



## Scottish Target Shooting

The governing body for all forms of target shooting in Scotland

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The monthly **eNewsletter** from STS

## Shooting News

### STS 2021 AGM Review

On Saturday 24 April STS held its 2021 AGM. We would like to thank all members for taking their time to participate, whether that was through attending on the day or submitting a proxy vote. The draft minutes from the meeting are being finalised and will be sent out in the coming weeks but we can confirm that all motions were approved by an overwhelming majority (to see the paperwork for the AGM, visit the [AGM page on the STS website](#)). We appreciate the support shown by members and will do all we can to continue supporting the sport in 2021.

### STS to Rename AMGs for 2022

At the 2020 AGM the Board committed to reviewing the names of our AMGs to address a few issues, the most notable being the confusion that occurs between the air, pistol and smallbore categories. Having inherited airgun shooting from SARPA, this primary discipline is meant to represent the non-ISSF events of field target (FT), hunter field target (HFT) and others. However, it is frequently being mistaken to include the ISSF air events of 10m rifle and 10m pistol that sit with the pistol and smallbore groups respectively.

The Board has been looking at this over the last 12 months and agreed to changes to the AMG names that will come into effect at the time of membership renewal for 2022 (1 December 2021) to avoid causing confusion midway through a membership year. The changes that will be applied from 1 December 2021 are:

- Air will be **Field Target Airgun**
- Clay will be **Olympic Shotgun**
- Fullbore will stay as Fullbore (**unchanged**)
- Gallery Rifle will stay as Gallery Rifle (**unchanged**)
- Pistol will stay as Pistol (**unchanged**)
- Smallbore will stay as Smallbore (**unchanged**)

*At this time, members will not need to do anything. During the second half of 2021 changes will be made to update the relevant titles in the membership system. We will remind members nearer the time but would simply ask members to check their Primary Discipline at the time of renewing their membership at the end of 2021 to make sure they are associated with the correct group.*

### Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Winners for 2020 & 2021

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. The Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award is in recognition of people who have served the sport over a number of years, just as Bob did ([find out more about Bob](#)).

Due to COVID-19 the award was not announced. although nominations were received, so the announcement of both the 2020 and 2021 winners were made at the 2021 STS AGM. We are therefore delighted to announce the following winners:

- 2020 - **Tim Kidner** (from fullbore)
- 2021 - **Sheena Sharp** (from pistol and smallbore)

A formal presentation of both awards will be made later in 2021 when it will be possible to present the awards in person. We will also look to create a full profile of both recipients to cover the huge contribution both have made to the various disciplines within STS.

Finally, we would really like to encourage members to start getting your nominations in for the 2022 Award. [Nominations are open all year round through an online entry form that can be found on the Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award page on the STS website - we look forward to getting your nominations](#)

## STS Board Changes

**Departures** - Following the 2021 AGM there are some changes to be confirmed on the Board that STS would like to inform members about. STS would like to thank both **Mike Barlow** and **John Kemp** for their time on the STS Board as Business Vice Chair and Coaching & Officials Director. Both have served since 2016 (and Mike for several years prior as part of STSF) and are stepping down at the end of their second terms.

**New Arrivals** - Since our last AGM, STS would like to welcome **Chris Silver** as our **Finance Director**. Chris took over at the end of last year when our previous Finance Director stood down. Chris now officially starts his first term but has already helped make some big improvements so we look forward to continue working with Chris for the foreseeable future.

**Vacancies** - STS has advertised for the **Business Vice Chair** and **Coaching & Officials Director** vacancies and will be conducting interviews of the coming weeks. As and when any appointments are made, we will let members know. We also still have a vacancy for the **Air AMG Chair**. As an elected position this must come from within the membership. We will be able to co-opt someone on until the next AGM so **if you are interested in the role then please [contact the STS COO](#)** to discuss it further.

