



# News Shots

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**This week in News Shots: Lead Shot/Steel Shot, General Licences England,**

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## News from Around the Sport

### Is it the last year for lead shot on game shoots?

With the end of the 2021/22 game season shooters are already thinking about the 2022/23 season. Some are thinking about getting rid of their trusted side-by-side shotguns in favour of a modern over and under or modern side-by-side and as the season has come to an end getting rid of their remaining lead cartridges.

The statement by BASC and others regarding a 5-year voluntary move to steel and then later the Game Trade Associations ban on lead shot game from July 2022 has also caused concern and in some cases confusion to many shooters.

































Simply put, a gun in proof, and proofed for “Standard” and “Superior” steel can continue to be used. Those guns stamped for Superior and with a Fleur de Leys symbol may also be used with “High Performance” steel. Cartridge boxes should be marked by the manufacturer with the correct type of steel load contained within the box. Below is a copy of the relevant proof marks previously printed in News Shots.

For those shoots where birds are shared with the guns and beaters and perhaps “friends” of the shoot, there is no compunction or law which requires that guns use steel ammunition.

For clay shooters, it is up to shooting grounds to decide what type of cartridges you may use on the ground and at present there is not a date for any transition to steel shot, although many grounds are now insisting on the use of fibre cartridges.

There are many who will not wish to put steel shot, (its soft iron really) down their barrels but the cartridge manufacturers are working to produce bio degradable fibre wads which emulate the plastic cup wad. At present reactions to those available in the market place are mixed with some worry reports associated with some of the new wads (watch this space for further information). These reports have not been independently confirmed but manufacturers are working hard to have cartridges to the market place for the 2022-23 season.

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CIP/UK	STANDARD	SUPERIOR	STEEL (HIGH PERFORMANCE)
London 2020	CIP  N NP	CIP  S NP	CIP  NP
Birmingham 2020	CIP  N BNP	CIP  S BNP	CIP  BNP
London 2006	  NP STD	   NP SUP	    NP SUP
Birmingham 2006	  BNP STD	   BNP SUP	    BNP SUP
London 1989	 NP 850 BAR	 NP 1200 BAR	
Birmingham 1989	 BNP 850 BAR	 BNP 1200 BAR	
London 1954	 NP 3 TONS PER □"	 NP 4 TONS PER □"	
Birmingham 1954	 BNP 3 TONS PER □"	 BNP 4 TONS PER □"	

### Rules for steel shot use

Check for the appropriate proof mark.

No more than half choke

If in doubt, use bismuth – in fact with a vintage gun, err on the safe side and always use bismuth and even then consider having tight chokes eased open by a gunsmith.

Always read the packaging on your cartridges

With removable chokes only use those clearly marked as suitable for steel.

Being an alloy of iron plus carbon, steel can rust.

People tell horror stories of older steel shot cartridges in which the contents have rusted or even fused into a solid slug! Modern steel shot is coated to prevent rusting so this should not be a problem, however it still makes sense to store your cartridges in a cool dry place.

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## New General Licences Approved

The government have issued two-year licences for the protection of wildlife and game birds in England.

The new General license issued in January seeks to give a period of stability for the protection of wildlife and game birds in England.

You do not need to apply for the General Licence but must comply with their terms and conditions while undertaking licensed acts. Defra have issued new definitions regarding, wildlife, livestock and gamebirds with gamebirds now contained under the definition of livestock.

Those concerned with the use of the General Licence should consult the Defra web site for more information.

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Further information can be found by following the link below:

[Genreal Licences England \(BASC\)](#)

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## The World's first ambidextrous Over-and-Under Shotgun



London's oldest gunmaker, Boss & Co revealed its '1812' Edition shotgun earlier this year after spending more than four years developing this innovative firearm; the first that is both truly for right-handed and left-handed shooters

This 12-bore has has been entirely developed within its London factory and is delivered with a lever for the left side of the action and another for the right side of the action, meaning the gun can be changed and adapted for a left or a right-handed shooter.

The bespoke gun takes Boss & Co's iconic O/U shape, arguably the most copied in the world – and regularly praised for its elegance – and introduces a new purpose-built action, incorporating a side lever rather than a top lever.

For more information follow the link below:

[Boss Ambidextrous Gun](#)

## FORTHCOMING ZOOM EDUCATIONAL EVENTS.

The seminar on the **7th of February** will be by Rob Clarkson on Eye Dominance.

Rob is a member of the Institute and a Class A shooter.

Rob graduated in 1974 from Bradford University BSc (Hons) with a 2.1 degree in Ophthalmic Optics. Rob was a Foundation Fellow of the College of Optometrists and has had a forty-year career in independent practice, he worked in the Contact Lens Clinic and Glaucoma Clinics at Scarborough Hospital and The Macula Clinic at York and Bridlington Hospitals. Rob worked as a referral triage officer for North Yorkshire.

**Eye Dominance**

**Rob Clarkson**

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**1900Hrs**

**Outdoor Medical First Aid**

**John Hart**

**postponed**

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This seminar had to be postponed but will be re-scheduled later in the year.

To book a place on these seminars please email:

[icsi.zoomreply@gmail.com](mailto:icsi.zoomreply@gmail.com)

Once you have registered your interest a zoom link will be sent to your email address so that you may join the seminar. The link opens at 1830Hrs so that members can have a chat before the seminar.

## Something to Watch.....

### How to Hit with the CPSA

Simon Arbuckle MICSI L3 Coach introduces DTL

[How to Hit Introduction to DTL](#)

[How to Hit Shooting DTL](#)

## WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*These Workshops are now filling up even with venues not firmed up so please let either Jason Rowntree or myself know if you wish to book a place.*

A program of progressive development workshops is available. These focus on the 'Coaching Process', specifically the utilisation of a systematic and disciplined approach along with its practical application -

1. Coach and Instructor Development Day – Monday 14th March, venue to be confirmed (Midlands)  
Historically a well-received workshop, with a good mix of both theoretical and practical content - suitable for all levels of instructors and coaches.  
Open to non-members. ICSI first year membership subscription included in non-member candidates course fees (providing the appropriate joining criteria is met).
2. Coach and Instructor Development Day (Follow up) – Monday 21st March, venue to be confirmed (Midlands)  
Designed for candidates wishing to refine the various aspects gathered in the preceding workshop, returning once they have had the chance to 'try them on for size'.

## EXTERNAL VISITS

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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.

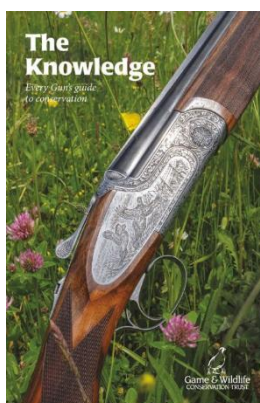
## ICSI Online Shop

The online shop is presently still under construction

At present if you would like to purchase any shop items please contact Jason Rowntree

Email [shopsales@icsi.org.uk](mailto: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



## FINALLY.....

I am sure you have a tale or two related to your coaching experiences or information you have heard which would be of interest to other members or a photograph which would be good to share. Please send them to me for inclusion in News Shots on [icsimembership@gmail.com](mailto:icsimembership@gmail.com)

If there are seminars which you would find useful and know of a provider please let Simon Arbuckle know and we shall investigate if it is possible to provide a zoom seminar.

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