
Cornwall Target Shooting Association

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Prior to the meeting we were given an interesting presentation by Dr Jean Coleman on “The hidden benefits of shooting” a research project that is currently being undertaken.

There was no further update on the proposed very large increase in the cost of Home Office approval certificates.

There was a lot of conversation about all the current problems with targets. The NSRA is putting in a lot of time and effort into this but with almost 50 different targets to deal with priority is being given to the most commonly used targets. The problem is very much larger than first envisaged and it will be quite some time before all the problems are sorted out and stocks of all the different targets become available.

At 4.00pm after the meeting all the Shooting Council were invited to the unveiling of the renamed Hall A in honour of Mick Gault in recognition of the contribution he has made to pistol shooting and shooting generally. Mick gave a short speech thanking his family and the numerous people and organisations that have supported him during all the years of his long and distinguished shooting career. On the recommendation of the Board of Management and with the support of the Shooting Council Mick Gault was also made a Vice President of the association.

I would advise reading the CEO's report and in particular the sections on Targets, Witnessing and 11/4 Exemption Certificates.

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

The next Shooting Council meeting is due to be held on the 23rd of March 2019.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT TO SHOOTING COUNCIL

24 November 2018

Obituaries

It is with regret that I report the death of:

Major Peter Martin MBE: Peter was incredibly well known throughout the shooting world and achieved iconic status having given his life and soul to the sport that he loved. He represented the Army and Combined Services teams and also shot on the Dewar team five times. He won the Earl Roberts National Championships in 1981 and shot in English International teams over the same period. He also shot for the Pershing Team and represented GB at the ISSF World Championships in Mexico. Peter put service above self and will be sadly missed by many.

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:

Commercial and Communications Manager
Duty Officers Lord Roberts Centre (Two posts)
Receptionists Lord Roberts Centre (Three posts)

October and November saw Jen Sumner and Yvette Edwards leave the Competitions and Events Team. I am very grateful for all of their committed and dedicated hard work.

Several appointments have been made:

Paul Langford	Shooting Manager
Hayley Champion	Events Officer
Laura Keeble	Competitions Officer
Jayne Whitfield	Accounts Assistant

Affiliations and Membership Renewal

All of the renewal paperwork has now been sent out for 2019. The Board has agreed that affiliation charges for 2019 will remain frozen for the second year running. The cost of membership has also been decreased by two pounds for Full Adult Membership and Full Junior Membership. The membership Year will now run from 1 January until 31 December every year. A number of deals are available to help deal with those members whose membership expires at date other than 31 December 2018. There are also new deals for new members and those wishing to pay for three years membership at once.

Targets

As is hopefully generally known there is a problem with some of the NSRA targets. The problem lies with the printing company. Unfortunately the most popular targets are affected and this has meant that the Association has had to consider how best to manage the discovery of the problems. The first fault to be discovered was with the 2510BM/89 (25 yard 10 bull target). A decision was made to delay the start of the Winter Postal Competitions until the problems had been resolved and new accurate targets produced. The issue of stickers for winter competitions was suspended and information was sent out to individuals, Scorers, Counties and Clubs about how to deal with the situation. The target manufacturer, Sykes Limited, is working with the NSRA to deal with the problem as quickly as possible. New proofs of the targets are being produced for the NSRA to sign off once their accuracy has been assessed and passed.

A member of the NSRA staff is dedicating all their time to review all of the NSRA targets and identify any deviations from what is required. They are being dealt with in priority order starting with the 2510 B.M./89 target that highlighted the problem,. This is being done using a microscope allowing us to look at things in great detail. However, it is a very time consuming process. A decision was made to look at all the targets at the same time with them being put through a similar stringent Quality Control Investigation with the hope that once the exercise has been completed we would be confident that every target is correct. The NSRA has agreed a way of regularly checking the accuracy of the targets to ensure that the situation will not be repeated. As expected there have been complaints about the delay to the start of the Winter Postal Competitions but the decision made was thought to be the best considering all of the variables and the potential for different targets to be used by clubs and individuals. We are working to ensure that the supply of correct targets is resumed as soon as possible.

The following targets have been proofed, quality checked and signed off for printing during w/c 12 November and will soon be available in the NSRA Shop:

PL14/06 - 18
2510 B.M./89 - 18
Air 4/89 - 18
MM 12 C 1996 - 18

It must be noted that the “-18” suffix added to all new printed target codes indicates a quality controlled target and can be assured it is up to specification and suitable for National Competition.

