



News Shots

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BASC LAUNCH **ACT NOW** CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT THREATS TO SHOOTING

BASC is asking all its members and everyone who shoots to act to defend shooting in this country.



In light of comments made by a Welsh Government minister BASC is asking the shooting and rural community to act now in order to protect shooting.

BASC are concerned that the anti-shooting lobby will decide the fate of shooting in this country and that actions by the Welsh Assembly will be followed by action across the UK. At present the issue is the actions by the Welsh Assembly regarding the release of game birds which is founded on the Welsh Assemblies opposition to shooting in all its forms.

The Welsh Assembly has launched a consultation which BASC is urging everyone to complete.

The consultation can be found at:

<https://basc.org.uk/actnow/>

The Welsh Assembly debate can be found here:

<http://www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Clip/abb7c535-6551-40a2-9cb1-eafbc0290c5c?inPoint=03:37:00&outPoint=04:01:30>

BASC are concerned that when socio-economic evidence is presented it is completely ignored by politicians. In light of recent comments by the Merseyside Chief Officer and the Plymouth Coroner and Police Professional Conduct Authority, shooting is under real pressure and BASC urges all shooters to respond and **Act Now** before it is too late.

LAST WEEK...

LAST WEEK WE SAW THE RICH SPECTACLE OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III AND QUEEN CAMILA.

THE EVENT SHOWCASED ALL THAT IS GREAT IN OUR NATION, HISTORY, DUTY AND SERVICE.

AS THE LATE QUEEN WAS AN EMBODIMENT OF THE CONCEPTS OF DUTY AND SERVICE WE CAN HOPE, WITH CONFIDENCE, THAT OUR NEW KING WILL ALSO FULFIL HIS DUTY TO OUR NATION THROUGH HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO ITS PEOPLE.

THE WONDERFUL PARADE AFTER THE CORONATION OF ALL THE SERVICE PERSONAL FROM THE BRITISH AND COMMONWEALTH SERVICES ON THE LAWN OF BUCKINGHAM PALACE WAS TOPPED BY THEIR BOOMING CHEERS FOR THE KING AND QUEEN. EVERY SERVICE PERSON ON PARADE ON THE DAY GOT TO SEE THE QUEEN AND KING

LONG LIVE THE KING



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NORTHERN SHOOTING SHOW



Battling against the draw of the Coronation the Northern Shooting Show was held on the 6-7th May at the Yorkshire Events Centre near Harrogate and was a well attended even though the Coronation was on the same day.

The event host a large array of companies, displaying their wears for the public to sample, plus game food and drink, rural vehicles etc.

There is also a 100 bird sporting shoot and clay line stands manned by BASC and CPSA coaches.

John Robinson, Chairman, and Jason Rowntree visited the show to meet with our colleagues and partners in the world of shooting and coaching. They had discussions with Ian Parker of the CPSA , Martin Parker Head of Firearms, Dr. Peter Marshall Head of Training, both from BASC.

Wandering a little further they came across the CPSA clay line and there they met up with (L-R) Simon Arbuckle, Richard Friend, Derek Wetter and Steve Williams, all members of the Institute with Steve, Derek and Simon serving on the Council.

We all look forward to next years show, hopefully without a Royal event!

FIELDSPORT PRESS NEW TITLES

Edinburgh based publisher Fieldsports Press have a been out spending money and have acquired Shooting Times & Country Magazine, Sporting Gun, ShootingUK.co.uk and the YouTube Channel, The Shooting Show.

Fieldsports Press's co-founder Selena Barr started with Shooting Times in 2005 and was there for 4 years, so has an affinity with the title. In interview she commented that each of the titles has a strong brand identity and will further strengthen their offering to advertisers and readers alike.

WE hope Malcolm Plant's articles continue to be featured in Sporting gun .

DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS

Workshop or Clinic	Venue	Date
Coach and Instructors Development Workshop (Initial)	Kibworth	26th June 2023
Coach and Instructors Development Workshop (Follow On)	Kibworth	31st July 2023
Gunfit & Eye Dominance Clinics	Oakedge	3rd July 2023
Observation & Interpretation	Oakedge	17th July 2023
Anatomy of Shooting	Oakedge	19th June 2023

The Workshops and Clinics listed above are being offered to members over the summer period.

Dates have changed since the last News Shots . All workshop and clinic dates are still provisional and subject to change but it is hoped that they will be confirmed very shortly. WE are currently negotiating with catering!

The web site will list confirmed dates and further details

New Workshop:

We are pleased to offer a new workshop for members.

Anatomy and Shooting with Jim Farrell a qualified physiotherapist who is a shooter and Instructor. More details will be available on the web site.

To book a place on a workshop or clinic please visit the web site:

[Courses – ICSI](#)



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.

SIMULATED GAME SHOOTING (PART 2)

Grimston Simulated Game day 01.05.2023

Russ Dickinson reflects on his experiences introducing new shooters (and some not so new!) to simulated game days and the trials and challenges of trying to coach on peg.

Over the last few months I have been asked by a number of people who I have taught to shoot how they get into simulated game shooting. I used a staged approach to this. The first stage is to get the shooters to a basic level of competency on a clay range, so they can use a gun safely and be able to shoot both crossing and driven targets successfully.

Stage 2 was to take them to a range where multiple driven targets can be shown so they can be taught to shoot various driven targets as pairs. I used both grouse type targets and also driven partridge targets.

We ran the first of these days on 14th of April 2023. We had very positive feedback from all of the shooters who took part.

The group was split into 4 people who I had taught from the outset. One woman who had been taught previously by another instructor and had one lesson with me. One man who I had given one driven lesson to. One man who I taught to shoot above 20 years ago but has shot very little since. The last two were established shooters who came along to make up the numbers.

