



### WTSF Newsletter November 2015

#### During October WTSF attended several Seminars

1. Wales **ELITE SPORT Strategy** was unveiled:

<http://sport.wales/elite-performance/news-and-media/elite-news.aspx?itemId=18848>

#### Vision

**WALES TO BE A NATION OF CHAMPIONS**

#### Mission

Wales to be number one Commonwealth Games sporting nation and to increase the number and quality of athletes on the UK World Class Programmes

#### Objectives

- Wales to top the per capita medals table at the 2018 Commonwealth Games
- Welsh athletes to win 6-10 Olympic and 20-30 Paralympic medals over two cycles
- Welsh athletes to account for 10% of World Class programmes
- Welsh Athletes to account for 7% of team GB in 2016, rising to 10% thereafter
- Top 8 Elite sports delivering systematic talent development by 2018
- 120 athletes to be in the “medal zone” at start of 2022 cycle

#### Our priorities

- Sports and Athletes that have medal potential at the Commonwealth Games, Olympic and/or Paralympic Games
- Individual Athletes that can succeed at the Commonwealth Games, Olympic and/or Paralympic games
- Community sports that can also deliver significant and sustained International success

2. UK Sport **Tokyo investment 2020 and beyond**, this led to a further meeting with British Shooting to discuss Strategy Policies.

#### Latest on Commonwealth Games

- Decision on the full shooting calendar for Durban 2022 should be known by January 2016
- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> CGW are meeting all 2018 sports to discuss on the following decisions from the CGF General Assembly and discuss issues and process going forward :-
  1. The Gold Coast Sports Programme.
  2. The 2018 limits to size of the Welsh Team
  3. Selection standards for nomination to Commonwealth Games Wales panel
  4. Durban 2022 Quotas

There will be a report from CGW meeting presented to the November WTSF board meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.



## Changes in Sport Wales Grant Application Process

From 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the way you apply for a Sport Wales Community Chest and Development Grant will be changing.

Applications will have to be made online, via the Sport Wales website, rather than using the existing paper/PDF based application forms. The new online process will, amongst others things, improve the applicant experience and allow Sport Wales to manage grant programmes more efficiently. Please regularly check the funding pages on the Sport Wales website <http://sport.wales/funding--support.aspx> for the announcement of the Go Live date

### 2015 World Cup Selections.

Results can be found at <http://www.issf-sports.org/competitions.ashx>

#### **Elena Allen** Women's skeet

Cyprus.	April,
European Games	June
European Champs	July
Gabala AZB	August
World Champs Lonato	Sept
<b>Sarah Wixey</b> <u>Women's Trap</u>	
Gabala AZB	August
<b>Ben Llewellyn</b> <u>Mens skeet</u>	
World Champs Lonato	Sept

#### **Coral Kennerley** Women's 10m air & 25mP

Fort Benning USA.	May
Munich	May
<b>Mike Bamsey</b> <u>Men's air rifle 3x40 &amp; prone</u>	
Fort Benning USA.	May
Munich	May
European 50m Champs	July

#### **Paul Gumn**

For the World Cup in Gabala Azerbaijan was appointed to the "Jury of Appeal". He was covering all the Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun events.

### Shotgun training

- During October, we (WTSF) met with British Shooting (shotgun) academy Dean Leak and Christian Scourfield to facilitate future training sessions in Wales, this meet will result in some regional development sessions being held in Wales headed by Richard Stepney and Sarah Wixey.



Fantastic response to the "new development initiative" started in October.

- Academy OT & Skeet training camp in Malaga from 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November with a Skeet GP in Malaga 14/15<sup>th</sup> November Ben Llewellyn and Kieron Powell attending.

### Fullbore

October Chloe Jones won 3 Gold medals at the Skill at Arms UK cadet's competition at Pirbright. Surrey

Henryk Golazewski "Gola" won the Gold medal in the RAF v Jersey v NRA competition in Jersey, beating all the GB competitors, including those that had represented their countries at the C Games in Glasgow.

Bob Oxford won Gold in the Ages match at Bisley and competed in the Open 300m ISSF event at Bisley, coming 3rd.

## Rifle and Pistol news

- Following the end of RWC matches in Cardiff the 50m range is now back in operation with regular weekend sessions for Cardiff based athletes from Wales and those from other home countries studying at various universities in S Wales. Many are attending Uni here based on the quality of our facilities.
- Squad Weekends continue successfully and WSRA are currently looking to restart separate Development weekends again to reduce the increased numbers currently integrated into the joint pistol and rifle Squad weekends. The Target Tokyo initiative, while not individually successful, has highlighted some talented juniors who are showing skill and enthusiasm at sessions.
- The indoor range is showing increased usage both from a Welsh / GB squad perspective and also from visiting local club and starter groups. Attracting new shooting athletes will be maximised when David returns from his post op recovery.
- During the demolition and (hopefully) subsequent rebuilding of the Cardiff Rifle Club range, Cardiff University are keeping their rifle section going by shooting air rifle on Wednesday afternoons.
- Sian Corish is currently shooting in the German Bundesliga and in her first outing this season won both her matches as part of a double win for her team, Freiheit II
- WTSF squad weekend dates have been projected for the next 15 months and we await confirmation of the facilities booking. The events calendar will then be completed and forwarded to those athletes involved.
- Early October saw the first ever South West School's Air Pistol Championships where two of our WTSF development shooters Lucy Thomas and Emily Sawyer coming away with medals also Steve Pengelly, Alan Green and Paul Gumn assisted in making this a success.