The following targets are not up to the full specification; however the scoring is not affected and so can be used for competition purposes:

MM 12 C 1996
1001C 1996
1003 B.M./89
Air 4/89
2510 B.M./89 (either purchased after 20th September 2018 or exchanged)

The following targets are not acceptable to use for competition purposes:

PL14/06
Air 2/89
Air 3/89
2510 B.M./89 (purchased pre September 20th 2018)
2010 B.M./89
M.M. 13/89
2510 BR15
2010 BR17

It is the intention that the main Winter Season Short Range Competitions paperwork and stickers will be posted by 16th November. Other Competitions will follow relative to the target proofs being finalised.

Every League Competition will have an extension granted for Rounds 1 to 5 to be shot by the Round 5 date (i.e. 7th January 2019 for Club and Individual Leagues, 14th January for County Leagues). The NSRA Competitions Department will of course address any further problems and/or delays by granting extensions following our normal guidelines on a case by case basis.

Any further updates will be put onto the NSRA website.

Witnessing

The Association has experienced some problems with the witnessing of targets over the last six months or so. The majority of the problems are in relation to postal competitions. The rules for witnessing are simple and very clear. The key problems revolve around the signing of shot cards by both the shooter and the witness. Failure to follow these simple steps has led to the scores for a number of shooters being null and void which could so easily be avoided. Where the shooter is part of a team it obviously impacts on the score and “performance” of the team which is a real shame. If shooters and witnesses need to reacquaint themselves with the rules they are downloadable from the NSRA website. The most pertinent rules for the postal competitions are contained in sections 7.4 to 7.10 of the NSRA Rules and Regulations and in a Guidance Document entitled NSRA Scorers Course - Guidance on Scoring.

SHOOTING MATTERS

World Class Performance

There has been a significant amount of competitive shooting taking place worldwide with British shooters performing very well. Seonaid McIntosh became World Champion in the 50m Prone event at the World Championships. A Quota Place for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics was also gained. Seonaid also gained another quota place after finishing 4th in the 50m 3-P Competition. Seonaid was involved in either equalling or beating three British Records including twice in team competitions and once individually. The British team including Seonaid won Bronze in the 50m 3-P competition alongside her sister Jen and Katie Gleeson. Seonaid also broke the British record in the 10m Air Rifle Team event again with her sister Jen and Hannah Pugsley.

James Bevis won Gold at the World Shooting ParaSport World Cup in France also gaining another Quota Place for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics. James also won team gold with Ryan Cockbill and Tim Jeffrey. Matt Skelhon won a gold medal in the Mixed 10m Air Rifle competition having won a bronze medal earlier in the week.

Great Britain's Target Sprint team won three junior medals after Emily Shawyer secured silver and Charlotte Huddart and Morten Van Der Schee won bronze at the ISSF Changwon World Championships. The Women's Team event saw six GB athletes walk away with a medal with two teams of three winning silver and bronze. The teams were Silver: Emily Shawyer, Poppy Clark, Katie Robbins and Bronze: Victoria Bradbury, Isabel Moore, and Charlotte Huddart. Oliver Vass and Rachel McManus won bronze in Mixed Pairs.

An ISSF World Tour Target Sprint event took place in Bristol and featured some of the World's top competitors from Germany and Great Britain. GB's Morten Van Der Schee won the Men's Junior category, with compatriots Arno Turner and Isaac Steel winning silver and bronze respectively. Arno also represented GB at Senior Men's level in which he won gold and GB's Oliver Vass won bronze.

In Junior Women, GB's Poppy Clark won bronze. In the Senior Women GB's Katie Robbins won silver and junior bronze medallist, Poppy Clark also won bronze in the seniors. GB won silver and bronze in the men's and women's team events. In the Mixed Team event GB's Morten Van Der Schee and Poppy Clark won silver.

James Miller secured a 9th Place in the 10m Pistol event at the Youth Olympic Games being held in Brazil. This augers well for the future.

September also saw the retirement of Jen McIntosh from International Shooting. This cannot have been an easy decision for Jen and I would like to congratulate Jen on all that she has achieved and for her contribution to keeping Great Britain on the international shooting map.

