



News Shots

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This week in News Shots: Report of recent Clinic, Lead/Steel Zoom Seminar, College of Policing and FEO's training, Courses and Workshops, Something to see or read.

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Report on the Gun Fitting and Eye Dominance Clinic(s)



Attendees and tutors, Robert Clarkson (left) and Jason Rowntree (right)

The Gun fitting and Eye Dominance Clinics took place on Monday 28th November on a typical November's day at Oakedge Shooting Ground in Staffordshire. As mist and fog greeted the attendees, they assembled around a roaring log burner in the Oakedge clubhouse.



Jason Rowntree once again led the gun fitting clinic working with attendees to explore the complexities of gun fitting. The need for a solid consistent gun mount was emphasised as key to any attempt at a gun fit, as was the need to watch a person shoot to ensure they are consistent in their approach. The type or discipline a shooter intends

to shoot is also important as a trap and sporting shooter are likely to have different requirements imposed by the discipline they shoot.



After a splendid lunch Robert Clarkson treated the group to the medical background to what is often referred to as “eye dominance”. Attendees were able to ask Robert questions on the topic and the effects of various eye conditions including cataracts. The meeting came to an end but there was so much more to explore if Robert can be persuaded to return.

The group thanked Jason and Robert for their time and efforts to help coaches understand these reoccurring topics in more detail. Every day is a school day.

We look forward to more clinics in the new year and as always if you have an area, you think needs exploring, please let your Council know and we shall explore the possibility of providing a clinic.



Jim Farrell receives his Certificate of Membership from Council member Jason Rowntree

As a new member of the Institute who attended his first clinic Jim Farrell had this comment to make:

Hi John,

Great to meet you and the other members today.

Firstly, as a 'newby' it's always great to be welcomed and I certainly felt welcomed today, thank you.

Gun fit.

Very good presentation. It consolidated my current knowledge and provided a platform for open discussion on more complex and salient points.

Eye dominance.

I have tried to discuss this with shooters in the past with little benefit to any party. However, today's presentation gave a great explanation of the known and unknown aspects of binocular vision. This set up a dynamic discussion around this multifaceted subject which I found particularly beneficial in understanding other instructor's views.

A very good day of informative, useful knowledge and experience.

Thanks to the venue for excellent facilities and food.

Many Thanks to the speakers and yourself for the event.

If you would like me to write/do something on biomechanics/posture etc just let me know and give me a word limit!

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Regards

Jim

Thank you, Jim, we look forward to seeing you again and to hearing from you regarding biomechanics in the future.

Report on the Lead/ Steel Zoom Seminar



On Thursday 1st December, John Robinson chaired a Zoom discussion on the present and future situation with steel shot, game shooting and clay shooting. 20 members logged on to the discussion and provided their opinions, thoughts, fears, and evidence of the present situation with steel, or soft iron.

Some members provided their questions and opinions by email, which were dealt with during the meeting and all present had the

opportunity to express their views and opinions.

A more detailed report will follow in the next edition of News Shots on Monday 19th December.

Police Priorities and Licensing Arrangements



“Proposed plans for firearms licensing officers to be annually accredited and assessed in England and Wales will enhance consistency across the licensing system.”

Andy Marsh, chief executive at the College of Policing, made this proposal during a Home Affairs Committee policing priorities inquiry session earlier last month. Giving evidence on policing priorities, Mr Marsh said: “One of the areas that we are looking at now, with Home Office partners, is whether firearms licensing officers should be annually accredited and assessed by the College of Policing.”

It is hoped that this proposal, if it is enacted, will level the playing field from one policing authority to another and reduce the inconsistencies in process and application of the Home Office Statutory Guidance.

Courses and Workshops

This coming week, Monday 12th December 2022, we return to Kibworth Shooting Ground in Leicestershire for the final workshop of 2022, “Observation and Interpretation”. **This workshop is now full**, and we hope we are graced with good weather.

Future workshops, clinics, visits and zoom seminars will be advertised both here in News Shots and on the Institute’s web site. We hope to have a full program of workshops and clinics published in the new year, subject to grounds and caterers’ approval.

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Something to watch...or Read

At the 2022 Great British Shooting Show, Browning announced several “new” guns
<https://youtu.be/-vX2XB9Z1SU>

In the debate about lead verses steel an article in Shootinguk is well worth a read, just follow the link below:

[Lead-free - whether we like it or not, it's likely to be the future of shooting \(shootinguk.co.uk\)](https://shootinguk.co.uk/lead-free-whether-we-like-it-or-not-its-likely-to-be-the-future-of-shooting)

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Gilets are now available at a very reasonable price.

FINALLY.....

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

The last News Shots edition for 2022 will be on the 19th December. We shall return in the New Year on the 16th January 2023.

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