



News Shots

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SURVEY

The 2nd survey has now closed and Council will consider the results in their upcoming Council meeting on 20th November 2023.

Some conclusions are clearly evident whilst others will take some discussion so that we may plan for the future of the Institute.

Once again, thank you for your responses which are invaluable in assisting your Council making decisions on your behalf.

NEWS FROM AROUND SHOOTING

PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS FOR LEAD

STATEMENT BY THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) has published its long-awaited draft Agency Opinion in response to the Consultation on restricting the use of lead in ammunition, which closed in November 2022. The delay in its publication was due to the 2,759 responses to the Consultation, which included many detailed and technical submissions, that HSE duly needed to work through; a figure nine times greater than that of a similar exercise conducted in Europe.

This draft Opinion proposes the following restrictions:

- A ban on the sale and use of lead shotgun cartridges for live quarry and target shooting, with an exception for internationally competing target shooters.
- A ban on lead rifle ammunition for outdoor target shooting, unless at a range with appropriate risk management measures.
- No restriction on lead rifle ammunition for live quarry shooting.

FACE launches its

Manifesto for the

2024 European Elections

Brussels, 08 November 2023 – The European Federation for Hunting and Conservation (FACE), which represents 7 million hunters from across Europe and comprises 37 national hunting associations, officially launched its manifesto for the 2024 European Elections.

These elections, taking place from 6-9 June 2024, will have a significant impact on the political landscape of Europe for the next 5 years, impacting the direction of several policies impacting hunting and conservation. This manifesto is a significant step to ensure that the voices of Europe's hunters are heard and well understood.

Candidate MEPs running in the elections are invited to sign the manifesto to express their support for a workable and evidence-based approach to policy-making for hunting and conservation.

For further information and updates on the FACE Manifesto to campaign, please visit:

[FACE | FACE Election Manifesto 2024](#)

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- No restriction on lead rifle ammunition for indoor target shooting.
- No restriction on lead airgun ammunition.

HSE proposes a five-year transition period for the sale and use of lead shotgun cartridges. This five-year period would start from the moment the proposed restriction enters into force, which is unlikely to be before early-mid 2024 at the earliest.

HSE has now opened a public socio-economic consultation on its draft Opinion. The consultation has multiple aims, one of which is to gather information with a view to potentially shorten the proposed five-year transition period. The consultation, which closes at midnight on 10 December 2023, can be completed online [here](#). The actual draft opinion can be read here - but be warned that it is 104 pages in total and some of it is heavy reading!

https://consultations.hse.gov.uk/crd-reach/lead-in-ammunition/user_uploads/lead-in-ammunition-restriction-opinion-draft-sea-opinion.pdf

Among the interesting information within the document is the tonnage of lead that is used each year as follows:

Live quarry shooting - with shot 1601te; with bullets 3te; with airgun ammunition 1te.

Outdoor target shooting - with shot 5359te; with bullets 112te; with airgun ammunition 12te

So you can see why they are focussing on lead shotgun cartridges for both live quarry and outdoor targets, and bullets for outdoor targets.

The latest round of consultation which can be accessed here: <https://consultations.hse.gov.uk/crd-reach/lead-in-ammunition/> as it is clear that HSE will attempt to use the information gathered to reduce the transition period from 5 years nearer to the 18 months they thought of in the first place.

Our thanks to the Countryside Alliance for this summary of the present Situation.

CLEAR AND EMPTY BARRELS

At Kibworth Shooting Ground we offer a three part introduction to clay target shooting. It covers, in some detail, all the elements of the CPSA 10 Commandments for Safety and their off range work contained in the LI Instructors training. Each year hundreds of new shots go through this regime and most continue to shoot clays at the club, many returning for further lessons. However, there are many shooters who have acquired a certificate, purchased a shotgun and set off to shoot clays. For the most part they are club shooters, battling their skills against their friends, rarely shooting competitions and rarely getting much better. Amongst this group are those who really don't know the precautions they need to take to preserve their guns and in extreme cases their hands, sight, life.

The other day one of our regular club shooters decided to upgrade his shotgun and purchased a previously owned Beretta 692 with adjustable stock. After fitting the gun he made the purchase and went out to shoot, returning later to report his pleasure with his new purchase. He

returned a few days later, encouraged by a new purchase which seemed to improve his performance and went out to shoot. After about 20 minutes he returned and asked me to look at his gun. As I scanned the stock, (a known weak point) and then the barrels he started to talk about a strange sound as he shot. I then found the problem, a bulge on the upper barrel about 15 centimetres from the action barrel joint. I asked him did he shoot the gun after the weird sound and he confirmed he did. As we all know this “miss-fire” caused the wad to stick in the barrel and the subsequent shot caused the bulge. Our customer was devastated, realising that his mistake caused the problem, user error. This could have been avoided if he had completed a basic safety course and understood the need to investigate weird noises before continuing. Light is Right.



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THE RACE AGAINST DEMENTIA CLAY DAY RAISED AROUND £100,000.

Holland & Holland Shooting Grounds hosted a group of keen Shots for the Race Against Dementia charity clay day in September.

The Race Against Dementia charity was founded by motor ace and clay shooting international Sir Jackie Stewart, whose wife Helen was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia a few years ago.



