



# News Shots

## Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors

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### MEMBER'S SURVEY PART ONE

The first members survey can be accessed by following the link to the Monkey Survey site.

Please take just one minute to complete this survey.

The information will be submitted to us anonymously and we shall use this survey data to inform the formulation of questions for the follow on surveys.

In time we hope to be able to provide information and services which meet the needs of the majority of members.

The link to the survey can be found below and is also included on the email which you opened to download this newsletter.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/52BFDV7>

### CHAIRMAN VISITS LYAVALE EXPRESS



John Robinson visited the Lyavale Express Cartridge Company last week and took the opportunity to tour their production facility. Now part of the Fiocchi and B&P group they have operations in the USA and Italy. The UK plant assembles cartridges which are used in the UK market for both clay and game shooting.

John had meetings with both the Managing Director, James Rose and Operations Manager, Kevin Green.

While visiting the plant John discussed future collaborations with Lyavale Express and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the firm for the past and future support of the the Institute and the hope that in the future we may be able to have groups visit the factory.

### WHAT'S ON

#### BRITISH OPEN SPORTING

30th August to 3rd Sept

#### WESTON PARK GAME FAIR (FORMERLY MIDLAND GAME FAIR)

Sunday 18th September 2023

Weston Park,  
Weston-under-Lizard, Shifnal  
TF11 8LE,

#### BRITISH OPEN SPORTING

30th Aug—3 Sept

Garlands Shooting Ground  
Staffordshire

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## NEWS FROM AROUND SHOOTING

### BASC BEST IN FIELD COMPETITION

The competition will follow a game shooting layout, which will include pigeon, rabbit, duck, grouse and pheasant targets – all set by **FITASC world champion and shooting coach, Ed Solomons.**



Each stand will mimic the real activity, whether it is in a grouse butt, seated in a pigeon hide or kneeling in a creek.

With more than £2,000 worth of prizes on offer across six categories, the event is one not to be missed.

**Cost: £55 for BASC members and £65 for non-members**

The competition will incorporate 100 sporting clays, with the option to shoot an additional 20 clays on BASC's sustainable ammunition stand.

To book, please download a form [here](#) and send it to [reception@sportingtargets.co.uk](mailto:reception@sportingtargets.co.uk).

**Alternatively, you can contact Sporting Targets on 01234 708 893 to enter over the phone.**

### GROUSE SHOOTING UNDERWAY



As the grouse season starts many shooters will be taking their guns from their cabinets for perhaps the first time since the end of last seasons game shooting. It makes sense to check the gun over for obvious faults and to ensure the barrels are free of obstructions but perhaps the best thing a shooter might consider would be a having the gun checked by a good gunsmith and then considering a lesson with a coach.

Many shooters will return to their shoots, be it grouse, partridge or pheasants with the same bad habits from the previous season.

With a little help from an experienced coach they may improve their technique and hence enjoy their shooting and all the excitement of a good game shoot.

This year there seems to be a number of shoots have days available and some are offering "late" booking discounts. The reasons for this may be complicated but the costs have risen over the last few years and it is possible this has put many shooters off booking days. The price of cartridges has undaughterly caused concerns as has the requirement on some shoots to use steel cartridges.

## From the CPSA

### 2024 World English Sporting Championships Selection



As the World English Sporting 2024 is being held in New Jersey, USA on the 14th-19th May 2024 and taking into consideration the time required to obtain visas and permits, the winter months and not wanting to condense selection shoots into January and February 2024, we will be using the following selection process for the England Team.

There will be 4 Selection Shoots scores can be submitted from,

best 3 from 4 scores to count.

Scores submitted from these 4 shoots will be used to decide selection for the World English Sporting Championship 2024.

Scores need to be submitted after the last shoot but the best 3 from 4 scores may only be needed to count.

Points will be calculated from High Gun of each day and shooters with the lowest points go through to represent England.

