



Things do not happen.

Things are made to happen.

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Commonwealth Games Durban 2022.

South Africa were on Fri 07th Oct warned that they have less than two months to meet a series of conditions or Durban will be stripped of the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) President Louise Martin told the General Assembly in Edmonton Canada that South African officials must fulfil its contractual obligations by November 30 or they will lose the event.

<http://www.insidethegames.biz/articles/1042406/durban-2022-warned-they-risk-losing-commonwealth-games-unless-they-meet-deadline>

CSF (ED) 23-25th September 2016

The Championships were successfully held in Wales for the first time since 1989. 380+ starts from 240 athletes

More detailed Report will be produced separately.

Draft breakdown of entries.

Shot Gun - 92, .22 Rifle/ Air Rifle – 90, Pistol – 55, the 25m competition was held in Jersey, and Fullbore (Bisley), – 26.

Wales medal table

- Individual events - Gold Medals 7, Silver medals 3, Bronze Medals 3.
- Pairs events- Gold Medals 2, Silver medals 5, Bronze Medals 2.

Venues, CSF (ED) 23-25th September 2016

- Fullbore. Bisley (Welsh Open) 27-28th Aug • 10 mtr Sport Wales National Centre
- 25m Pistol Jersey Open 3-4th Sept. • 50mtr Tondu Target Shooting Club
- Shot Gun. South Wales 2000

Results <http://www.wtsf.org.uk/csfd2016.html>

Short note from Basil George past Chairman of the Welsh Target Shooting Federation, on the founding of the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division)

The CSF(ed) was formed in 1974 after returning from the Games in Christchurch, New Zealand as we found that both New Zealand and Australia had already got all their shooting disciplines under one heading.

The driving force behind organising the CSF(ed) came from Lord Swansea, Syd Payne, John Hunter, Walter Buchanan and myself.

My records of that time are somewhat limited as now and again one has to have a clear-out and some information has been lost.

Once the idea of a Federation was put on the agenda, it became the Commonwealth Shooting Federation (European Division).

A trial event was held in Scotland in 1974 at Barry Buddon and following its success the next event staged by the CSF(ed) was held in Jersey in 1975 and was well supported.

In 1976 the event was staged in Wales.

This is the 40th anniversary of that first event held in Wales which was centred on Cardiff, in grounds of Cardiff Castle with the Clay shooting taking place in Haverfordwest.

The list of those involved in getting the CSF(ed) off the ground at a meeting held in Bisley in early 1974 were:

- The Lord Swansea - Wales
- John Hunter - England
- Syd Payne - Jersey
- Basil George - Wales
- John Aston - Wales
- Peter Page - England
- Glen Williams - Wales
- Walter Buchanan - Scotland



GB selections 2016

Olympics Rio

Elena Competed at Rio 2016. The Women's Skeet competition took place on 12th Aug. Qualification (local time) 09.00-13.00. <https://www.rio2016.com/en/shooting-skeet-womens-qualification>

Paralympics Rio.

As reported in last edition, Owen Burke Porthmadog represented the GB Paralympic team in Rio 2016

<http://rio.paralympics.org.uk/news/article/sharp-shooters-on-target-for-paralympicsgb-for-rio-2016>

Rio World Cup & Olympic Games–

Elena Allen, Women's Skeet.

Munich World Cup –

Mike Bamsey, 3x40 & Air Rifle

Sian Corish, 3x20

San Marino World Cup –

Elena Allen, Women's Skeet

Ben Llewellyn, Men's Skeet

Baku World Cup –20th June

Sarah Wixey, Women's Trap.

Ben Llewellyn, Men's Skeet

TIME LINE on Commonwealth Games

Gold Coast Operational Timeline

•2016

- ❖ ~~Gold Coast Selection standards agreed~~
Now agreed and now on website
- ❖ ~~Sports nominate Performance lead/coach to work with CGCW office for Gold Coast~~
- ❖ NB. WTSF Performance Director, John Dallimore has been nominated by WTSF to fill this position until Team manager is appointed.
Gold Coast athlete 'qualification' period starts 29th November 2016

•2017

- ❖ *Queens Baton Relay –September*
- ❖ *Kit fitting end of September*
- ❖ *Team Manager/Lead Coach Training Gold Coast **October/November***
- ❖ *Nomination of athletes and team officials- by **first week December***
- ❖ *Selection Panel meeting second week December*
- ❖ *NGB informed of selections*

•2018

- ❖ *Team announcements –(workshop with PR leads and ATOM)*
- ❖ *Team Days*
- ❖ *Team departs*
- ❖ *Opening Ceremony April 4th*

Transition to Durban 2022

Glasgow 2014 was the last 'free for all' Games where countries could enter most events and numbers were 'unlimited'

Commonwealth Games is moving towards entry by performance ranking for Durban 2022

Transition from now until 2022

Gold Coast 2018 will see limits on overall team size.

