



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

New STS Webinar Sessions for October

STS will be running two webinars in October that we wanted to bring to the attention of members:

Webinar 1: Police Scotland Update on Applications & Renewals on Tuesday 19 October 6-7.30pm

This session is designed so Police Scotland can outline what to expect when going through the application or renewal process. Police Scotland will also be able to provide an update on how moving some of the process online is progressing, explaining what changes will be happening and the proposed timescales for the introduction of these. [Sign Up To Attend This Session Here](#)

Webinar 2: Mental Health Awareness Session on Wednesday 27 October 6-8pm

This session aims to give participants a wider understanding of Mental Health, signs, and how to support someone who may be experiencing poor mental health. This session will look at the difference between mental health and mental illness, and dismiss some myths surrounding this topic. [Sign Up To Attend This Session Here](#)

To keep sessions accessible they are online, completely free, are normally between one and two hours long and run in the early evening so members still working can access them. Most, if not all sessions, will also be live so members can not only listen but also ask questions and have a live discussion.

HSE Launches Call for Evidence to Assess Risks of Lead in Ammunition

The Health and Safety Executive are gathering information and evidence to support the development of a UK REACH restriction dossier (report) on risks to the environment and human health of the use of lead in ammunition (projectiles) in all areas of the Great Britain (Military and non-civilian use of ammunition is excluded). STS wanted to bring this to the attention of the shooting community. **The call for evidence closes on 22 October 2021.** A link to find out more and submit a response to the call for evidence online can be found in the article on the [STS website](#).

UK Government Launches Community Ownership Fund

The UK Government has recently launched a £150m Community Ownership Fund, to support communities to take on the running of local facilities that have been closed or are at risk of shutting down. This may be an opportunity for shooting clubs to take on the running of their own facility if they currently rent or lease it. If your club has ambitions of taking ownership of its facility, you can find more information here: [Community Ownership Fund](#).

Guntrader's Data Breach Update

In August STS published an article regarding the data breach at Guntrader (see article [here](#)). STS has now been made aware by Police Scotland that the data has now surfaced on a website called '[Hunting Leaks](#)'. The website is saboteur focused and is encouraging people to make contact with and challenge individuals on the list regarding their ownership and use of firearms.

STS wanted to advise members and anyone impacted by this that the advice from Police Scotland remains unchanged from the advice on the previous article, essentially any activity which causes members concern should be referred to the police immediately. Should you have any queries, please contact Firearms Licensing who will be best placed to assist.

STS Events

STS Confirmed Events for 2021

STS is pleased to confirm the following competitions and events will be proceeding (subject to Scottish Government advice changing) 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:

- **3 October** - [10m Air Rifle Grand Prix 2021-22 - GP 1](#)
- **13 November** - [10m Air Pistol Grand Prix 2021-22 - GP 2](#)
- **14 November** - [10m Air Rifle Grand Prix 2021-22 - GP 2](#)

STS Winter Postal Competitions - Look out for the Pistol Winter Postal Competition - booking opening very soon!

The STS Events committee continues to meet regularly to review the events programme and is currently finalising details for the 2021-22 grand prix series, as well as planning for the 2022 10m Championships.

If you want to receive details of our various shooting events, please update your member profile to make sure there is a tick next to each discipline you want to hear from us about.

STS Event Results in 2021

Since restarting our outdoor event programme, we have been able to run the following competitions. Where available, we have provided links to the report and results:

- **3 July** - [Colmsliehill Summer Grand Prix 3](#)
- **9-11 July** - [Scottish Gallery Rifle Championships](#)
- **10 July** - [50m 3P Restart Event](#)
- **11 July** - [50m Prone Restart Event](#)
- **4 August** - [Colmsliehill Summer Grand Prix 4](#)
- **29 August** - [50m Prone Grampian Open Shoot](#)

For any errors in the reports or questions about our events, please contact 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

STS Vacancies

STS currently has the following vacancies:

- [Air AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 October
- [Business Vice Chair](#) - closing date 31 October

Information about the role, who to speak to for more information and how to apply can all be found using the links above. To see all our vacancies, please visit our [vacancies page on the STS website](#).

STS Members Insurance Microsite

STS has been working with our insurance broker, **Bluefin Sport**, to create the [STS Insurance Microsite provided by Bluefin Sport](#). The microsite looks to cover (*please note that this microsite is operated by Bluefin Sport*):

- Main insurance queries
- Copies of all policies (except for the Club Plus insurance letter)
- Details on cover for COVID-19
- Information on how to extend the cover for your club
- Contacts for making a claim

Contact 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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