



News Shots

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



This will be the last edition of News Shots before we herald in the New Year, 2024.

Future issues will be published on the first Monday of each month starting News Year Day 2024.

It hardly seems like yesterday that I sent out the Christmas News Shots for 2022!

A lot has taken place in the last 12 months and the world of shooting is still standing on uncertain ground.

The consultations on lead have come and gone and we await the almost inevitable conclusions.

The continued problems in granting and renewing licenses for all forms of firearms continues to plague shooting.

Game shooting is still in flux and as costs rise so the smaller family type shoots and syndicates disappear and game shooting becomes the sport of the wealthy.

All these problems have impacted on coaching and your Council have been mindful of these issues and through BSSC have looked to protect our industry from the worst excesses of the legislators.

It is hoped that 2024 brings more clarity and life to our sport and to our coaching.

*On behalf of our Chairman, John Robinson,
and the Council of the Institute, may I wish
you all a very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.*



CPSA ANNUAL AWARDS Finalists

The highly anticipated CPSA Annual Awards are taking place on the 9 March 2024 at St George's Park.

Tickets are £65 (£600 for a table of 10) and can be booked online at cpsa.co.uk/awardstickets or by calling Paula at CPSA HQ on 01453 485400. Voting is currently open to all CPSA members at cpsa.co.uk/awardsvoting. Voting closes on Wednesday 31 January 2024. Congratulations to all those shortlisted below (in alphabetical order) in each category and we hope you are able to join us to help celebrate at the Awards 2024.

County Committee: Cheshire Cornwall Lincolnshire	Disabled Shooter: Paul Bailey Lorrie Greening Ben Woodham
Lady Shooters: Cheryl Hall Emma Holden-Hardy Catherine Smalley	Clubs: E. J. Churchill Eriswell Lodge Nottingham & District GC
Coach: David Dale Ali Schwind Mhairi-Ann Troup Mike Williams	Young Shot: Edward Armitt Charlie Faulds Olivia Stevens Joe Turner
Shooter of the Year: James Atwood Peter Chester Sam Green Nathan Hales	Course Setters: Josh Brown Steve Lovatt Stuart Smith

REMEMBER TO GET VOTING!

CPSA Awards finalists announced

It's good to see that in the list for Coach of the Year we have two Institute members

Mike Williams (Fellow)

&

Mhairi-Ann Troup (Member)

Voting is open now and full details are available on the CPSA Web Site.

Good Luck to both and all those nominated in all categories.

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STEVE WILLIAMS WRITES ABOUT HIS VISIT TO ED LYONS

A visit to Flint and Partners Optometrists, and Mr Ed Lyons.



During the latter days of covid in Dec 2020 and the institute was doing Zoom seminars, we had a visit from Mr Ed Lynes, the optometrists. After a 2hr Zoom session, I was very impressed with his talk about our eyes and what they see and do.

Three years later I met Ed at Barbury Shooting ground and had a chat with him about one thing and another, 10 minutes later and an appointment was made. 2 months later I'm sitting in optician's chair talking to Ed about shooting, coaching and refereeing and what I am looking for in this consultation. I wanted to know what my eyes are doing.

So, after peripheral, back of eye pictures, colour perception, general eye and lens tests, closeup of back of eye, front of eye and tear duct tests, then speed hand to eye test, that the eye sees to infinity, and colour reaction test.

A couple of issues arose which can be fixed, without surgery, and a new pair of glasses, which I needed anyway and finally a bit of gun fitting check, when all was said and done, my eyes were pretty good, for my age!

Was it worth it? After the long trip to Wolverhampton, the 3-hour consultation and the knowledge that my eyes are in good shape and he is not cheap, then yes, and I would probably do it again...

DAVID REITH WRITES

Hi John

Interesting day Saturday, teaching a lady who is profoundly deaf

it was her first time shooting so was a new experience for her and a challenge for me, testing my skills and processes in explaining to her what was happening and how to correct issues

she is coming back for more lessons so I must of got something right, and I plan to learn from her improving my communications skills including some sign

regards

Dave R



If you have experience working with people with hearing impairments or who are profoundly deaf perhaps you could send in some tips to pass on to David and other members.

GAME SEASON AND STEEL SHOT

Over recent months several members, clients, shooters, and those involved in game shoots have taken the time to make the following points or asking the following questions and I must confess that I am struggling to provide definitive answers to their questions.

There are concerns that steel shot (and other non-toxic shot) is not as effective as lead shot. People have asked what is the effective range, particularly on game, for steel and bismuth loads?

Are there charts available to illustrate the effective range for steel and bismuth shot?

Related to that is the recoil caused by large steel loads, some have said it is similar to lead whilst others have commented that, particularly with large loads, that it is punishingly harsh.

What are members experiences and what have their clients had to say on this issue? Is there a difference in experience based on age? (Are younger shots less effected by large loads compared to their 50+ counterparts?)

Are there concerns amongst guns, gamekeeper, picker uppers, beaters, shoot owners about the killing effect of steel and what are their experiences regarding wounded or pricked birds?

What are the experiences of the picker uppers, particularly the spread of birds and the use of dogs?

Have clients expressed concerns about their guns and their suitability for steel? Have you seen a rise in the number of guns given up for disposal due to concerns over the use of steel?

If working at a clay ground, what preparations is your ground making for the use of steel?



There may be a need for training to deal with this new situation, it would be helpful to know your views on this.

I think it's fair to say that at the mo-



Nominations are now being sought for two National BASC Council seats.

If you wish your name to be put forward you need to have your application ready and submitted by Friday 29th December 2023.

