



News Shots

ICSI News – 25th April 2022

This week in News Shots: CPSA Courses, Essex Masters Results, Guns on Pegs and Bird Flu, Bill Biss Obituary, Northern Shooting Show, Lead Ammunition Consultation. Courses and Visits **Last Call for Birmingham Proof House**
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CPSA – Level 1 & 2 Course Booking Deadline extended

Dr John Martin Chairman of the CPSA and Institute member has asked that we spread the news regarding CPSA L1 & L2 Courses. Please See below:



We still have a few places available for the first CPSA L1 Instructor Training Course at Northampton Shooting Ground from the 16th - 19th May.

Already a qualified L1 Instructor and looking to progress onto our L2 Coach Training programme? We have a few spaces available on our 3 day L2 Common Element Training Course from the 23rd to the 25th May, also at Northampton SG.

To book on, please visit our courses page on the website: <https://www.cpsa.co.uk/courses> or contact Cheryl or Richard at HQ on 01483 485400.

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Essex Master 2022



Congratulations to Sam Green and Beckie McKenzie on their success at the Essex Masters. Sam took the overall high gun and Beckie the Ladies prize. The competition staged over 9 days and with 2,500 shooters is certainly a gruelling event. Each competitor needs to shoot 200 targets on two courses in one day.

Sam and Mark Winsor tied for top position but Mark could not return for the final shoot-off.

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Congratulations to both shooters on their excellent performances.

Expected dates for 2023:

24th – 30th April and bookings are now being taken!

News from the shooting world....

From **"Guns on Pegs"**

Partridge Shoots 2022-23

A perfect storm of war, pestilence and sky high prices are having a significant impact on the 2022/23 shooting season.

As is so often the way, there's a lot of rumour, misinformation, and speculation. Here we'll attempt to cut through all of that and give you the facts. First, let's take a look at the contributing factors.

Fuel prices

Even before the Russian invasion of Ukraine, game farmers were reporting that gamebird poults were likely to cost shoots more this year than in previous years. Young chicks need to be kept warm, and that is fairly intensive in terms of fuel consumption. As far back as January gas prices had risen by as much as 70%, significantly adding to the cost of producing poults. It has most likely not escaped your notice that since the war in Ukraine fuel prices have continued to rise.



Feed prices

As the broader media has been at pains to point out, Ukraine is the 'breadbasket of Europe'. Furthermore, Russia is also a significant producer of grain. As Tom Welham of Marsdens Game Feeds, more than 25% of the world's wheat supply comes from the two countries combined. Russia has now banned cereal exports, while in Ukraine the supply of labour and the supply chains have been severely disrupted.

However, as with fuel prices, the war is just part of the equation. Commodity prices were already high owing to the supply chain hangover from COVID-19 and the ongoing challenge of meeting global demand. Meanwhile poor harvests of other raw materials in game feed production, such as soy, are merely compounding the problem.

Bird flu

The rising costs of keeping game birds warm and fed is one thing, but the supply of the birds themselves is also in question. An estimated 90% of partridge eggs and 40% of pheasant eggs are imported from or through France, where outbreaks of Avian Influenza are impacting the biggest game farming regions. Bans on the movements of any poultry-

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related products (including eggs) mean that UK game farms are unable to secure the numbers they require in order to fulfil their order books.

Advice to shoots and game farms from the National Gamekeepers Organisation stated:

Our advice remains the same: plan your business on the premise that the bulk of eggs will not be arriving from France for the majority of this rearing season. There is a small hope that a slight increase in eggs will happen once the blanket restriction zone is removed. However, we have no concrete idea of the timescale on this, and this slight increase in supply will only be enough to supply a small percentage of orders.

The two biggest game farms in France have informed their customers that they will not be sending eggs to the UK until mid-June at the earliest.



What this means for partridge

Given the reliance on France for our partridge egg supply, and that as of Friday 22nd April no eggs are moving from AI affected zones, it is safe to say that the vast majority of September partridge days will not be going ahead.

Good news?

Thanks to the resourcefulness of some shoots and game farms, there are going to be a few shoots that have partridge stocks, albeit a smaller number. If you have early season partridge days already booked in, we would advise you to contact the shoot in question.

What this means for pheasant

Thankfully we have a smaller reliance on French (and other European country supplies) supplies when it comes to pheasant eggs, plus an increase in domestic supply. This means that the impact on the pheasant season will be less pronounced. We are still, however, looking at a much reduced / delayed schedule compared to a normal season.

What are shoots doing?

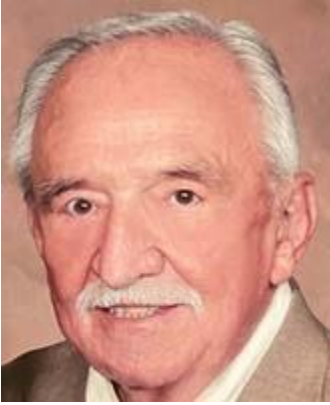
At the time of writing shoots are by and large still waiting to hear from game farms whether they will be getting their chicks or poults. The last thing they need is a deluge of teams asking for their money back, however, if you already have days booked in it may be worth checking in with those shoots over the next few weeks.

What about the days that can go ahead?

The increase in input costs and the laws of supply and demand of poults mean that what shooting there is this season has the potential to be far more expensive than previous seasons. Quite what that will look like will vary from shoot to shoot, especially where shoots have still not made decisions or are in limbo.

