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# Cornwall Target Shooting Association

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## NSRA Shooting Council report 27<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Prior to the AGM attendees had the opportunity to try their hand at Sport Crossbow, something that could be considered by clubs due to the relatively low cost of the equipment.

It was reported at the AGM that the resubmission of the planning application for the hotel project is now in the final stages.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Scottish meeting at Lauder was a success with a considerable increase in the numbers attending. However there has been a significant reduction in the number of entries for the Bisley meeting, this is a serious concern given the ever rising cost of hiring the Century range along with the numerous other costs involved in running the meeting.

During the Shooting Council meeting Geoff Doe was voted in as President of the association.

All aspects of the membership are currently under review and the restructuring of the membership is due to be discussed at the November meeting, constructive suggestions are being invited.

The Chief Executive's report to the Shooting Council follows below.

The next Shooting Council meeting is due to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019.

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT TO SHOOTING COUNCIL

27 July 2019

### Obituaries

It is with regret that I confirm the death of:

**Ken Nash:** I am aware that Ken's passing was made known at the last Shooting Council Meeting but I thought it important to follow due process and formally report it in my CEO Report. As most people know Ken dedicated the last forty years to the NSRA and his contribution is difficult to accurately quantify. The summer edition "*On Target*" carried a tribute to Ken and a summary of the many roles he performed for the NSRA. Both Ken and his contribution will be greatly missed.

**Harry Hancox:** Harry was very active a club level and was also Chairman of the Competitions Committee for Herefordshire. He was involved with improving the skills of shooters at several clubs and with the West Midlands Regional Squad. A regular competitor at the Bisley Meeting he won the Lord Roberts Trophy for the British Championships. Latterly he became involved with shooting for the visually impaired at Hereford College for the Blind.

### KEY NSRA MATTERS

#### **Staffing**

As previously reported there continues to be a number of staff vacancies across the NSRA. All of the posts have been advertised nationally, as well as locally on a number of occasions but the response has been poor. Filling the vacancies is a key priority. The posts vacant are:

Operations Manager Lord Roberts Centre  
Duty Officers Lord Roberts Centre (Two posts)  
Receptionists Lord Roberts Centre (Three posts)  
Manager NSRA Shop  
Retail Assistant NSRA Shop (Two Posts)

Several appointments have been made:

Lyndeen Calvert	Competitions and Events Assistant
Rose Bialogrodzka	Membership Assistant
Mary Pearse	BSW Admin Assistant
Pippa Pugsley	Receptionist Lord Roberts Centre

A number of staff have left or retired:

Simon Barber	Marketing and Communications Manager
Andy Hall	Operations Manager Lord Roberts Centre
Claudia Stoner	Membership Assistant

Phil Martin has returned from Australia to help with the management and delivery of Scotland 100 and the Bisley Meeting covering Paul Langford's long term sickness absence.

### SHOOTING MATTERS

#### **Visually Impaired Shooting**

World Shooting Para Sport has taken over the governance of visually impaired events from the International Blind Sports Federation (IBSA). The move, approved by the International Paralympic



Committee's (IPC) Governing Board, means there are now seven classes under World Shooting Para Sport's remit. Disciplines include the mixed air rifle standing and mixed air rifle prone.

Vision impaired events were first contested under the new arrangement at the International Shooting Competition of Hanover in the German city in May. Shooters will then get a chance on the World Cup stage in Osijek in Croatia in July, before the class makes its World Championships debut in Sydney in October.

### **European 10m Air Championships Croatia March 2019**

These Championships are the first major event of the 2019 competition calendar for Rifle and Pistol as the team continues its journey towards the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Great Britain has already achieved one quota place through Seonaid McIntosh's 4th place finish at last year's World Championships in Changwon, KOR.

