



# News Shots

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## This week in News Shots:

Courses for members, Something to watch and Read, George Digweed, What state is UK Game Shooting In? Christmas Gift Ideas. 15 Shotguns for Clays.  
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## New Course – Observational and Interpretation Development

**Observational and Interpretational One Day Coaches Course  
at  
Kibworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire.  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022**



**D**esigned 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

Please book on the ICSI website:

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## How is the Game Season Going?



**W**ith all that has been going on in the world of shooting, lead, avian flu, restriction on imports of birds from France, weather, high feed prices, high bird prices, high cartridge prices and the list goes on, how has the game season started?

If members of the Institute have experiences which they can share it would be useful to determine the health of game shooting in the UK.

Perhaps you could consider the following questions:

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- Have shoots operated as usual, cut the days offered to guns or folded completely?
- Have prices changed and how drastic has the change been?
- Have you or clients cut the number of days they normally take?
- Have you seen an increase or decrease in coaching game shots this year?
- What effect has the introduction of steel shot had on shoots?
- If you or clients have used steel shot this season, what has been your experience?
- Can you recommend any steel product?
- Have you had problems getting non-toxic ammunition?
- How has your gun coped in using steel?
- Have you witnessed or clients experienced any problems with steel?

Clearly this is not a scientific attempt to investigate game shooting this year but more to get a flavour of the present situation and what might be the main issues.

## 15 Shotguns for Clay Shooting



**H**ow often are you asked to recommend a shotgun for clay shooting. In the link below from ShootingUK there are 15 shotguns ranging from under £600 up to nearly £20000. Some of the old favourites are missing and I suspect they were working from an older price list when compiling this list but its worth a read and the opportunity to consider other guns and to see if their opinion matches your experience.

[Shotguns for clay pigeon shooting for different budgets and disciplines \(shootinguk.co.uk\)](https://shootinguk.co.uk)

## Christmas Gifts for Shooters



**W**ith just 5 weeks to go until Christmas here are a few ideas for Christmas gifts either for your family member, loved one or just for yourself. Again, the link below takes you to ShootingUK.

[Christmas gifts for shooters 2022 - here's what to buy fieldsports fans \(shootinguk.co.uk\)](https://shootinguk.co.uk)

**I**f you are struggling with a Christmas gift, perhaps a gilet or cap from the ICSI online shop or a Course/Workshop subscription. Go to the website for more information.

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## EU Research on the Impact of Lead Questioned by USA Study



**A** study in the USA has questioned the scientific validity of the EU agencies basis for putting forward a ban on the use of lead in ammunition. Since the EU evidence has been used by REACHUK it also questions if the basis for the UK's proposals is valid. Thanks to Dr. Malcolm Plant for supplying this interesting link. Malcolm represents the Institute on the British Shooting Sports Council and has carried out work on the use of steel or soft iron as

it should more correctly be called for the Institute and the CPSA as part of their evidence gathering for the HSE and Defra consultation

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy-environment/opinion/are-the-pillars-of-the-eus-lead-ammunition-ban-starting-to-crumble/>

## Something to watch...or Read



**G**eorge Digweed MBE, is arguably the most complete and accomplished shot in the world. He has the distinction of having won a world championship in every decade over the past 50 years. Perhaps a less well-known fact is that he is recorded in Wisden for his cricket achievements!

Shooting UK have an article about Mr Digweed which is well worth a read, click on the link below.

[George Digweed - 20 things you should know about this exceptional Shot \(shootinguk.co.uk\)](http://shootinguk.co.uk)

**T**he USA has brought us many great things.....well some great things but this video is for entertainment purposes only and should not be tried at home, or at the shooting ground, ever, really!

<https://youtu.be/f3X7HBIVgns>

## ICSI ONLINE SHOP

**P**lease visit the website to view merchandise and prices.

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Gilets are now available at a very reasonable price.

## FINALLY.....

**P**lease send your coaching experiences for inclusion in News Shots and any photos you may have.

**T**he last News Shots edition for 2022 will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> December. We shall return in the New Year on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

If you experience web site issues, please contact Jason Rowntree on [coachdevelopment@icsi.org.uk](mailto:coachdevelopment@icsi.org.uk)

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