



**WELSH CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION LTD**  
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Dear members,

Following recent comments on social media, I feel the need to write to you with concerns over the inaccuracies published. Without a response, I worry shooters will believe them to be truthful leading to a negative effect on the WCTSA.

Whilst social media is an excellent method of communication it can also be a source of misinformation which can perpetuate into what can only be described as a toxic environment. I was surprised and disappointed when reading the recent ABT team announcement on Facebook to find that this had indeed happened. Rather than congratulating those that had chosen to represent Wales it had become a toxic diatribe. Whilst I appreciate that many of the opinions may have been shared with good intentions much of the information was unfortunately inaccurate.

There are eight shooters who have met the selection criteria for the 2025 ABT Home International of which two have accepted the invitation to represent Wales. I think we should all congratulate those two shooters and wish them well for the competition.

There were many comments about the process by which decisions were taken by the WCTSA Board relating to the ABT and OT home internationals. Rather than add further interpretation, I'd like to simply refer you to the relevant sections of the WCTSA minutes, which are publicly available on our website:

Below are the numbers and summaries

**Minutes 26 Nov 2024**

4.5058. No ABT reps if not appointed no ABT selection shoots

6.5065. OTR HCIT 2025. Tenders received from two grounds. One entry fee is at £25 more than ICTSC level which is too much for associations. Unanimous vote for GL.

## **Minutes 19 Dec 2024**

4.5058. No applications received for ABT reps

6.5067. Number of selection events and scores to count for 2025 - ABT (TBC) as no reps to input information

6.5069. MQS's for 2025. ABT next meeting with reps present

## **Minutes 15 Jan 2025**

4.5067. KT and OH advised for ABT intend to run the same selection procedures as last year - 6 shoots with 3 scores to count

4.5069. Reps confirmed MQS's for ABT will remain same for 2025

6.5074. KT advised may need to use Garlands for ABT selection as have only one ground, Crynant, willing to hold events.

6.5065. OT HCIT 2025 multiple dialogues/exchanges, including with Mike Faux after placed with Griffin Lloyd and not Fauxdeglá. No pertinent information received which would impact the original unanimous decision taken, therefore original decision stands.

I would encourage you all to review the minutes of WCTSA board meetings and to engage with your discipline reps in a constructive manner to help guide and shape the future of your disciplines. We cannot change what has happened in the past but we can change what happens in the future. This can only happen if members constructively engage with us and we all listen and respect each other's opinions and limitations.

Lastly, we currently have a vacancy for the role of Chairman—an important position within our organisation. If you or someone you know is passionate about supporting Welsh shooters and can contribute time to WCTSA matters, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Kind regards,

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WCTSA Vice Chairman