
Cornwall Target Shooting Association

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NSRA Shooting Council report 24th March 2018

The major issue discussed at the meeting was The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) that is already in force but has a deadline for compliance of the 25th of May 2018. We were given a PowerPoint presentation on the subject and this will concern every club and organisation along with the people in them who capture, collect, store and process data, photographs, videos or run websites etc.

The NSRA will be making a template that can be adjusted in parts to fit the requirements of individual clubs and should be available on the NSRA website from early April. Although this will be very helpful, other procedures and practices will need to be looked at closely to ensure compliance.

Those of you that have looked at the Scottish and Bisley entry forms that have recently been circulated with the On Target magazine will have seen the Data Protection Notice that has to be both ticked and signed. Something similar will be required with a positive opt in for all competitions that the CTSA and clubs run as they all collect, collate, store, circulate and post data. This is NOT something that can be ignored with a compliance date of the 25th of May 2018 and the potential for very large fines for serious breaches.

One of the main issues raised at the NSRA workshops held in January was the lack of communication, to this end the NSRA requested very basic contact information on all clubs in a Shooting Council Representatives area to be submitted by the 19th of March. This meeting was held on the 24th of March and only about 20 replies had been received. Communication?

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

The AGM and next Shooting Council meeting are due to be held on the 28th July 2018.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT TO SHOOTING COUNCIL

24 March 2018

Obituaries

It is with regret that I report the deaths of:

Douglas Mottram: Doug had a lifelong passion for shooting and was committed to developing the sport. He served on a total of nine committees at Club, County and National level and was the driving force behind the acquisition and development of the Cambridgeshire County range near Peterborough. Doug attended the National meeting at Bisley for every year for 62 years also attending the Scottish Meeting on a regular basis. Doug sat on the Shooting Council as a County Representative and chaired the Special Awards Committee.

Obituaries for Lones Wigger, Martin Maldar, Paul Russell and Michael Coombs will be carried in the Spring Edition of "On Target".

KEY NSRA MATTERS

Membership and Affiliation

All of the renewal paperwork for membership and affiliations that was received in December and early January was processed by the 14 January 2018 and any subsequent renewals have been processed on the day of receipt.

Unfortunately there has been a decline in the numbers of both Affiliated Clubs and Annual Members compared to the same period in 2017. The decline is significant with the numbers of clubs being approximately 80 less than last year. The situation is much the same for individual members. There are just under 300 fewer Associate Members and 100 fewer Annual Members. This decrease is significant and is disappointing in the knowledge that the cost of Annual Membership was decreased and affiliation costs frozen.

As previously reported the Association has been made aware of an increased number of FAC applications that have been refused or revoked. This is as a result of the changes being made to the licensing process and the involvement of GPs. There have been several cases where members have had the support of Bluefin Sport and XL Catlin and successfully overturned the decisions made by the Police. Individual Membership continues to offer exceedingly good value for money and the cover provided is second to none. I am hopeful that members of the Shooting Council will assist in the recruitment and retention of members and clubs by promoting the benefits throughout the clubs in their counties and beyond. From my perspective the Shooting Council has a primary role in making and maintaining the link between the Association and members at grassroots level.

Staffing

There are a number of staff vacancies across the NSRA. All of the posts have been advertised nationally as well as locally but the response has been poor. Filling the vacancies is a key priority and the Shooting Council is asked to support the Association by letting people who may be interested in working for the NSRA what vacancies exist.

Home Office Consultation

The Home Office conducted a consultation exercise in relation to the potential licensing of air weapons. The NSRA sent a very detailed response to both the British Shooting Sports Council (BSSC) and the Home Office directly. The BSSC is the key lobbying organisation for shooting and staff from the Home Office sits on the Council. One of the BSSC sub groups also has representation from all the Police Forces in the country. There are only five shooting organisations with a place on the BSSC and the NSRA is one of these. The response sent to BSSC was included in a joint response to the Home Office. Both the BSSC and the Home Office made very positive comments about the quality of the NSRA submission.

SHOOTING MATTERS

World Class Performance

The 35th edition of the first GP of the European Airgun calendar for GBR opened on the 14th December, with three competitions shot over three days.

This was the first international competition shot under recently announced ISSF Rules with Women and Men now shooting the same 60 shot course of fire. How would the results between Men and Women compare in these events?

Day one saw Kristian Callaghan go into the final in the Men's Pistol event dominated by a world class team from Ukraine. In the junior men event James Millar (SERPS) went into the Final in the lead and finished sixth along with Tom Whyte-Venables who came second with a solid Final performance. In the Women's event Jess Liddon (SCO) made the Final from UKR finishing in fifth place against strong experienced shooters from SUI and UKR. Another Project Pistol athlete Sammy Darling (ESSU) made the Final in the Junior Women's missing a medal to finish 4th.

