



WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LTD
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CHAIRMANS REPORT

1. Thank you

- a. To all fellow directors
 - i. All the Elected Representatives from disciplines.
 - ii. Please remember all the above are giving up their time for free.
 - iii. Remember no permanent office base as for example CPSA.
- b. General Secretary and Membership Secretary.
- c. Thanks to all grounds who held a county or Welsh Team qualifier.
- d. Thanks to all county coordinators and call for more for those counties with vacancies
- e. Thanks to Mid Wales for hosting this year AGM.
- f. No Home Internationals in Wales this year.
- g. National Skeet Home International next year to be held at Fauxdeglia.

2. Thanks

- a. To all Welsh shooters, for being members of WCTSA
- b. For all those shooters taking part in qualifiers county and country
- c. Congratulations to all those shooters who represented Wales in 2019.
- d. Congratulations to all those Welsh shooters who qualified to shoot for GB in 2019.

3. This year's main aims

- a. Website – Massive thanks to Gavin Harvey for all his tireless efforts setting this up and also to Clive Bowen for adding all the information since the website went live, all unpaid.
- b. Rewriting of the WCTSA articles.
- c. Social media and Facebook, trying to ensure that all information and events get posted as soon and as fully as possible. Many thanks to those members maintaining and managing this aspect of the association.
- d. We are still not getting a great deal of website input from members.
- e. Carrying out a review of Welsh Team trophies for Home Internationals.

4. Currently and going forward

- a. Setting KPI's for board and responses to members letters and queries
- b. Look at trophies for intercounty and to try and arrange donations within counties to fill any gaps.
- c. A database for trophies awarded at County and International events so generous donations from member do not go missing as once we have all trophy gaps filled don't want to get into a position again where so many are missing. By signing members agree to get the trophy engraved and returned prior to next year's event with a leaflet given out to that effect.

- d. Rewrite of the associations rule book to be carried out early 2020, and this to be a much more 'live' document it reflects items passed at the board which alter or introduce new rules.
- e. Personal aim to get about and meet more members at the discipline that I haven't been able to attend yet this year due outstanding commitment.
- f. Revue of awarding Welsh County Qualifiers
- g. New membership Flyers, Banners for ground and Ground rebates.
- h. Young shots subcommittee looking to promote shotgun shooting for not only young shots but anyone wishing to try our sport.
- i. Fundraising revue subcommittee, as ever always looking for novel ideas to increase association income.
- j. Anyone wishing to join the last two please contact me.

5. Comments from the disciplines

Asked for brief paragraph or two from each discipline and received the following.

a. *Olympic Skeet*

- i. OSK is enjoying a remarkable year with a great spirit within the team. Ben Llewellyn and Elena Allen have continued their International duties representing GB around the world and Kirsten Vogel has joined the GB group representing the Junior Ladies. We had 6 new caps in this year's Home International and one of them, Georgina Shephard along with Kirstin Vogel won the Ladies Runner up trophy in Dungannon, Northern Ireland. Also, in the Home International, Tony Cox won the Welsh High Gun with the "Dragon Trophy" and Runner Up was this year's Captain, Wyndham Howells winning the "Cross Engineering Trophy" all supported by the safe hands of Team Manager Simon Vogel. After three qualifying shoots, the "British Shooting Grand Final" saw Ben Llewellyn win the Men's Silver medal and Junior Ladies Bronze was won by Kirstin Vogel.

b. *NATIONAL SKEET*

- i. Rob Trow and Rob Ace for stepping in as team manager and doing a brilliant job.

c. *OLYMPIC TRAP*

- i. I'd like to say how proud I am of the Welsh team this year for such success at the Home International.
 Ladies team - Gold
 Juniors team - Gold
 Vets team - Silver
 Super Vets team - Silver
 Senior team - Bronze
 New Cap - Silver
 Ladies, Junior, Vets, Super Vets team - Silver
 Ladies Overall - Gold

I'd like to have a special mention for the juniors, Owain Humphreys and Rhys Tucker for working so hard for that trophy!

I'd also like to mention Mike Wixey who shot a 117 in absolutely torrential conditions at the British Shooting Grand Final.

d. ABT

- i. Most of the ABT shooters dedicated to the discipline, we have team members who shoot both ABT, and OT, and other disciplines,
Some will always ask why they don't have the same expensive as the other teams, this is because they have to take time off from work, and have families to look after, and cannot afford it.
They do most of the qualifier, and are away on weekends, and it's time away from their families, costs are the main reasons we lose shooter, and five days away costs a lot. The most dedicated shooters will always do as many qualifiers as possible and travel to the Internationals, others will drop out because of the expense.

e. ENGLISH SPORTING

- i. **Sporting Qualifiers:**

Welsh Open Sporting Championship/ Perazzi Championship:

Below are the results for Welsh member high guns from the Welsh Open, which was also the Perazzi Sporting Championship. The shoot drew in over 400 competitors over 3 days:

Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Huw Stephens

Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Gary Davies

Super Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Mick Harding

Junior Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Annalise Evans

Lady Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Lucy Pitt

It is worth noting that Lucy Pitt was also Lady High Gun overall at the event.

