



News Shots



ICSI News – 13th December 2021



This week in News Shots: BSSC at Westminster, Visit to Longthorne Gunmakers, Bird Flu Worries,
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News from Around the Sport

BSSC and ICSI Council Meeting with MP's

Derek Wetter and Stephen Williams attended the meeting with MP's at Westminster on Monday the 6th December along with approximately 30 other representing the major shooting organisations that make up the membership of the British Shooting Sports Council.

They met with a small number of MP's, the evening clashed with several other meetings and some important debates and votes within the House. Although there were only a few MP's in attendance Derek and Stephen did their best to represent the major issues which are likely to affect the shooting community and coaches in the near and distant future.

Jonathan Djanogly (champion of the benefits of grouse moor management July 2021), welcomed everyone and the Right Honourable Kit Moorehouse, (Crime and Police Minister), replied with as supportive but balanced response. He was aware of the many challenges and changes within the industry and made it known that he was grateful for all the expert advice he has and is receiving from the shooting industry.

In addition to meeting MP's our Council representatives also had the opportunity to network with other representatives from the shooting community and have made some valuable links.

We are grateful to the BSSC for organising the event and although it was disappointing that more MP's did not attend it was still a worthwhile opportunity to lobby MP's and make links with other shooting organisations.

Council is grateful that Derek and Steve gave up their time to represent the Institute at this important occasion.

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ICSI Visit to Longthorne Gunmakers

Paul Dancer Reports

Four members of the Institute plus guests visited 'Longthorne Gunmakers at their manufacturing headquarters in Northampton on the 6th of December.



We were treated so well from the minute we arrived, first we visited the 'Wood Room' with some very interesting comments from Jim and Will on their way of grading the various types, only the best Turkish Walnut and from approved suppliers.

Then into the manufacturing plant, always fascinating to see these awesome CNC units, machining blocks of steel into a working action and barrels, every component and engraving is done in house, except coil springs!

The computers and software that produce these awesome shotguns from over under to side by side, is so expensive, along with the computers and 3D scanning units.



We then went upstairs to be treated to a 'Buffet' Lunch and Champagne, plus to handle the new 'Titanium Barrelled Shotgun...Wow, so light...just handling the barrels on their own was as light as a paper bag!!! what more could we wish for?

Our thanks to Elaine, James, and Will for such an interesting visit.



Will, (from Longthorne's) and I will determine a suitable Shooting Ground probably in a central location for an exclusive 'Institute Day' to shoot all the Longthorne range of guns including the 'Titanium' Gun.

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EXPERTS WARN SHOOTING COMMUNITY OF BIRD FLU RISKS AS OUTBREAK WORSENS

Report from Shooting Times

Cases of the most dangerous form of the bird flu disease, referred to as high-path H5N1, were detected in domesticated birds in late October at the same time a spate of cases were noted in wild birds. The disease occurs in a seasonal cycle with distinct peaks in the winter when it is brought into the UK by migrating waterfowl. The 2020-21 season was exceptionally severe and long lasting, with cases in wild birds continuing well into April.

Dr Kenny Nutting of St David's Game Bird Services told Shooting Times: "Bird flu is prominent at the moment. Worryingly, we are getting two or three cases a day – a mixture of suspect and positive cases. What we are seeing is not a world away from where we were this time last year (2020) in terms of normal UK levels, but the issue potentially is that it is an infectious, high-path strain, meaning that it is very easily spread. With a national housing order now in place for poultry, there is concern that this year will continue to be worse than last."

Control zone

A direct impact on shooting is a distinct possibility. A very severe outbreak of the disease could lead to mass deaths of birds which would have an obvious impact on an individual shoot. However a more likely scenario is that shooting could be prevented under the terms of a control zone introduced to control an outbreak in wild birds. A control zone is a fixed area around an outbreak in which certain activities are banned. The terms of control zones can vary, but a ban on shooting birds within any control zone is highly probable.

The worst-case scenario is that restrictions remain into the rearing and releasing season next summer. While this is currently unlikely, a high level of bird flu restrictions during the summer months could prevent the release of next season's birds altogether. Dr Nutting told *Shooting Times* what gamekeepers and farmers should be looking out for.