Day one of Rifle saw Jack Bale (GBR) make the final finishing in seventh place. In the Junior Men event, both Dean Bale and Cameron Pirouet (GBR) made the Final, Dean winning and setting a new GBR Final record of 249.0 points, an excellent effort in what was his last competition as a junior. Not to be outdone, the Women immediately showed they are considered the best standing Air Rifle shooters in the world. Both Seonaid McIntosh, scoring an excellent 626.1 and Jen McIntosh (GBR) made the Final to finish in sixth and fourth places respectively.

On Day 2 Jack Bale again made the men's Rifle Final finishing in 7th place. Dean and Cameron again also made the junior Final, Dean losing out on another gold medal by only 0.2 points.

The women continued to shine with some powerful shooting including Jen McIntosh scoring 625.8 points and she went on to shoot well in the Final to medal in third place behind Christen (SUI) who scored 252.5 over 2 points more than the current world Final record to win and averaging 10.56 /shot.

In the men's pistol event Ukraine continued to dominate. James and Tom again did well to make the Final in the junior men's event with James making the podium in third place. In the junior women's event, Sammy Darling again made the final finishing in fourth place.

On Day 3 this was again the traditional 'Ibis Cup' competition opening with the Women's pistol events – Sammy starring to win in a tense and close Final in the Junior Women's event and shooting an excellent series of competitions for a young shooter of whom we shall see a lot more in the future. In the junior men's event James and Tom again made the final shooting consistently through the week with James finishing second in another close finale.

In the rifle events, dominated all week by Germany and Switzerland Dean made the Final in the junior men's event finishing second missing out on gold on the last shot.

In the women's rifle vent, Seonaid McIntosh missed out on the final by the narrowest of margins with Jen going through to finish in sixth place. The score of this competition undoubtedly shot by another young Swiss shooter Julia Oberholzer who not only shot 600/600 in old integer scoring but posted the first 630+ score at this level shooting 54 inner 10's on the way. .

In January of this year six shooters representing GB broke seven British records.

Coming across rifle and pistol, the records show the consistent improvement of talent in the UK. The records set and broken in January were:

Victoria Walls shooting 608.7 in 10m Air Rifle Junior Women at the Gundsolille Open, Denmark on 19th January 2018.

Victoria Walls shooting 613.9 in 10m Air Rifle Junior Women at the "Gundsolille Open, Denmark on 21st January 2018.

Jen McIntosh shooting 624.9 in 10m Air Rifle Women at the Meyton Cup, Austria on 22nd January 2018.

Seonaid McIntosh shooting 627.5 in 10m Air Rifle Women at the H&N Cup, Germany on 27th January 2018.

Victoria Mullin shooting 569 in 10m Air Pistol Women at the British Pistol Club Open, England on 20th January 2018.

Emily Shawyer shooting 545 in 10m Air Pistol Women Junior at the British Pistol Club Open, England on 21st January 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Scorers Course

The current number of qualified scorer's remains at 1177 from 114 courses.

South East Talent Network

The SETN Organising Group welcomed over 30 athletes, coaches and supporters to the final networking event of 2017. This included presentations and discussion on:

- How to get 10,000 youngsters a year into shooting
- The development of NSRA Performance Clubs
- Top tips from a panel of expert pistol and rifle coaches
- Initial SETN ideas for activity in 2018

The SETN website has been upgraded to include:

- News on the Home page which increases the communication value of the site
- Coaching & Contacts
- Sign up page so that supporters and resources can register
- Link to Facebook feed

The SETN has also put together and made available an ISSF Comps list to enable shooters to identify and plan their competitive calendar.

The 2018 plan of activity for the SETN has been put together by the organising group and published.

North West Regional Target Sports Association

The North West Regional Target Sports Association has been formed principally to support and organise the Regional Squads in the North West. Following the initial meeting to discuss the formation of the organisation a constitution and draft selection policies have been written. Squad activity should start early in 2018.

Lincolnshire

Over the year 2017 the following development has taken place in Lincolnshire. There has been a positive effect on; Club Development, Participation, Introduction of Bell Target shooting, Schools Engagement, Countryside Sports Days, Police liaison, Coach Education, Web Site development and Media promotion.

Work continues with a new air rifle and pistol range being planned at Sleaford in Lincolnshire. A local gun shop is hoping to create the facility to encourage airgun shooting in the area. The organisers have been provided with support on planning the venture and put in touch with the Lincolnshire development officer.

