



News Shots

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INSTITUTE AGM

30 members gathered for the Institute AGM at Nottingham and District Gun Club on Monday 20th March 2023. Several members who had intended to be present had to send last minute apologies due to work commitments or illness. This included our Chairman John Robinson who had been hit hard by a severe dose of Covid 19. I am pleased to report that he is feeling a little better but has been knocked for 6 by the virus which has now spread to his wife Annie.

The meeting proceeded in line with the set agenda with unanimous acceptance of the Chair's Report, Financial Statement and Budget and the Chair and Council were returned for another year.



Andrew Kirkland retired from Council due to pressing family commitments after many years of commitment to the Council of the Institute. We wish him well in the future but we know he is on hand to give advice particularly on the Game and Loaders Course which he developed with the help of Malcolm Plant and Derek Wetter.

Malcolm Plant chaired the meeting in John Robinson's absence and in the meeting AOB informed members about three main challenges for the shooting community, the challenges of steel shot, the Police and Home Office discussions about licence fees and the knock on effects of the Plymouth shootings.

The AGM closed at 1210hrs and Steve Randles was introduced to the meeting. Steve gave a comprehensive introduction and explanation to the SP product. A AAA FITASC and ESP shooter trying to get an England cap he began to be frustrated by the "confusion" he experienced with some targets. As a trained engineer he looked for a solution and to this issue which kept his focus on the target not the gun. After research and trials he developed the product which we now know as the SP.

THIS WEEK...

Remember to set your clocks on Saturday 25th March as the clocks go forward by one hour, so coaching starts one hour earlier than your body really expects.



CPSA RULEBOOK 1

The revised rulebook is now available for referees and competitors to digest.

[Rulebook 1 now available - CPSA](#)

CPSA AWARDS ROUNDUP

Full roundup of CPSA Annual Awards

[CPSA Annual Awards 2023 - CPSA](#)

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After a splendid lunch provided by Karl and his team from Nottingham and District Gun Club, Steve continued revealing the research and trials which led to his product and the experiences of many top class shots who now use the product. With the use of wooden guns with SP's attached members were able to try out the system. Moving to a skeet range members were able to try the products on their own guns (using the non permanent Coach's version). For some members present with off eye as the referent eye, the transformation was clear. Personally I observed a shooter going from a gun deviation which would give a good 4 foot off target at 75 to bang under the referent eye and bang on target. For some the process of triggering the referent eye took a little time. Rob Clarkson, our eye dominance expert, questioned Steve from a professional and shooting perspective and agreed with the theory and application which he felt would work for many people with off eye problems.

We would like to thank Steve for his time and efforts to inform coaches of his product and allow them the opportunity to try and sample his product. We did not get the usual sales pitch associated with shooting products, Steve always says he is an engineer and shooter not a salesman.

It was apparent at the end of the session that he had converted a number of members as he had a steady stream of members buying his coaching pack.

Last week I published some of the videos which can be found on the SP site.

This week we have details of the coaching pack which members may purchase directly from Steve at a discount. Below are some of the applications and variations when using the SP system.

These offers are available to all coaches and instructors affiliated to an association or governing body.

Options:

10 SP pack priced at £300+ vat (£360 inc vat) (plus shipping)

- Containing 10 SPs of your choice with a retail value of £499.95
- Retail display box
- ◆ Free leaflets on request

Coaches pack £55 + vat (£66 inc vat) + £2.99 pp

- 3 x instruction guides
- 5 x wipes
- 50 x replacements Production lesson tapes (allowing demo SPs to be re-taped and used for multiple lessons)
- 8 SPs for lessons and demos 2 of each type (not for resale)

Prices valid Jan 2023 onwards



DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

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.

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/>

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.

CPSA AWARDS 2023

SHOOTER OF THE YEAR



George Digweed

GROUND OF THE YEAR



Barby Shooting School

COACH OF THE YEAR



Allen Warren

YOUNG SHOT OF THE YEAR



Bethany Norton

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

PLYMOUTH SHOOTINGS IOPC REPORT

Below is an extract from the IOPC report and recommendations regarding the tragic shootings in Plymouth. The IOPC investigation commenced in tandem with the criminal investigation and the Coroner's Inquest. Their report has been published following the Inquest findings and recommendations.

Although a tragic incident the reports, Inquest and IOPC, both point to major failings in the work of the Devon and Cornwall Police. However, both go on to recommend that the present system be substantially beefed up to eliminate any possibility of a future problem. Again, the honest shooter must endure the rigours of inspection because of the failings of a team which the IOPC concluded did not do their job.

The full report is linked at the end of this summary.

The Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) has issued a series of recommendations both to Devon and Cornwall Police, and nationally, to strengthen firearms licensing controls following our investigation into the Plymouth mass shooting.

Our recommendations nationally, issued to the Home Office, included the need for clear guidance on checks that should be conducted when assessing applications, removing any distinction between requirements for firearms and shotgun certificates, that referees must have recent knowledge of an applicant, and that interviews with family members or cohabitants should be carried out where a certificate holder is involved in a violent offence. We are continuing to consult the Home Office over implementation of the measures for the police service in England and Wales.