Performance Athlete Selections

October saw the announcement of the athletes that had been awarded a place on the World Class programme for 2018/19 by British Shooting.

Olympic WCP Podium/ Podium Potential

Seonaid McIntosh

Paralympic WCP Podium/ Podium Potential

Issy Bailey
James Bevis
Ryan Cockbill
Tim Jeffery
Lorraine Lambert
Stewart Nangle
Mandy Pankhurst
Matt Skelhon

British Shooting Academy Programme (Olympic)

Pistol

Kristian Callaghan
Sammy Darling
Aedan Evans

Rifle

Dean Bale
Michael Bargerion
Katie Gleeson
Cameron Pirouet

National Meetings 2018

Bisley Meeting

The Bisley meeting went well with the weather having only limited impact. Event entries were down on 2017 but the entry last year was boosted by the American Earl Roberts Team who entered a large number of the individual events throughout the Bisley Week. Jonathon Andrews was crowned the winner of the Earl Roberts British Championship. With costs for the Bisley Meeting continuing to rise and entries continuing to decrease the future of the future of the Bisley Meeting comes into question.

Scottish Meeting 2019

2019 sees the 100th Scottish Meeting. The Scottish Meeting has provided competitive shooting in a number of different venues across Scotland and is spoken of with great affection. Entry numbers have been declining over recent years and the continued holding of the Meeting questioned. 2019 will see a number of new events enter the competition programme to help celebrate the 100th Meeting. Sponsors are being sought for as many events as possible particularly the new ones. Potential sponsors and ideas for new event are still being sought. Approaches are being made to local businesses to get them involved both from a sponsorship perspective but also in terms of advertising the products and services that they

offer that shooters attending the Meeting may wish to take advantage of. As Patron of the NSRA an invitation has been extended to Her Majesty the Queen to open and attend the Meeting. The event will again be held at Lauder and the range has been assessed to see if it can be extended. Consideration is also being given to how the range can be improved.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

11/4 Exemption Certificates

At the present time 11/4 Exemption Certificates are under the spotlight. In October the NSRA sent in its views on 11/4 Exemption Certificates and provided sound evidence as to why the certificates should remain and what the Association does in terms of due diligence to ensure the certificates are appropriately granted and managed. The Association has high levels of expertise in all areas of shooting and shooting legislation and membership of the BSSC allows the NSRA to share this knowledge with key organisations and primarily the Home Office. Our continued involvement can only be guaranteed by having the finances to do so and also the pertinent and relevant number of members and affiliated clubs.

Courses

The following courses are planned:

YPS Tutor

Guildford	November 18
Downe	November 18
Preston	November 18
Bradley Wood (x2)	December 18
Shropshire	January 19
Abernant	January 19
Lockerbie	January 19
Norfolk	January 19
France	January 19
Gilwell Park	February 19
Windermere	February 19
Hawkhurst	February 19
Filey (x10)	February 19
Downe	March 19
Brentwood	March 19
Woodhouse Park	March 19
Youlbury	March 19
Marwell	March 19
Kings Langley	March 19
Chorley	September 19
Chorley (XBow)	November 18

Club Instructor

Bisley (S + K)	November 18
Keelby (LSR)	November 18
Lincolnshire (Airgun)	April 19
Bedford (Prone)	May 19
LSR (Handcross)	May 19
3P (Handcross)	May 19

County Coach

Bisley	March 19
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Numbers Qualified

	August	September	October	November to date
RCO	39	63	53	15
YPS Tutor Rifle	22	34	130	29
YPS Tutor Rifle 3P	-	-	5	12
YPS Tutor Pistol	-	-	12	-
YPS Tutor Crossbow	-	-	15	-
Club Instructor Airgun	-	-	6	11
Club Instructor Prone	-	-	-	-
Club Instructor 3P	-	-	-	-
Club Instructor Pistol	-	-	-	-
Club Coach	-	-	-	3

Scorers Course

The current number of qualified scorer's 1220 from 118 courses.

Eley Competition

Following discussions the NSRA/Eley Competition 2018/19 is being launched much in the same format as previous years, the main difference are that the prize list will change slightly as Eley now make pellets and want to include them, and the NSRA vouchers will need to be redistributed accordingly. One point of note is that NSRA will need to work with Eley to make sure the "Branding" is as required for the period of the final at LRC.

