477 518444, 100 DTL REG Day 1 of The Gamebore DTL Grand Prix , 09:00-17:00

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

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

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

North Cornwall Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 07790 158109, 100 SB REG Cor champs, 100 DTL REG Call/Textentries to 07790158109, 10:00-17:00

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

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

P Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 100 UTR REG English Open; Day 1 of 2; shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association, Wales, 100 OSK REG Wales Team Selection @ Griffin Lloyd Shooting Ground (LD7 1SL), 10:00-Dusk

Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire, 07342 338390, 150 FSP REG The British masters Fitasc, entries via Bictsf website,shoot 75 each day, 09:00-17:00

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

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

P Bywell Shooting Ground, Northumberland, 01670 787827, 100 DTL REG NOE, 100 ABT REG NOE, 100 AR REG N'Land Champ, 10:00-17:00

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

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 100 DTL REG WCTSA DTL sel-open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Holmes Chapel Shooting Ground, Cheshire, 01477 518444, 100 DTL REG Day 2 of The Gamebore DTL Grand Prix , 09:00-17:00

Invicta ZZ, Kent, 01892 522208, 24 HEL REG 1st Selection Shoot for World Championships 1st Selection Shoot for World Championships, 09:00-17:00

Meadowcroft Shoot, Somerset, 07802 467384, 100 ESP REG + 100 Bird Sporting Plus Pool, 09:30-14:30

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 OSK REG County Champs, 09:00-17:00

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

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

P Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 DTL REG; 100 ESK REG; On-Site Cafe. Pre-book your time slots at (www.nottscayshooting.co.uk), 10:00-14:00

P Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 100 UTR REG English Open; Day 2 of 2; shoot either day, 09:00-16:00

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

P Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire, 01949 851181, 100 ESP REG £200 HG Sponsored + cash in classes. 13 stands no booking required. Entries 9-2. Pool Shoot Split, 09:00-17:00

Penrith & District GC Ltd, Cumbria, 07539 269392, 100 DTL REG; 100 ABT REG, 09:00-17:00

Redricks Sporting Clays, Hertfordshire, 07836 676654, 100 ESP REG Squadded, Pre-booking required; Contact Phil on 07836 676654, 09:00-17:00

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 0191 372 1746, 50 ABT REG, 50 ESK REG, Practice DTL & ESP, 09:00-11:00

P Sporting Targets Ltd, Bedfordshire, 01234 708893, 100 ESP REG, BEDS (Q4) & ian clifton trophy. tel entries only, 01234 708893. ltd practice, 09:00-14:00

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

Two Counties Gun Club, Devon, 01769 540501, 100 SB REG devon championship 2024 entries 10-11 am, 100 esk reg entries 10-11 AM, 09:00-17:00

Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association, Wales,, 100 OSK REG Wales Team Selection @ Griffin Lloyd Shooting Ground (LD7 1SL), 10:00-Dusk

Westfield Shooting Ground, Gloucestershire, 07342 338390, 150 FSP REG The British masters Fitasc, entries via Bictsf website,shoot 75 each day, 09:00-17:00

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

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

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

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

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

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

Normanton Shooting Ground, Leicestershire, 01455 888353, 70 ESP REG REG ESP £100 H/G telephone entries preferred 01455 888353/ 07972603469, 10:00-15:00

FRIDAY 26 APRIL

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

P South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 SSP REG 100 REG SSP Prebook only 07453790837 100 REG SSP Prebook only 07453790837, 09:00-17:00

SATURDAY 27 APRIL

Blyton Shooting Ground, Lincolnshire, 01427 628900, 100 ESP REG, 09:30-14:30

Cosford Shooting Ground, Warwickshire, 07563 518090, 100 ESK REG 100 ESK reg, 09:00-Dusk

P E.J.Churchill at The Swinton Estate, Yorkshire, 01765 357997, 100 ESP REG £40 Competition / £35 Targets Only , 09:00-17:00

P E.J.Churchill Group Ltd, Buckinghamshire, 01494 883227, 100 STR REG; Oxford Country. SQUADDED. Lessons. Caddie Rounds. Claymate inc ESP, OSK, OT, ESK. Prebook. Bar/Food, 09:00-17:30

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 50 OTR REG AM; 50 ABT REG PM - open for practice, 10:00-17:00

Mid Cornwall Firearms & Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 01726 68605, 100 FSP REG Telephone entries only: 07971 952190, 10:00-12:00