- ◆ Identified organisational learning recommendations under Paragraph 28A of Schedule 3 to the Police Reform Act 2002 We have sent the following provisional recommendations to the Home Office and are consulting with them regarding these matters.
- ◆ The IOPC recommends that the Home Office amends the Statutory Guidance for Chief Officers of Police on Firearms Licensing to set out clearly when further checks (beyond the minimum) are expected to take place when assessing an application for a firearm or shotgun certificate. This could include cases where there has been any prior police involvement due to alleged violent behaviour by the applicant, and cases where a relevant medical condition has been disclosed.

- ◆ The IOPC recommends that the Home Office adds Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) to the list of relevant medical conditions in the Statutory Guidance for Chief Officers of Police on Firearms Licensing. 37
- ◆ The IOPC recommends that legislation and national guidance are amended to remove any distinction between the processes and requirements in relation to shotgun and firearms certificate holders.
- ◆ The IOPC recommends that the Statutory Guidance for Chief Officers of Police on Firearms Licensing is amended to include further requirements for suitable referees. Specifically, it is recommended that the guidance is changed to require that referees must have recent knowledge of the applicant (e.g., within the last 12 months), and reasonably in-depth knowledge of the applicant's character, circumstances, temperament, and overall fitness to be entrusted with a firearm.
- ◆ The IOPC recommends that the Statutory Guidance on Firearms Licensing is amended to specify that, whenever a certificate holder is involved in a violent offence, other adults who live with the certificate holder should be questioned privately about their relationship with the certificate holder and any domestic issues or other concerns they may have, including any recent changes in the certificate holder's mental health or life circumstances.
- ◆ The IOPC recommends that the Statutory Guidance on Firearms Licensing is amended to require that open-source research is conducted for all applications, with more intrusive checks for high risk applicants.

[Op Begna executive summary.pdf \(policeconduct.gov.uk\)](#)

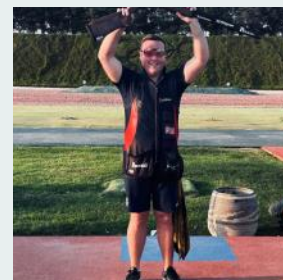
SOMETHING TO WATCH

Facts and Fables Gunfitting

<https://youtu.be/VP7uZ8BWmBk>

Balancing a shotgun

<https://youtu.be/uM0bQhm9bBY>



Congratulations

Matt Coward-Holley!

Some fantastic news this weekend in international target shooting!

Matt Coward-Holley takes Silver at the **ISSF World Cup Doha!**

Matt faced tough competition at the ISSF World Cup... He shot an exceptional 124ex125 in qualification, missing the world record by just one target, to enter the ranking match in joint first place.

Matt said, *"It was a high scoring competition, with perfect conditions, that showed in the scores. I'm slightly annoyed to have not shot a World Record, but we move on. 124 is still good this early in the season."*

Congratulations Matt!

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 Council
Chairman: John Robinson
Treasurer: Dr Malcolm Plant
Registrar & Membership: John Cullinan
Courses & Shop: Jason Rowntree
Zoom Seminars: Simon Arbuckle
CPSA Links: Steve Williams
Game Loaders Course: Andrew Kirkland
Keith Stoker

AND FINALLY.....

From Ron Braithwaite...

Hi John,

Good to see you yesterday and thanks for a very good AGM & interesting presentation by Steve from SP. As promised I'm including the notifications from West Mercia Firearms I'd mentioned. There are two of them about security that were sent to shooting grounds and are as follows:

The first WM notification that came out:

"We have had yet another theft of a shotgun and associated equipment from a vehicle. Please can I ask that you spread the message to your customers that under no circumstances should guns be kept in their vehicles, no matter how long for, unless there is specific security within the vehicle, such as a gun box etc.

There is a definite trend at the moment regarding such thefts.

This is the second notification they sent only a week after the first one. It's as follows:

"We have had yet more burglaries across West Mercia culminating in guns being stolen. I circulated recently about security of guns in vehicles, but this particular trend is showing a real issue with certificate holders keeping their cabinet keys in a drawer or cupboard, and not securely in a digital key safe (which we are now recommending to all certificate holders). Not only does this make it easy for the burglars, but also for anyone else with access to the home who do not have appropriate certificates and therefore should not have access to guns.

These burglaries are not only arming criminals but there is an impact which is as yet unknown, in relation to victims, or future victims of crime.

Can I ask that you reinforce to your customers regarding key security, that ONLY they as certificate holders should know where the keys are and how to access them, or keep them with themselves at all times. If they choose to keep their keys insecure, not only are they arming criminals, or potentially vulnerable members of their family, they are likely to lose their certificates when it is found that the keys are insecure. In addition, criminal charges may be brought.

I appreciate the advice you currently give to your certificate holders but if this could be reinforced as well, this would help all of us, in particular the certificate holders to retain their certificates, but also potential future victims."

I hope this is of interest to the Institute, I look forward to seeing you again at the next meeting or workshop.

Kind regards

Ron Braithwaite

