



News Shots

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MEMBER'S SURVEY PART ONE

Thank you to those members who took the time to complete the first of a series of surveys to try to generate the information which Council needs so that they may provide workshops and courses to meet members needs and aspirations.

In total, including Council members, 46 members completed the survey taking an average of 2 minutes to complete their responses.

Once Council have reviewed the responses we shall provide a summary of the responses and then based on the responses provide the next survey for members.

Again thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey.

POLICE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE—FIREARMS



The College of Policing has just released the updated Authorised Professional Practice (APP) on firearms licensing.

This document outlines the current Police position on

Firearm Licensing and is worth a read.

A very useful background summary of how firearms licensing is implemented in England and Wales. Scotland has separate legislation.

<https://www.college.police.uk/app/major-investigation-and-public-protection/firearms-licensing>

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

NON-LEAD CARTRIDGES

With grouse shooting underway and the main game season soon upon us cartridge manufacturers are ramping up production of their game cartridge range with more options now available for shooters who have to shoot non-toxic shells on their shoots.

The development of new cartridges by the manufacturers has centred on steel and bio-degradable wads. In fact the perfect storm for manufacturer as both components require massive R&D to bring about a cartridge which is shootable, efficient and effective and does not cost an arm and a leg.

The move away from lead has made manufacturers look at alternatives with steel, at present, being the nearest alternative to lead. The manufacturing, storage and loading has its own challenges and the use of steel is hard on loading machines which have to be re-calibrated for the steel shot.

However, it is perhaps the move away from plastic wads and the need for cupped biodegradable wads which has presented the greatest challenge to manufacturers. The need for a water soluble, compostable, biodegradable cupped wad is both difficult to achieve and expensive. To date the use of starch or plant based products doesn't match the properties of the high density polyethylene used in plastic wads..

Eley Hawk were market leaders with their water soluble Eco wad offered in both clay and game loads. They provide a VIP Steel Pro Eco wad game steel in 32g loads of shot size 3 or 4. They do not provide a High Performance Steel load at present. The Lightning Steel has HDPE wads.



Hull Cartridge Company have introduced the High Pheasant Steel in standard and HP options. They are loaded with compostable and biodegradable wads Hull also provide a 24g Imperial Traditional Steel in 65mm cartridges specifically for guns chambered in 2^{1/2}" chambers.

Lyavale Express, now part of the Fiocchi and P&G group offer the Express Ultimate Steel with the compostable Earth Wad and loaded in 65mm cases with a rolled over closure which provides more space within the case for the bio wad and powder.



Gamebore offer the Regal Steel 30g load for those with 2^{1/2}" chambers. Crimp closed with aa Gen 2 Bio Wad. This wad is brown and water soluble. It features a Quad Seal to improve gas seal and efficiency and with cup petals which overlap at 45°



to improve protection and efficiency. Gamebore's Black Gold Dark Storm Steel loads have Bio Wads with quad seal technology in 70mm cases in 32 g their no 4 shot meets the CIP Standard Steel and no3 shot is High Performance Steel rated so can only be used in guns with the fleur-de-lis symbol.

Shooting Star import the French Joker cartridges, with a cupped fibre wad and the Spanish BioAmmowhich has a bi degradable case and wad.

The choice is vast and what you choose can depend on price. Recent price increases have seen some game cartridges increase by £50:00 per thousand from last season.



ORSTON SHOOTING GROUND FOR SALE

Orston Shooting Ground, in Nottinghamshire, has recently come onto the market. The present owners Dan & Emily Martin have decided to sell up in order to concentrate on another business venture. The 53 acres ground has extensive clay shooting facilities including a game arena and grouse butts, air rifle range and permission for a full bore rifle range.



COUNTRY AND GAME FAIRS

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

Webley and Scott Launch New Pro Comp

The new Pro Comp by Webley and Scott offers shooters an reasonably priced gun with many interesting features.