Mid Cornwall Firearms & Shooting Ground, Cornwall, 01726 68605, 100 ESP REG Entries 10-12 booking recommended: 07971 952190, 10:00-12:00

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 ABT REG County Champs, 09:00-17:00

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

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

P Orston Shooting Ground, Nottinghamshire, 01949 851181, 125 STR REG £100 HG Sponsored + cash in classes. Pre-book only 9-2. SKT/DTL/ESP Practice. Pool Shoot Split, 09:00-17:00

P South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 SSP REG 100 REG SSP Prebook only 07453790837 100 REG SSP Prebook only 07453790837, 09:00-17:00

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

SUNDAY 28 APRIL

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

P East of England Shooting Ground, Lincolnshire, 01406 540362, 100 ESP REG Sunday 28th April 100 Reg Sporting. Sunday 28th April 100 Reg Sporting, 09:00-17:00

P Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100 STR REG Suffolk County Championship Sportrap 100 Sportrap Call 01638 534045 to book on Open for Practice , 09:00-15:30

Fauxdegla Shooting Ground, Wales, 07951 951526, 100 REG WCTSA ABT 100 cheshire abt champ, 10:00-17:00

Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire, 01827 383300, 100 ESP REG 9.00 till 2.00, £150.00 HG, cash in classes, 25 Bird Pool Shoot , 09:00-17:00

Garlands Shooting Ground, Staffordshire, 01827 383300, 100 ABT REG tel entry only 07342338390, 09:00-Dusk

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

Hangman's Stone Sporting Clays, Berkshire, 07979 874887, 100 ESP REG (16's and under shoot free when accompanied by a paying adult. Pre-booking, call Sean on 07979874887), 10:00-13:00

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

Isle of Man Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, Isle Of Man, 07624 460 785, 100 ESK REG English Skeet 3, 10:00-17:00

Jet Hall Sporting Clays, Yorkshire, 01302 864842, 100 ESP REG £150 Sponsored High Gun, Classes according to entry, No booking needed, Food & Drink available 07931554986, 09:30-14:00

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

P National Clay Shooting Centre, Surrey, 01483 797666, 100 SB REG County Champs, 09:00-17:00

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

P Nottingham & District Gun Club, Nottinghamshire, 01623 883798, 100 HD REG inc Notts & Lincs Champs; 100 ESK REG; 100 DTL REG On-Site Cafe Pre-book your time slots via website, 10:00-14:00

P Nuthampstead Shooting Ground LLP, Hertfordshire, 01763 848172, 100 ABT REG 100 registered OT 100 reg ABT, 09:00-17:00

P South West Shooting School, Devon, 01884 243476, 100 SSP REG 100 REG SSP Prebook only 07453790837 100 REG SSP Prebook only 07453790837, 09:00-17:00

Spennymoor & District C.P.C, Durham, 0191 372 1746, 100 DTL REG, Practice ESP, 09:00-11:00

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

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

Welsh Clay Target Shooting Association, Wales,, 100 ESP REG Wales Team Selection @ Tregaron Clay Shooting Club (SY25 6TA), 10:00-17:00

MONDAY 29 APRIL

P Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100 STR REG Suffolk County Championship Sportrap 100 Sportrap Call 01638 534045 to book on Open for Practice , 09:00-15:30

TUESDAY 30 APRIL

P Eriswell Lodge, Suffolk, 01638 534045, 100 STR REG Suffolk County Championship Sportrap 100 Sportrap Call 01638 534045 to book on Open for Practice , 09:00-15:30

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



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PADDY HOWE 1939-2024

It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of my dear friend and shooting legend Paddy Howe on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at the age of 85.

Paddy's shooting career spanned nearly 60 years in which time he represented and captained England and Great Britain Shooting Teams at English Sporting and FITASC Sporting as a Senior, Veteran, and later as a Super Veteran. In 1983 at the European FITASC Sporting Championship held in Portugal, Paddy (Seniors) along with his son Robert (Juniors), made history as the first father and son pair to represent Great Britain at FITASC Sporting. He was one of this Country's and World's top shots and has won numerous World, European, British, English, Masters, Regional and County titles, and Championships over his shooting career. Shooting was his passion, and he travelled the World representing his Country accompanied by his loving wife Greta, who was always by his side.

Paddy was a big man with a big personality and was known to many in the shooting world. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

I would like to send my condolences to his wife Greta, his sons Robert and

Andrew, daughter-in-laws Julia and Sally and grandchildren Imogen and Henry at this very sad time.