Regional Squads

Upper SW Squad have been awarded £500 towards their development programme following reaching the NSRA standard. Also, the SW Pistol Squad has submitted their application and has reached the NSRA standard.

The organising group of the NW Regional Squad is still discussing some organisational issues but the Rifle section had a further Squad Training day on the 18th November and is being joined by the Target Sprint Section.

Eastern Regional Squad

The squad has reappointed Bert Bertoloni as Head Coach and have completed a survey of shooters and coaches. The conclusions were as follows:

- The response level to feedback was good from both Shooters and Coaches although the lower level from less frequent attendees at Squad sessions has not provided much feedback on how, or if, the Squad concept is working for these shooters.
- There is a very enthusiastic following for the Squad from both shooters and coaches.
- Squad members are pleased with the way the Squad is being administered
- Shooters are generally very or extremely satisfied with the current annual fee of £65.

- Shooters believed that they had had good improvement in their technique since joining the Squad, although Coaches were more conservative, suggesting that there is more potential to be released.
- The current method of working on one or two aspects of technique at Squad sessions may need to be revisited to improve the effectiveness of Squad sessions.
- Improving the effectiveness of communications between shooter and coach should help squad shooters improve their technique. This could also enable better discussions on goals, ambitions and training plans.

It would seem that there is advantage in all Regional Squads surveying shooters and coaches on a regular basis.

Welsh Awards

Following the nomination of Welsh Pistol shooters for the Carmarthenshire Radio Awards Lucy Thomas, who is a member of the Carmarthen Rifle & Pistol Club, won the Young Sports Star of the Year Award. She also achieved an overall award - The College Sir Gar Young Achiever Award. Lucy was nominated by her college, Coleg Sir Gar in Llanelli. These awards are being considered a breakthrough within the Colleges, Schools and Education Department in that they now recognise Target Shooting as a sport. Lucy is coached by John Kelman.

British Shooting/NSRA Cadet Training Day

The Cadet Training day took place at LRC on Saturday 3rd November. 15 Cadets received coaching from Talent Squad Coaches and was supported by BS, NSRA and CCRS. Aside from coaching activity, the event gave the opportunity to network with Cadet Leaders and brings shooters and leaders up to speed on the Athlete Pathway and Squad structures. Overall the day was well received and several Cadets have been in contact to find opportunities on the pathway. They have been directed to the Talent and Regional Squads according to their ability. An article is planned for the On Target Magazine. Following this success another similar event is to be scheduled in the near future.

GDPR Updates

The NSRA Shop uses the online platform Shopify for sales but there is no specific reference to this in the Privacy Policy. On the NSRA Shop website it is noted that customer information is passed on to Sykes but not that information is shared with the Shopify Platform provider. Although in fact the customer puts information directly into the platform, there is also a handful of apps that reside within the shell of Shopify that have access to customer data. All of these are GDPR compliant, as a condition of being on the Shopify platform, but to be certain of compliance (and exercise due diligence) NSRA need to refer to it in the Group Privacy Policy. The Shop Manager is putting together a form of words for the website and this will then be included in the Privacy Policy. An update will be made to the Policy on the NSRA website

Lincolnshire Development

North Cotes Butts are building an indoor 50m Range at their site and have applied for grant aid. They have got through the first round and are putting in a full application. The club has over 1200 members, seventy five per cent of which come from within a fifty mile radius of the club with the remainder travelling from all over the country. The indoor range will be used for small-bore, cross bow and archery and be open seven days a week. A letter of support will be provided at the appropriate time.

Gainsborough Rifle Club was featured on "Pirate Gold", a Sunday morning BBC Radio Lincolnshire programme. The treasure hunt involves finding the pirate treasure by solving a number of clues around the county. Gainsborough featured but Market Rasen and Hemswell Rifle Clubs were also mentioned on

the programme. This publicity for the clubs resulted in contact from two potential members. The programme can be heard at:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/player/bbc_radio_lincolnshire

British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships

The BS Schools Pistol Champs was awarded “Initiative of the Year” at the British Shooting Awards Evening. Georgina Geikie received the award for the event.

