



“There are only two options regarding commitment.

You’re either IN or you’re OUT. There is no such thing as life in-between.”

– Pat Riley

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Target Tokyo

We have a number of athletes currently going through selection process for British Shooting/UK Sport led “Target Tokyo”. “Phase Three” of “Target Tokyo” is now completed and had more detailed involvement for training and competition. Three Welsh Shotgun athletes have been selected and offered places, onto the six month “GB Talent Programme” confirmation period Rifle & Pistol athletes are waiting on approval of selection.

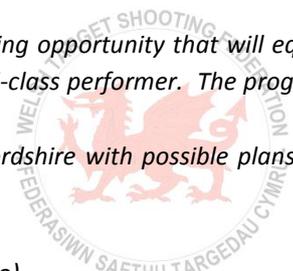
Welsh athletes involved in Target Tokyo.

Listed are the Welsh Shotgun athletes who have been offered places onto a six month confirmation Period to enter the GB Academy; several others have been offered a place into a regional squad.

- **Shotgun** Natalie Davies, Katie Cowell & Scott Morgan, have been invited into the “GB Talent Programme”,
- **Rifle and Pistol** are yet to finalise their plans.

The programme is positioned below the GB Academy and aims to provide a learning opportunity that will equip them with the skills to progress along the Pathway and continue their journey to become a World-class performer. The programme of learning will include sports science, tactical training and lifestyle awareness.

All future shotgun training will be held at Nuthampstead Shooting Ground Hertfordshire with possible plans at a later date of rotating around Great Britain



2015 World Cup Selections. (To date)

Elena Allen

Cyprus. 26th April, Women’s skeet,

Coral Kennerley

Fort Benning USA. 16th May Women’s 10m air pistol

Mike Bamsey

Fort Benning USA. 13th May Men’s air rifle,
14th May men’s prone MQS

Paul Gumn

For the World Cup in Gabala Azerbaijan has been appointed on the “Jury of Appeal”. He will be covering all the Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun events.

Munich World Cup 26th May-2nd June. Rifle & Pistol selections to be announced soon.

Latest on Commonwealth Games

- AGM of the CGW will be held on May 12th. At the executive meeting following AGM on agenda will be a report from the recent European CGF meeting held in early April and also a discussion on Quota places for some Sports with the likelihood of Quotas for all sports by 2022.
- New Nomination Criteria is currently being formulated by the WTSF Board for agreement by the Welsh Commonwealth Games selection committee and publication by November 2015.



Disability matters.

Owen Burke, Bodelwyddan, North Wales, competes in the R1 10m Air Rifle Standing Men SH1, represented GBR (March) at the World Cup in Stoke Mandeville also earlier this year won the SH1 NSRA British Championship in Bisley



Owen on left, recent International comp in Turkey

Shotgun training

March has seen the first training days for the WTSF development squad. This has been set up to nurture the young talent that we are lucky to have in Wales. With several other days planned including a warm weather training camp in Malaga, these young athletes will be exposed to similar training as that of the high performance squads.

April sees the beginning of the selection shoots, Bisley welcomed the Skeet shooters and high performance athletes featured well with Elena Allen and Natalie Davies both making the ladies final and Ben Llewellyn missing out on the final through a shoot off. Next GB selections are in May with OT in Nuthampstead and Skeet at SW2000.

There will be a Welsh squad training day at Griffin Lloyd April 29th April.

Fullbore

Wales have two athletes Mike Bumford and Alex Taylor from Cardiff presently competing for GB under 21's in South Africa: We wish them well.

Last weekend was the WRA training and the junior squad plus a match against the GB under 25's on Sunday (who are captained by Chloe Evans).

Bob Oxford competes in his first 300M individual competition of the season at Bisley.

Rifle and Pistol training and news

There are monthly weekend sessions, mainly at Cardiff with WSRA/WTSF

During March, the High Performance coaches took several of the HP Rifle and Pistol squad to train at a successful training camp in Gibraltar.

John Kelman also holds successful Air Pistol sessions at both Cardiff and Carmarthen and is producing a steady stream of young pistol shooters.

The 2015 North Wales Airgun was held on weekend of 11th/12th April 2015, at Ellesmere College. Shropshire. 60 competitors travelled from all over the UK to take part in the event, at which British Shooting qualification scores could be set.

The event used 30 Megalink electronic targets and competitors were able to shoot three competitions over the two days. Olympic Finals were held in Mens Pistol (mixed Senior and Junior) and Womens Pistol (mixed Senior and Junior). There were not enough rifle competitors to hold Olympic Finals.

Showee Brown won Junior women and Ladies air rifle. There was a strong entry from West Wales juniors, all from Carmarthen PC.

Carmarthen's Emily Shawyer (13yrs old) walked away with many of the Class prizes, closely followed by Carmarthen's Lucy Thomas (12yrs old), who took 1st place in the Women's Olympic Final and who also took home many of the prizes.

Carmarthen PC also took the pistol team prize. Siwan Burrell, Aberystwyth, took 3rd place in the Women's Olympic Final.



Siwan, Kate, Lucy and Emily after the North Wales Airgun comp

British Air gun Championships Bisley Feb 20-22nd Feb.

Pleasing to see our WTSF/WAA Junior and Senior members attaining rostrum placing's and PB's during these championships. Special mention must be made to Owen Burke. Winning the SH1 Air Rifle championship. (Final results not yet published).

Anti Doping

Rob Warnes has agreed to carry on from being our 100%me officer to WTSF Anti-Doping Officer assisted by John Dallimore

Latest 2015 Anti-doping information can be found:

- <http://www.wtsf.org.uk/hp.html>
- http://britishshooting.org.uk/news/title=Anti-Doping_Policy_2015&d=1013

WTSF board, over the next few months, a new child protection (Safeguarding) policy, is required to be formulated at Board level.

Latest from Griffin Lloyd



New Range – Olympic Skeet: The high and low towers are built and covered with featheredge boards cladded to the outside with corrugated galvanized steel roof to form weather proof building that blends in with the existing trap ranges and the natural environment.

Currently Griffin Lloyd is working on raising the finished ground levels with stone to the concreted path.

The electrician is scheduled to install the electrics and Mattarelli Traps in the next month.

John.

Wm. John Dallimore.

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