Team sports (already ranking only) Weightlifting and 7 Para-sports will have quotas

Durban 2022 all sports, individual and team, will have quotas and selection will be on performance only.

Athletes will win quota slots for their country

CGCW will work with all sports to start the transition mind-set and preparation, starting today.

Performance Standards

*Transition to 2022 quota and limit on Team size plus desire from CGCW and sports to improve performance
CGCW Board agreed to raise the nomination standard to Top 6*

CGCW will select all team officials –Sports nominate, CGCW selects

Office will work with each sport in defining standard and how the move to quotas for 2022 will impact sports

David Phelps has now been selected for Athletes Commission to work with other athletes in preparing for GC2018
What David had to say after knowing he was selected:

“Representing Wales at the Commonwealth Games is the pinnacle of achievements in my sport, for my country. Representing my country, my nation, my heritage, my sport is what drives me to achieve and compete at the highest level I can.

To have the honour and privilege of being on the athlete’s commission, to help the team, to help my country is fantastic. I just hope I can do a great job to promote the Games, Wales, and Sport.

We as Wales I feel are always looked on as a friendly nation at the games, I really want that to continue with the team saying hi to each other and making friends from across the Commonwealth! It is the friendly games after all! I look forward to doing my bit and being part of the team to make this the best yet!”

British Shooting Target Sprint Event July 2017

Final was held on 31st July

Target Sprint

Members of the WSRA along with WTSF board members were involved in the setting up and helping with this air gun event which was a resounding success. Teams from as far afield as Lincoln took part while HP athletes Sian Corish and Coral Kennelly along with Emily Shawyer qualified for the finals from the last heat on the Saturday. Sian came away as the first British Target Sprint champion in her class with Coral and Emily both medalling.

Rifle and Pistol news

WSRA Report

A combined rifle and pistol team was entered for the Junior International at Bisley during the first week of August.

Richie Lay medalled in each of his 4 events with 2 gold's, silver and a bronze in air rifle and cartridge disciplines.

Newcomer from WSRA development sessions, Jessica Powell, surpassed all expectations and took gold and silver in her two prone cartridge events in this her first international match for Wales.

Showie Brown and Jesse Frost both made finals in the air rifle event with Jesse winning bronze in the Womens Junior Air while Showie took silver in the GP event.

Celyn Jones also made the final in the junior men's air rifle

The women's team of three, Jesse, Jessica and Anna Peake won silver.

Two athletes unfortunately went into the event injured but all acquitted themselves very well on and off the field of play. The event was well supported by various parents who gave invaluable help both in

National Final – Cardiff – was on Sunday 31st July



running pistol events for the organisers and providing athletes support where events clashed
Richie Lay achieved his first GB selection for the Junior Nordics. The journey out was beset with numerous problems and a 10 hour stay at Heathrow due to BA ineptitude in making the team miss their flight, meant that all athletes went into the event tired and with no range familiarisation. Richie shot to his current average in the cartridge events and achieved a new PB in the air rifle.

For the first time for a few years, WSRA could enter a women's team in the Home Countries International at the NSRA Bisley Meeting coming second behind England.

The Development session restarted Sunday 11th Sept with the potential for new attendees as some athletes are away to University. It is pleasing to note that again, the quality of our facilities is attracting athletes to study in Cardiff with 2 of our home developed ones beginning their studies this September

Fullbore News.

Over the weekend of 27th/28th August, Wales hosted the CSF(ED) Championships at Bisley alongside the Welsh Open Championships.

A strong field of twenty-four competitors from eight countries took part in the individual event.

In the pairs competition there were a total of ten pairs, eight in the main event and two development pairs.

Conditions were challenging with moderate to strong, variable westerly winds, some bright warm sun and occasional rain, heavy at times, this was enough to challenge even the most experienced of athletes.

