



News Shots

Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors

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SURVEY REFLECTIONS

At the recent Council Meeting, the results of the second survey were discussed by Council members.

The following is a summary of their findings:

In total 74 member completed the survey.

Q1. How is coaching related to your employment status

The majority of those who responded are retired and claim a pension with coaching being supplemental to their income with only 12% being full time employed coaches.

Q2: Pick which of these would most attract you to attend a workshop or clinic?

21% were concerned about location while 29% chose course content but the majority sited all the choices, day of week, cost, tutors, and course content.

Q3: If we think about location of courses, which location would suit you best?

Scotland and Wales had less than 2% each, but this reflects the location of members. Yorkshire and Lancashire 22%, the Midlands 12% while the South West 15%. The South East was favoured by 37%

This is an interesting result as the call for courses in the SE was not reflected in the take-up when a course was offered at South-down.

Q4: If we could get a ground to give us access and suitable facilities, which day would suit you best?

The most popular day was Monday with Wednesday and Friday following on.

Q5: If we turn our attention to the costs of courses, what would you believe to be a cost that you can reasonably afford for a one-day workshop (practical content, on range - with tailored input



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See the CPSA Web Site for details.

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for individual attendees. Clays, refreshments, and lunch included)?

Those that returned an answer, the majority chose from £100 to £175.

Q6: If you were to attend a course, who would you prefer as a tutor?

An overwhelming majority were concerned that the tutor(s) were informative and knowledgeable and not from where they came.

Q7: Do you believe News Shots is a worthwhile endeavour and its publication should be continued?

The majority, 94.5% agreed it was worthwhile and should be continued.

Q8: Would News Shots be better sent out?

77.7% thought it should be a monthly publication, while 11% thought it should continue every 2 weeks and 11% every 3 months.

Q9: Thinking of the content in News Shots what content would you like to see more of?

The majority of respondents thought more coaching reflections and comments from members should be included and questions and advice(78%) with results from competitions having the support of 1.4% or 1 respondent.

Q10: The web site has been developed over the last 12 months, how often do you view the web site?

62% look at the web site between once a month and around 4 or five times a year. While 31% look at it rarely.

Q11: Thinking about your personal shooting, how would you best describe your shooting experience?

Over 35% of members who replied shoot clays and game with 24% regular competition shooter. 5.5% rarely shoot either game or clays.

Some of these results call for immediate action, as from January News Shots will be published once per month, coming out on the first Monday of each month (where possible).

Members want more comments, reflections and advice but this will require contributions from members. And these have been sparse in the past.

Council Members are seeking to look at ways to make our courses more attractive, taking into account the views of members and much of the Councils time at the last Council Meeting was spent reflecting on what Council presently does, how we do it and what we need to do in the future.

Council also spent some time looking at the other things we need to know about our membership and their expectations of being a member of the Institute. To this end we shall send you another survey in December. Again, your responses really matter and it is the only way we can really plan for the future, to meet your needs and expectations.

Council those who completed the survey and encourage other to please take part, it takes less than one minute.

NEWS FROM AROUND SHOOTING



Stuck Choke Tubes

The problem of choke tubes becoming stuck in barrels is not unusual, all be it avoidable. The remedies for freeing stoke choke tubes are abundant ranging from applying careful heat, a variety of oils including WD40, brake fluid and red diesel. However in recent months, probably because of social media, a new solution has been applied to the task, Coke, Pepsi, Coca Cola etc.

Some brave soul decided that since it has a cleaning effect on tarnished metal such as brass it will be able to free rusted and stuck choke tubes. The picture above shows the result of barrels left in coke overnight. Clearly a new blacking job is needed but whether the choke tubes were freed up has not been reported. If they are stuck, and you have tried a good quality choke key it is probably cheaper and safer to send them to a good gunsmith.

Gunsmiths

Its always welcome when you hear of a really good job by a really good gunsmith but its often hard to find the really good gunsmith.

It would be helpful if members could recommend a gunsmith and their details and specialisation so that we can let members know who is about and what they are good at doing. This information is for members only and does not constitute a recommendation by the Institute.

