



ICSI News – 17th January 2022

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Firearms licensing system on the verge of collapse due to Covid

Much has been made of the affect of Covid on home visits or permission visits. There are also many problems faced by forces regarding the retention and recruitment of staff to deal with applications.

Late last year, North Yorkshire Police announced that it would not accept new firearm and shotgun certificate applications and instead will focus exclusively on renewals. Now Thames Valley, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Hampshire Police have adopted the same policy. And several other forces appear to be informally operating on the

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same basis with members from several different force areas reporting that their applications were not being processed by their local force.

The problems appear to have arisen due to the collision of multiple factors. Police forces are currently experiencing high absence levels due to COVID. Changes in guidance from the Home Office, which forces are obliged to follow, have also added complexity to the process and have mandated the involvement of already overstretched medical professionals.

Finally, some forces appear to be taking a more sceptical view of applications following the Plymouth shootings. Bill Harriman, BASC director of firearms, said: "The discontinuation of grant applications is a failure to discharge the police's statutory duty. The police cannot switch the law on and off as it pleases them.

"The process of firearms licensing is a public service to ensure public safety, the Home Office is required to act before the whole system collapses."

Let us hope that the situation improves, as the grant of shotgun certificates directly effects the sale of guns and the take up of lessons and use of grounds.

Sport England, Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund launched

Sport England have launched a new £5 million fund to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that aims to use sport and physical activity to bring communities together and tackle inequalities.



Using money from the National Lottery, the fund will make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to community organisations in support of new projects providing opportunities to become more physically active.

The funds could be used for things such as facility hire and coaching costs, or even small capital improvements.

Their chief executive, Tim Hollingsworth, is pleased we can honour this landmark year with a fund dedicated to bringing people together through activity.

"As part of the celebrations of an unprecedented anniversary, we're excited to be able to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a fund designed to help people to come together and get moving," he said.

"Our Uniting the Movement strategy is focused on tackling inequalities and as such this fund will prioritise supporting projects working with people in disadvantaged communities, where we've seen there are traditionally more barriers to being active.

"The fund also highlights the importance of the National Lottery in enabling not just us, but many other organisations too, to support the positive work of people in England."

The fund is open for applications now and will make awards to not-for-profit organisations helping inactive people to get active, or less active people to become more active.

We particularly want to hear from projects working with people living in areas of disadvantage, as defined by the Indices of Multiple Deprivation areas 1-3.

"We also recognise the pandemic may still be affecting the delivery of projects, either in how they're delivered or how much they cost to deliver".

"Therefore, applicants should make sure to consider any such additional cost or delivery changes to ensure you can achieve their aims".

Follow the link below for more information:

[Sport England Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund](#)

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FORTHCOMING ZOOM EDUCATIONAL EVENTS.

There are two Zoom Seminars planned for the near future.

The first seminar is 25th of January at 1900hrs by John Hart on, 'Outdoor medical first aid'. He was previously a Mountain Rescue Team member for 10 years and is now the Director of Operations for an Outdoor events/mountaineering Company.

The second seminar is on the 7th of February seminar 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.

Outdoor Medical First Aid
Eye Dominance

John Hart
Rob Clarkson

25th Jan
7th Feb

1900Hrs
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To book a place on these seminars please email:

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.....

This week perhaps two of the best known English gunmakers.

James Purdey and Sons: How to Make a Handcrafted Gun

<https://youtu.be/ZSKBPBTnmIM>

Gunmaking Craftsmanship - Holland & Holland

<https://youtu.be/RLxDRb7yWnw>

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WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

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

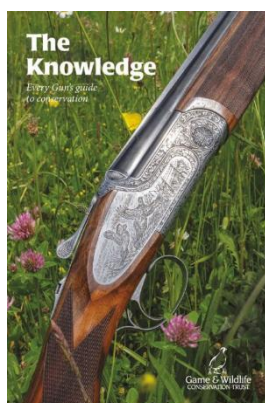
At present if you would like to purchase any shop items please contact Jason Rowntree

Email shopsales@icsi.org.uk

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

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	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

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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