



“I’ve missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I’ve been trusted to take the game-winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over again in my life. **And that is why I succeed” . Michael Jordan**



**WTFSF Newsletter Nov 2016**

**Commonwealth Games.**

CGW executive has just returned from a visit to inspect the Gold Coast facilities. Team leader’s meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec and CEO meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. where latest update’s will be available. Reports are that all facilities will be constructed 12 months ahead of schedule.

**CSF Gold Coast 2017**

Waiting for Australia to finalise running the CSF and Oceania shooting championships together. October/November 2107 It looks likely that Oceania Championships will follow from the CSF Championships.

**GB selections 2016**

Elena Allen competed at Rio OG 2016.  
Owen Burke competed at Rio PG 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 Llewelin, Men’s Skeet

**Baku World Cup –20<sup>th</sup> June**

Sarah Wixey, Women’s Trap.  
Ben Llewelin, Men’s Skeet

**British Shooting**

Waiting for news from UK Sport of funding level for the next Olympic Cycle. Expected early Dec. All athletes on World Class and academy have had athlete reviews with British Shooting.

**British Shooting Target Sprint Event July 2018**

Finals again pencilled in for Cardiff at end of July 2017

***Judges Corner.***

Paul Gumn 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. He has just returned from the ISSF Technical committee meeting as their “Special Adviser”. He is pleased to be coming to the end of the Indexing work on the new ISSF rule book. This should be “On line” during December.  
Three Wales Judges attended a National “Electronic Scoring Targets” course at Bisley Early December Paul G will be giving a presentation to the HP squad’s on the new ISSF rules.

## TIME LINE on Commonwealth Games

### **Gold Coast Operational Timeline**

❖ Opening Ceremony April 4th

•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 started on 29<sup>th</sup> October 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*

### **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*

### Rifle and Pistol news

- No cartridge events during the month as season closed.
- Training on-going but interrupted by Autumn international Rugby when use of the Grass Pitch prevented shooting access for most athlete regular sessions.
- HP Training sessions are on-going with excellent development being seen although a combination of the time of year and numbers involved is putting the 10m range under pressure. The same situation arises during the cartridge season on the 50m range placing us in the situation of needing a larger fixed facility to accommodate our HP and developing athletes across all Smallbore disciplines
- WSRA Development sessions continue and most young athletes have joined or are in the process of joining local clubs eg. Tondur - with the majority now owning or in the process of acquiring their own rifles. The sessions are popular and well attended and at least one female athlete is on the cusp of being introduced to the HP weekends. Tondur continues to support and encourage our endeavours and the help of Fred Brown and Rob Shawyer has been invaluable with Mick Crook now coming on board and improving his instructor skills. We will be entering 2017 with a strict set of criteria for attendance and involvement.

- Athletes who are benefitting from access to HP weekends in Cardiff under Steve Downes coaching and direction made a good showing at the WAA championships. Sian Corish achieved 2 finals taking bronze in one and qualifying with a match PB and 2 CG MCS scores over the 3 days. Richie Lay made all three finals in the junior men's events taking 2 silvers and a bronze and the overall Welsh Junior men's title. He also shot a new Match PB to qualify for his final match. Ryan Williams made his last final as did Rhian Floyd both missed medal positions. Celyn Jones qualified for his three finals but was unlucky in missing out on a medal position. Other competitors were Hannah Davies and Jesse Frost.

### **Fullbore News.**

- Monthly training continues for the Elite and Development Squads at both Long and Short Range.
- We have been fortunate to have a dry Autumn period over most of October and November for the late season training.
- During October Wales put together a strong team to compete in the European Long Range Challenge at Bisley. Five countries took part, each providing a team of 18, consisting of 12 firers, 4 wind coaches, a team Captain and Adjutant.
- Wales finished in a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> place beating Ireland by 1 point and pushing Germany into 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Top scorer for Wales was Chris Watson with an outstanding performance over the weekend, scoring 2 maximum scores over the five distances shot.
- Close Season with monthly training at Bisley (Outdoor and scatt)