"Sudden death is the most dramatic effect of Avian Influenza. Dullness, a loss of appetite, depression, coughing, nasal and ocular discharge, swelling of the face, nervous signs such as paralysis and sometimes green diarrhoea are all also clinical signs. However, birds infected with 'low path' Avian Influenza may not show any signs at all."

Anyone who suspects birds in their care have avian influenza must contact the Animal and Plant Health Agency immediately.

Member Nominated for CPSA Award



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Mhairi-Ann Troup, an Associate Member who runs the 'Dynamic Ladies Shooting Club' is in the 'Final Three' of the CPSA Annual Awards for the 'Sports Personality of the Year' final voting starts on the 10th, if anyone who is a CPSA Member feels she deserves your vote her CPSA Number is 99812.

FORTHCOMING ZOOM EDUCATIONAL EVENTS.

There is not a zoom seminar planned for December

Any suggestions please let us know



Something to Watch.....

For the grandchildren.....and adults with the innocence of childhood!

www.noradsanta.org

Ever thought about practical shotgun shooting?

Here is a very simple example.

<https://youtu.be/0hkgQbcUjwI>

Unfortunately around Christmas many grounds get visitors who have shotguns who bring along family and friends to have a go..... Some are just like this!!

<https://youtu.be/JloIvEMRJSc>

WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Over the next few weeks Council will be reviewing the Workshops and Courses we have facilitated over the last 12 months. In the New Year we hope to offer dates and venues for the Coach and Instructors Development Workshop and the Game Shooting and Loaders Course.

It is hoped that these Professional Development Opportunities may be expanded so that members may be able to find a CPD opportunity to suit their needs.

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EXTERNAL VISITS



Paul Dancer continues to try to source visits for the New Year but many organisations are re-introducing measures to protect their staff from Covid.

More information in the New Year.

ICSI Online Shop

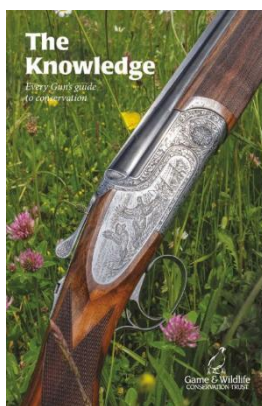
The online shop is presently still under construction with the hope of it going live on the ICSI website soon, here members will be able to browse, order and pay for branded items as well as other related merchandise. In the meantime, if any member needs anything, please contact Jason – shopsales@icsi.org.uk

Below is the current stock list with prices. Other items are currently being sourced and will be added along with our popular polo shirt shortly.

Please contact Jason Rowntree for any shop items.

Email shopsales@icsi.org.uk

Merchandise	Description	Price including P&P (UK only)
Book	Game Cons	£13.00
Badges	Pin	£10.00
	Square	£5.00
	Shield	£5.00
	Bullion	£12.50
	Round	£5.00
	Loaders	£10.00
Tie	Blue	£12.50



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FINALLY.....

New ICSI website news

Richard Halsall continues to develop the new website and makes changes to release the full potential of the website and to include features requested by members.

Richard is doing this work in his spare time and gives his time freely for the benefit of members so please be patient, it's a big task and will take a little time but will be worth it.

Please remember to log onto and register for the new website.

In the future emails and all communications with members will be generated via the web site and therefore it is important that you register and provide your email details. This will also allow us to comply with the GDPR regulations and keep members details secure.

If you have not yet logged on go to:

icsi.org.uk

Select the tab, "Become a Member"

Follow the instructions using your personal email as your username and provide your own password.

Once completed this will send a notification to me and I will check your credentials on the master members list and authorise your membership. You may then complete your own profile which will then be seen by those wishing to find a coach etc.

If you are experiencing difficulties, please use the [Support Button on the website](#) and Richard will look at your problem.



This is the final News Shots of 2021, it has proved to be a difficult year, a bit better than 2020 but still with many challenges and difficulties.

Let us hope 2022 will be better and that we can regain some lasting normality.

Your Council wishes you all, and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year but most of all a healthy and safe future.

News Shots will return on Monday 3rd January 2022.



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