



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 Performance Programme Application Window Closes on 31 August

At the start of the month STS announced that applications for the 2022-23 Performance Programme are now being accepted but this window closes on 31st August 2022 so you only have until tomorrow to apply!

We are keen to make sure that no one misses out on this opportunity so wanted to remind you about the following that you may not be aware of:

- Applications are open to non-STs members (although STS membership must be taken out if accepted on to the programme);
- Our programme is fully inclusive so we welcome applications from all athletes, including athletes with a disability; and
- The application process means we can look at Talent Transfer so if you are an athlete showing talent in a non-Olympic/Paralympic discipline or event, we want to hear from you too.

Athletes interested in being part of the programme and feel they meet the requirements (criteria available on the [‘Getting Selected’](#) page), should complete the application form, available [here](#) or from the [‘Getting Selected’](#) page on the STS website.

Ewen Patience Becomes First Scot To Win High Gun Since 2005

Scotland sent a team to the Courtlough Shooting Grounds (Ireland) to compete at the 45th ICTSC Home Countries Olympic Trap Home International over on 19th & 20th August 2022. At the event, STS member Ewen Patience put in a superb performance to become the first Scot to win the High Gun since 2005 with a score of 139/150. Also of note, STS member Izzy MacKintosh also put in strong performance in the Junior category, finishing Overall Junior High Gun Runner-Up, only 2 shots behind the winner.

[Read the full report on the STS website.](#)

SBR AMG is Re-Starting the New Zealand Match

Scotland's only "postal" indoor international match for prone rifle dates back to 1974, and is shot annually against a team from the North Island, New Zealand. A team of fifteen, with two reserves who also record scores, fire 40 shots each at 25 yards. In 2000, an event for a team of five U21 athletes was added to the programme. These matches have been in abeyance for a couple of years now, but we have agreement from our friends in New Zealand to restart them in 2022.

[Find out more from the article on the STS website.](#)

Scots Enjoy Success as Temperatures Soar at 2022 Imperial Meeting

The annual Imperial Meeting was held in July at the NRA ranges at Bisley. This year, the competition was faced with fires and high temperatures but the majority of matches went ahead. In the face of record breaking temperatures (that set the Stickle-down range ablaze), Scottish shooters shot some record breaking scores!

[Read the article on the STS website to find out how Scottish individuals and teams performed.](#)

STS Pistol and Rifle Shooters Shine at 2022 Junior International

At the 2022 Junior International competition Scotland sent teams of rifle and pistol shooters down to Bisley to compete against an international field of young athletes. For some, it was their first real taste of competition outside Scotland. As well as competing against the other athletes on the range, the Scots also had to compete against the rising temperatures on the range. Despite these challenges, Scotland came away with a number of medals - read the reports below to find out how the teams got on:

- [Pistol Report](#)
- [Rifle Report](#)

Could You Be Our Next AMG Chair?

We know the 2023 STS AGM is still some time away (29 April 2023) but we also know that tough decisions require some time to think about so we wanted to advise members with plenty of notice because at our next AGM, all Association Management Group (AMG) Chairs will be up for election. If you are thinking of running for one of these roles, or know someone who would be good at it, now is the time to start thinking.

To find out more about the role, [visit the vacancies page on the STS website](#).

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

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

Based on these findings the HSE has launched a [six-month consultation](#) 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 [lead ammunition restrictions proposed in the European Union last year as part of the EU REACH process](#).

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 [UK REACH](#) 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 [two-year lead ammunition review launched in March 2021](#) and this was followed by a call for evidence from [August to October 2021](#).

What is STS doing?

We requested a meeting of the Scottish Firearms Licensing Practitioners Group and discuss this issue with the members present. Through this, STS is in discussions with the British Shooting Sports Council to understand the response they are intending to submit to help shape our own and ensure a common approach. STS will then share with our members our response, along with a template to help members to respond to the consultation directly themselves.

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

STS Events

STS Confirmed Events for 2022

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

- 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 - [10m Air Rifle GP 4](#)
- 9 January 2022 - [10m Air Pistol GP 4](#)
- 12 February 2022 - [10m Air Rifle GP 5](#)
- 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 - [50m Prone GP1 \(Denwood\)](#)
- 7 May 2022 - [Colmsliehill GP1 \(JSPC\)](#)
- 28 May 2022 - [50m 3P GP2 \(Denwood\)](#)
- 29 May 2022 - [50m Prone GP2 \(Denwood\)](#)
- 4 June 2022 - [Colmsliehill GP2 \(JSPC\)](#)
- 17-19 June 2022 - [Scottish Fullbore Open Championships \(Blair Atholl\)](#)
- 18 June 2022 - [50m 3P GP3 \(Denwood\)](#)
- 18 June 2022 - [50m Pistol Championships](#)
- 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 GP4 \(Denwood\)](#)

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

Event Opt-Ins

*If you want to receive news about any of our shooting events, make sure you **update the opt-in section of your profile** in our membership system with a tick next to each discipline you want us to contact you about.*

Find Out More About STS

STS Vacancies

STS currently has the following vacancies:

- [Business Vice Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023
- [Field Target Airgun AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023
- [Fullbore AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023
- [Gallery Rifle AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023
- [Olympic Shotgun AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023
- [Pistol AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023
- [Smallbore AMG Chair](#) - closing date 31 March 2023

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 has re-opened but our hybrid working policy means most of the team remain working from home. All members of staff can be reached directly via email and the office phone number which will redirect you depending on the topic you need to discuss - dial 0131 467 2489 and choose the option relating to your call.

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