
Cornwall Target Shooting Association

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Affiliated to The National Rifle Association & National Small-Bore Rifle Association



NSRA Shooting Council report 27th of November 2021

With the cancellation of the 2022 Scottish meeting there were questions asked about the viability of running the meeting in 2023. There was some talk about holding the meeting at Aberdeen if there are continuing issues over the use of the current venue at Lauder, however the financial concerns about running a Scottish meeting remain and no decisions have been made.

There was a considerable amount of discussion about the selection process for the Pershing team for the match in America.

The serious threat to shooting due to the potential ban on Lead in ammunition remains. The NSRA have information on their website and have been emailing members on the subject, so if you have not already looked at the information about the potential ban on lead in ammunition and the impact it would have on most forms of shooting, now is the time to do so.

Membership for individuals, clubs and associations is now available online and the usual annual paperwork is a thing of the past. For clubs in particular, if you have not yet completed your NSRA affiliation for 2022 I strongly suggest that it is addressed sooner rather than later. Having completed Bodmin club's affiliation I found that there is a substantial amount of information that needs to be entered and uploaded to complete a club affiliation for the first time, future affiliation renewals should be very easy.

If you encounter any problems when completing the affiliation phone the NSRA membership department, I found them very helpful as they talked me through the process. Remember that it must be completed, submitted and paid for by the end of December or your clubs insurance will not be valid after the 31st of December.

Acting Joint CEO Dave Froggett's report to the Shooting Council follows below.

The next Shooting Council meeting is due to be held on the 26th of March 2022

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Bench Rest

The final draft of the NSRA Guidance Bench Rest has been produced and distributed. There has been some positive feedback on the document but also a number of questions from clubs and individuals for further clarification particularly from those whose previous practice has had to change.

Value of Shooting

Work has commenced on the BASC's Value of Shooting Document. The NSRA has committed to providing support and expertise but not direct funding. The Institute for Social Innovation and Impact at the University of Northampton who, are involved in the project with BASC, are completing consultation session with key project partners and supporters. A meeting has taken place with Dr Claire Paterson-Young to give information to support the project and help construct a survey.

Covid Guidance

The new NSRA guidance was published on the website and social media as restrictions lifted. It errs on the side of caution but give flexibility to clubs to make their procedures suit their environment and demographic. This is partly to protect people but also to give confidence to those returning to the sport. Several clubs have been in touch requiring support on this subject and many felt that maintaining some of the previous levels of Covid security is the way to proceed.

Performance Clubs

Although the NSRA Performance Club system is in its very early stages of development, BS has asked to use the network to promote the British Schools Championships.

The Regional Squad contacts list is being refreshed and permissions obtained in order to distribute an up to date list to the Performance Clubs.

Lead

The Lead in Target Shooting paper has been completed with the help of Matt Guille and Graham Burns and submitted to ECHA (European Chemical Agency) and the Health and Safety Executive. It has also been shared with BSSC, NRA, MLAGB and Eley limited and posted on the NSRA website. The meeting with Rebecca Pow MP planned for 22nd September to discuss the lead in ammunition review was cancelled but a future meeting to discuss the issues will be pursued. A number of clubs have been in touch to discuss their submissions and potential issues that may arise – in particular for field target.

Aldersley

Development has continued at Aldersley including the following:

- BS has conducted a 3P training camp to train new shooters in 3p and up skill coaches
- The centre has applied for NSRA Hub Club status
- A BS competition for shooters on the athlete pathway successfully took place at the centre
- Lighting over E Range has been replaced and is now up to specification
- Scout rifle squad have returned to use the centre for their training sessions
- Aldersley is now benchmarked as a BS Disability Hub
- The centre now has a junior development group operating on 2 days per week.
- The Visually Impaired Championships is planned for 12/13 March 2022

Antique Firearms Law Changes

From 22 September, owners of certain firearms previously regarded as antique now require a FAC following the first legal definition of antique firearms.

Information on this has been posted on the NSRA website.

Commonwealth Games

Commonwealth Games shooting events in planned to take place in India have been cancelled. The Welsh Target Shooting Federation (WTSF) is proposing hosting a Commonwealth Shooting Federation European Division event in Wales in September 2022.

Performance – Tokyo 2020

Olympics

- Matthew Coward Holley bronze medal - men's Olympic Trap
- Amber Hill unfortunately had to withdraw from the Olympic Games due to getting COVID prior to flying out. This was incredibly tough for both Amber and British Shooting as she was going into the Games world No.1 and having recently shot the world record.
- Aaron Heading - 23rd Trap
- Kirsty Hegarty - 16th Trap
- Kirsty Hegarty/ Matthew Coward Holley - 10th mixed team trap
- Seonaid McIntosh - 12th Air rifle; 14th 3P rifle

Paralympics

- Tim Jeffery - R4, 8th (final); R5, 7th (final); R9, 6th (final).
- Matthew Skelhon - R3, 16th; R6, 13th
- James Bevis - R5, 19th; R9, 21st
- Lorraine Lambert - R2, 20th; R8, 15th, R6, 36th
- Issy Bailey - P2, 18th; P3, 23rd
- Ryan Cockbill - R4, 10th; R5, 18th; R9, 8th (final)
- Lesley Stewart - R2, 18th; R8, 13th

The Paralympic team did not achieve a medal which was a significant disappointment and surprise partly due to the impact of a total lack of competition due to Covid since late 2019.

British Shooting

- Amber Hill (Ladies Skeet) has tested positive before leaving the UK for the Olympic Games and couldn't compete.
- Liz Davidson, who has been Head of Engagement for BS for a number of years, is leaving to take up a post with the Kent CSP. Liz has been a great supporter of the NSRA and shooting in general. A replacement has not been identified as yet.
- Dean Leak is leaving his role as BS Pathway Manager. No new appointment has been announced as yet.
- BS is awaiting confirmation of the annual review process and timeline for UK Sport funding. They have indicative budgets for 2022-25 for which we are awaiting confirmation.
- BS has been actively engaged with Sport England regarding the funding period from 2022 onwards working with Sport England to self-assess their readiness to deliver in alignment with SE BS has been advised to apply for a similar level of investment to that received in 2021 – 22.. Sport England are looking to make investments for 5 or 3 years.

British Shooting Competitions

- A Schools' Rifle competition has been launched and is currently being promoted. This will be delivered alongside the current British Shooting Schools Pistol Competition with the finals for both taking place in February 2022 at Rugeley.
- BS has also launched a Rifle Series competition for air rifle in alignment with the shotgun series.

Target Sprint

- Target sprint events have restarted, and the majority of hubs are now operating at full capacity. Open events have taken place and the leaders' course remains popular.
- Two athletes competed in an ISSF World Series event in Germany at the start of August with Emily Sawyer winning a silver medal. National finals took place on the weekend of 18th/19th September in Newport.

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