



News Shots

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**This week in News Shots: Consultation Responses from CPSA and BASC
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New Course – Observational and Interpretation Development

Observational and Interpretational One Day Coaches Course

at

Kibworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire.

Monday 12th December 2022



Designed primarily for those who have already attended the Coach Development course(s), but it is not a prerequisite and is open to all.

The 'Aim' is to give individuals a better understanding of how to view the shot process and interpret what they have seen efficiently and accurately, in turn affording them an improved level of diagnostic ability and remedial correction/feedback.

The 'Objective' is:

- Firstly, to equip individuals with a better insight into the constituents that make up a 'model' shot, essential for identifying where it has 'gone wrong'.
- Secondly, a detailed look at the connective relationship between shooter, gun, and target during the shot.
- Finally, a breakdown of the observational process and how to effectively bring it all together.

The day will consist of both theory and practical application, with additional use of video. To be delivered by Jason Rowntree, John Cullinan, and John Robinson.

To book a place please go to ICSI website Courses page:

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Courses and Workshops

Gun Fit and Eye Dominance Clinic

Monday 28th November 2022
Oakedge Shooting Ground, Staffordshire



Hosted by : –

Jason Rowntree – CPSA Senior Coach, Course Tutor, and Assessor – Gun Fit

Rob Clarkson – Fellow of the College of Optometrists – Eye Dominance.

A one-day clinic looking at Gun Fit and Eye Dominance from a Coach/Instructor's perspective.

The cost is £75.00 for members, including refreshments and a light lunch.

Limited to a maximum of 15 participants

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BASC Response to HSE Consultation on the use of Lead

The HSE Consultation period closed on 6th November. BASC made a response on behalf of its members. I have included the area specific to clay target shooting.

It should be noted that all the shooting organisations have made a response to the HSE and when their responses enter the public domain, I shall include them in News Shots for your information. The CEO of the CPSA, Iain Parker, has written a summary of the CPSA consultation response and that is also included below.

BASC's Response:

In our detailed response, BASC is also making the following requests of the HSE:

Re-assess the use and risk of lead ammunition in the UK context.

Uphold the transparency requirements of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) for Annex XV restriction dossier preparation.

- Reassess their estimate of lead shotgun ammunition use.
- Reassess their estimate of rifle ammunition use.
- Review their assessment of environmental and human health impacts and benefits of restrictions.



- Ensure accurate costs are applied during the forthcoming socio-economic impact assessment.
- Thoroughly explore the uncertainty in the evidence in relation to secondary poisoning of birds from lead ammunition.
- Thoroughly explore the uncertainty in the evidence in relation to impacts on 'other' animals from lead ammunition.
- Thoroughly explore the uncertainty in the evidence in relation to impacts on soil, soil organisms and vegetation from lead ammunition.
- Exclude surface and ground waters from its proposals.
- Move the boundary for defining 'large calibre' centrefire ammunition to $\geq 6.5\text{mm}$.
- Ensure that any restriction and transition period for rimfire ammunition is reviewed before implementation.
- Drop proposals for restricting the use of lead airgun ammunition.
- Consider providing extended transition periods for small gauge shotgun calibres of 28 bore and smaller.
- Revise restriction proposals, ensuring that they are proportionate to the evidenced risk, make best use of existing legal and regulatory frameworks and avoid 'gold plating' existing environmental directives.
- Implement a buy-back scheme to: a. Fairly compensate material loss resulting from restrictions; b. Incentivise the transition to lead free alternatives; c. Ensure that the restrictions do not create a 'false' or 'early' cliff-edge for sales of lead products that undermines manufacturers' ability to invest in development and production of lead-free alternatives.
- BASC believes that lead shot could continue to be used for clay pigeon / target shooting at venues where risks of primary exposure to birds is managed.

Next steps

The HSE and Environment Agency (EA) will review the consultation responses prior to preparing a final restriction report. This report, expected to be published in early summer 2023, will be a set of recommendations to Defra. This will provide the basis for legislation.

It is likely that a 60-day consultation will launch in February 2023 as part of the HSE's Socio-Economic Impact Assessment of proposals.

The full article may be found by following the link:

[BASC response to UK REACH lead ammunition consultation - The British Association for Shooting and Conservation](#)

CPSA's Response to HSE Consultation



As we have reported to our membership, the HSE have raised the question of the viability of lead use in ammunition and pressed upon ourselves, the CPSA, and our fellow shooting associations, the need to mitigate risk from lead shot cartridges across the UK. We have been involved in discussions with the HSE during their public consultation period and as associations and NGBs, we have worked together and agreed to focus and speak for our respective sports.

In reply to the HSE we challenge assumptions drawn during their consultation period, and as the national governing body for the sport of clay target shooting **our position remains to put**

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forward the argument and a case to keep using lead shot cartridges. It is our responsibility to support the best interests of our membership and we strongly object to the proposed lead ban and argue for its continued use in our sport.

Lead shot on the ground is inert and there has been no proof of demonstrable harm to flora or fauna on CPSA affiliated grounds, where both leisure and competitive shooting takes place using lead shot. In over 100 years of clay target shooting there have been no reported cases of lead poisoning through use of lead cartridges. Reportedly over 60% of lead cartridges in current production for sport shooting are made from recycled lead from heavy industry such as automotive car batteries, while steel cartridges have a much higher carbon footprint to manufacture.

In response to the HSE, our proposal to mitigate the potential risk posed by lead shot is as follows. Our current position for clay shooting allows shooters to use 28g lead cartridges, which has been identified as a risk if allowed to continue through the potential misuse of clay cartridges in game shooting and, in turn, contamination of the food chain. As the national governing body for clay shooting, we would propose to restrict lead loads from 28g to 24g (a 15% reduction) at all clay shooting grounds. This change would mitigate the risk of migration, as 24g is not a viable game load, while also bringing our policy in alignment with that of the ISSF standard cartridge load. HSE needs to consider limitations to performance levels of steel, risks, and ammunition availability within the UK. We must insist our international competitors, Commonwealth and Olympic athletes, not be disadvantaged when competing on a global stage.

Through our work on this matter, we have come to understand the complexity faced by the government in any legislation regarding lead ammunition and the difficulties posed by those sectors within shooting, like ourselves, who will demand exemption where risk from lead can be controlled. We have worked collaboratively with the HSE and other organisations during this consultation period and ask the HSE to recognise both the social and economic value of shooting as a sport and to consider the significant disruption to our sector if lead shot cartridges were to be banned. We at the CPSA strongly request an exemption from the HSE proposed restrictions in order to protect our members and our sport.

Iain Parker
CEO CPSA

[Lead Statement from CPSA CEO Iain Parker - CPSA](#)

Something to watch...

The debate about steel and lead continues but many shoots have had to convert to steel in order to sell their shot birds through the Game Traders Association, which has insisted it will only accept game shot with non-toxic shot from this season.

This video, made by Hull cartridges, looks at their steel cartridges and may be informative to members and their clients.

<https://youtu.be/GYInnySwC04>

We rarely hear from our Firearms Licensing Teams, this video features the Firearms Licensing Team Manager for the Metropolitan Police. He fields questions regarding the present situation

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with grants and renewals and although he talks about London, many of his comments give an insight into the present situation countrywide.

https://youtu.be/RfCT4_dvQQ4

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