



News Shots

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This week in News Shots:

New Certificates down, The Game Fair, Something to Watch, Courses and Workshops, Zoom Seminars.

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New Licences Down by 10%

The impact of delays in Shotgun Certificate grants and renewals is having an effect on the shooting world and on coaching new entrants to the sport.

Many grounds report a drop in new, starter lessons and coupled with the pandemic, fuel prices, cartridge and clay prices and real concerns about the overall cost of living, this is another blow to shooting and coaching.

The failure of firearms licensing departments to prioritise resources is having a significant impact on the participation of shooting sports and the gun trade in England and Wales.

Dozens of firearms licensing departments across the two countries are beset with significant delays and backlogs.

The statistics showed that as of 31 March 2022, there were 539,212 people in England and Wales who held a firearm and/or a shotgun certificate. Down from 586,351 on 31 March 2020. A total reduction of 47,139 certificate holders.

“These delays are impacting our grass roots and the next generation of shooters. As well as firearms being necessary for wildlife and pest management, shooting is also an Olympic and Commonwealth sporting discipline. This restriction on new athletes coming into the sport is becoming increasingly damaging.

“The requirement to uphold public safety is paramount, but that should not come at the expense of a popular and competitive sport.

The Gun Trade Association has also raised its concerns over the direct impact the delays have had on the trade.

“I am disappointed for those waiting for certificates, but I am deeply concerned for the trade where threats to cash flow in small businesses have direct impacts on jobs and livelihoods. I will be challenging the national police licensing representative on this issue this week.”

For further information look at

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Extreme Weather Hits UK

As a Country famous for its attitude to weather the most recent warnings from the Met Office have come as something of a shock to many. The issuing of a Red warning for heat is unprecedented and indicates a risk to life. In addition, warnings have been given that transport and other national infrastructure may break down in temperatures heading to 40degrees Celsius. A great deal of advice has been of how we can keep cool, stay safe and avoid the excessive heat.

A family member, married to a Spaniard gives this advice, “Close all windows and doors. Pull the curtains and set a fan(s) going. This will stop the heat of the sun penetrating the house and maintain a cool atmosphere.

For those coaching in the present conditions I suggest cancelling your appointments. For the client it is one hour in the heat, for the coach

perhaps 6 or 7 hours.

Advice from the NHS

Tips for coping in hot weather

- look out for those who may struggle to keep themselves cool and hydrated – older people, those with underlying health conditions and those who live alone are particularly at risk
- stay cool indoors – many of us will need to stay safe at home this summer so know how to keep your home cool
- close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler and remember it may be cooler outdoors than indoors
- if going outdoors, use cool spaces considerately, keep your distance in line with social distancing guidelines
- drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol
- never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially infants, young children or animals
- try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm
- walk in the shade, apply sunscreen regularly and wear a wide brimmed hat, if you have to go out in the heat
- avoid exercising in the hottest parts of the day
- make sure you take water with you, if you are travelling
- if you are going into open water to cool down, take care and follow local safety advice
- For more information visit [GOV.UK: Heatwave Plan for England](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/heatwave-plan-for-england).

