

Kent Gun Club

THE MEMBERS NEWSLETTER ISSUE No. 4 SPRING 2010

LINE READY

We all know there has been an election and probably another one coming up in the foreseeable future but do you know what your prospective candidates views are on shooting, is he/she supportive or anti, will this influence the way you vote? Check out you candidates views invite them down to KGC for an introduction.

The threats to our sport seem to be as large from within as much as from the uninformed as indicated by some decisions from our esteemed governing body.

The CPSA, having expounded to anyone who will listen how representative they are of the sport have now decided to have nothing to do with National Association of Target Shooting Sports (NATSS). A National body intended to represent all the aspects of shooting is essential to the well being of shooting in general; so why did the CPSA pull out of this? Parliament will not listen to 25,000 (sorry 25,052 CPSA membership) clay shooters spread throughout the country who individually cannot influence any vote, but they will have to listen to a collective body representing all aspects of the sport and field sports in the this green and pleasant land isle. Why does the CPSA want nothing to do with this national body?

There will always be differences of approach in such a body but surely our over-riding goal has to be the protection of our sports and the development and expansion of public awareness leading to better understanding and acceptance by the public at large.

The other piece of information made public in March PULL! Was the decision for Club Safety Officers not to have to re-qualify! Please see Uncle Andy's rant on this topic In PULL!

CPSA NEWS

And now we hear Phil Boakes has resigned leaving the CPSA in disarray. No doubt the AGM will be an interesting affair but perhaps more fundamentally it will have to show you, the membership, what the CPSA intends to do to regain the confidence of the membership, or should that be simply retain the membership?

MEMBERS NEWS

Congratulations to Brad & Liz Sheppard on the arrival of Harvey on 22 February at

3.30am weighing in at 9lb. Brad says he felt little discomfort and it was all quite painless really! Well done to Brad and Liz, a brother for Charlie (3). Harvey has already enquired about the introduction course as Charlie has already been to the club.

A new painting balling/painting technique is being developed by Lord Harris of Dulux. The technique is based on stealth and the recipient of the paint not necessarily being aware they want their room painted. At present the method is based on two tins of paint, air gun (but Dave a single shot won't distribute the paint evenly you've got to go for 7's or even 6's) and ... well the result is currently "what the happened here?" The field test undertaken at 20 Caterham High Street was not a huge success according to witnesses!

GREATER LONDON GRAND PRIX

KGC hosted the Greater London DTL Grand Prix on Sunday 23 May on the hottest day of the year and shooters were presented with the best of conditions and targets. Two no birds all day a tribute to the trappers and TLC give to the traps by Bob Barrett and Ken Newman.

A good opportunity was missed by Kent, Surrey, Essex and Sussex shooters to inflict some psychological damage on the Greater London shooters before the Inter Counties later in the year.

High Gun and Vets winner was Alan Parry, Colts Sophie Weller, A Class Bill Watts, Ladies and B Class Karen Allen, C Class Ray Bridger



Presentations by Alan Piper

Top: John Parry and Sophie Weller

Middle: Bill Watt and Karen Allen

Bottom: Ray Bridger and right - shooters enjoy the weather and Bob's cabaret routine

EDITORS ADMISSION

Yes there were two errors (well two I noticed) in issue 3. There is no such thing as a "Hugh" Gun prize and in the word search Newnham Park was spelt without the "n" in the list and in the search so it shouldn't have made any difference, indeed how many even knew? If these errors spoil your enjoyment you are welcome to take on the job!

We are starting to send out further editions of LINE READY by email and have circulated the membership on this. Some hard copies will be available in the club house but colour printing and postage is making the production costs too high. If you don't get an electronic copy please let me know and I'll add you to my circulation list. Equally if you do not want further copies please let me know.

BOB'S COACHING TIPS

Latest advice from Bob to successful scores:

"I don't care what you say if you're on it you'll break it"

OK – thanks Bob that's really helpful

SKEET DAY

Saturday 12 June a club skeet day with KGC running one of the skeet layouts at Dartford for the day, come and have a day out and try your hand at a different discipline.

CLUB FUN DAY FOR CHARITY

The club fun day was enjoyed by 24 member's friends and guests. The first club fun day comprised 50 Olympic Trap and 50 Sporting seemed to be difficult for most. Top gun was Keith Sparks with a score of 84 ex 100 who also took the Kent Gun Club Trophy.

A special mention to Ken & Kevin for running the office and trapping on the OT respectively, Kevin is still hearing the bleeps in his sleep!

The Trophy was awarded to Keith by Bob Barrett together with all prizes and well done to all.

A donation of £73 has been made by the club following the shoot to Harris Hospiscare with St Christopher's. Thank you to everyone for their support and some returning faces not seen for a while. Next fun day see above for the Skeet day on Saturday 12 June.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday July 4th 2010 and will be held within the registered event on that day.

Trophy for High Gun and medals in all classes but may only be claimed by KGC club members **fully paid up** on the date of competition.



EXCUSE(S)

Alex Bull picked up on the old "They were in the chimney" on Sunday 28 March when dropping 6 points on peg 2, you'll have to be more original than that Alex!

Anyone being refereed by Steve Williams on the same day may have been a little confused by "Well if it's there and you're here you won't hit it" hmm! OK Steve – Sounds like Steve's after his own coaching tips section.

"I realised after the first one I wasn't shooting the Guerini and had to come up about a foot" – Guess who?

Dr WILLIAMS SAYS

Don't get big headed if you hear the referee saying "he's shooting flash" It's not a comment on your shooting style or your outfit!

SHOT BOXES

Half Price shot boxes are available from Bob at the shop, black and cammo cases, cartridge boxes and accessory boxes all available

KENT GUN CLUB - DATES & EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY 2010

May

Sat 29th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 30th Open Practice Beginners Welcome

June

Sat 5th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 6th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice
 Sat 12th **Club Skeet Day**
 Sun 13th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

July

Sat 3rd Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 4th 100 DTL Registered
KGC Members Championships - Followed by Practice
 Sat 24th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 25th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

August

Sat 7th DTL Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 8th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice
 Sat 14th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 15th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

There were complaints the Sudoku was too hard in last edition, here's an easier one with less numbers!

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September

Sat 4th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 5th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice
 Sat 18th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 19th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

October

Sat 16th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 17th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice
 Sat 23rd Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 24th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

November

Sat 6th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 7th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice
 Sat 27th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 28th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

December

Sat 11th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 12th **100 DTL Registered, followed by practice to include Christmas shoot.**
 Sat 18th Open Practice Beginners Welcome
 Sun 19th 100 DTL Registered Followed by Practice

COUNTY 2010

Kent Single Barrel	12 September	Maylands Gun Club
National Inter Counties	3 October	North of England

NATIONAL EVENTS 2010

DTL Weekend 11-13 June – Bywell

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

European DTL 7-8 August 2010 Southern Counties www.southern-counties.com

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