WESP2023\*

EM England Team Selection Shoot Sporting Targets 5th-6th August 2023

British Open\* Garlands SG 30th August – 3rd September 2023

WESP 2024 Selection Shoot Westfield SG 7th-8th October 2023

\*High Gun will be the highest CPSA English Member's score

The deadline for submitting these scores is Midnight on 12th October 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](http://www.livingheritaageevents.co.uk)



## Shotgun Series Round 1

### BRITISH SHOOTING

**Round 4 of the Shotgun Series** saw Olympic Trap and Olympic Skeet take to the ranges at the NCSC at Bisley and East Yorkshire Shooting Ground respectively.

This was the first time there had been a Trap SGA event at the NCSC and the event did not disappoint.

Day one of Trap qualification took place in tough conditions as storm Antoni hit the UK. The sun did indeed shine come Sunday and in qualification there were some excellent standout performances. Nathan Hales and Tom Betts both shot an awesome 122 and were followed in senior men's by Aaron Heading (119) and Australia's James Will et (118) who was again using the Shotgun Series as preparations for his major event programme for the year.

**In Senior Women**, Maddie Purser hit a phenomenal 117, with Kirsty Hegarty (114) and Lucy Hall (113) following behind. In Junior Men, Will Gilbert led the way with 109 and in Junior Women it was Hollie Lumsden who qualified in first place for the final with a 105.

**In Senior Men**, a very high-quality final, Wixey looked ice cold as he shot with tremendous consistency and poise. In the end, he had too much in the locker for Heading in second place - and Willet in third. In Senior Women, Maddie Purser continued her impressive form to take a superb silver medal, just pipped in the final by a steely eyed Lucy Hall who claimed gold, with Ellie Seward taking bronze.

**In Junior Men**, Will Gilbert showed fantastic resilience to claim bronze shooting a borrowed gun, but it was a two-man race for gold between Ben Killian and George Eyston who both shot fantastically well during the final. In the end, it took a shoot off to split them and Eyston took gold and Killian silver. In Junior Women it was again a closely fought affair with Hollie Lumsden continuing her good form from qualification to take gold. Francesca Chau fought superbly to take silver and Leah Southall took bronze.

**In Para trap**, the high gun of the weekend was Tori Clinch, with Bill McLennan and Keith White taking silver and bronze respectively.



## Olympic Skeet took place at East Yorkshire Clay Shooting Ground

Day one saw some first class shooting, with Arran Eccleston and Mitchell Brooker-Smith tying on 74/75. Maddie Russell took 25 straight in competi-

## CPSA Courses

ESP Level 2 - Coach Training Course - Northampton Shooting Ground  
Monday 18th – 20th September 2023

ESK Level 2 - Coach Training Course - Northampton Shooting Ground  
Monday 18th – 20th September 2023

Trap Level 2 - Coach Training Course - Northampton Shooting Ground  
Monday 18th – 20th September 2023

In order to attend a coaching course, at least a year must have elapsed between the L1 and the L2 course or one L2 course and another. Also the candidate must have completed the 3 day Common Element which includes the 3 Coach Development Workshops in ESP, ESK & Trap and qualified as a Referee in their chosen discipline. Those who have previously completed a 2 day Common Element will need to complete a one day discipline specific Workshop prior to attending the CTC.

See [www.cpsa.co.uk/courses](http://www.cpsa.co.uk/courses) for more details



tion. Bethany Norton lead the juniors women, shooting 73/75 and the top junior man was Ben Cookson on 66/75.

The high standard continued on day two, which resulted in some excellent scores from Senior Men to Junior Woman. A few personal bests included Bethany Norton on 119/125, Pheobe Bodley-Scott 115/125 both junior woman and Maddie Russell 114/125 in Senior Women. Joint leaders at the top of the senior men were Mike Gilligan and Mitchell Brooker-Smith on 122/125. Ben Cookson continued his position after day one as the top junior man on 112/125. The leading Veteran was Robert Harry 100/125.

