



News Shots

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This week in News Shots: AGM Report, Bird Flu, Cartridge Prices, Clay Shortages
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AGM 2022 Report



On Monday 4th April 2022, 33 members and guests assembled at Nottingham and District Gun Club for the Institute Annual General Meeting. This was the first three-dimensional meeting of the Council and members since before March 2020. Council met at 9:00 with a full compliment of Council members all eager to meet and swap stories of lockdown, returning to shooting and coaching. John Robinson held the Council meeting to order, and they went about preparation for the 11:00 AGM and the visit by Longthorne Guns.

Members started to arrive by 10:30 and again they proceeded to exchange their recent experiences over the last two years over coffee, tea, and biscuits. It was good to see so many members and particularly Ol Holler, who had travelled all the way from Germany.

At 11:00 John Robinson called the meeting to order and proceeded with the AGM Agenda. The Chair's Report and the Accounts were accepted by members. John Robinson was re-elected as Chairman and the Council were re-elected for another term of office. John Fletcher was re-elected as auditor of our accounts.

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John Robinson thanked Malcolm Plant for the work he had undertaken to bring the Institute to its present place and the Council for their work particularly in establishing a new website over the last year. He also thanked John Fletcher for agreeing to continue as auditor.



With the main business of the AGM concluded John Robinson handed over to James Stewart and Will from Longthorne Guns who went on to explain some of the issues surrounding the conversion to steel, (soft iron), shot. James and Will promised to write a summary of their talk for publication in the near future. Lunch followed and again members had the opportunity to discuss steel shot and the implications for shooting.

After lunch the meeting adjourned to the skeet range with members swapping jackets and ties for shooting vests and hearing and eye protection. Guns and clays were provided by Longthornes and cartridges by Hull Cartridges. Members could shoot the new Titanium barrelled Lonthorne or the more traditional box lock O/U with steel cartridges and could also shoot their own lead cartridges for comparison. Although it was great fun shooting these superb guns many lessons were learnt regarding steel cartridges, lesson which will be invaluable when questioned on the subject by clients. James Stuart also gave advice to members regarding the proof of

their personal guns, de-cyphering the proof marks.



Our thanks go to Karl and his team at Nottingham and District Gun Club for the excellent venue and lunch. Longthorne Guns for their invaluable input and the opportunity to shoot their guns. To Hull cartridges for supplying the cartridges, to Lonthorne for sponsoring the clays and to all those members who attended.

We look forward to James and Will's summary of their views on steel shot in a future issue of News Shots.

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News from the shooting world....

Bird Flu

The curse of bird flu looks set to impact on the 2022/23 Game season with a ban on the import of eggs or chicks for rearing. The problem seems to be particularly bad in France where most partridge eggs and chicks are imported from. The egg industry has already suffered as they must keep free range hens in barns and so the price of eggs has rocketed but this has more severe implications for the game shooting community.

Clay Prices increased

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With the world in turmoil, it was almost inevitable that prices of all commodities would go up in price but recently the price of clays has increased by almost 30%. In addition, there seems to be a shortage of clays with some ground short of clays, some not sure if orders will be delivered and some events now unable to source reliable sources of clays.

Cartridge Prices Increased again

At the time of writing, Eley Hawke, Gamebore, Hull Cartridges and Lyvale Express have all announced price increases from the 1st April 2022. This comes on the top of several previous price increases in the last 12 months. This, coupled with the increase in clay prices, is influencing the shooting public. Grounds are reporting a drop in footfall, and some are shooting less targets per visit.

Something to Watch.....

Something to watch from Australia on pattern plate use and chokes:

<https://youtu.be/VdnE0vyeO4U>

<https://youtu.be/P5y26WWqWBE>

WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A full list of Workshops and Courses are featured on the Institute Website.

To book a place on a workshop or course please do so on the web site.

Coach and Instructor Development Workshops Course Calendar

Gun Fit and Eye Dominance Clinic

Wykeham
24th May 2022

Coach and Instructor Development Day

Kibworth
27th June 2022

Coach and Instructor Development Day (Follow up)

Oakedge
25th July

Coach and Instructor Development (Advanced)

Venue to be confirmed
September

Game Shooters and Loaders Course Calendar

Game Shooters and Loaders Course

Doveridge
6th July 2022

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EXTERNAL VISITS

The reluctance of many of our shooting partners such as cartridge manufacturers and gunmakers to allow face to face visits has seriously hampered our educational visits for members. However Paul Dancer continues to chip away and is in active discussion with the Birmingham Proof House and details of a visit will soon be available.

ICSI Online Shop

The online shop is now up and running.

Items may be purchased and paid via our Institute PayPal account, normal debit and credit cards may be used and goods will be despatched as soon as possible

Please visit the website to view merchandise and prices

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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