



News Shots

Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors

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INSTITUTE AGM

20th March 2023 at 1100hrs
at
Nottingham and District Gun Club

The Chairman and Council of the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors wish to invite members of the Institute to the 2023 Annual General Meeting to be held at the Nottingham and District Gun Club.

The meeting will commence at 1100hrs, and a buffet lunch will be served at 1200hrs.

The after AGM Presentation will be provided by SP Eye Dominance Correction who will be pleased to demonstrate their system and allow members to purchase the system at a discount rate.

If you wish to attend the AGM, please reply to icsizoomreply@gmail.com
If you wish to send your apologies, please reply to icsizoomreply@gmail.com
If you have apologised or booked a place you need do nothing further and thank you for your quick response.

Those wishing to attend should respond by Monday 13th March so that catering arrangements may be finalised with the Club.

The buffet charge is £15:00 per person but it has been the practice to ask attending members to make a £10:00 payment towards the cost. You may pay this by bank transfer or by payment on the day in cash.

PLYMOUTH SHOOTING ENQUIRY

Paul Rendall has sent this interesting report on the Inquest regarding the Plymouth Shooting. I will leave members to make their own judgement.

The mistakes made in giving Jake Davison a shotgun licence

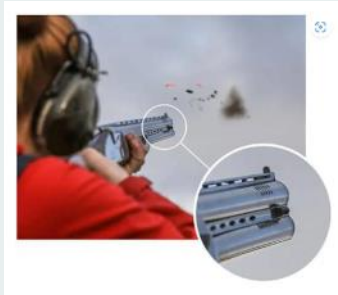
Report by Rod Minchin

Over the course of the inquest the jury heard details of mistakes made by [Devon](#) and [Cornwall Police](#) in the granting of Jake Davison's shotgun certificate and the later seizing and returning of his weapon and certificate.

Here is a list of them:

WHAT IS SP

www.shootsp.co.uk



The SP is a shooting aid and is a simple profile that maintains a constant stimulant (shape) for your eye – it works in your peripheral vision. Not as a sight, but as a trigger, effectively guiding which eye is used to help you position the gun.

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– Failures in the firearms licensing unit

There were multiple failures within Devon and Cornwall Police’s firearms licensing unit. High risk decisions were downgraded, those decisions were not passed to senior managers for reviewing, and dip sampling did not take place.

Staff were also failing to follow statutory [Home Office](#) guidance for assessing applications and were not using the force’s own risk assessment matrix to assess suitability.

They had also not received nationally recognised training, which had been recommended in the aftermath of the Dunblane tragedy.

Superintendent Brent Davison, who became head of unit after the incident, said the decision-making system was “fundamentally flawed” and was in place for at least five years.

– Granting the application

Superintendent Adrian Davis, the firearms licensing co-ordinator for the National Police Chiefs Council, said Davison should never have been granted a shotgun certificate because of a flawed assessment of his application. He said there were far too many gaps in the then 18-year-old’s original application that, had he been reviewing it, he would have wanted further information.

With a full picture of Davison’s violent history, including the incidents at school and a domestic argument with his father, he would have refused the application.

David Rees, a firearms enquiry officer, assessed Davison’s risk as “very low” even though it should have been high risk and recommended granting.

Supervisor Steve Carder, who signed off the recommendation, accepted his role had become a “box ticking exercise”.

Chief Superintendent Roy Linden, of [Devon and Cornwall Police](#), said Davison should never have been granted the certificate.

“Jake Davison should not have had a licence. Jake Davison should not have had a licence again in 2020. For that, we very much apologise. It should not have happened,” he said.

– Lack of medical information

Davison’s GP followed BMA advice not to supply information to the police because he was not qualified to comment on the “assessment of behavioural and personality disorders”.

Police never sought any he had been granted further information and did not inform Davison’s doctor a shotgun certificate.

– Should Davison have been charged with assault after attacking two teenagers?

Detective Inspector Debbie Wyatt, who decided to refer Davison to the deferred prosecution Pathfinder scheme, maintained she had made the right decision.

A lawyer representing Davison’s victims suggested Det Insp Wyatt’s decision to treat the incident as battery rather than the more serious assault occasioning actual bodily harm was “plainly wrong”, which she rejected.

Her colleague, Detective Sergeant Edward Bagshaw, said the case should have been sent to prosecutors to consider charges but officers were under “pressure” to use out-of-court disposals due to an increased backlog in the courts caused by the pandemic.

– The delay in informing the firearms licensing unit

The detective constable who investigated the assaults had seen an “FC” marker about Davison on the police national database but did not know it meant he held a firearms certificate.

It led to a two-month delay in the firearms licensing unit learning of the incident when they were told by a Pathfinder scheme worker.

– Seizing Davison’s certificate and shotgun

Mr Rees assessed Davison risk to the public as medium, which he had downgraded from high risk because of the passage of time.

He seized the shotgun and certificate pending the outcome of the Pathfinder scheme.

Experts agreed it was the correct decision to seize them, but Mr Davis said they should not have been returned because of the history of violence.



Coach Development Workshop Oakedge

Council continue to offer a range of workshops and clinics to help the members of the Institute become the best they can be.

Our workshops are not assessments but practical opportunities for members to develop and share their skills and talents.

We continue to provide workshops at cost, trying to break even. For this we are grateful to the grounds and organisations who provide their facilities exclusively to our members and at reduced rates.

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

Coach and Instructor Development Workshop Calendar

Coach and Instructor Development (Follow on)

Kibworth Shooting Ground, Leicestershire

3rd April 2023

Olympic Skeet Coaching Workshop

East Yorkshire Target Centre

13th April 2023

Clinics

Gun Fit and Eye Dominance Clinic

Venue and Date to be Confirmed

Please visit the Institute website for details and to book a place.

www.isci.org.uk

DEVELOPMENT

WORKSHOPS 2023

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).

