



News Shots

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This week in News Shots:

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A Happy New Year to you all. Lets us hope you have avoided the various bugs, and viruses going around, if you have been hit by the bug, let us hope you make a full recovery and get back to coaching very soon.

Institute AGM and Subscriptions

Subject to confirmation of the venue we intend to hold the Institute's AGM on Monday 20th March 2023 at Nottingham and District Gun Club. Full details and confirmation of the date, time, venue and after meeting arrangements will be given nearer the time but your Council are working to make the AGM an interesting event. Please make a note in your diary.

Subscriptions are due on 1st March 2023. An email with an Invoice will be sent to members in February. The subscriptions are: Associate £50:00, Member £60:00 and Fellow £70:00.

News from the Shooting World

Lead and Steel

In November the deadline for submissions to the HSE consultation came to an end. It was expected that their initial response would be made by the end of January or later in February. As the new year started HSE announced that they would need a further 6 months to deal with the volume and depth of submissions made during the consultation.

For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://press.hse.gov.uk/2023/01/05/hse-extends-lead-in-ammunition-restriction-process-by-six-months/>

CPSA Get New Sponsor



The CPSA have announced a sponsorship deal with Browning Shotguns. This deal sees Browning supporting the CPSA Sporting Championships including the WESP23 at E.J. Churchills, The English Open ESP at Eriswell Lodge, the British ESP Open at



Garlands. The DTL Weekend, including the Browning Challenge at Bywell. 15 Browning shotguns will be supplied over these and other events

CPSA Courses.



In the current edition of Pull Magazine and on the CPSA website the latest CPSA courses are listed. This will be of interest to those Level 1 Instructors wishing to gain their Level 2 qualifications or those Level 2 Coaches wishing to qualify in additional disciplines.

Follow the link below to view and book the CPSA Courses:

[Search our Courses - CPSA](#)

Great British Shooting Shows.



It's the start of the Shooting Shows and Game Fair season which is traditionally kicked off with the Great British Shooting Show. This year it runs from the 1st to 19th February at the National Exhibition Centre Birmingham. After some criticism last year, this year car parking is FREE. Well done the GBSS organisers for sorting this bone of contention out. For further information and to book tickets please visit the web site below:

[BSS2023 - The UK's largest shooting show. NEC, Birmingham](#)

The Northern Shooting Show



The Northern Shooting Show will return in 2023 running from the 6th 7th May 2023. Unlike the Great British Shooting Show, this show has stands both inside the Harrogate Events Centre and within the grounds and has the addition of Clay shooting including, have a go stands by BASC and the CPSA and a 100 target ESP competition. Some of our

members usually help on the CPSA or BASC have a go stands

Again, check the website link below for more information and our BASC members should check if they are entitled to free entry.

[Northern Shooting Show 2023 on course for record crowd - Northern Shooting Show](#)

BBC Countryfile

Recently the BBC Countryfile programme featured Shooting Estates and looked closely at the future of game shooting in the UK, the main threats to its continuation and the ways some estates are moving away from shooting in order to secure income for the states. In my opinion it was a

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balanced programme, highlighting many opinions but not forcing a view. It was also to be commended that the BBC allowed game shooting to feature in one of the programmes.

For those who missed the programme it is available on the BBC iPlayer.

Woodcock season to be debated in Parliament

With 104,000 votes and counting, the Wild Justice petition to shorten the woodcock shooting season has reached the 100,000-threshold needed to trigger a parliamentary debate. At the time of writing, no date has been fixed, but Westminster must now consider whether it is right to delay the start of the woodcock season to 1 December, reducing it to just two months each winter.



The idea of not shooting woodcock before the end of November is not new; the GWCT began to suggest this in areas where there are breeding woodcock as a voluntary measure about five years ago. While there is no evidence that shooting is a problem, our home-breeding woodcock are in decline, so delaying the start until most of the migrants arrive seems a sensible precaution to avoid the risk that home-bred birds would come under more pressure than the migrants.

Commenting on the Wild Justice proposal, GWCT director of advisory and education Roger Draycott said: "We do not believe that a statutory change in the season will have any beneficial impact on our resident woodcock. There is already evidence, at a national scale, of a reduction in shooting pressure over the past 20 years. This suggests that other factors, such as change in habitat quality or increased predation pressure, are driving the decline.

"Based on current evidence, conservation efforts would be better devoted to habitat restoration. GWCT and the British Trust for Ornithology will also be conducting a repeat national breeding woodcock survey this spring. This will provide an up-to-date population estimate, and it is our advice to wait for the results of this survey before any change to the season is considered."

Meanwhile, Swansea-based woodcock enthusiast Tom Roderick said: "We have no breeding woodcock this far west, and I rarely shoot one before the end of November, so a change to the season would not bother me. However, I believe this petition from Wild Justice is a stalking horse towards a total ban."

Workshops and Clinics

Russ Dickinson has provided the following feedback after attending the Observation and Interpretation Workshop at Kibworth last December:

I'm sorry this is late, I have been away following the course.

The usual re the location and the facilities at the ground. Heather's cooking was second to none as usual.

The course was to the usual high standard and as usual brought it home to me just how much I have to learn.

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In the past I have found it difficult to see things in real time. Having the ability to slow things down and examine almost frame by frame what's happening was incredibly valuable.

I was unaware of the degree of recoil the shooter has to absorb. This alone was worth coming away with.

Earlier today I have had a very successful lesson with a lad who has a connective tissue problem. I have been teaching this lad for a few weeks now. Initially using a standard 525 and 24 gram cartridges. This was causing problems with fatigue. Looking back, I'm sure that recoil was certainly a factor.

I took the decision to move him to a full-size alloy framed 20 bore and 21 gram cartridges. He's had 3 lessons so far. 2 of them on the 20bore. I have had him shooting report pairs of opposite crossing targets today. What a difference!

In my opinion supporting the institute and having access to the extensive knowledge of its members has given me so much over the past few years. I spent over an hour on the phone last night chatting to John Peacock, some of the time discussing how best to approach teaching the disabled shooter I spoke about on Monday.

Thanks again for helping me improve my coaching ability.

I am looking forward to future courses.

Best wishes

Russ

Institute Workshops and Clinics



**BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN
FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS**

Coach and Instructor Development (Initial) Workshop

Oakedge, Staffordshire

6th February 2023

Coach and Instructor Development (Follow on) Workshop

Kibworth, Leicestershire

3rd April 2023

Full details and booking can be found on the ICSI web site.

Further Workshops and Clinics will be announced as venues and dates become available.

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Something to watch...or Read

With so many manufacturers unable to open their doors to tours by our members due to their continued concerns around Covid here is a tour of Hull Cartridges.

<https://youtu.be/fk0cYtomeZ0>

Once you have a cartridge you need a gun, here is a tour of the Perazzi factory

<https://youtu.be/8kUFYP6batk>

ICSI ONLINE SHOP

Institute badge, caps, ties, polo shirts and gilets may be purchased from the online shop. Just go to the ICSI website

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If you have any information which you think members would find interesting please send them to me for inclusion in News Shots

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