Details of the posts, responsibilities and all the necessary documents may be found on the BASC web site.

Basc.org.uk

ICSI AGM Date 2024

It is proposed to hold the ICSI AGM on Monday 25th December 2024 at a venue to be confirmed.

Please pencil this date into your diary and support your Council at the AGM. Date and venue will be confirmed in the New Year.



ment we have social licence (just) to continue in the sport of game shooting. I think that a significant proportion of the population aren't really interested. If however, we give ammunition to those that are opposed to our sport by giving them evidence that game is being shot at in circumstances where the likelihood of a humane kill is remote, and this is publicised, we are in trouble. We are entering a time of political uncertainty where we can't guarantee an administration sympathetic to game shooting. We really do need to demonstrate the highest standard of ethical conduct towards quarry species.



Please send me your experiences and those of your clients and partners so that we can build a picture of the current situation. It may help us in talks with BSSC and other shooting bodies and with cartridge manufacturers.

GUNSMITHS TO THE RESCUE

Last edition we looked at the effect of cola type drinks on the blacking of barrels. This edition we can see the restored barrels to straight.

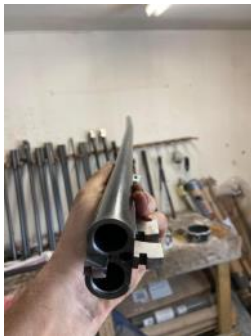


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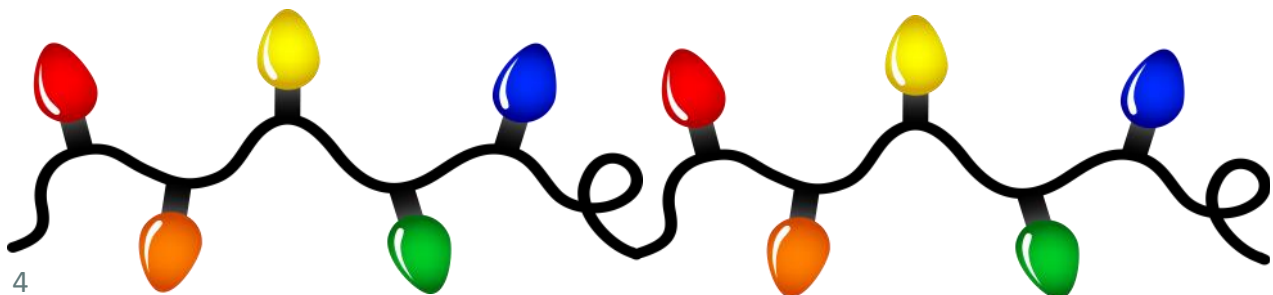


Also we see bent barrels restored

Barrels restored after re-blackening



Perhaps it was an attempt to automatically put on lead but a good gunsmith soon put



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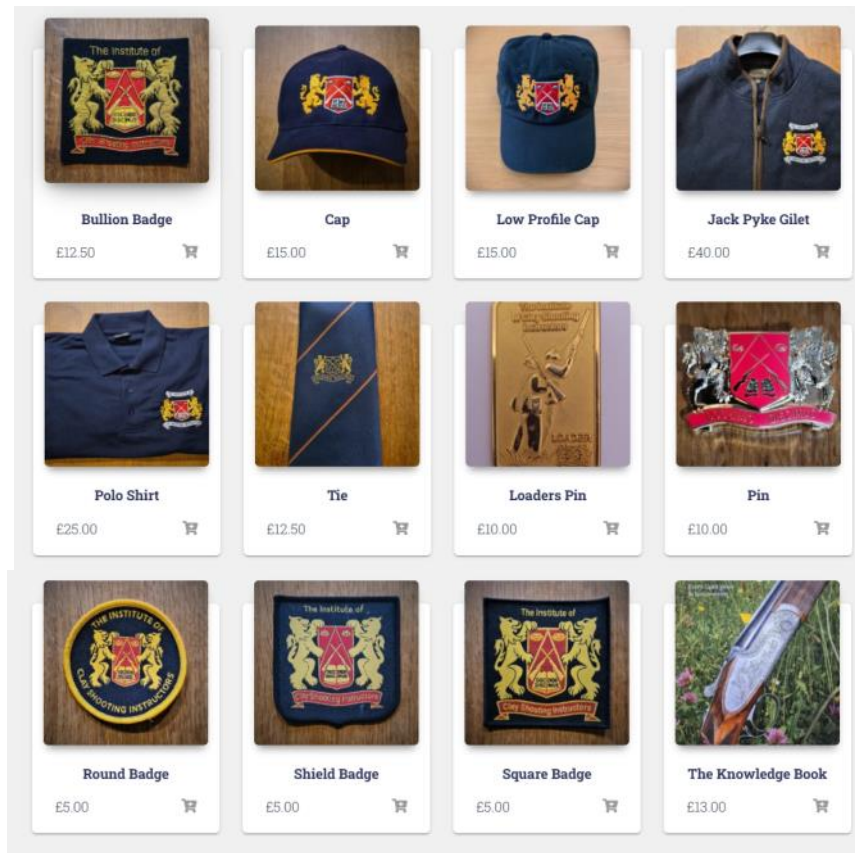
Founded in 1987, The Institute of Clay Shooting Instructors is a formal, non-profit making organisation serving Clay Shooting Coaches and Instructors.

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 Council

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SOMETHING TO WATCH

Finishing a gunstock. We return to the Devon Gunsmith for a look at how a stock may be refreshed with oil and finish.

<https://youtu.be/miGgmZsvXlg?si=COESCQsZ2zVbbmbt>

Press ctrl + click to access link

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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