On learning of his wife’s diagnosis, Sir Jackie was horrified to learn that there is currently no cure for dementia. He has subsequently devoted much of his time to fundraising scientific research into dementia and its various forms.

Event highlights included an exclusive car exhibition, exhilarating shooting competitions, a charity auction and a gourmet lunch. The event raised around £100,000, including a £1,000 contribution from Fieldsports Press, presented to Sir Jackie by for-

PERAZZI GET NEW DISTRIBUTOR IN UK

Fans of top shotgun maker Perazzi, the producer of the world’s number one competition shotgun, have been concerned about the iconic brand’s future in the UK. Last year its distributors were purchased by rivals Beretta in one of the biggest deals in the civilian firearms industry of the past 10 years.

A new distributor has at last appeared to take on Perazzi, along with well-loved rifle brands Bergara and Anschutz.

Artemis Outdoors has been formed by shooting industry veteran Mark Swift, who told ST: “It feels wonderful to be back in the thick of it, representing brands that I care passionately about seeing in the UK marketplace. It has been a difficult few months, but with the launch of Artemis Outdoors I believe we are now in a better position to support these wonderful brands in our market.”



mer ST Editor Patrick Galbraith.

Other participants included Karl Waktare, managing director of GMK and the Beretta Gallery, who described the shoot day as excellent. "Holland's team put on a fantastic day," he remarked.

(Report from Shooting Times)



The latest rounds of CPSA courses are now on the web site. For those thinking of moving from Level 1 Instructor to Level 2 Coach here are some of the dates. For more complete information visit the CPSA web site or contact the CPSA.

ESK LEVEL 2 - COACH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP	NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024
ESP LEVEL 2 - COACH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP -	NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024
TRAP LEVEL 2 - COACH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP -	NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024
LEVEL 2 - COACH TRAINING COURSE -	NORTHAMPTON SHOOTING GROUND MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PLEASE NOTE, THE 2024 COURSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO BOOK ONLINE UNTIL 1st DECEMBER 2023. IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE A PLACE ON A COURSE(S) BEFORE THEN, PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL OR RICHARD AT CPSA HQ ON 01483 485400.

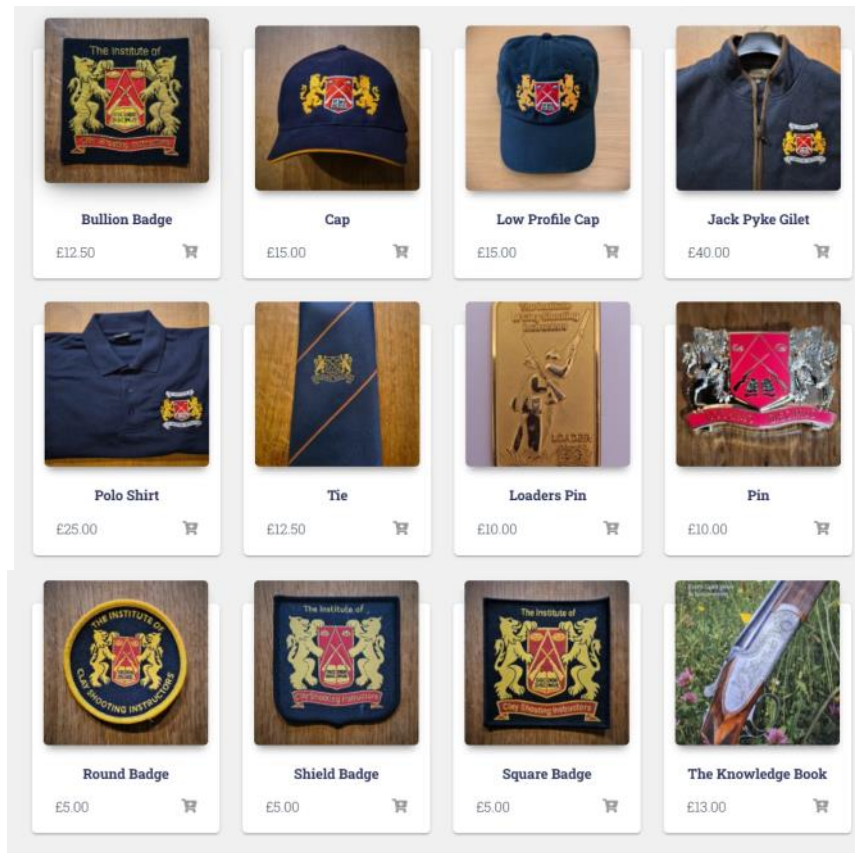
[Search our Courses - CPSA](#) (click on the link to visit the courses on the CPSA web site)

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

Last edition this link seemed to fail, so lets try again.

Many have commented on the techniques of the Devon Gunsmith and his engineering skills and training.

Here is another video from his playlist to entertain and perhaps cause you to shout at the computer screen....Sorry!

<https://youtu.be/I5K0gD2ySAQ?si=mKqs4SZt0xIXVfPz>

Press ctrl + click to access link

Finally

If you have a coaching story or a question you feel needs an answer please send it to me. This is your Newsletter and it should serve your needs

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