### **Skeet Finals:**

Due to lack of entries there was no Junior Women's final so medals were awarded on score.

Bethany Norton - Gold

Phoebe Bodley-Scott - Silver

Sophie Langton - Bronze

### **Senior Women**

As with the junior woman the medals were awarded on score. However, there was a tie at the top with Jessica Burgess and Maddie Russell both on 114/125 so a shoot-off took place. Final outcome as follows:

Maddie Russell - Gold

Jessica Burgess - Silver

Annabel Lane - Bronze

### **Junior Men**



Final positions, Ben Cookson 112/125 (bib 1), Oliver Cox 103/125 (bib 2), Mackenzie Kempton 97/125 (bib 3), Oliver Simons 93/125 (bib 4), Matt Jolly 91/125 (bib 5), Harry Reveler 82/125 (bib 6). After 30 targets Ben and Oliver Simons tied on 24/30 with Mack on 20/30 and Oliver Cox on 18/30. After 10 further shots Oliver Cox was our 4th place finalist. Ben had pulled ahead by 2 targets over Oliver Simons at this point. Mack dug deep on the next 10 shots and pulled head of Oliver Simons and Oliver left with the Bronze medal. Going into the last 10 Ben held onto his lead and won Gold (49/60) and Mack taking Silver (44/60)

### **Senior Men**



High scores and first class shooting took place resulting in two shoot offs to establish bib number for 1 and 2 and 6th place. The first was Mike Gilligan and Mitchell Brooker-Smith and after 6 pairs Mike pipped Mitchell. The second was Hugh Westminster and Luke Young who tied on 116/125. After 3 pairs Luke secured 6th place.

Final position, Mike Gilligan 122/125 (bib1), Mitchell Brooker-Smith 122/125 (bib 2), Arran Eccleston 121/125 (bib 3), Dominic Cooper 120/125 (bib 4), Freddie Killander 117/125 (bib 5) and Luke Young 116/125 (bib 6).

Mike shot the first 30 targets perfectly with Mitchell 29/30, Freddie 28/30 and Arran on 27/30. After 10 more targets Arran left in 4th place which left Mike and Mitchell tied on 38/40 and 1 target behind was Freddie on 37/40. On the next 10 Freddie overtook Mitchell by 1 target and Mitchell was awarded the Bronze medal. Mike was still leading by one target 48/50 to Freddie 47/50. The last 10 targets equalled Mike and Freddie on 55/60 leading to sudden death shoot off. The deciding shot was on the 4th pair where Mike held his nerve and won Gold, Freddie was awarded Silver.

### **Veteran**

Robert Harry was the highest scoring Veteran (100/125).















## 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 MERCHANDISE—WEB SITE SHOP

 <b>Bullion Badge</b> £12.50	 <b>Cap</b> £15.00	 <b>Low Profile Cap</b> £15.00	 <b>Jack Pyke Gilet</b> £40.00
 <b>Polo Shirt</b> £25.00	 <b>Tie</b> £12.50	 <b>Loaders Pin</b> £10.00	 <b>Pin</b> £10.00
 <b>Round Badge</b> £5.00	 <b>Shield Badge</b> £5.00	 <b>Square Badge</b> £5.00	 <b>The Knowledge Book</b> £13.00

### ICSI Council

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Courses & Shop: Jason Rowntree  
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CPSA Links: Steve Williams  
PR and Press: Derek Wetter  
Keith Stoker

## SOMETHING TO WATCH

The care and craft that goes into making a gunslip or gun bag is often overlooked by shooters. This video follows a family business who make and restore their own products, products which have been built to last.

[https://youtu.be/1bSs\\_lEiClo](https://youtu.be/1bSs_lEiClo)

Repairing a break in a gunstock requires skill and some ingenious engineering ideas. This video from the USA shows a broken stock being restored. You may not agree with the methods but it's interesting to see the work being done.

<https://youtu.be/7wTzpWRZzKQ>