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The monthly **eNewsletter** from STS

Shooting News

HSE Consultation on Lead Shot in Ammunition – Further Call For Evidence

On 6 May, the <u>Health and Safety Executive (HSE) published its findings on the risks posed by the outdoor recreational use of lead</u> <u>ammunition</u> for people, wildlife and the environment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Based on these findings the HSE has launched a <u>six-month consultation</u> on the following proposals for England, Wales and Scotland:

- ban on the sale of lead shot;
- ban on the use of all types of lead ammunition for live quarry shooting including lead shot, shotgun slugs, lead bullets and airgun pellets;
- ban on the use of lead shot for outdoor target shooting with possible exemptions for licensed athletes at licensed ranges with appropriate environmental protection measures;
- ban on the use of lead bullets for outdoor target shooting with possible exemptions for shooting at licensed ranges with appropriate environmental protection measures; and
- mandatory labelling of the packaging of lead ammunition regarding the hazards and risks of lead.

Proposed transition periods for the above restrictions to take effect would vary from 18 months to five years. Buy-back schemes for lead shot cartridges and rifle ammunition have been proposed. This largely mirrors the <u>lead ammunition restrictions proposed in the</u> <u>European Union last year as part of the EU REACH process</u>.

Why is this happening?

The proposals and consultation are taking place under the UK's post-Brexit chemical regulations referred to as UK REACH which covers England, Wales and Scotland (but not Northern Ireland due to the NI Protocol).

The HSE has been tasked as the 'agency' under <u>UK REACH</u> to produce a report that outlines the risks posed by lead ammunition. Where it believes those risks to be unacceptable, it has also been asked to propose restrictions to reduce those risks.

Under UK REACH a <u>two-year lead ammunition review launched in March 2021</u> and this was followed by a call for evidence from <u>August</u> to October 2021.

What is STS doing?

We have requested a meeting of the Scottish Firearms Licensing Practitioners Group to discuss this topic and prepare common themes that we can all use in our responses. STS will then prepare our own response which we will share with members, along with a template to help members to respond to the consultation directly themselves.

There is now a further all for evidence that will run until 6 November 2022.

Clyde Valley Pistol Club to run NRA Range Safety Officer Course in June

STS member club Clyde Valley Pistol Club will be hosting a two-day NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) course over the weekend of the 11 and 12 June 2022 at their indoor range at Ashgill, South Lanarkshire, ML9 3AF. The course will be delivered by the NRA approved instructor, Mark Joyce.

The course is limited to 12 places on a first come first served basis. If you would like to attend the course, then contact the Clyde Valley Pistol Club Secretary at <u>cvpc_secretary@hotmail.com</u>.

STS Still Taking Nominations for the 2022 Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award

Sadly, STS did not receive any nominations in 2022 for the Bob Aitken Service to Shooting Award. The award, recognises the fantastic contribution Bob made to the sport of Target Shooting in both Scotland and further afield. It has been designed to recognise people who have served the sport over a number of years in so many ways, just as Bob did. **Please submit your nominations and we will look to present the award later in 2022.**

More information and the form for making a nomination can be found on the STS website.

STS Events

STS Confirmed Events for 2022

STS is pleased to announce the following competitions and events have been confirmed for the coming months:

- 28 May 2022 50m 3P GP2 (Denwood)
- 29 May 2022 50m Prone GP2 (Denwood)
- 4 June 2022 Colmsliehill 2 (JSPC)
- 17-19 June 2022 Scottish Fullbore Open Championships (Blair Atholl)
- 18 June 2022 50m 3P GP3 (Denwood)
- 25-26 June 2022 Scottish Fullbore Long Range Championships (Blair Atholl)
- 9-10 July 2022 50m Scottish Rifle Championships (Denwood)
- 16 July 2022 Colmsliehill GP3 (JSPC)
- 6 August 2022 Colmsliehill GP4 (JSPC)
- 27 August 2022 50m 3P GP4 (Denwood)
- 28 August 2022 50m Prone GP2 (Denwood)
- 3 September 2022 Colmsliehill GP5 (JSPC)
- 3 September 2022 50m 3P GP5 (Denwood)
- 4 September 2022 50m Prone GP5 (Denwood)

You can enter the majority of STS events online through our online booking system here.

The STS Events committee continues to meet regularly to review the events programme and is currently finalising entry details for these events.

STS Event **Results** in 2022

Please see below links to the results (and, where available, reports) from our most recent events:

- 8 January 2022 <u>10m Air Rifle GP 4</u>
- 9 January 2022 10m Air Pistol GP 4
- 12 February 2022 <u>10m Air Rifle GP 5</u>
- 13 February 2022 10m Air Pistol GP 5
- 12-13 March 2022 Scottish 10m Air Championships 2022
- 30 April 2022 50m 3P GP1 (Denwood)
- 1 May 2022 <u>50m Prone GP1 (Denwood)</u>
- 7 May 2022 Colmsliehill GP1 (JSPC)

For any errors in the reports or questions about our events, please contact events@scottishtargetshooting.co.uk

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.

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STS Vacancies

STS currently has the following vacancies:

- Business Vice Chair closing date 30 June 2022
- Field Target Airgun AMG Chair closing date 30 June 2022

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 <u>vacancies page on the STS website</u>.

STS Members Insurance Microsite

STS has been working with our insurance broker, **Bluefin Sport**, to create the <u>STS Insurance Microsite provided by Bluefin Sport</u>. 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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