



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

DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

All at Scottish Target Shooting are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, at the age of 96, as many of our members and partners will be too.

Her Majesty was always a huge supporter of sport and the role it plays in society, keenly demonstrated by her unwavering support for the Commonwealth Games and her connection and patronage with shooting organisations such as the NRA and NSRA.

UK government has published [The Demise of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: National Mourning Guidance](#) for the public and businesses.

STS does not have any events planned over this time so this will not impact on our schedule. Clubs will need to judge the mood in relation to any decisions they make therefore STS would advise that any club with an event scheduled over the 12 days of mourning to have a dialogue with organisers, partners, members and entrants to decide if proceeding is the most suitable course of action.

Shooting Proves Popular at Disability Sport Event

On Sunday 4 September [Scottish Disability Sport](#) (SDS) hosted their Wheels to Stadium multi-sport engagement event at Grangemouth Sports Stadium and Grangemouth Sports Complex. The event aimed to provide a range of opportunities for people who use a wheelchair for sport to try new and exciting sports and learn more about the pathways that are available. STS enlisted the support of one of its members, [Alloa and District Rifle Club](#) to come along and deliver the session in partnership with STS.

[Visit the STS website to read the full article](#)

STS Team Competes at 2022 CSF(ED) Championships

Scottish athletes were in action in Wales last week, competing at the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division) Championships. Shotgun events took place at Griffin Lloyd Shooting Ground while down in Cardiff, 10m Air Rifle and Pistol events took place at the Sport Wales National Centre.

[Read the article on the STS website to find out how Scottish athletes performed](#)

Pistol AMG Re-Starts Development Squad

After a break of several years, the Pistol AMG has re-started the Pistol Development Squad with training taking place this autumn. The training is aimed at developing shooters who are aspiring to compete at a higher level and with an aim to moving on to squad level shooting.

[See the STS website for more information](#)

COVID Update

As a result of the Scottish Government lifting all covid rules and restrictions, Scottish Target Shooting COVID-19 Guidance has been withdrawn. Despite restrictions being lifted, covid (and other viruses) remains present in our communities so clubs are still encouraged to consult with members on putting in place/maintaining appropriate and proportional hygiene arrangements to ensure all members can continue their involvement in the sport. For general advice on helping to prevent the spread of covid, we recommend following [Scottish Government advice and guidance](#).

STS would like to express its thanks to our individual members and member clubs for their patience, support, and efforts to uphold public safety and a return to safe shooting.

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:

- **8 October 2022** – [10m Air Pistol GP1 \(Inverness\)](#)
- **9 October 2022** – [10m Air Rifle GP1 \(Inverness\)](#)
- [Pistol Winter Postal Competitions](#)
- [Rifle Winter Postal Competitions](#)

[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 \(Denwood\)](#)
- **3 September 2022** - [Colmsliehill GP5 \(JSPC\)](#)
- **3 September 2022** - [50m 3P GP5 \(Denwood\)](#)
- **4 September 2022** - [50m Prone GP5 \(Denwood\)](#)

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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