



News Shots

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Coach and Instructor Development Workshops

These are currently hosted jointly by full time professional coaches:
Jason Rowntree (CPSA Senior Coach, Course Tutor and Assessor).
John Robinson (Head Coach Commonwealth Games and ISSF International Coach).

A program of three progressive development workshops are 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

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 - please follow link here to learn more).

2. Coach and Instructor Development Day (Follow up)

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'.

3. Coach and Instructor Development 2 Day Workshop (Advanced level)

An in-depth examination of the Complete Coaching & Shooting

Process, looking at the interrelationship between the many parts – 'only as strong as the weakest link'

This year we have offered the Initial and Follow-up workshops and there are two dates for the initial workshops in the calendar.

Monday 5th September 2022 at Kibworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire

Monday 26th September 2022 at Southdown Shooting Ground, West Sussex

At present we hope to provide a two-day Advanced C&IDW sometime in October, subject to a venue confirming their availability.

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Visit the website for details and to book a place. (Click on the link)

[Courses – ICSI](#)

Shotgun Certificate and GP Involvement



From November 2021 it has been statutorily required that those applying for a grant or renewal of a shotgun certificate to obtain the services of their GP to complete a medical form. Without this form your application for grant or renewal cannot be progressed. However, it is not mandatory for GPs to complete this process and although some are compliant and helpful some are dilatory and some even anti shooting and refuse point blank (excuse the pun) to complete the form. Once we come up this push-back or standstill or if the fee, which is entirely the business of the GP, is excessive, what can we do?

Both BASC and CPSA can help in the matter, and both have used MedCert in the past. Founded by shooters, many of whom are doctors, they seek to help the shooter who has problems getting their medical form completed. There is a charge £60:00 but it is a solution to a difficult problem.

There are other operators out there providing a similar service, but Med Cert has given permission for their details to be published in News Shots.

For more details visit their web site www.medcert.co.uk or call 0208 063 4503

ICSI in the Press



We spoke to **John Robinson**, Chairman of the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors and former England Team Head Coach.

Q Can you give a brief background on how you got into shooting?
I didn't start clay shooting until I was 26 years old, and was lucky enough to shoot for England and Great Britain from 1989, continuing to do so every year for the next 20 years. The legacy for me was some great people I met, and friends made, places visited and learning an enormous amount about the sport. Oh, and a few medals won on the way, thanks to a lot of help from coaches and the support of others!

Q Can you tell us about your times as England Team Head Coach at The Commonwealth Games?
It started with Glasgow 2014 and a year's run in with a squad that excelled in their tremendous attitude with everything that was put in front of them. Having been appointed after a raft of interviews and presentations I was lucky enough to bring in some great individuals that introduced psychology, physiotherapy, nutrition, and medical advice to the squad. Nearer to the event, we brought in TV cameras and interviews for the Team to get them used to the Games expectations of international shooters. Seven individual medals were won, a record for England and the highlight being a shoot-off for the Gold medal match between Steve Scott and Matt French, the

latter shooting a remarkable 29/30 only to be pipped by Scottie with a 30/30. Probably the best final I have ever witnessed. Every athlete in that Team should be extremely proud of what they achieved there and I was extremely proud of the whole Team, without exception. The Gold Coast, Australia followed in 2018, with every Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet shooter making the finals, with Amber Hill producing an outstanding final and winning Silver. The nerve and attitude of Freddie Killander who finished with 75-straight to make the final by one, and never gave up should be particularly recognised.

Q What is your role in the 'Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors' and how long have you been in this role?
I am currently Chairman of The Institute, having taken on the role 15 months ago. I simply chair the council meetings held monthly with a group of eight hardworking council members who ensure we stick to achieving our aim of delivering 'continuous professional

development', available to all members of the Institute. The key for me is to ensure that the Institute continues to put in place courses and learning platforms to improve the sport by being part of the process to produce outstanding coaches. Prior to being Chairman I was on the Council for 12 years and have been a member of The Institute for 16 years.

Q What does the ICSI do in the World of Clay Shooting?
Set up in 1986 at the instigation of the CPSA, professional coaches primarily qualify through the tried and tested 'CPSA Coaching courses' at which point they can develop those skills with courses delivered by the Institute. The Institute's mantra is very much that 'every day is a school day' and it is important that we keep our skills up to take the grassroots of the sport forward. The course content continues to develop and is delivered through workshops and clinics, online seminars, visits to the industries manufacturers, and development courses. In addition, a 'news shots' letter is emailed out every two

weeks to keep all members up to speed with everything going on in our sport.