The team selected for the European 10m Air championships is as follows:

#### **10m Air Pistol Senior Men**

Kristian Callaghan  
Waldek Mickewicz  
Aedan Evans

#### **10m Air Pistol Junior Men**

James Miller

#### **10m Air Rifle Senior Men**

Mike Barger

#### **10m Air Rifle senior Women**

Seonaid McIntosh  
Hannah Pugsley  
Kim Tzabach

#### **10m Air Rifle Mixed Event**

Seonaid McIntosh  
Mike Barger

### **WSPS World Cup**

Great Britain took gold and silver in R9 50m Rifle Prone at the Al Ain 2019 WSPS World Cup.

Tim Jeffrey and James Bevis went head to head in the knock out stages of the final to compete for the top medal spots, but it was Jeffrey who came out on top.

That result also secured a Tokyo 2020 quota place for Paralympic GB.

Ryan Cockbill won bronze in Mixed 10m Air Rifle standing SH2

The performance also means Cockbill has secured a Tokyo 2020 Paralympic quota place for Paralympics GB.

### **World Cup Beijing**



The competition took place from the 21st to 29th April and was another opportunity for athletes to secure quota places for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

There were no GB rifle athletes attending this competition, so those competing in the Pistol events were:

Kristian Callaghan - Air Pistol Men and Rapid Fire Pistol Men  
Waldek Mickiewicz - Air Pistol Men  
Sam Gowin - Rapid Fire Pistol Men.

### **World Cup Munich**

The competition took place from the 24-31st May 2019.

This was the third ISSF World Cup of the year and another opportunity for athletes to win Team GB quota places for the Tokyo Games in 2020.

#### **Pistol**

Kristian Callaghan – Air Pistol and Rapid Fire Pistol  
Aedan Evans – Air Pistol  
Sam Gowin – Rapid Fire Pistol  
Jess Liddon – 25m Sport Pistol  
Waldek Mickiewicz – Air Pistol

#### **Rifle**

Dean Bale – Air Rifle, 3P Rifle and Mixed Event  
Mike Bamsey – 3P Rifle  
Mike Bargerion – Air Rifle, 3P Rifle and Mixed Event  
Katie Gleeson – 3P Rifle  
Seonaid McIntosh – Air Rifle; 3P Rifle and Mixed Event  
Kim Tzabach – Air Rifle and Mixed Event

Seonaid McIntosh won silver in Rifle 3 Positions.

The Scot, who has already secured a quota place for Team GB for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, has continued her success on the world stage with a fantastic British record performance of 461.4.

Her silver performance is the first medal in 3P in a World Cup since Malcolm Cooper in 1989 and the first GB medal for a woman in air rifle since Louise Minett in 1999.

### **European Games Minsk**

103 athletes were selected from 10 sports to compete between 21<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June. As with Baku four years previously female athletes will outnumber male athletes at the Games.

Over 4,000 athletes from 50 countries competed across 10 days in 200 different medal events. Minsk 2019 represents the last senior multi-sport event prior to next summer's Olympic Games and will provide invaluable experience for the British athletes hoping to travel to Tokyo as part of Team GB.

The Games is also an important qualification step on the road to Tokyo 2020 for some sports, with direct qualification of quota places for three sports – archery, shooting and table tennis – and important ranking



points for others. At the time of the event, 24 athletes from three sports – equestrian, sailing and shooting – have secured quota places for Team GB at Tokyo 2020.

The shooting team that represented Team GB was:

Pistol

Kristian Callaghan

Sam Gowin

Rifle

Katie Gleeson

Seonaid McIntosh

### **ISSF Junior World Cup**

The competition takes place in Suhl from the 12th July – 20th July, will also feature the Target Sprint World Tour. GB took a strong team that includes pistol, rifle, and target sprint. The team in full was as follows:

Target Sprint

Singles

Junior Women

Emily Shawyer

Katie Robbins

Victoria Bradbury

Junior Men

Morten van der Schee

Jonathan Williams

Arno Turner

Isaac Steele

Men

Paul O'Callaghan

Women

Rachel McManus

Mixed Teams

Junior

Morten van der Schee

Jonathan Williams

Emily Shawyer

Junior

Victoria Bradbury

Katie Robbins

Arno Turner



Senior  
Rachel McManus  
Paul O'Callaghan  
Isaac Steele

Pistol Team Junior

Air and Mixed Air Team  
James Miller  
Emilia Faulkner

Rifle Team Junior

Women  
Abby Warren – 3P & Prone  
Olivia Hill – Air and ARMIX  
Amy Lott – Air and ARMIX  
Shannon Davies - Ladies Prone

Men  
Toby Baillon – Mens Prone  
Harry Vincent – Air and ARMIX  
Tom Warren – Air, ARMIX and 3P

Team Management:  
Competition Team Leaders: Christian Schofield and Craig Dower  
Team Lead (Target Sprint) – Gorgs Geikie  
Team Support (Target Sprint) – Robert Shawyer  
Coach (Pistol) – Alan Green  
Coach (Rifle) – Zoe Bruce

The GB Target Sprint team had a very successful competition. The event, which was held alongside the Junior World Cup for Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun, saw the team of nine secure one silver and two bronze medals.

Rachel McManus claimed bronze in the Women's Individual event and was part of the 7th place senior team. Morten Van Der Schee, who secured bronze a year ago at the 2018 World Championships, went one better this year winning silver. Jonathan Williams won the final bronze of the event. In terms of finishing places:

Junior Women  
4th Emily Shawyer  
5th Victoria Bradbury  
9th Katie Robbins

Junior Men  
Silver Morten van der Schee  
Bronze Jonathan Williams  
7th Arno Turner  
8th Isaac Steele

Women  
Bronze Rachel McManus



Men  
14th Paul O'Callaghan

Junior  
4th Place  
Morten van der Schee  
Jonathan Williams  
Emily Shawyer

5th Place  
Victoria Bradbury  
Katie Robbins  
Arno Turner

Senior  
7th Place Rachel McManus

### **World Cup Rio de Janeiro**

GB is sending a rifle and pistol squad to the Rio de Janeiro World Cup at the end of August. The competition is the last of the qualifying World Cups for Tokyo in Pistol and Rifle. The Team selected is:

Pistol  
Kristian Callaghan - Air Pistol and Rapid Fire Pistol  
Sam Gowin - Rapid Fire Pistol

Rifle  
Mike Bargerion - Air Rifle; 50m 3 Position Rifle and Mixed Team Air Rifle  
Seonaid McIntosh - Air Rifle; 50m 3 Position Rifle and Mixed Team Air Rifle  
Katie Gleeson - 50m 3 Position Rifle

### **John Dallimore MBE**

The High-Performance Manager for the Welsh Target Shooting Federation, John Dallimore, was been honoured in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, being made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE).

John has been involved in the sport of Target Shooting for over 50 years, for the first 20 years as an athlete, representing Wales and GB, and later went onto become a shotgun coach and Wales Team Manager for over 30 years.

When Sport Wales identified Shooting as a leading medal winning sport in Wales, he was instrumental in setting up the structure to ensure that the funding received from Sport Wales was used to greatest effect in terms of the number of Commonwealth Games medals won in shooting events and developing athletes to reach their full potential, across the country.

This reached an all-time high with the latest Commonwealth Games 2018 at Gold Coast, Australia, where Shooting was top of the Medal Table, across all Sport in Wales, with two Gold, two Silver and one Bronze medal won.

John's determination and drive made the creation of the facilities at Sports Wales National Centre at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, possible.



John is passionate about his sport. He is well known to give his time freely to those other Home Country Teams that seek to gain advice from his experience. Congratulations on your MBE

## **Commonwealth Games Birmingham 2022.**

The sport of target shooting has not been included in the programme for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. It will be the first time since 1970 that shooting has not featured at the Games.