License Issues

Council have been hearing a number of stories regarding licensing and the application of the new statutory guidance. If you have heard a story about a license problem encountered by yourself or a client we would welcome your comments . There have also been stories of licences being revoked for surprisingly minor issues. If you have evidence of this we would be glad to hear from you so that we can talk to BSSC about these issues.

Defra General Licences

Defra has advised BASC and other stakeholders that it is in the process of

Brian Hebditch RIP



I am grateful to Fellow Roger Hill for drawing my attention to the recent death of An-

thony Brian Hebditch. Brian was tragically killed on 1st November 2023 in a terrible accident near his home. He was hit by a lorry and pronounced dead at the scene in Fareham. Brian represented England and GB at Olympic Skeet at many internationals taking part in the Montral Olympics in 1976. For many years he ran a shooting school in Hampshire and only sold the business when his wife became ill. He love coaching and would help out whenever he could after the death of his wife. Police are still investigating the incident.



preparing new wild bird control general licences (GL40-42) to replace the current versions, which are valid until 31 December 2023. Defra has confirmed that it is not currently planning to make any changes and will replicate the existing GL40-42 conditions in the new licences, which will be valid for two years starting from 1 January 2024.

Defra has also advised that it will continue to assess any new and emerging evidence concerning risks associated with the control of wild birds.

Further details and information relating to general licences can be found [here](#). (ctrl + Click)

Check Out Events for 2024



For those who as BASC members you may be entitled to a free ticket for the Game Fair and the National Shooting Shows and discounts for a guest.

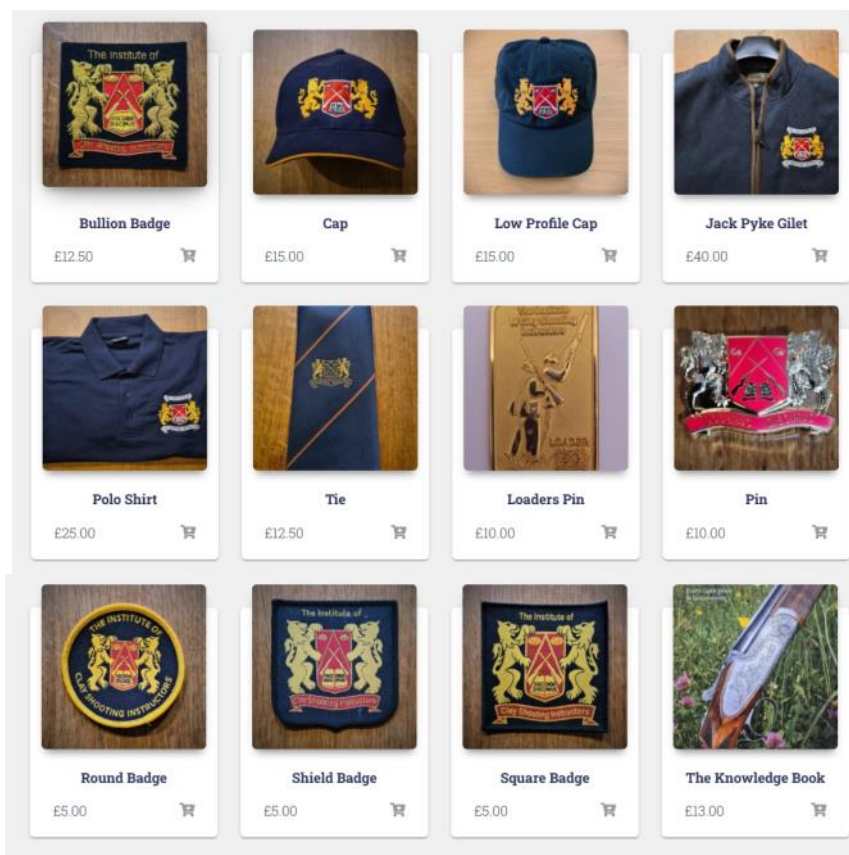
Check out their web sites for more details.

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

Dent in the stock of your shotgun? Here is a video from the USA where Midway Gunsmiths show you how to get the dent our before refinishing.

<https://youtu.be/z7Vwa-N90u0?si=X4Sd4pgy39jOC88X>

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