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ATTACKED ON ALL FRONTS

If you browse through the shooting press and the main shooting organisation newsletters and web sites it becomes apparent that all forms of shooting are under pressure.



We await the findings from HSE regarding lead ammunition which presents possible challenges to all areas of shooting.

The shootings in Plymouth brought shotgun licensing into the spotlight once again and the subsequent police and coroners reports asked the Home Office to look at how shotguns should be licensed in the future.



At the same time the Police and Home Office have been looking at the price of a shotgun and firearms certificates and the application and grant process now requires a form to be completed by a shooters GP at their expense

(averaging £60:00).

More recently Defra imposed rules regarding the release of game birds which will impact on game shooting and shooting communities.

WE are not a political or lobbying organisation but members should look to participate in the consultations which will affect their sport and income and should consult their "home" organisations for guidance. With so many pressures on the shooting world I am reminded of a famous quote. "For evil to happen all it takes is for good people to do nothing"

BASC and the CPSA urge members to participate in the consultation on licensing.

Please see below link to the Home Office consultation released on the 29th June <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/firearms-licensing>
Responses must be submitted by 23rd August 2023 by:
Completing the online form at:
<https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/firearms-licensing/>

WHAT'S ON

BRITISH OPEN SKEET

2nd to 23rd July

BRITISH OPEN SPORTING

30th August to 3rd Sept

THE GWCT SCOTTISH GAME FAIR

30th June to 2 July

THE GAME FAIR

28th to 30th July.

Ragley Hall

Warwickshire

WESTON PARK GAME FAIR

(FORMERLY MIDLAND GAME FAIR

FAIR

Sunday 18th September 2023

Weston Park,

Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal
TF11 8LE,

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COACHING DISABLED SHOOTERS

In the last edition of News Shots, Russ Dickinson reported on his experiences coaching shooters with a variety of experience and disability. Les Griffiths was paying attention and he has sent his reflections on coaching shooters with disabilities from the perspective of a disabled shooter. I am sure you will find his comments thought provoking and useful.

Less Griffiths writes: I was interested in reading the article in the latest edition of news shots with regards to Russ Dickinson's coaching of the disabled.

I am a member of The Disabled Shooters Group (DSG). The group has 2 shooter categories, Disabled sitting and Disabled standing.

With reference to my own medical condition, I am able to shoot standing therefore I have been placed in the disabled standing category. I have significant multi level stenosis with myelopathy in my cervical spine.

Firstly, I don't claim to be an expert, however I do think that the instructor or coach should have some understanding of the disabled person's physical limitations and what physical capabilities they may have, before any lessons begin.



When talking to a disabled person in a wheelchair, it's always better to sit down and talk to them at eye level. Advise them that you need to know a little bit about their disability in order to continue with the lesson, most will be fine with talking about their health condition.

Never tap a disabled person in a wheelchair on the head or shoulder when they have been successful in hitting a target, they will not thank you for it.

For most disabled persons with spinal cord injuries, muscle weakness can be a problem with possible slow coordination in the upper and lower limbs.

This may be more noticeable with a slow reaction from VPP and GHP through to the acquisition of a crossing target.

Core rotation (Disabled sitting)

Basically, your core is what holds you upright.

A weak core or a non-functioning core can be a result of surgery, injury or inactivity. External and internal obliques provide torso flexion and ipsilateral rotation, these can be weak or dysfunctional, and may mean that the disabled shooter has very limited or no rotational movement at the core, therefore you would have very little success with them hitting a crossing target. You would probably see more of the "pull and push" scenario.



I would probably start a disabled Newcomer with a 20 bore just to help them with regards to weight etc.

Thank you Les for this contribution.

The Disabled Shooting Group

The DSG was formed 25 years ago to provide regular competitions for disabled shooters. Membership is also open to able bodied shooters, many of which are friends and relatives of the disabled members.



In 2012 the DSG was officially recognised by the Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA) and is now working with the association to develop opportunities for the disabled clay target shooter. The DSG is the national body for disabled clay target shooting.

If you look through the site hopefully you will see something of interest which could lead to a whole new lease of life, meeting some new friends, getting out and about and enjoying what life has to offer.

[Disabled Shooters Group \(disabledsg.co.uk\)](http://disabledshootersgroup.co.uk)

WORLD ENGLISH SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023



Congratulations to Sam Green who took the title of English Sporting World Champion 2023. Held at E.J. Churchill's ground the championship saw shooters from around the world compete in this event over 8 days Sam led into the super final and maintained his lead to take the title.

In the Super Veterans, Steve Brightwell took the title with a score which would have also won the Veterans by two targets.

In our Team Competition, Team USA took the honours after a very consistent display of shooting across the team, securing the Overall, Open, Ladies, Juniors & Super Veteran titles.