Both models in the range offer a gloved grip and for many this is an exciting proposition particularly in the fully adjustable model , but for the coach doing a gun fit although the adjustment of length of pull and comb height are relatively easy, what do you do if the client has massive hands? The area in front of the adjustable comb is rather small and large thumbs tend not to fit!

Best advice for clients who fancy this well made and attractive gun, find a gun shop that has one on their rack and see if it fits your hand. Nobody wants to take a file to a new factory stock particularly if it invalidates the warranty.

- Featuring two models available in 30" and 32".
- 3" Chambers
- High Performance Steel Proofed (Fleur-de-lys)
- Manual Safety
- Engraved detailing line and 'Pro Comp' on the action sides with the W&S logo underneath.
- Barrels/Action – Graphite black Cerakote – Giving one of the hardest finishes in the industry against rust, scratching and corrosion.
- Metal Stock/Accessories/Butt pad – Periwinkle blue Cerakote – accented on the metal stock, main hinge and chokes.
- 5 year warranty.
- **All Wood Glove grip stock** - Features you would normally find on much more expensive shogunguns. mount. Adjustable comb in both height and cast.



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
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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 for more details

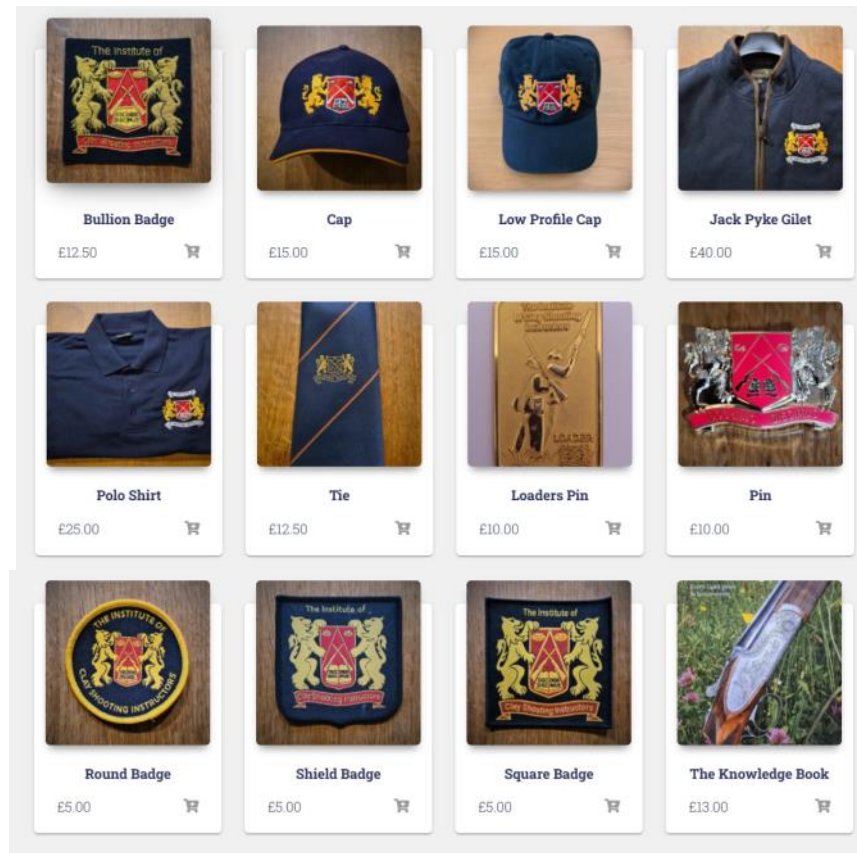


THE INSTITUTE OF CLAY SHOOTING INSTRUCTORS

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.



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SOMETHING TO WATCH

Recently I have observed a number of shooters who have a particular problem with their guns. They open when shooting. I wonder if the rise in simulated game shoots has led to this problem, particularly when some reports talk of 500-600 shots per gun!

The Devon gunsmith looks at a gun with this problem

<https://youtu.be/v85dBPBn4VU?si=iYoWM5cOyfLNg1gK>