Paddy's Cremation was held at St Faiths Crematorium, 75 Manor Road,

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Linda Heeks 🕯️

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IAN MOORE

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I started shooting at a very early age as I used to go pigeon shooting with my dad, sitting in the hide with him. I started myself around the age of ten with a single barrel .410 before progressing to a 12g very soon afterwards.

Q What do you enjoy most about the sport?

I love the competitive nature – I used to play golf to a pretty high standard and have always loved competitive sports. I'm incredibly driven by pressure and love being in the mix or in a shoot-off.

Q What is your favourite discipline and competition?

My favourite discipline would have to be UT with ABT a very close second – although I also enjoy OT and the occasional ESP. My favourite competition would be the Caesar Guerini Trap challenge as we get to shoot UT, OT, and ABT over three days at East Yorkshire Shooting Ground. It's a fantastic few days where the Trap shooting fraternity get together at a brilliant venue and the event is well supported by sponsors.

Q Do you have any current sponsors?

I am currently sponsored by Caesar Guerini UK, Eley Hawk LTD, Coombe Farm Sporting, and Teague Precision Chokes. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people involved (Matt Panter of Caesar Guerini UK, Carl Weller

Below: British Open ABT.

of Eley Hawk, Julian Fairburn of Coombe Farm Sporting, and Ivan Reid of Teague Precision Chokes) as without their amazing support I wouldn't be able to compete in the sport I love.

Q Can you talk us through your recent BO ABT High Gun win?

Last year I made the England ABT team at the first time of trying and the Home International and British Open was held at Bywell Shooting Ground. I shot well on the first day of the HI, being joint leader overnight on a 98, and starting the second day with a 24. Unfortunately the weather was incredibly hot and I hadn't hydrated at all and started feeling very unwell and was physically sick.

I then shot 21, 21 and luckily my partner, Leanne Palmer, obtained some hydration tablets from a fellow competitor so I took those and drank plenty of water for the next hour and started to feel better again, finishing with a 25-straight for a 189. It was a case of what could have been and I learned a very valuable lesson!

The following day was the British Open and I was determined to make amends as I knew I was shooting well and I really wanted that title. I started well with a 25-straight and followed it with a 24 and a 23, but unfortunately we then had torrential rain with thunder and lightning so the competition was postponed in the hope that the weather would pass. After an hour or more of delays we got going again and I knew the ever-consistent Dave Kirk had finished on 96. Myself and a couple of others could do 97 but with the rain still falling pretty heavily I knew it was a big ask, especially at Bywell with no covered layouts.

I went out and put every ounce of concentration into my last round and managed to shoot the 25-straight I needed. I didn't know at that point that the other two competitors had dropped targets but I was so happy to have shot the way I did when I needed it most.



People started to congratulate me and tell me that I had won and that's a day I'll never forget – it's amazing to have my name on the trophy with some pretty incredible shots.

Q What is your most memorable moment?

The British Open would have to be the most memorable but I was proud to have shot 194 at the World UT Championships last year in Spain as part of the three-man Great Britain team.

Q If you could chose three people to shoot with, who would they be?

I'd choose my father, as if it wasn't for him I'd never have picked a gun up. He got me started and he rings me every Sunday after a competition to see how I got on and due to life being so busy we don't get to spend enough time together. Number two would be my close friend Peter Cole. Anyone who knows anything about Trap shooting will know what an incredible competitor Pete was and I have always had a lot of admiration for him as a shot and a friend. Number three would

be another great friend and one of my sponsors, Julian Fairburn, as he has been unbelievably helpful and supportive and I owe him so much thanks. We shoot together on a regular basis, his sense of humour is infectious and he makes every shoot a fun day out with plenty of laughs, which is what it's all about.

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Q If you could time travel, what advice would you give to your younger self starting out in the sport?

If I could go back in time and give myself some advice I wouldn't have to go back very far as I've only been taking the fast Trap Shooting seriously for around three or four years! If I could give advice to a youngster though it would be to get some professional coaching. I've never had a lesson as I'm completely self-taught, but I feel young shots should be taught the right way from the start.

Q What is coming up for you in the next 12 months?

The next 12 months will be a little quieter competition wise, so I won't try for the England ABT team this year. However I will compete in the UT GB selection shoots and possibly the Europeans and World Championships. I'll also shoot the Caesar Guerini Trap Challenge as well as the usual weekend competitions and next year will be full steam ahead again. 🍏



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