## STS Launches Insurance Microsite with Bluefin Sport

STS has been working with our insurance broker, **Bluefin Sport**, to create a microsite with information for STS members. The microsite looks to cover:

- Main insurance queries
- Copies of all policies (except for the Club Plus insurance letter, which is only issued to clubs when taking out this membership)
- Details on cover for COVID-19
- Information on how to extend cover for your club if you need more than is being provided by your STS membership
- Contacts for how to make a claim

We hope this microsite will be of use to members - we will continue to update it to reflect changes in policies and frequently asked questions by members.

[Visit the STS Insurance Microsite provided by Bluefin Sport](#)

*(Please note that this microsite is operated by Bluefin Sport so any updates can take a little longer to make)*

## COVID-19 Guidance Updated on 23 April 2021

The 26 April saw Scotland take another positive step forwards as the UK slowly eases restrictions. STS has updated its guidance, in consultation with sportscotland, to outline what is possible but a summary of the significant changes from 26 April can be found below:

**Indoor Shooting** - For adults, indoor shooting can resume under the restrictions of 'individual exercise' (meaning that household rules must be followed which, for indoors, means 6 people from 2 households) while for those under the age of 18 'group exercise' will be possible, allowing bubbles of up to 30 young people. *(Note: We appreciate that for some indoor clubs, the rule around 'individual exercise' may prevent some indoor ranges from re-opening, hopefully only be a few more weeks before indoor clubs can re-open for larger groups.)*

**Travel** - Adults in a Level 3 area can travel to another Level 3 area (but not a Level 4 area or Level 2 area or below ), to take part in sport. Given that on 26 April all of mainland Scotland will be Level 3, this allows travel across mainland Scotland.

**Bubbles** - Bubble sizes for outdoor shooting in Level 3 remain at 30 but reference to this number for Levels 2, 1 and 0 have been removed because the Scottish Government are reviewing the possibility of increasing these sizes for these levels.

[A copy of our updated guidance is available on the homepage of our website](#)

*It is anticipated mainland Scotland will move to Level 2 on 17 May (pending COVID cases continuing to fall). As and when the Scottish Government make further announcements, we will be sure to update our guidance and keep members informed.*

# STS Events

## STS Confirmed Events for 2021

As travel and activity restrictions start to ease, we are pleased to start reintroducing events. Please note that due to safety measures with regards to COVID-19, the format and/or squadding sizes may be different to previous iterations of these events - please refer to the information for each event to see what changes have been made. STS is pleased to confirm the following competitions and events will be proceeding (subject to Scottish Government advice changing):

- [Scottish Long Range Championships \(Fullbore\)](#) - entries close on 28/05
- [Scottish Open \(Fullbore\)](#) - entries close on 10/06

*The STS Events committee is due to meet in early May to review plans for delivering outdoor events for pistol and smallbore rifle from July onwards.*

## STS Events Cancelled in 2021

As a precaution regarding COVID-19, STS has taken the difficult decision to cancel the following competitions in 2021 (latest additions in bold):

- 2021 Scottish 10m Air Rifle & Air Pistol Championships
- 2021 All Ranges Competition
- 2021 50m Prone Grand Prixes 1 & 2 (May & June)
- 2021 50m 3P Grand Prixes 1 & 2 (May & June)
- 2021 Pistol Colmsliehill Grand Prixes 1 & 2 (May & June)

***If you have any questions about STS events, then please contact [events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](mailto:events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk)***

# COVID-19 Club Support

## Athlete Awareness Tool

sportscotland have developed a **COVID-19 awareness tool** to highlight 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 to spread awareness. [Visit the awareness tool.](#)

## 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

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. [Contact STS](#)

## 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

Facebook: [Scottish Target Shooting](#) | Twitter: [@ScotTargetShoot](#) | Website: [www.scottishtargetshooting.co.uk](http://www.scottishtargetshooting.co.uk)

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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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### Scottish Target Shooting

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