Following development in the county and article in Countryman's Weekly has mentioned the NSRAs involvement.

School Development

A County Coach in the North East Region has been working with a local state school in Manchester to try to introduce shooting as an activity. A presentation has been made to the School on the benefits of target shooting

(including Target Sprint). The presentation was well received by staff and equipment is being sought to support the project.

GDPR

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is already in force and the deadline for compliance is 25 May 2018. Although this is a European based piece of legislation it is unlikely to change as a result of leaving the European Union. There are some changes that will affect target shooting clubs that need to be addressed. A document has been produced explaining the new rules for clubs and other organisations and a meeting to discuss this internally took place in February. Further support is planned for clubs and associations

Performance Clubs

The NSRA is introducing the concept of Performance Clubs. The plan is to benchmark clubs that have a keen interest in competition and providing an environment that helps shooters develop. The Criteria for NSRA Performance Clubs has been discussed and a draft version produced. After further consultation this will be piloted in the South East before roll out nationally.

Club Support

Theydon Bois Scouts are setting up an airgun club which has developed out of their Scout Shooting activity. They have been supported through the process of organising the committee, affiliating to NSRA and producing their constitution and bye-laws. This is based on the popularity and success of shooting within the Scout group and they wish to open up the activity to a wider audience.

On a less positive note, the Chester City Range has been closed after 75 years of shooting. No replacement premises have been offered.

FACs

Several people have contacted the NSRA for support around FACs – particularly with regard to jointly held firearms. The Metropolitan Police have changed their approach to joint possession of firearms. In the past if a couple each had firearms but they were all retained in the same cabinet each person would have the others' guns entered on their certificate. This ensures that as each had access to the guns they had a certificate that covered them. The Metropolitan police are now saying that if the others guns are entered on a certificate they must prove good reason to need them otherwise they must be stored separately in another cabinet to which each individual only has access. This approach is spreading to other Police firearms departments.

Cadets

A meeting of Cadet Leaders was addressed at Frimley Park. The presentation included information on coaching and competitive opportunities offered by the NSRA and elicited feedback on what NSRA could do to help Cadet Leaders in their shooting activities.

Following the meeting and internal discussions it was decided to offer the same opportunity to Cadet Leaders as those in Scout Association i.e. They may obtain NSRA qualifications without being individual members of the NSRA. It is hoped that this in conjunction with a membership deal for Cadets themselves will encourage more engagement with NSRA and NSRA affiliated clubs.

A Cadet coaching day is planned for 3rd November at LRC. The event will give the opportunity for the better Cadet shooters to receive coaching from NSRA Talent Squad Coaches. It will also present Talent Identification opportunities for the squad.

The possibility of Cadet National Squad is under discussion with the CCRS. To give an idea of what could be achieved a training day for the best Cadet shooters is being organised using the NSRA Talent Squad Coaches. This session, planned to take place in November, will give an opportunity for the Cadets to receive some performance coaching, for their leaders to observe high level coaches and for talent identification.

Target Sprint

The Target Sprint Educators Course took place at Yate Outdoor Pursuits Centre on 13th January 2018. Candidates received information (which built on the pilot course run last year at Millvale) on the event, materials and delivery methods to be used by educators who will train Target Sprint Leaders. The course was well received and all agreed to deliver at least 1 leaders course in 2018.

The TS educator and the leader's qualifications are "owned" jointly by NSRA and British Shooting and is a module that is attached to the current YPS Rifle qualification. Following the Educators Course the systems for issuing certificates and licenses to leaders, together with shooter competence cards, have been arranged with NSRA

British Shooting

BS Engagement Group

The British Shooting Engagement Group in December 2017 highlighted BS Activity over 2017 including:

- Positive impact that integration of Paralympic programme on the Disabled Hub Club programme.
- Numbers of young people engaging with the British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships (Over 500 in 2017)
- Development of Target Sprint and support of the new discipline
- General support to clubs to encourage development activity

There was also a review of British Shooting Communications activity including successes, challenges and the interactions between shooting bodies.

The following were considered to be relevant to improving communication by the BS Communications Manager and discussed by the meeting:

- A key theme moving into 2018 will be improving relations and communication across shooting bodies and better sharing of information.
- Growth of website/ social media
- Coverage of Grand Final (Shotgun) – reached an overall audience of over 50,000 with the highlights programme on Frontrunner, UniLad and a You Tube channel
- Women in Sport Week (Amber Hill on Sky Sports)
- British Shooting Awards
- A Stakeholder Engagement Strategy has been developed as part of work in relation to the Governance Code for Sport

The lack of communication with NSRA around the Commonwealth Games was brought up. It appears the correspondence and publicity release for the CWG goes to BS and has not been cascaded to NSRA.