### **Shotgun news training**

"Coaches Richard Stepney and Sarah Wixey have initiated the annual Autumn programme of the WTSP Shotgun Academy with the announcement of a five session intensive training period both for a Development Squad and a "Wales" squad in Olympic Trap. Plans are also afoot for a training camp and Grand Prix at the Jarapalo Range in Malaga in January. This will be the first opportunity of the new season to bag a Commonwealth Games MCS. Richard is preparing for his ISSF "B" Coaching License course to be held in December with Sarah successfully completing the "C" Coaching License course back in September

Development squad attended the Malaga Gd Prix. In November

Photo of Georgina Roberts with her medal

<https://www.facebook.com/BritishShooting/photos/a.137099193081417.9745.116518908472779/557289154395750/?type=3&theater>

Photo Of Lewis Owen and his dad with their medals

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### **Disability matters.**

**On the Para-clay front,**

The Italian Shotgun Federation hosted the International Paralympic Shotgun Shooting Grand Prix Link to update on Para-clay event in Italy and a good Photo of Mat Goodwin.

<http://www.issf-sports.org/news.ashx?newsid=2707>



## Development Update (By Alan Green WTSF Development officer)

### Grassroots and Development Update and News

#### National Schools 10m Air Pistol Championships

Great success was achieved at both qualifying rounds of the British Shooting National Schools 10m Air Pistol Championships by Welsh competitors. The Southern Schools Championship was held at Leweston School in Dorset and the Northern Championship at Ellesmere College in Shropshire. British Shooting was assisted in the running of the events by members of the WTSF and the Welsh Airgun Association.

Go Sport, Carmarthen, arranged for over forty athletes from eleven schools to attend the events, and along with other individual entries, seventeen shooters from Wales have qualified for the finals at the Sports Wales National Centre Cardiff on 25<sup>th</sup> January. The following "Welsh" individual athletes have qualified for the final:

#### Juniors

Seren Thorn  
Ozzy Burrow  
Iestyn Jones  
Max Elkin

#### Intermediate

Lucy Thomas  
Megan Jones  
Emily Shawyer  
Louise Mear  
Taryn Williams

#### Senior

Stephan Herdman  
Helena Ivey

In addition, the following athletes have qualified in the team final:

#### Juniors

Otto Brown  
Ben Harris-Price

#### Intermediate

Celyn Yate  
Jac Lewis  
Owen Howell  
Tom Butterworth

Link to British Shooting report on the [Southern Schools Championship](#) qualifying event.

Link to British Shooting report on the [Northern Schools Championship](#) qualifying event.

[Target Shooting to be a new sport at the Cardiff Games.](#)

The WTSF has committed to support the Cardiff Games for the 2016/17 school year at 6 multi-sport events.

Date	Venue	Time	School Year
December 8, 2016	Cardiff University Tal-Y-Bont	10:00 – 13:00	4
December 14, 2016	Eastern Leisure Centre	10:00 – 12:30	4
February 14, 2017	Cardiff University Tal-Y-Bont	10:00 – 13:00	5
February 15, 2017	Eastern Leisure Centre	10:00 – 12:30	5
April 25, 2017	Cardiff University Tal-Y-Bont	10:00 – 12:30	6
April 26, 2017	Eastern Leisure Centre	10:00 – 12:30	6

### What are the Cardiff Games?

The Cardiff Games began as an Olympic and Paralympic legacy multi-sport competition for Primary and Secondary schools from across Cardiff. Several school sport competition programmes were being delivered in Cardiff by several organisations and Sport Cardiff in partnership with these organisations brought all these competitions under the umbrella of the "Cardiff Games".

Now in its fourth year, The Cardiff Games offers a variety of opportunities to a range of participants. Each sport / competition is tailored to give as many pupils the chance to represent their school in over 20 sports at 18 different venues across the City.

The Cardiff Games aims to create a clear competition pathway from primary school sport to secondary school sport to community and club sport, ensuring that every child in Cardiff can participate in an appropriate competitive opportunity.

The WTSF is looking forward to this exciting opportunity where we will introduce target shooting to Primary School children using Light Emitting Rifles. It is hoped that this will invigorate grass roots shooting sport in the Cardiff and surrounding areas. It is planned to expand opportunities to Secondary School pupils in the 2017/18 school year.

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John Dallimore.

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