BS Engagement Group

A meeting of the Engagement Group took Place at CPSA HQ on 17th October. The main points discussed included:

- Athlete appearances – these are currently underused and could be used to support initiatives like Young Shots Days etc. They could also be used to promote the sport by via digital platforms but there was a need for social media training alongside their current standard media training that they receive
- Target Sprint World Tour Event and National Final took place with BBC filming an intro to Target Sprint with Mike Bushell for BBC Breakfast on 7th October. This has generated interest and provided an opportunity to put target shooting on mainstream TV.
- Shotgun Grand Final was screened on Frontrunner (Sky channel) and available on YouTube.
- British Shooting Schools Pistol competition is now underway, last year we had over 500 participants and engaged with 217 schools.
- Cadet Training Day (se earlier)
- Recent Paralympic Talent ID day has identified two athletes from Disability Hub Clubs to take through to second stage. This gives more credibility to Hub Club Status.
- More awareness was required of other NGB activity if it is to be promoted generally. Alex Baker from NSRA attended the meeting for the first time and this should help with the NSRA part in this activity sharing activities from the respective organisations calendars.
- BS is launching a new website and links to NGB sites and Club Finder services needed to be included. It is hoped this would be up and running by end of November.
- CPSA want to develop a closer working relationship with the Scout Association.

Project Pistol

The next round of Project Pistol is being planned. Instead of a performance based selection process as last year (that involved shooters attending observed sessions and evaluation) performance identification is being based on a paper submission that can be accessed via the BS website. This is due to the cost of last year’s events. It is hoped to augment this process by talent spotting at competition at various competitions. Also, BS intends to launch their first few British Shooting Skill Schools over the next few months to ensure they are in place for 2019.

The shooters currently in the Emerging Potential and Talent groups from last year are about to be reassessed to see where they will be placed in the new tiers so they are aware of their place for the 2019 programme.

Iain Aberdeen who heads up Project Pistol has said he has, “....concerns that there are a number of different groups that athletes are being pulled between, into, out of etc...” furthermore he stated, “...and I think we need to gain some clarity as of the landscape.....”

Target Sprint

BS are reorganising the approach to Target Sprint. They are moving to more regional development with a focus on increasing the numbers of participants as opposed to concentrating mainly on the advanced shooters.

British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships

The British Shooting Schools Pistol Championships started with the South West Championships hosted by Leweston School. A total of 136 individual and school teams, from representing 49 different schools from Cornwall to Reading took part. All of the individual medal winners and winning teams have qualified for National Final, and are required to enter via:

www.BritishShootingShop.com

Gun Trader and the British Pistol Club supported the event.

Tutor Trainers

Since the decision was made to phase out the YPS Tutor Trainer appointment within Scouts several current trainers have been in touch. They have been given background on the reason for the decision, informed of the route to County Coach and, if they were renewing their licence, received a new licence for a shorter 2 year period.

Offensive Weapons Bill

An NSRA response was prepared and placed on the website and sent to BSSC for inclusion in their combined response. Since the recent amendments to the bill have been tabled that include removal of exemptions under 11(4) a further response has been compiled in, collaboration with Ali Aitken, and a call to members to canvas their MPs put on the website

GB Rifle Talent Squad

Gaynor Warren has stood down as CPO for the squad. She is to be replaced by Lisa Hill.

GB Pistol Talent Squad

David and Ian Pennell have stood down as coaches of the Pistol Talent Squad. Following this Paul Richardson has been appointed Head Coach. A smooth hand-over has been organised and changes are being made to squad accounts to reflect the changes

Commonwealth Shooting Federation

Three junior shooters from John Kelman's Carmarthen Rifle & Pistol Club Juniors competed in the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (CSF) Championships in Northern Ireland. They achieved; Steffan Herdman Silver medal, Lucy Thomas Silver medal, Siwan Burrell Gold medal. Lucy and Siwan also won Gold for the pairs competition. What is particularly noteworthy is that 3 Gold medals and 2 Silver medals were achieved by these juniors shooting in a senior competition at this level.

Aviva Community Fund

The Aviva Community Fund offers support and funding to projects that bring greater good to their community. They are given to many different projects e.g. support for a children's sports team or training for disadvantaged or vulnerable groups. Submissions are now open and will close on 9 October. Further information on these grants can be obtained from: <https://www.aviva.co.uk/services-and-support/more-from-aviva/aviva-community-fund/>

Iain Root
Chief Executive Officer

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