The initial announcement that shooting wouldn't be included in the list of sports set to be represented at Birmingham 2022 came out two years ago. But since then, shooting governing bodies across the Commonwealth have worked hard to propose a plan that would be viable for all parties. The NSRA was part involved in preparing a bid to host the target shooting events at Bisley Camp which was used for the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games with great success.

The news was met with dismay in the shooting world, with a petition on Change.org receiving 61,094 supporters. The UK's home countries regularly secure around 30 medals between them in shooting sports, however those stats have been ignored. For many nations, shooting sport is the only opportunity for smaller nations to win medals and at Gold Coast 2018, target shooting was the fourth most popular sport in terms of nations who participate. Larger Shooting nations such as India, Australia and the UK's Home Countries are dependent on the Commonwealth Games performance with success influencing the funding as part of their national Olympic pathway. Shooting is also a popular spectator sport during the Games, with both Glasgow and Gold Coast selling out of tickets.

## **National Meetings 2019**

### **Scotland 100 (Lauder 2019)**

This year's Scottish Meeting was the 100<sup>th</sup> to be held. Support for the event was very positive with more than 100 competitors entering compared to last year. The special competitions new to the programme were well received including the Haig Champion of Champions. Significant improvements had been made to the firing point and these changes were exceptionally well received. A more detailed report on Scotland 100 is elsewhere on the agenda

### **Bisley Meeting**

The Entries for this year's event have dropped by approximately 100. This may be due in some part to people choosing to enter Scotland 100 rather than Bisley. This is not encouraging because the cost of hiring Century Range has risen and is more than £30,000. This cost does not change with either an increase or decrease of entries. It is a fixed cost that has to be paid and is significant when looking at the projected costings and financial loss that will be sustained. The Association has emailed last year's entrants with this year's form and promoted the Meeting as much as it can. At the closing date there are 450 entries. This worrying trend means that the future of the event needs to be carefully considered. As I have said for several years in terms of the NSRA's Events "use them or lose them". Corny but true. The number of volunteers able to support the event is also dropping and this too has serious consequences for the Meeting.

### **British 50 Metre Championship 2019 31<sup>st</sup> May to 2nd June**

All the competitors from last year's Championships were emailed or sent the entry forms. The total entry for this year's event was 71 compared to a total of 96 for last year's Championships. This is a drop of approximately 26%. If we look at the last two years we have lost 39% of the total entry. Unfortunately a key event was being held in Germany over the same weekend and it is thought this had an impact on the number of entries.

### **NSRA British Bench-Rest Championships 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> June 201**

This meeting is now run over one weekend with Saturday being a 25yd Double Entry Competition and the Sunday a Short Range and Long Range. The Association received a total of 16 entries for the Saturday & 18 entries for the Sunday. The Championships was shot at both 25 yards and 50 metres on Sunday with the titles of Short Range



Bench-rest Champion and 50M Bench-rest Champion being awarded at the conclusion of the day's competition. Despite the increase in the number of shooters shooting Bench-rest entries remain at an incredibly poor level.

Iain Root  
Chief Executive Officer

July 2019



**Website**

Club Finder is an important part of the NSRA's duty as a governing body to help clubs find new members. The new version has been launched and looks and performs as required. In order to make it easier to find it a link to it has been placed from the front page navigation bar. It is also planned to put out a "call to action" at the bottom of the page to encourage clubs who are not on the list. A post has been added to Face Book to let everyone know Club Finder is up and running. A short video of different shooting activities has been produced and a link put on the front page of the site. This is meant to be an overview to get people that are not shooters visiting the site to look further into small-bore shooting. Further videos are planned giving more detail. The LRC "Try a Shoot" is now advertised on the main NSRA website to try to connect opportunities to have a go at shooting with the other material.

**Club Support****FAC Renewals**

Lancashire Police are including an additional form in FAC application documents asking for details of the other people in any house where firearms are kept.