Q What advice would you give to someone looking to get involved in Coaching?
Firstly, absolutely do it – you won't regret it. However long you have been shooting for, coaching is a completely different ball game. You need to spend time on the shoulder observing and observing but the rewards of coaching are enormous and extremely fulfilling. Contact the CPSA and speak with them about making it happen as the courses take you through all the stages and will get you there, and you will end up putting something back into the sport.

Q Is there anything else you would like to add?
I am finishing writing this having just returned from a six-hour search and rescue with the Mountain Rescue Team across the North York Moors for a badly injured mountain bike rider. What it does is firstly put our sport in perspective – it is simply a sport, so enjoy it! Secondly as a party leader and medic with the team, observational skills learnt from coaching go a long way to help in other areas other than just coaching. The transferable skills learnt in coaching are enormous. Coaching WILL develop YOU as a person.

Council member, Derek Wetter, has been hard at work getting around the various shooting magazines and trade papers to raise the profile of the Institute. Using John Robinson's role as Chairman and his long involvement in high level competition shooting and latterly coaching, Derek has persuaded the press to feature articles initially about John.

The article in the CPSA Pull Magazine, which is circulated to all CPSA members and is also available online, is an interview with John in which he reminds the CPSA that we were born from the need to develop

instructors and coaches, certified by them.

Q&A with JOHN ROBINSON

chairman of the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors

JOHN Robinson is the current chairman of the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors. He represented Great Britain and England at Olympic Skeet for 20 years and has over 45 years game shooting experience. He was head coach to the England Shooting Team at the 2014 and 2018 Commonwealth Games. Here he talks to Steve Grant about the Institute and its aims.

Q: What does the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors do and how long has it been in existence?

It was set up in 1986, at the instigation of the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA), to develop and deliver 'continuous professional development' to professional coaches, this remains true today. Our first Honorary Fellow to the Institute was Chris Craddock back at the start.

Q: Who are you now?

We are a body of professional coaches, primarily qualifying through the tried and tested CPSA and BASC coaching courses, at which point we can develop those skills with courses delivered by the Institute. Coaches who may not have these qualifications but have been practicing their profession for more than three years may apply to join, and we have several members who have done that.

Q: What do you want to achieve?

The Institute continues to put in place courses and learning platforms on a variety of topics to improve the sport of shooting. Being part of the process to produce outstanding coaches is what we strive to achieve daily.

Q: How do you deliver that?



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Q: How do you define success?

Our aim is to deliver 'continuous professional development' at the highest possible level. That, in turn, allows us to be a small cog in a large machine that strives to heighten levels of coaching ability. The output is to continually improve the standard of shooting across all those that participate in the sport.

Increasing the skill levels of grassroots individuals participating in the sport at one end, and Olympic success at the other, by utilising quality coaches to achieve this.

TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT WWW.ICSI.ORG.UK



In the Countryman Journal, John outlines the history, aims and purpose of the Institute. A screenshot of the article is reproduced below.

While at the Game Fair and working on the CPSA clay line, Derek could be seen whizzing off on his breaks to talk to the shooting press and we hope to see more articles about the Institute in the months ahead

Member Takes 2022 English Open at Bywell



Congratulations to member Rob Hall for winning the English Open DTL at Bywell shooting ground. Rob who is an Associate member of the Institute and coaches, among others, his daughter Lucy Hall turned in a stellar performance to score 100/299 to take this year's title. This performance is made even more remarkable when you consider that Rob has not shot a registered competition for 6 years. A great weekend for the Halls and Rob and Lucy also took the Parent and Child title. Lucy has also been making her mark with the GB trap team and we look to hear great things from the Halls in the future.

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Grouse Season Underway



As you read this the Glorious 12th will have passed and hopefully our grouse moors will be echoing to the sounds of guns. It will be a relief to the many landowners, gamekeepers, and their staff that this year they will be able to shoot grouse after the experiences of the past few years. It is not just the landowners and gamekeepers who will be pleased but the wide variety of retailers, traders, hotels, B&B's, and the many

farmers who rely on the grouse season to supplement their incomes.

It will be interesting to see if the grouse shoots insist on the use of steel shot, with all the dangers of ricochet rather than the traditional, tried, and tested lead shot. It will be interesting to hear your stories from the grouse and pheasant shoots throughout the season.

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 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.

Something to watch.....

With the grouse season underway here is, "The Untold Story- Driven Grouse Shooting"
<https://youtu.be/fsMkt04XKV8>

"A Year in the Life of a Grouse Moor"
<https://youtu.be/ewEzSPR-u2I>

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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.

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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