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FIREARMS LICENSING STATEMENT MADE ON 29 JUNE 2023



THE RT HON CHRIS PHILP IS THE CONSERVATIVE MP FOR CROYDON SOUTH, AND HAS BEEN AN MP CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 7 MAY 2015. HE CURRENTLY HOLDS THE GOVERNMENT POST OF MINISTER OF STATE (HOME OFFICE).

The Minister responsible for firearms licensing Chris Philip, has made a statement to the House of Commons and launched a public consultation on the future of firearms licensing in the UK. It was clear after the Coroners report and the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) report following the Plymouth shootings that the Home Office would have to look at the licensing of firearms to try to put the public's mind at rest regarding firearms and public safety. Thankfully it appears that the Government are minded to be balanced and proportionate in their response as indicated below.

"As I have said, public safety is our priority. At the same time, the measures to manage the risk to public safety must be proportionate and balanced with the fact that the vast majority of licensed firearms holders are law abiding and cause no concern.

It is for this reason that the Government has decided not to proceed with recommendations on aligning shotgun and firearms legislation. Shotguns are already subject to significant controls, and they are important in helping farmers control vermin on their land, as well as being used in a variety of rural pursuits. We will keep this under review, but we are currently of the view that additional controls on shotguns are unnecessary and would have a negative impact on their legitimate use "

However the Minister has launched a public consultation regarding the future shape and scope of firearm licensing.

The full text of his announcement is linked below as is the link to the Consultation documents.

They are worth a read and members may wish to respond to the consultation in a private and individual manner.

Statement: <https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2023-06-29/hcws895>. (Ctrl+left click)

Consultation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/firearms-licensing-recommendations-for-changes> (Ctrl+left click)

WHAT'S ON

WORLD FITASC SPORTING

13th to 16th July, Gant

Hungary

DTL WEEKEND

Running from the 9th to 11th
July.

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

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COACHING DISABLED SHOOTERS

It is always refreshing when a member decides to send me a note about their coaching experiences. Sometimes it is to share a funny occurrence and sometimes to share a solution to a



coaching problem. On Tuesday last week I received a email from my great friend Russ Dickinson who had come across a situation which he felt he should share with me and after talking to him he agreed that I should share his experience with members through News Shots.

Russ's note is reproduced below

I have been up at Thimbleby today, Saturday 24th June.

At the start of each day I have a computer print showing customer and resource details. 1.5 hours, 3 men who haven't shot before.

I was fairly surprised but not phased to be greeted by 2 men in wheelchairs and one man who walked with a stick.

Years ago when I was a police instructor I did some voluntary work coaching disabled shooters to complete using air rifles.

Useful experience, teaching me to enable shooters by looking at each person, evaluating their disability and working with them to allow them to achieve their individual potential.

The 2 shooters in wheelchairs were affected by upper spinal injury and had no muscular control below nipple level. The other shooter was a leg amputee.

Initially I talked about balance, stance, posture etc for an able bodied person and how we would adapt this for shooting seated or in the case of the amputee how this would affect stability.

At the end of the session I found that the spinal injury shooters had more success shooting targets in the vertical plane and that the limited range of horizontal movement made shooting crossing targets challenging.

The amputee shooter was right handed and had lost his right leg. The issue here was again one of balance and stability.

Across all three shooters fatigue was an issue, so this limited each of them to a maximum of

about 5 cartridges before changing over.

My aim at the start of the session was to enable them to enjoy the sport of clay pigeon shooting. I think I achieved this. They all achieved a result within their ability.

I have spoken about the subject of shooting with disabilities with John Peacock at length in the past and feel that the guidance he gave me coupled with my previous experience was valuable.

If any other institute member has any further advice I would welcome any help or advice.

I am reasonably confident this group will return.

Clearly Russ had a positive experience with this group and I am sure there are many members who have experience working with disabled shooters and perhaps they could share their experience with Institute coaches via News Shots.

I look forward to your responses and once again, my thanks to Russ for sharing his experiences and allowing me to use them in News Shots.



REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!

A few members have not yet paid their 2023-24 subscriptions. I have sent out reminders but if you need to pay your subscription below you will find the ways to pay.

Subscription prices remain the same £50.00 Associate, £60.00 Member and £70.00 Fellow.

You may pay via Cheque made payable to the Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors By PayPal via the web site shop or by bank transfer as detailed below.

Barclays Bank

Account Name: Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors

Bank Sort Code: 20 - 52 - 74

Account Number: 70515469

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DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT 14TH JULY 2023

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

WORKSHOPS AND CLINICS JUNE & JULY 2023

Workshop or Clinic	Venue	Date	Cost
Coach and Instructors Development Workshop (Follow On)	Kibworth	31st July 2023	£130:00
Gunfit & Eye Dominance Clinics	Oakedge	3rd July 2023	£80:00
Observation & Interpretation	Oakedge	17th July 2023	£130:00

The Workshops and Clinics listed above are being offered to members over the summer period. **The Workshops have now been discounted by £20:00**

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

[Courses – ICSI](#)

Book Early and Support the Workshops



R.I.P. SAM GRICE F.I.C.S.I.

On the 12th of June I was informed that Sam Grice had passed away after a long illness.

Over his coaching career Sam made an immeasurable contribution to the coaching of shotgun shooting. A Fellow of the Institute and a former staff tutor at the CPSA and founder member of the CPSA Coaching Committee, Sam passed on his wisdom and knowledge to many coaches and instructors.

Sam was also a fine author and his book *Ahead of the Game* was read and appreciated by many.

Sam will be greatly missed and the Institute offer his friends and family our deepest sympathy.

DEVELOPMENT

WORKSHOPS 2023

These are currently hosted jointly by full time professional coaches: **Jason Rowntree**, **John Robinson** and **John Cullinan**

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 (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.

Eye Dominance and Gun fit Clinics.

Hosted by Rob Clarkson a recently retired Optometrist, Shooter and Instructor and Jason Rowntree who has a wealth of experience fitting guns for clients. Designed to deepen and expand your knowledge of these two topics, the bread and butter of the competent instructor or coach.













GUN TRADE ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Gun Trade Association reports that sources close to government report that there will be two bills put before Parliament this autumn. The first will be legislation to implement the ban of lead for shooting. The only details reported to be under discussion are the timescale for the implantation and the exemptions, for example for target shooting. It is believed that the HSE and Defra have put forward a transition period of 18 months from the bill obtaining ascent while the GTA have suggested 5 years will be needed.



The second bill will centre around the licensing of shotguns and firearms and may include the revised costings which are under review between the police and the Home Office. The recent statement reported on page one gives some cheer to those who thought we might be crushed with draconian regulations but the devil will be in the detail. Members may draw their own conclusions when looking at the statement and the consultation documents and questions.

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

I find it fascinating to watch a traditional gunsmith at work.

The Devon Gunsmith has produced a series of Youtube videos following some of his work. Below you will find two.

One regarding the reaming of chokes in fixed choke guns and another on the casting of a stock.

<https://youtu.be/qCbdG90Q4WY> (Ctrl + left click)

https://youtu.be/hV_IrEolovU (Ctrl + left click)

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.