A welcome addition to this year's shooting was the inclusion of a Welsh Open Sporttrap event, which ran alongside the Welsh Open Sporting Championship and drew 150 entries.

- ii. **ICTSF World Sporting Championships, Ireland:**

Special mention should go to the following individuals from the Welsh team for their individual achievements at the event:

Dorian Evans- won the Prelim event and qualified for the semi-final shoot-off in the Sporting World Championships.

Andrew White- qualified for the final shoot-off and finished 4th overall in the world. Andrew was also awarded the Tony King memorial trophy for having the highest Welsh Team score at the World Championships.

Annalise Evans – Lady-Junior World Champion

Ian Palmer – Super Veteran World Champion

Annalise Evans' and Ian Palmer's outstanding efforts resulted in two individual World Champions within the Welsh team which was an amazing achievement against some of the world's most capable competitors. Every member of Team Wales also came away with a medal at the World Sporting Championship 2019- a fantastic accomplishment. The Welsh Super Veteran World Team pulled out all the stops and took team gold.

Welsh Senior World Team: Bronze

Welsh Junior World Team: Bronze

Welsh Ladies World Team: Silver

Welsh Veterans World Team: Bronze

Welsh Super Vet' World Team: Gold

This accumulation of medals also meant that the Team Manager, Nicola Walker, came away with a Bronze Open Team Manager medal.

This was a phenomenal result and all team members, and the Team Manager should be extremely proud of themselves in their endeavours.

iii. Sporting Home International, Northern Ireland:

Special mention must go to Dorian Evans who put in a phenomenal score of 96/100 to become the Sporting Home International Overall High Gun. This is a fantastic achievement, and Dorian should be proud to have beaten many world-class competitors at the event.

Another notable Welsh achievement from the competition goes to the Welsh Ladies Team: Lucy Pitt, Janine White and Rebecca Adlam, who finished a close second to England's ladies, with only 3 clays between them. Welsh Captain, Josh Keeble also put in a strong performance to earn himself Runner-up Captain High Gun.

Welsh Overall High Gun: Dorian Evans

Welsh Senior High Gun: Dorian Evans

Welsh Senior Runner-up: Richard Hughes

Welsh Junior High Gun: Jacob O'Loughlin

Welsh Lady High Gun: Janine White

Welsh Veteran High Gun: Jerry Preece

Welsh Super Vet' High Gun: Martin Pitt

f. FITASC SPORTING

i. FITASC Welsh Open:

Below are the Welsh High Guns at the Welsh FITASC Open 2019, held at Cefn Tilla:

Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Andrew White

Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Nigel Hart

Super Veteran Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Mick Harding

Junior Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): James Morgan

Lady Welsh Open High Gun (Wales): Janine White

ii. FITASC Home International, Aitkin, Grant & Lang, England:

Welsh shooter, Janine White managed to hold off an England clean sweep in the categories by winning the overall Lady High Gun trophy. And the Welsh Ladies Team accomplished a silver medal, just behind England.

Welsh Overall High Gun: Andrew White

Welsh Senior High Gun: Andrew White

Welsh Junior High Gun: Annalise Evans

Welsh Lady High Gun: Janine White

Welsh Veteran High Gun: Phil Patch

Welsh Super Vet' High Gun: Mick Harding

iii. Elsewhere...

The introduction of a two-day Welsh Open this year dramatically boosted the number of entries and it is encouraging to see that many WCTSA member FITASC shooters are now attending international FITASC events and are achieving good results. The last couple of years have seen several Welsh shooters making the Great Britain FITASC Team, including Lucy Pitt, who again qualified for the Ladies GB Team this year. Lucy regained her English

Open FITASC Lady High Gun title and also became Ladies High Gun at the 2019 UK FITASC Championships, to add yet another title her long list of achievements to date.

As FITASC representatives, Richard Hughes and Janine White would like to get more shooters to try FITASC shooting as well as encourage more grounds to hold Welsh FITASC qualifiers in order to build our Welsh FITASC Team at an international level.

iv. Special Mention:

Both Welsh Sporting and FITASC teams are hugely indebted to Nicola Walker and Richard Hughes for their tireless efforts in managing teams and events throughout the year. Their support is invaluable, and they are a credit to the sport.

g. DTL

Our DTL team attended the home international and European championships at Bywell in July .

With some outstanding results achieved

European vets champion Colin Lewis

Runner up vet's bob Clarke

Runner up juniors Iwan Mills

Home international

Captains cup winner Phil Morgan

Super vet runner up match. Tim Howells

Wales also won the Super vets team event

Dave Ricketts , John Slatter, Tim Howells , Tom Devarney , Graham Griffiths .

Congratulations to all

6. All members please feel free to contact me on any matters at the email address below.



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