This was brought up at the Practitioners Meeting (which is a mixture of FLOs from around the country, Home Office representatives and those from shooting organisations) and the justification for the requesting the additional information and for completing checks on other occupants is that the Chief Constable must be 'satisfied' that there is no danger to public safety.

Concern was expressed over the definition of "satisfied" and suggested that this justification could be used for any additional checks or any additional procedures the Chief Constable wished to introduce. This was accepted but it is unlikely to alter the checks being carried out by Lancashire.

Ali presented concerns to the Practitioners Group and requested clarification on the reasons and legal standing of additional checks being carried out. However it appears that the majority of forces already complete additional checks on addresses and other occupants in properties where firearms are held. These checks are usually completed in the background using various databases and are not declared to the applicant in the same way as Lancashire has. Obviously, if any other occupant is flagged up during the check the police will consider action to be taken on a case by case basis.

**Police Scotland**

On renewal of their club FAC, Calendar Target Sports Club was required to operate as an RFD in order to sell ammunition to club members. The club were supported to resist this decision which has now been overturned.

**Rose Hill Farm range**

The proposed range at Rose Hill Farm in Suffolk has been granted planning approval from Mid Suffolk District Council. The facility is now seeking grant funding to build the range and associated buildings.

**Lincolnshire Development**

Stamford Air Rifle Club has been set up. The club caters for able bodied and disabled shooters and has been supported by a local Council grant and has been set up in the local community college.

The start-up was helped by Grantham Club and already has over 20 participants from different age groups.

**University College Dublin**

A further Club Instructor Courses has taken place at the University Club in Dublin in June. This continues development of NSRA Courses being used by the Club to support their activities.

**Derby Rifle and Pistol Club**

Derby Rifle and Pistol Club have been given authority to use our video and links to NSRA website. This is part of the clubs bid to enhance their web presence, attract new members and signpost people to training opportunities.

**Stowmarket and District SBRC**

Stowmarket and District SBRC, who had access to their local Cadet Range removed due to a change in storage at the facility have been forced to close. Many of the members have joined Bury R and PC.



### **Aintree Pistol Club**

Aintree Pistol Club has been closed and its RFD and HO Approval removed due to irregularities in their systems and accounting for members and firearms in their possession. Although the club is not affiliated to the NSRA members have been supported (individual members) in finding other clubs.

### **Hut 60**

On the 11th April the sale of Hut 60 was finally completed to Mr Cole-Hawkins and Ms Measures. This includes the sale of a small piece of land to The Clay Pigeon Shooting Association.

### **Hotel Project**

The Planning Statement on behalf of the NSRA is ready for full submission to the Council and Planning Inspectorate for the hotel consent as soon as letters of support are received from Disability Shooting Great Britain and British Shooting.

### **Cadet Small-bore Finals**

The Punch and Shell competition took place on 5/6 April at LRC. The 25 yard range at the centre was upgraded and inspected by the Cadet s to allow the event to take place under cadet regulations. This involved changes to the layout of the back-stop, realignment of Linotex curtains, clean-up of the store room, shielding of surfaces and narrowing the shooting area for the event. This means the range can be used for other Cadet activities. The event went well and the CCRS are now considering an annual air rifle event.

### **Legislation**

#### **Section 11(4)**

A visit by representatives of the Home office took place at Harrow Rifle Club. The Home Office wanted to see and discuss Section 11(4) of the Firearms Act with an organisation that used it effectively. The visit went well and is to be followed up by a meeting at LRC on 26<sup>th</sup> April, with the same representatives, to discuss Section 11(4) on a broader national level. Meetings have taken place with Andrew Mercer from the NRA to try to give a consistent approach to defending this section of the Act.