At the end of the first day we all agreed that we should have another day in the near future but to progress the shooters towards a commercial simulated game day, I suggested that we make the clays a little more challenging.

We held the second day on the 1st of May.

The first drive was a driven partridge drive, standing facing a hedge. The traps were set at about 75% of the spring tension used on a commercial day. At this stage it started to become apparent that the individuals I had taught from the outset were performing better than the ones that hadn't. Incorrect stance and gun mount was an evident fault.

The next drive was a moderately high pheasant drive. I actually shot this drive and thought that the targets were reasonably challenging without being too hard for that level of shooter. The feedback at the end of the drive was that the targets were very hard. This feedback didn't come from my students who said that they had enjoyed the drive and that the degree of difficulty was enough to be challenging but not impossible. Again, balance, stance and gun mount were causing problems.

The third drive was a grouse drive. After a discussion with John and Liam we decided that one way of allowing the shooters to get the best from the day was to grade them in order of ability and progressively make the targets easier along the line of the butts by backing off the springs on the traps throwing clays over the less able shooters.

This worked to a degree but what was highlighted was that the people who I had taught from the outset were all in the low number butts. The drive worked, but it caused another problem in that it demonstrated the level of ability of each individual to all of those present, one shooter in particular didn't like this because of his own perceived level and actual level of ability didn't match.

I suggested maintaining this order on the last drive, a high partridge drive. The consensus was that they didn't want this and we returned to the normal 75% settings on the traps. In comparison the woman who had one lesson with me thought that she hit 2 clays throughout the drive. The other lady who only started shooting in Janu-

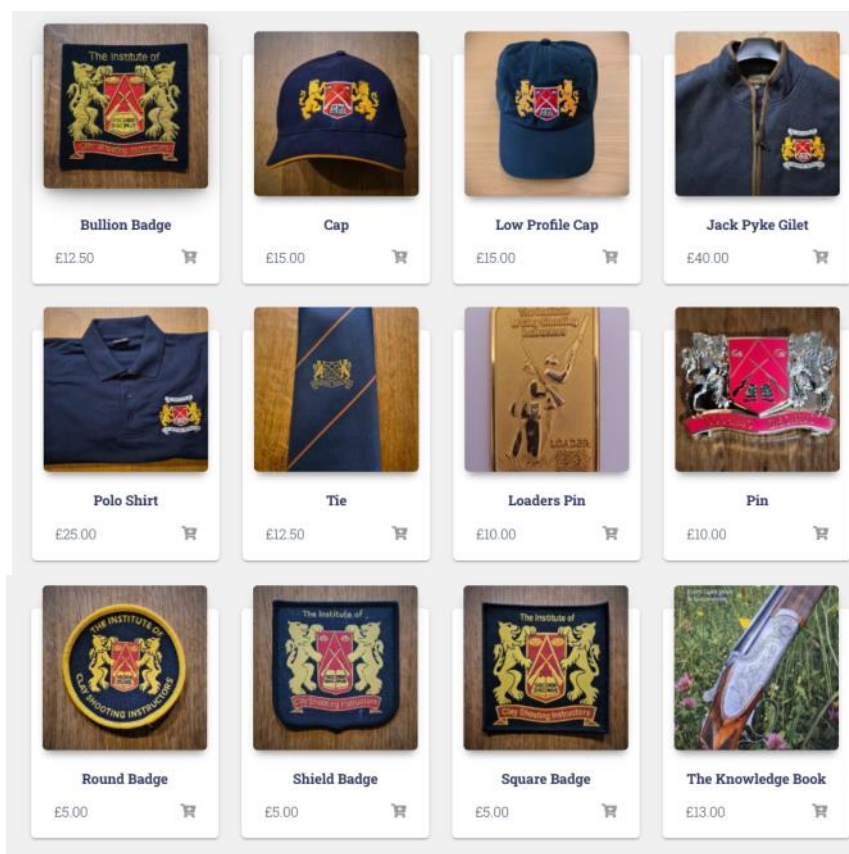
ary 2023 (and who didn't start shooting until she was almost 60) said that by far that was her best drive. She achieved this after about 6 lessons and a lot of practice with her son.

The conclusions I have drawn from this exercise are that it is very difficult to coach someone in that scenario unless a level of ability where balance, stance, posture, head on stock etc are second nature. The greater familiarity there is with the type of target to be encountered the better, so we can concentrate on refining technique rather than trying to teach from a basic level. I have been on game shoots in the past where I have been given someone who can't shoot and have been expected to assist them to achieve success over 4 drives of wildly varying birds, I found it an impossible task that is very stressful for both the shooter and I.

That in order to achieve success the shooter needs a structured approach to the development of their shooting skills which can only be given on clay targets where each shot be debriefed and repeated. I am unwilling to run another day with this particular group as the difference in the performance levels of each of the individuals is growing wider, making it difficult to organise the targets to suit the ability of each shooter. I have outlined the development need of the less able shooters, but I have no control over the amount of time and money they commit to their own self-improvement.

Our thanks to Russ for taking the time to write this report.

ICSI MERCHANDISE—WEB SITE SHOP



The items shown on the left may be purchased on the web site in the members area. If you attend a workshop or clinic Jason normally has a selection of shop items for sale on the day.

We are just about to re-order the Jack Pyke Gilet as these sell out very quickly.

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.

SOMETHING TO WATCH

The art of stock making has always fascinated me. Here is a well known stock maker and his team at work.

<https://youtu.be/clLbHxckWfg>

AND FINALLY.....

If you have anything related to your activities as a coach or shooter that you think might be of interest to other shooters and coaches please send it in. It may be a funny incident, a snippet picked up in a gun shop or from a Police Enquiry Officer or from a ground owner or client. It may be a funny picture and an unusual picture.

Remember, this is your Institute.

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