Female Coach Connectivity Events

The Talent and Performance Team at 'UK Coaching' have set up four Female Connectivity Events in February 2018. The Connectivity events provide coaches with the opportunity to meet likeminded coaches and share coaching experience. The day will provide coaches with the opportunity to share ideas and network. There are four events in Bournemouth, Bury, Farnborough and Nottingham;

Disability Hub Clubs

British Shooting has produced a new shorter version of their Disability Hub Club scheme self-assessment form. It is hoped the new version will encourage more clubs to engage with the programme. It is not expected for clubs to have all criteria in place at the point of submission and tools, resources and examples of good practice are available to help achieve the standard.

Disability Hub Clubs have access to:

- Invitation to the free annual Disability Hub Club workshop.
- Access to the Disability Hub club on-line communications platform.
- Provides a recognised quality assurance in respect to funding applications.
- Supports the creation of new local partnerships.

During 2018, one of the aims is to create closer links between the Disability Hub Club scheme and the World Class Programme (Paralympic). This will include:

- North and South Athlete Talent Identification and Classification Days
- Club guidance around athlete classification
- An opportunity to tell the World Class Programme (Paralympic) about talented athletes via an 'Athlete Audit'

British Shooting is manning a stand at the Naidex event on 25th and 26th April to promote disability shooting. For more information:

<http://www.naidex.co.uk/>

Also further opportunities have been made available at DSGB Club Weekends. Club members with a disability can now join DSGB Club Weekends to supplement their training programme. The weekends are based at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

Project Pistol

The first weekend of the British Shooting Emerging Potential Talent Pathway (South) took place at the Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley. Very little direct feedback on the programme has been received from British Shooting apart from a meeting at Bisham Abbey in February. Feedback from shooters (and their personal coaches who were not invited to the session) has been mixed. Many within the programme and outside it are confused as to how it fits in with all the other current activity as it appears to be running in parallel with England, NSRA and other programmes without a firm link to any of them. British Shooting has also launched their new description of the Pistol Shooting Pathway.

Schools Pistol Final

The Schools Pistol Final took place at Stoke Mandeville on 17th January. This was culmination of five qualifying events around England, Scotland and Wales in October and November. Shooters aged 11-18 years qualified to compete representing their schools as an individual and/or as part of their school team. The event was well attended and included able bodied and disabled athletes.

British Shooting Child Protection Panel

British Shooting has passed the CPSU Intermediate Child Protection standard with some conditions:

Evidence required:

- Promotion of safeguarding information to parents and young
- Sign up to the codes of conduct
- Feedback from the consultation with young people.
- Incorporation of new information within the revised safeguarding policy – which should have been completed in January 2018.
- Details of how safeguarding training is promoted through member bodies
- Listen training could be promoted for member bodies with a club structure.

It is envisaged that this work would have been completed by the end of February 2018.

- British Shooting Child protection policy refresh currently underway and confirmed that an external consultant had been commissioned to support with this.
- Outcomes of the consultation with young people with regards to the draft Child Protection flyer. The outcome of the consultation was that the content of the flyer was easily understood, however, some formatting changes could make the flyer visibly clearer. Once the changes have been made the flyer will be circulated for all to use.
- The Sport and Recreation Alliance policy update for December highlighted that there had been a cross government agreement to change the law to include sports coaches as a 'position of trust':

This means that sports coaches will now be subject to the same restrictions as people such as teachers when it comes to relationships with children under the age of 18. Again, this is a change we have been lobbying Government to make, and indeed is a good example of different Government departments working

well together to bring about change. We will watch closely to ensure the amendments to the existing law are effective and enforceable but do not become an administrative burden for grassroots clubs.

Equality Update

BS is currently working towards the Intermediate Level of the Equality Standard and that as part of this any good practice will be shared with NGBs. It is also planned to revisit the question of shooting as a gender affected sport and current individual/collective policy positions on this.

British Shooting Annual Celebration Evening

The British Shooting Awards 2017 took place at Bisham Abbey in December last year and the event celebrated the successes of shooters and supporters throughout the year.

Congratulations to Deanna Coates MBE of Centurion TSC who was awarded ‘*Outstanding Contribution to Shooting*’ award, as an athlete, coach and volunteer. Also Andy Bowman of Branton TSC for winning ‘*British Shooting Volunteer of the Year*’ award, for his valuable contribution.

Iain Root
Chief Executive Officer

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