#### **The Times**

The national newspaper, The Times has been carrying negative articles about legitimately owned firearms and about a comprehensive review of fees next year. This is despite the understanding that these fees would not be raised for "the foreseeable future". No mention was made that Police Forces generally have not improved their licensing efficiency and adopted modern IT systems. Only 2 out of 43 Forces have done so. Furthermore despite intensive lobbying the Government has failed to make any headway with medical certificates. This means that licences are facing sometimes long delays and variable and considerable demands for fees.

There have also been negative articles on practical shotguns and one on Section 11(4)

#### **Stowmarket Rifle and Pistol Club**

The NSRA has been advised by an affiliated club, Stowmarket and District Rifle Club, that they have lost the use of the MOD range the club currently has access to. The reason for the loss of the range is due to the security of the storage facilities being upgraded which precludes access by civilians to the facility. In addition, I have been informed that the cadet rifles are now classed as Section 5 firearms. On investigation it appears that this is dependent on the situation at Stowmarket and shouldn't have a knock-on effect to other Cadet ranges.

### **Cooper Range**

The range is now divided by netting to break up the wind and make the range more shootable. The electronic targets have been pushed back under the mantle, unused targets removed and new faces put on to improve the look of the facility. General tidiness has also been improved with the unused bullet catchers being removed from the main area of the range.

Much of this work has been done by volunteers from the Army Troops to Target group that use the range. Feedback from the recent British Free Rifle Club has been positive with shooters appreciating the changes.



## Castellani

Following meetings with the Italian manufacturers of clay target and sports clothing, Castellani, they have agreed that the NSRA become the sole UK wholesaler of their products.

## Targets

The current position relating to targets:

### Passed

Target	Date passed	Proof
PL14/06 -18	12/11/2018	2
AIR 1/89 -18	30/11/2018	2
AIR 2/89 - 18	03/12/2018	2
AIR 3/89 - 18	30/11/2018	3
2510 B.M./89 - 18	30/11/2018	3
2010 B.M./89 - 18	10/01/2019	6
MM 12 C 1996 - 18	14/11/2018	2
MM13/89 - 18	29/01/2019	6
1001 C 1996 - 18	14/01/2019	4
2510 BR15 - 18	29/11/2018	3
2010 BR17 -18	04/02/2019	7
AIR 4/89 - 18	12/11/2018	1
AIR 7 - 18	17/01/2019	4
MM 12 C BR15 - 18	03/12/2018	2
1510 B.M./89 - 18	17/01/2019	1
PL8 - 18	31/01/2019	1
PL14 - 18	14/02/2019	2
PL15 - 18	08/03/2019	3
PL19 - 18	19/03/2019	5
2505 B.M./89 - 18	25/03/2019	3
MM8 - 18	08/04/2019	2
50M10 BR17-18	16/04/2019	4 (pdf)
PL15/09 - 18	18/04/2019	1
2505 C S - 18	23/04/2019	3
5002 C 1996 - 18	24/04/2019	3 (pdf)
1003 B.M./89 - 18	14/05/2019	4
1001 BR15 - 18	21/05/2019	5
AIR 10/97 - 18	21/05/2019	3
25M10 BM/89 - 18	30/05/2019	2 (pdf)
AIR 8 - 18	30/05/2019	7
PL7 - 18	31/05/2019	2
PL12 - 18	06/06/2019	2
AIR 11/99 - 18	10/07/2019	5
1505 B.M/89 - 18	17/07/2019	2

### Outstanding Targets

Target	Date last tested	Proof
AIR B20/96 - 18	13/12/2018	1
25SS BM/89 - 18	Waiting for specs	1
25M10 BR15 - 18	08/04/2019	2
U.I.T Rapid Target (1997) - 18	10/07/2019	1
PL18	Not tested	No proof
X5 Skirmisher	Not tested	No Proof



The Scottish Meeting gave the opportunity to meet with Michael Lackie from Sykes and discuss the target situation – in particular the opportunity to number batches of targets for tracking purposes. It has been decided to put the batch number on the target package. This is to avoid any changes to the print file may create a future problem. The batch numbers can be linked it to a date - even if the packaging is lost there will have a fixed point in time to relate back to from records of sales.