William (Bill) Biss R.I.P.

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It is with sadness that I report the passing of Bill Biss, Fellow of the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors.

His wife, Jane has sent the following obituary.

William (Bill) C. Biss, 84, of Hanover, PA passed away Friday, April 1, 2022 at UPMC Memorial in York, PA.

He is survived by his loving wife, Emma Jane (Dillon) Biss; son William, daughter-in-law Cathy, grandchildren Cody and Caitie, and great-granddaughter Marlee; son David, daughter-in-law Maureen, and grandchildren Austin and Colleen. He is also survived by his brother, Lynn Biss, and sister, Carol (Biss) Kalmar.

Born in Greensburg, PA, Bill graduated from high school at 16 and at 17 joined the U.S. Navy, where he served as an Electrical Technician. His early success optimizing radar on two different ships led to his first career as a pioneer in the semiconductor industry. Building upon his Navy experience and studies at Johns Hopkins University, he became an electronics engineer, and was recognized for his support of the Apollo 11 mission with his name inscribed on the lunar module. His next chapter saw success as a residential and commercial real estate broker spanning several states. Entrepreneurial pursuits along the way saw Bill founding a company that created synthetic diamonds and becoming proprietor of a lively local tavern.

As he moved toward retirement, he put his life experience as an outdoorsman to work, becoming a sought-after shotgun shooting instructor. His enthusiasm for helping others grow in the discipline of Sporting Clays drove him to attain the National Sporting Clays Association Level III instructor certification – the organization's highest level – **as well as a Fellow in the Institution of Clay Shooting Instructors in the UK.** He was also the founding Director of the Pennsylvania chapter of the Scholastic Clay Target Program, which promotes positive character traits and citizenship values to youths through participation in the shooting sports.

Bill and Jane relocated to 22 different locations to accommodate their employment, including twice to England, which made it possible to explore a range of countries in Europe, including Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Italy, France, Belgium, Austria, Germany and more. Some of their fondest travel memories include multiple visits to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, an annual event at Edinburgh Castle featuring an array of international military bands and artistic performance teams. Many years living in the American West led to plenty of outdoor adventures with their sons, including riding motorcycles through the Texas desert, hosting neighbourhood pool parties in Arizona, and water skiing in Northern California.

A passionate speaker, Bill joined Jane in becoming members of Toastmasters International, which teaches and promotes public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. In their shared Toastmasters "career," Bill and Jane both reached the highest level of achievement – Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) – and founded several clubs in the U.S. and one in England.

A lifelong dog lover, Bill teamed with Jane to raise numerous Airedale Terriers. Their last, and one of their most beloved, Alex, crossed the rainbow bridge years before and has been patiently waiting for Bill. We're quite sure that her happy face was the first thing he saw, bounding towards him, moments after he slipped the bonds of earth.

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A viewing will take place on Thursday, April 7, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a service celebrating Bill's life at 4 p.m., at Panebaker Funeral Home, 311 Broadway, Hanover.

As is often the case, we do not really know a person until we read their obituary.

Rest in Peace Bill



From 7th – 8th May the Northern Shooting Show presented to its visitors the many aspects of the shooting and countryside community. The event hosted a 50 bird sporting shot, axe throwing, air rifle shooting, archery and many other practice opportunities. Included in these was the Clay Line. BASC and CPSA provided opportunities for members of the public to experience the exhilaration of clay shooting with their have a go stands. I visited the CPSA stand to see how Simon Arbuckle, Neil Cawood and Les Griffiths, all members of the Institute were getting on, tell the stor. along with their colleagues from the CPSA. I think the following pictures

Lead Consultation – the future of lead and shooting



BASC Reports on the Review by the HSE on the future use of lead in shooting

On 6 May 2022 the Health and Safety Executive will launch a six-month public consultation on proposed restrictions for lead ammunition in England, Wales and Scotland.

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The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has confirmed that on 6 May it will publish its findings on the risks posed by the outdoor recreational use of lead ammunition for people, wildlife and the environment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Based on its findings, the HSE will simultaneously launch a six-month public consultation on proposed restrictions with regard to the sale and use of lead ammunition in England, Wales and Scotland.

All outdoor uses of lead ammunition are covered by the review. That includes lead ammunition for live quarry and target shooting, i.e. airguns, pistols, shotguns, rifles and historic firearms.

This is happening because lead ammunition is being reviewed under the UK's post-Brexit chemical regulations referred to as UK REACH. The regulations cover England, Wales and Scotland (but not Northern Ireland due to the NI Protocol).

The HSE has been tasked as the 'agency' under UK REACH to produce a report that outlines the risks posed by lead ammunition. Where it believes those risks to be unacceptable, it has also been asked to propose restrictions to reduce those risks.

The HSE proposals and consultation were due in April but have been deferred until 6 May, coming after the 2022 local elections.

[Click here for our full briefing on the UK REACH lead ammunition review](#)

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Something to Watch.....

Report from the Essex Masters

https://youtu.be/zhTyA_8RqDQ

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.

Dates given below

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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)

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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

Visit to Birmingham Proof House



There are still places available

Paul Dancer has secured a visit to the Birmingham Proof House.

The Proof House are happy for visitors to return and Paul has arranged a visit on:

23rd May at 1000Hrs

Cost £20:00 per person

To book a place please contact Paul Dancer directly on: 07817015470 or 01543255149

The group size is limited to 12 people so book early to avoid disappointment.

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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