



News Shots

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This week in News Shots: Teaching teenagers with special needs, Fiocchi and Lyavale Express News, Courses and Seminars. George Digweed wins World English Sporting Title.

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Working with Teenagers with Special Needs

Marcus Webb has been working with teenagers with special needs and has sent this report which I am sure members will find interesting.

Josh, an autistic clay shooter's journey.



I was approached earlier this year to see if I would be happy to take on shooting instruction with a customer with autism called Josh.

Josh lives with severe autism and had shot since 2017 with various instructors and grounds and had returned to Eriswell Lodge because of the excellent facilities and welcoming atmosphere.

Josh's autism and experience with other Instructors was carefully explained to me and the potential challenges outside of the norm of 'regular' everyday clients.

The thought of working in uncharted waters appealed to me.

I agreed to meet Josh, his Grandad and his carer for a coffee and chat before working with him.

During the meeting, I was struck by not only by Josh's attention, but the support and enthusiasm of his Grandad Alan and carer Lyndon.

I had made my mind up some 10 minutes into the meeting, that I would take Josh on a lesson and see how we all got along.

Josh has complex autism and I soon found out that a different way of communication is necessary to convey what was happening throughout the shot cycle.

I found that explaining the outcome, then the action to achieve the desired outcome (rather than instructing an action to achieve a desired result) would offer Josh the space to consider all the points required.

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Explaining and agreeing these actions directly with Josh, and not his company is essential and respectful.

Couple this with a few physical restrictions, makes for many things to consider during the coaching process.

Josh soon lets you know if he likes you, and we are bonding well!

Josh communicates in many ways, such as speech, facial expressions, and a twinkle in his eye when he laughs, hits a clay or a sim pair.

A favourite after the shooting, is a nice slice of cake with a drink in the restaurant!

Josh has other interests, such as boxing and weight training and is very competitive. He would also like to eventually compete in shooting competitions, and regularly hits 80-90% of targets in practice!

Eriswell Lodge is helping Josh with special membership and costs, which is really helpful with his budget in these times of spiralling inflation.

Along with my instruction, he really enjoys his shooting, has the potential to shoot better, and in no small way, clay shooting is helping Josh's development to lead a fulfilling life.

We all look forward to Josh progressing and helping him on his journey.

Marcus

News from the shooting world....

George Digweed wins the World English Sporting Championship 2022



Congratulations to George Digweed MBE for his superb win in the World English Sporting Championship in San Antonio USA last week. George has now won a World Title in every decade for the last 50 years!!!

You can see the final in the YouTube clip below.

<https://youtu.be/2kq-fnJSsEI>

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Lecco, 15/04/2022

Fiocchi Group announces the acquisition of Lyalvale Express

Fiocchi Group, the worldwide leader in the production of small calibre ammunition under Fiocchi Munizioni, Baschieri & Pellagri and Fiocchi of America brands, announces the acquisition of the entire share capital of Lyalvale Express, the historical British manufacturer established in 1983 in Lichfield, United Kingdom, and specialized in manufacturing and distribution of premium game and clay shotshells.

Closing of the deal occurred April, 6th, 2022. The acquisition of the manufacturing platform of Lyalvale Express in the United Kingdom has the strategic objective to further consolidate Fiocchi Group's leadership in the game and clay target shooting segments, not only from a manufacturing point of view but also through the expansion of the Group's product portfolio, offering to consumers a complete range of premium and super-premium products.

Unique to this sector, Fiocchi Group will benefit from four manufacturing plants in two continents: the historical Fiocchi Munizioni plant in Lecco (Italy), Baschieri & Pellagri's centre of excellence in Bologna (Italy), the manufacturing platform with two plants in Missouri and Arkansas (United States) and the newly acquired Lyalvale Express plant in Lichfield, north of Birmingham (UK).

In addition, the strong complementarity of the brands' product range, coupled with the unparalleled innovation footprint – the latest example being the biodegradable shotshell components launched within the Green Core project – will allow the Group to enjoy an additional, significant growth in the global markets thanks to the unrivalled commercial network the Group has consolidated over the years.

"We are excited to announce this transaction, which has a significant strategic value. Lyalvale Express becomes part of a Group with an unbeatable historical heritage and will benefit from outstanding innovation capabilities and from a large production platform which will generate important synergies" proudly says Maurizio Negro, Group's CEO.

Stefano Fiocchi, Group's President, highlights that "it's with great pride that we welcome Lyalvale Express to our Group. We will benefit from another historical brand which will further contribute to strengthen and develop the Group's leadership".

James Rose, Fiocchi UK Managing Director, will become Managing Director of the new Group's UK entity: "I'm extremely thrilled by this transaction, I've always respected Lyalvale's high quality and positioning as a UK manufacturer, so I'm absolutely sure that together, we will be able to strengthen and further develop our market"

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Something to Watch.....

Ever wonder how the humble clay target is manufactured. Here is a video, made around 2004 following the process at the LaPorte factory. Measurements are in Fahrenheit and inches.



https://youtu.be/iamy_3IQ_ng

Below is a link to George Digweed's visit to CCI's clay manufacturing facility.

<https://youtu.be/yWE84NVD9BM>

As from 2021, manufacturers have had to develop eco clays.

<https://youtu.be/MHToJcQx9nw>

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

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.

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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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