[http://britishshooting.org.uk/news/title=South West School Championships&d=1104](http://britishshooting.org.uk/news/title=South_West_School_Championships&d=1104)

## **Disability matters. Match report by Matt Goodwin**

### **2015 Para-Clay International Grand Prix, Cielo Aperti, Bergamo, Italy.**

The 2015 Para-Clay international Grand Prix took place from the 25th to the 27th of September at TAV Cielo Aperti near Bergamo, Italy.

This is the latest of several test events held by the IPC/ISSF with FITAV to develop disabled shotgun shooting, with the eventual aim of Paralympic inclusion in the not too distant future.

The competition was shot over two days. 125 Olympic trap targets. 75 on day one, then 50 followed by semifinals and medal matches on day two.

The event was shot to ISSF rules with two new amendments. 1) Guns must be unloaded between all stands and 2) For seated shooters the ground contact point of the rear wheels must be inside the standard ISSF shooters square.

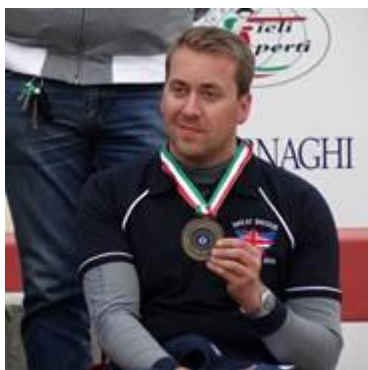
The competition saw 70 of the best Para-clay athletes from around the globe fighting it out, including competitors from Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Finland, USA, Russia, Iran, India, New Zealand, Malta, Slovakia, Ghana and Japan.

British shooters led the way in both Sitting and Standing classes at the end of the qualification rounds, gaining two semi final places in both the Sitting (Mathew Sidney Goodwin, Paul Bailey) and Standing 1 categories (Andrew Womble, Steven Ling). Andrew Womble (GB and England) had a massive six target lead after the qualification rounds, then held onto his 1st place right through the semi finals and medal match to take the gold, Italy's Giorgio Marrozzini and Raffaele Talamo taking silver and bronze. Steven Ling finished in 6th place.

Mathew Goodwin (GB and Wales) led the field by 3 targets at the end of qualifying, tied at the top of the semi final with Andres Fernandez Gimeno and Pietro Boem, but unfortunately lost out in the sudden death shoot off for a place in the gold medal match. That meant a tense bronze medal match against fellow Brit Paul Bailey. The final result was Bronze to Goodwin, and 4th place to Bailey. Spain's Andres Fernandez Gimeno won gold, and Italy's Pietro Boem took silver.

IPC, FITAV and ISSF officials were in attendance, as well as IPC medical experts to further develop rules and classifications. It was another fantastic event that has grown year on year, it is hoped that with a few more countries in attendance it will get full world championship status in the not too distant future.

Matt Goodwin with his medal, Matt represented GBR during October at the Italian Grand Prix which was a Test event to bring Disabled Shotgun events towards IPC recognition.



Well done Matt

### **Mobile range**

WTSF has set up a mobile range to help develop the sport around Wales. During August we successfully had our first outing at Dinefwr House near Llandeilo where we lost count of the number of visitors that passed through the shooting display. We have two specialised Gazebos equipped with an array of .177 (4.5mm) air rifles and Laser rifles.

### **Official ISSF Judges Course held at Cardiff**

First ISSF Judges Course to be held at SWNC was a great success.

Sixteen Students attended the first ISSF Judges Course to be held in Wales over the weekend 24/25 October. In addition to students from Wales, others attending travelled from Scotland, England, Jersey and Italy to take part in the ISSF Pistol Judges Course with all of them passing the stiff exams in order to achieve a Certificate either from British Shooting for those attending the Course for the first time or an ISSF 'B' Licence Certificate for those that already have experience in the Discipline.

The Course was run by David Goodfellow from England and Paul Gumn from Wales, who have already had a second Course approved by the ISSF, also to be hosted by the WTSF, a Rifle Judges Course is planned for 5/6 March, 2016.

### **Target Sprint**

WTSF is working closely with British Shooting and Scottish TS to launch a pilot scheme, a series of Target Sprint Grand Prix events around Great Britain in 2016. The WTSF Plan is to use the grass area alongside the 50m Range at Sophia Gardens, Cardiff. Final of the Grand Prix series is planned for Cardiff in July 2016.

<http://www.issf-sports.org/news.ashx?newsid=1951>

International rules for Target Sprint

<http://www.issf-sports.org/getfile.aspx?mod=docf&pane=1&inst=290&file=Target%20Sprint%20Rules%20DEC%202013.pdf>

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