### **Pistol Squad**

The first training weekend of the newly formed NSRA Pistol Squad took place on 23 – 24<sup>th</sup> March at LRC. A bank account for the squad is being set up and sponsorship (in the form of batch testing ammunition) is being arranged with Ruag.

### **General License**

Following the removal of the General Licence for control of birds that are pests (pigeons, crows etc.) brought about by Natural England, three new General Licences have been issued by DEFRA covering the control of 13 species of bird for the purposes of prevention of serious damage to crops and livestock, conservation of flora and fauna, and protecting public health and safety.

### **NSRA BR Course**

Following discussion with representative from DCSRA at the Shooting Council Meeting in March, it has been decided to run a course and develop the course notes in collaboration with DCSRA. The pilot course will be run and the final documentation developed after the vent. A suitable date and venue are being sought.

### **Sport England**

Sport England has released their latest Talent Plan. The plan combines inclusivity and progression and includes an ambition to:

- Create the world's best sporting talent system, which consistently delivers results.
- Provide a positive talent development experience for all stakeholders within a sustainable high performing culture will achieve optimal results.
- People to be better for being in the England talent system and advocate a holistic development approach. The journey and the growth of individuals is an end in itself.
- Athlete welfare and the parity of physical and mental wellbeing.
- National teams should strive to be representative of the population they represent.
- Create an inspired, effective and well-supported workforce is crucial to the creation of a sustainable high-performing system which delivers excellent developmental experiences for all.
- Recognise that athlete development is complex and non-linear.

### **British Shooting**

#### **Chairman**

John Harris' tenure as Chair of British Shooting is due to end in September of this year. BS are putting in place the process for the Board to formally agree a succession plan that best suits the needs of the organisation and ensure the continued success of high performance athletes in the run up to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. UK Sport have been consulted UK Sport they have a significant interest in the role of Chair and continued good governance.

A small Nominations Committee is being formed to deal with the planning.

This approach has the full support of UK Sport, who have also indicated that they will be able to help financially with the recruitment of a new Chair as and when appropriate.

#### **Commonwealth Games**

The NSRA has received confirmation that Shooting will not be included in the Commonwealth Games. Whilst this is obviously quite a blow to the sport in itself the knock-on effects on funding and future inclusion have yet to be determined.



### Quota Places

Kirsty Barr won a silver medal in the Women's Olympic Trap at the World Cup and in doing so, secured a quota place for the Olympic Games. This achievement by Kirsty is on the back of Commonwealth and European medals in 2018.

### Data

The following information has been supplied to British Shooting as part of their submission to Sport England.

NSRA	Baseline (2016)	year 1 (2017)	year 2 (2018)
Individual members	5147	5112	5143
Members via club affiliation	55539	52634	51186
Participants in registered competitions	1303	1201	1017
Affiliated clubs	1036	1011	984
FACs	153,404	154,958	157,581

The figures reflect that the Pistol Championships didn't take place in 2018.

### Safeguarding

The NSPCC Close the Loophole campaign is being supported by British Shooting. This is perceived as being another step in the important campaign to safeguard children in all sports. Details about the campaign can be seen at:

(<https://thecpsu.org.uk/news/2019-01-nspcc-relaunches-close-the-loophole-campaign/>)

### Obituaries

It is with regret that I confirm the death of: **Reg Cox:** Reg Cox passed away peacefully on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Reg was a pistol shooter and represented county and country both on the range and as a team manager. Before the drive from Liverpool to Bisley became a little too tiring, Reg was an active member of the Pistol, Airgun and Crossbow Committee and an Administrative Member of the Shooting Council. In recent years, Reg continued his support as Patron of the County of Lancaster Small-bore Target Shooting Association.