



Scottish Target Shooting

The governing body for all forms of target shooting in Scotland

Snapshot: *Christmas 2020*

The monthly **eNewsletter** from STS



Season's Greetings to all our members from everyone at STS - we hope you, your club members, family and friends have a safe and happy time over this Christmas and New Year.

Shooting News

STS Office Over the **Festive Season**

During the Festive Season, STS staff will be unavailable from 5pm on 22 December until 9am with them returning from 6 January 2021. This is to allow time for them to recharge their batteries for 2021. We thank you for your understanding and will deal with any membership renewal questions on our return.



STS Membership for 2021 **Now Available!**



STS MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR CLUBS & INDIVIDUALS IN 2021

Information Now Available

STS membership for 2021 is now available for clubs and individuals wishing to take out membership with STS for 2021. [Prices and benefits can be found on our website here](#). Clubs are also reminded about our Club Reward Scheme which can provide financial benefits to clubs. [Find out more on our website here](#).

Memberships set up for Direct Debit should have received a notification in the last few days informing them that this will be taken on or around 31 December as part of the automatic renewal process.

Return to Shooting Guidance Following **Announcements on 19 December 2020**

STS would like to advise members that while the Scottish Government's announcement on Saturday 19 December resulted in changes to the Levels we are all in over the Festive Season, the guidance issued by STS (and still available on our website) remains relevant during this time. Should there be any changes over the Festive Season, we will do our best to keep members advised of this. [See and downloaded the latest guidance from the homepage on the STS website.](#)

Home Office Firearms Safety Consultation

As mentioned in our newsletter at the start of the month, don't forget about the consultation currently open with the Home Office regarding firearms safety. This consultation seeks views on the following firearms safety issues which were raised with the Government during the passage of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 through Parliament:

- High muzzle energy rifles
- Air weapons (not relevant for Scotland)
- Miniature rifle ranges
- Components of ammunition

STS will be looking to provide a response but would encourage members to respond too. **The deadline for responding is 16 February 2021.** [See the Home Office outline and respond online.](#)

2021 Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award Now Open for Nominations

Following Bob Aitken's death in October 2016, Scottish Target Shooting wanted to recognise the fantastic contribution which Bob made to the sport of Target Shooting in both Scotland and further afield. We decided that a fitting celebration of Bob's contribution would be to have an award in his name to recognise people who have served the sport over a number of years, just as Bob did. **We are now calling for nominations for our presentation of the award in 2021.**

[More information and the form for making a nomination can be found by visiting the Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award page on the STS website.](#)

STS Events

All STS Events Have Now Been **Cancelled Until February 2021!**

STS has taken the difficult decision to cancel all physical competitions for the rest of 2020 so clubs can focus on re-opening. We will continue planning for competitions, so we are ready to restart them when it is safe to do so. We will be reviewing this position regularly, prioritising shooter safety.

COVID-19 Club Support

*****NEW*** Athlete Awareness Tool**

In partnership with the Scottish FA, sportscotland have developed a **new COVID-19 awareness tool**. This tool highlights the responsibility we all have in keeping each other safe within sport during the pandemic, improving the understanding of what we can all do before, during and after sport and physical activity to protect and limit the spread of COVID-19.

STS recommends that clubs share this tool with their members so that all over the age of 13 use this tool if they or their children are participating in sport or physical activity training, competitions or other events.

Guidance

Guidance is being updated regularly and topics such as social distancing and the phased return to activity have a number of grey areas. We will look to provide members with clear guidance, tailored to the shooting community as best as we can, linking in to other partners in the shooting community (e.g. SCTA, NSRA etc) to be as consistent as possible. The latest advice can be found on the [STS website homepage](#).

Online Training

If your club has training needs that we can help to deliver online, let us know by completing our education survey. [Complete Our Education Survey](#)

Funding

Whether it's through employing staff or facility payments, even when closed, your club may still be incurring costs. We've provided a link to advice, support and grants prepared by sportscotland. [Link to Funding Support](#)

Club AGMs

We are well into AGM season so if your club needs help holding your club AGM online, STS can provide advice, access and admin support to help. Contact us to find out more.

Police Scotland Liaison

If your club or members have questions about what to do with their firearms or air guns during this time, we can help get answers to your questions.

Club COVID Officers

E-Learning Module

sportscotland has developed an online module for supporting Club COVID-19 Officers. This module is free of charge, available online and should take about 30 mins to complete. It is recommended that all COVID officers across all sports completed it. [Take the sportscotland Club COVID Officer E-Learning Module](#)

Find Out More About STS

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COVID-19 Notice - The STS Office is closed but our team are working from home. They can be reached directly via email and the office phone number which will redirect you - dial 0131 467 2489 and choose the option relating to your enquiry.

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