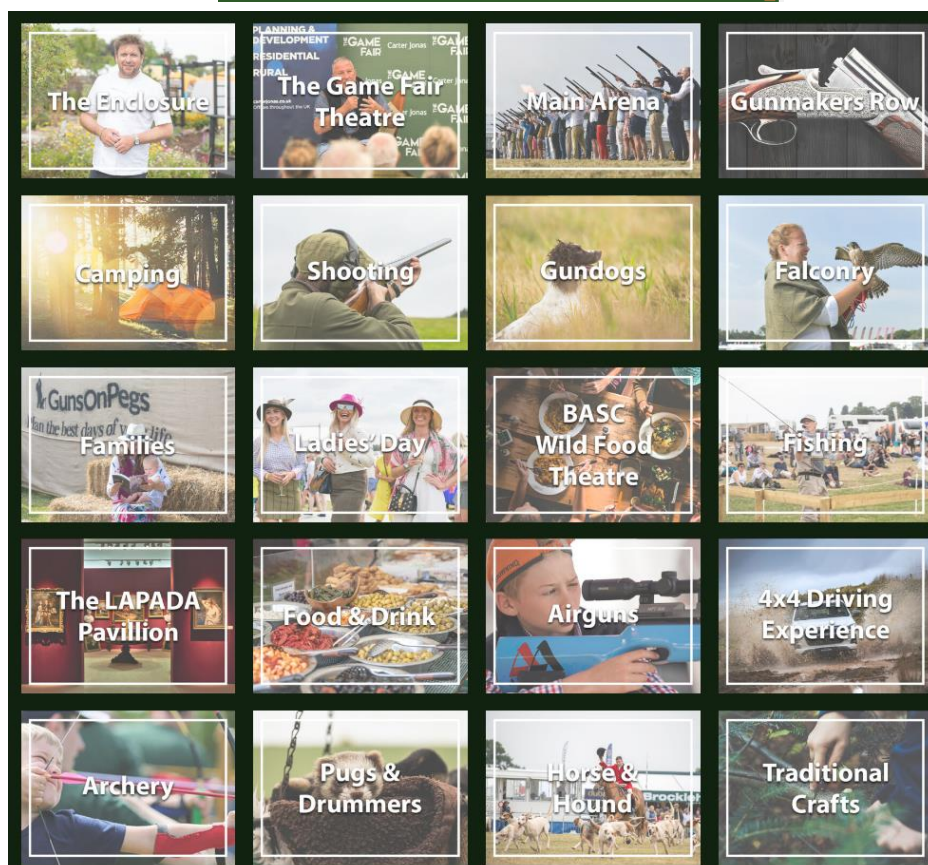
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THE GAME FAIR 2022

With just over one week to go its not too late to book your advance BASC and CPSA are concessions.

THE GAME FAIR 29 - 31 July 2022
Ragley Hall
Warwickshire

week to go its not too late tickets for the Game Fair, both offering members



For BASC member don't forget to claim your free, 3-day entry ticket (see BASC website)

The CPSA announced that, "We are excited to be back at The Game Fair at Ragley Hall in Warwickshire from the 29th – 31st July. If you are coming along, do please come and see us on our Stand for a free tea or coffee and if you are bringing friends and family to the Fair, then why not take them to our Clayline where they can have a go at clay shooting with our experienced team of Instructors and Coaches who will get them shooting clays in no time at all!"

To get your exclusive CPSA discount on tickets please login to the Member Offers area to get the discount code to use when you book tickets [via www.thegamefair.org](http://www.thegamefair.org)

SOMETHING TO WATCH.....

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Further to the video from last week, here is another two part video on finishing a gun stock.

<https://youtu.be/uxbhACN26bc>

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WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

Coach and Instructor Development Workshops Course Calendar

MONDAY 25TH JULY 2022 INTERMEDIATE C&IDW AT OAKEDGE SG STAFFORDSHIRE

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2022 INTRODUCTION C&IDW AT KIBWORTH SG
LEICESTERSHIRE

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022 INTRODUCTION C&IDW AT **SOUTHDOWN SG**
SUSSEX

NEW VENUE – SOUTHDOWN SHOOTING GROUND IN SUSSEX

Please support the courses, it is only with your support that the Institute can actually provide these opportunities for continual professional development.

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

EXTERNAL VISITS & ZOOM SEMINARS

ZOOM SEMINAR ON
THE WORK OF A GUNSMITH
BY TOM HICKMAN OF J ROBERTS AND SONS
MONDAY 25TH JULY AT 1900HRS VIA ZOOM

To get a link and reserve a place please email:

icsi.zoomreply@gmail.com

Links will be sent out on Sunday 24th after 18:00hrs,

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.

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There is a new, low profile, baseball cap available and soon we hope to have Institute gilets available.

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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