John Cullinan (Head Coach at Kibworth Shooting Ground)

A program of 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 -

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).

Coach and Instructor Development Day (Follow)

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'.

Observation and Interpretation Workshop

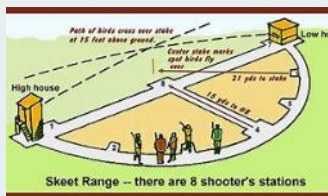
A follow up to the Development Workshops. Working on Observing the shooting process and then interpreting what you have observed. The workshop uses video to play back the shooting process and aid interpretation.

OLYMPIC SKEET COACHING WORKSHOP

New Course available for those involved or interested in developing their coaching skills for Olympic Skeet.

Olympic Skeet Coaching Course, to be run at East Yorkshire Clay Target

Centre on Thursday 13th April 2023



The course is designed to assist anyone wishing to understand and/or develop their coaching skills on Olympic Skeet.

This would be an ideal introduction to those who may be considering taking up coaching this discipline.

The course will consist of classroom work on the following areas:

- What do 'Good' shots do.
- What inexperienced shots do.
- Optimum biomechanical positioning.

Range work which will allow individuals to observe and practice:

- Gun, body and eye placement, including 'quiet eye'.
- The observation of 'Good' shots and shooters displaying faults.
- Body 'Shape' and gun control after the first shot on pairs.
- Application of these methods by yourself.
- Identification of any area of work that needs development.

Course Tutors

Frank G Miller

Member of numerous winning England Teams

British Shooting Pathway Coach

CPSA Olympic Skeet Coach.

ISSF 'D' Coach.

ISSF Referee.

Phil Musson

Member of numerous winning England Teams & GB team member

L1 CPSA Instructor

To book a place on this course please go to the ICSI web site, Courses page.

<https://www.icsi.org.uk/olympic-skeet-workshop/>

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

SOMETHING TO WATCH

With SP coming to the AGM I thought you would like to view some of his online videos:

Gun down shooting

<https://youtu.be/VyJNHGjbwQo>

Gun up shooting

<https://youtu.be/v1f9-2PoFow>

Promo

<https://youtu.be/FTkjiqTl2yA>

Website:

www.shootsp.co.uk

Selector page showing different types:

<https://www.shootsp.co.uk/new-shoot-sp-product-launch/>



www.shootsp.co.uk

At the AGM Steve Randles will explain, demonstrate and answer questions on his product and he will also explain the discounts and packs available for coaches.

I will also publish this information after the AGM for those who cannot attend on Monday 20th March.



COUNTRY FAIRS & SHOWS 2023

Northern Shooting Show

Yorkshire Events

Centre Harrogate

6th–7th May 2023

The Game Fair

Ragley Hall, Warwickshire

28th –30th July 2023

Kelmarsh Country Fair

Kelmarsh

9th –10th April 2023

Highclere Show

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28th-29th May 2023

Weston Park Country Fair

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16th –17th September 2023

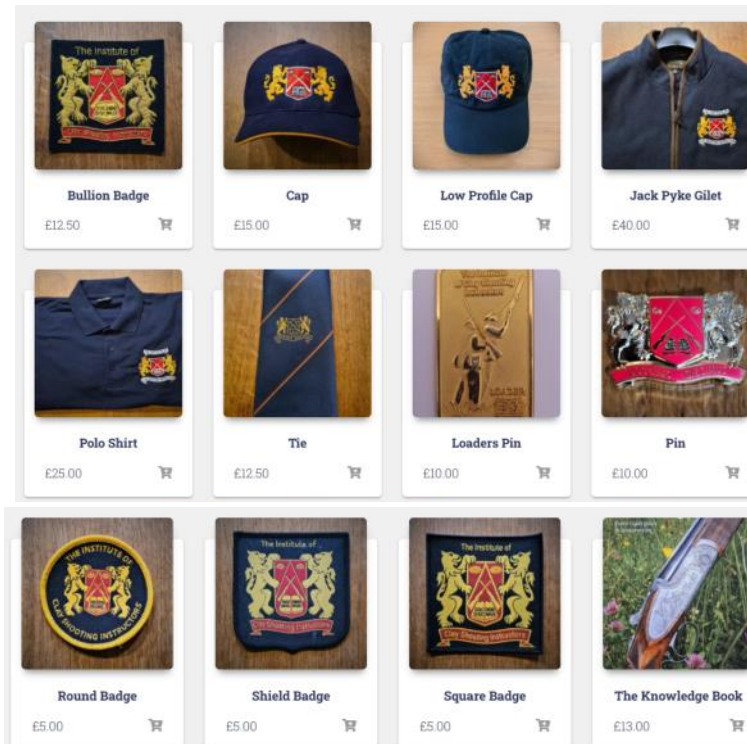
THE INSTITUTE OF CLAY SHOOTING INSTRUCTORS

Founded in 1987, The Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors is a formal, non-profit making organisation serving Clay Shooting Coaches and Instructors.

The 'Aim' of the Institute is to deliver 'Continuous Professional Development' for the membership at all levels, through a variety of channels.

The 'Objectives' of the Institute are set to provide resources and opportunities that allow individuals to progress their skillsets in coaching, within a mutually supportive network.

ICSI SHOP



Please visit the ICSI Website to purchase any of the items shown above.

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Game Loaders Course: Andrew Kirkland
Keith Stoker

AND FINALLY.....

The lead and steel battle continues and to add misery to the mix the Police and Home Office are reviewing the costs involved in the licensing of shotguns and firearms. However, we are all still coaching and I am sure you have many experiences which you could share with our members. Please send your experiences, some funny, some serious to me on membershipsecretary@icsi.org.uk