The full results can be found at :

[2023----DAY-6---WOESP---Full-Results.pdf \(cpsa.co.uk\)](http://2023----DAY-6---WOESP---Full-Results.pdf(cpsa.co.uk))

COUNTRY AND GAME FAIRS

WILTSHIRE GAME AND COUNTRY FAIR

Sat & Sun 12th & 13th August
Bowood House, Calne, Wiltshire
SN11 0LZ

CHESHIRE GAME & COUNTRY FAIR

Bank Holiday Sunday & Monday
27th and 28th August
Cheshire County Showground
Talbey, Knutsford, Cheshire
WA16 0HJ

SANDRINGHAM GAME AND COUNTRY FAIR

Sat & Sun 9th & 10th September
Sandringham Estate, Kings Lynn
Norfolk PE 35 6EN

SANDRINGHAM CHRISTMAS CRAFT, FOOD AND GIFT FAIR

Fri, Sat & Sun 17th, 18th & 19th
November
Sandringham Estate, Kings Lynn
Norfolk PE 35 6EN

For more details go to:
www.livingheritaageevents.co.uk

GUN FITTING & EYE DOMINANCE CLINIC

OAKEDGE SHOOTING GROUND

3RD JULY 2023

Members from around the country gathered at Oakedge Shooting Ground for the Gun Fitting and Eye Dominance Clinic, presented by Jason Rowntree and Rob Clarkson.



The day started with Gun Fitting and Jason went over the various variables which contribute to a good gun fit. Using his own gun and a standard gun to emphasis the need for changes to get a gun which would be fit for purpose, that is a gun which aligns with the eye and points towards the target and allows the shooter to complete the shooting process as effortlessly as possible. Members were able to discuss and challenge Jason's opinions and Davis Reith presented his latest fully adjustable gun for members to look at.

After a lunch at Whites we reconvened for Rob Clarkson to share his experience as a Optometrist and the notion of a master or referent eye and the technicalities behind this concept. Drawing on available information and research Rob clearly opened up this subject so that members have a more informed and scientific understanding of the concept of eye dominance.
















Members at Oakedge SG with Rob Clarkson and Jason Rowntree

WORLD FITASC RESULTS 2023


Congratulations to George Digweed on his victory at the Fitasc World Championship in Hungary. A superb display of Fitasc Sporting shooting. With GB shooters finishing 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th=, 9th= and 9th=.

The GB Team came 4th after the USA, France and Italy, while the Veteran Team took 1st place ahead of France and the USA.

Congratulations to all GB shooters. [Live Results - Fitasc](#)


Pos.	Name	Bib	NOC	Flag	Cat	B&P	BLA	PRO	PUS	KRI	RAN	GAM	BRO	Qua	Fin
1	DIGWEED, George	614	GBR		SEN	25	24	21	25	20	23	24	24	186	
2	POINSOT, Gael	1017	FRA		MAN	25	23	22	22	21	25	24	21	183	
3	BERRY, Nicolas	835	USA		MAN	25	23	24	23	23	23	21	20	182+21	
4	AUVRET, Christophe	1047	FRA		MAN	23	22	24	25	22	22	21	23	182+18	
4	GRAY, Phil	893	GBR		MAN	21	23	23	22	23	23	25	22	182+18	
6	HENDRICK, Nick	237	GBR		MAN	25	21	19	24	24	22	23	23	181	
6	HUSTHWAITE, Ben	543	GBR		MAN	23	23	23	21	23	25	20	23	181	
6	SPADA, Michael	872	ITA		MAN	24	23	21	25	21	23	22	22	181	
9	LOVICK, Jack	921	GBR		MAN	24	23	22	22	21	22	22	24	180	
9	MATARESE JR., Anthony	665	USA		MAN	21	23	24	23	24	21	20	24	180	
9	ATTWOOD, James	869	GBR		MAN	24	22	23	21	23	21	24	22	180	
9	GREEN, Sam	290	GBR		MAN	24	22	22	23	22	22	23	22	180	
9	RIBBS, Theo	356	USA		MAN	23	20	23	24	22	24	24	20	180	

ICSI MERCHANDISE—WEB SITE SHOP




Bullion Badge

£12.50




Cap

£15.00




Low Profile Cap

£15.00




Jack Pyke Gilet

£40.00




Polo Shirt

£25.00




Tie

£12.50




Loaders Pin

£10.00




Pin

£10.00




Round Badge

£5.00




Shield Badge

£5.00



Square Badge

£5.00



The Knowledge Book

£13.00

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.

Now back in stock, the Jack Pyke Gilet sell out very quickly so don't delay in ordering..

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

Possibly the most highly regarded shotgun manufacturer a brief history of Boss & Co Gunmakers

<https://youtu.be/tlPx3MzwjOA>

Some time ago a ICSI Zoom seminar featured a gunsmith from the South of England who reported a spate of loose ribs on side by sides. The common feature was simulated game days. Below is the Devon Gunsmith taking us through the process of re-soldering a top rib on a side by side.

Devongunsmith Diaries Gallyon Side By side 12 Bore rib re-solder

<https://youtu.be/0FhpZGK3cWw>

AND FINALLY.....

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

PR and Press Derek Wetter

Keith Stoker

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.