After Queens 1 on the Saturday, (300, 500 and 600 yards) only three competitors had gone clean: Chris Watson of Wales with a fine 105.17v bulls, Nigel Ball of England on 105.13 and Rob Kitson of Ireland 105.11. The chasing pack totalling six athletes, all on 104, this included two from Wales, Henryk G 104.12 and Bob Oxford 104.11, two previous Commonwealth Games gold medal winners, Dave Calvert from Northern Ireland and Cliff Mallet from Jersey, plus Jack Alexander of Northern Ireland and M Barlow of Scotland.

Sunday 28th August, Queens 2. The day started with pleasant clear skies and moderate winds, now coming from the east, having changed direction overnight, unfortunately more rain was forecast.

Again the competition was hard fought with very few points being dropped by the quality field. Although after a heavy squall and downpour at 600 yards, some of the less experienced fell by the wayside.

Only two athletes went clean, both on 150.20v bulls and both from Wales: Chris Watson and Theo Dodds who represented one of the Wales development pair.

Shotgun news training

Yet another busy few weeks for shotgun with the last World Cup of the year in Baku. Ben Llewellyn and Sarah Wixey were both attending. Sarah had problems getting through with her shotgun as the local constabulary did not have her paperwork but the firearm was delivered the day after.

Ben was at this event gaining valuable experience for the forthcoming European championships in Lonato.

<http://results.sius.com/Events.aspx?Championship=ISFWorldCup20160620BakuAZE>

Congratulations must also go to Theo on his recent selection to the Great Britain U25 team and first reserve for the full Great Britain team.

There were three athletes on 149, which included Henryk and four on 148, which included Bob Oxford. Overall standings with just the Queens 3, long range to go, only one athlete had gone clean, Chris Watson on 255.37v. Two points behind in 2nd place was Dave Calvert 253.38v and 3rd= Henryk and Jack Alexander both on 253.36.

Queens 11, Long Range. 900 and 1000 yards.

Over this final stage of the competition, a further 150 points are on offer (75 at each distance) and with light conditions deteriorating, plus strong winds and heavy rain forecast, this would "separate the men from the boys".

After 900 yards Barlow of Scotland was the only athlete to go clean. Chris Watson was still leading the field with Ed Jeens scoring a fine 74.11 and Jack Alexander a 73.7 both close behind.

All down to the final shoot at 1000 yards. Peter Jory from Guernsey top scored with an impressive 74.8 out of 75, Dave Calvert 2nd with 73.9 and 3rd but Chris Watson consolidated his position over the weekend with fine 72.9, this despite missing the target with both his two allowable sighters!

Unfortunately, Jack Alexander and Henryk had poor 1000 yard shoots which put an end to their chances of an individual medal. In Henryk's case this maybe down to problems with his barrel at long range but certainly the jet-lag he was carrying from his flight from Canada two days previously did not help. Bob Oxford had a solid long range to bring him into contention for the pair's event.

With a quick turnaround at home both were soon jetting off to Lonato in Italy for the European Championships. They were joined by 2 juniors, Georgina Roberts and Lewis Owen, both having their first GB caps.

There were excellent performances from all the athletes with Ben missing the final by 1 target and Sarah by 3.

<http://results.sius.com/Events.aspx?Championship=28cd31e3-6c51-4fc3-ac71-63493a87adfb>



Another busy month for shotgun with OT and OSK Home Internationals being held in Wales and Ireland. Many congratulations to Jon Davis on becoming overall International High Gun.

The DT team for the CSF(ED) was finalised and all are looking forward to the forthcoming competition.

Preparations for the competition went well and it was graced by the presence of 9 IPC shooters from Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Disability matters.

On the Para-clay front,

9 athletes are entered Olympic trap for the CSF(ED) at South Wales 2000 to be held with the CSF(ED).

Matt Goodwin has been selected for the IPC Test Paracly event in Italy later this year.

Disability Sport Wales “INSPORT series” (previously known as the Wheelchair Sports Spectacular)

This year’s event took place at the National Indoor Athletics Centre, Cardiff Met University, Cyncoed, Cardiff, on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September from 10am until 4pm.

Great weekend with the WTSF rifle display in full view of all that attended.

Judges Corner.

Paul Gumn attended Rio Olympics and was assigned to work with the OBS, informing them of technical matters during all the Finals, this was in addition to being available to advise the CRO Finals, putting to good use his experience from London 2012. He also spent time with the Observer Team from Tokyo 2020. Maybe we shall be seeing him in Tokyo! Paul has been invited to join the ISSF Ad-Hoc Committee on Target Testing, so will be spent a week in Switzerland at the end of September and two weeks at the end of October in Munich, carrying out target tests with all the major manufacturers.

John Dallimore.

WTSF  Performance Director

