

THE ISLE OF MAN CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

NEWSLETTER MAY 2017

Dear Member,

Again, we have had a very busy four months since the last newsletter in January. We have had committee meetings every month to keep the club running smoothly as possible, many thanks to all the committee for this.

Membership Fees for 2017

The annual membership fees have been increased by £5, mainly due to a rent increase from the landlord, this years Membership fees are as follows:

Seniors £55.00

Juniors £5.00

We have now got most of the new membership forms back, those that haven't please do so ASAP to be added to the updated membership list, many thanks to Rob for doing this.

Would all members please note that you must carry your Regulated Weapons Certificate with you at all times when carrying your shotguns, if you get stopped by the police and you have not got it with you, they may take the shotguns off you and you may lose your certificate to hold them, so please be aware.

Shooting Rates and Cartridge Prices

Senior members £5.00 per round

Junior members £3.00 per round

Senior non-members £8.00 per round

Junior non-members £4.00 per round

If your membership is not paid before you shoot you will be charged non-member rates and your scores in competition will not count towards any prizes or leagues.

Cartridge prices have been increased from 1st June for due to an increase from the suppliers:

Eley Select (or equivalent) £5.00 per box

Eley Blues (or equivalent) £5.50 per box

Eley Superb (or equivalent) £6.00 per box

Range

The committee has decided to remove the grass triangles by the dividing fence between the ranges and hardcore them as they get very wet in the winter. The drainage on the left-hand range will also be improved to help alleviate standing water in wet conditions

Saturday Mornings and Tuesday Evenings

All seems to be going well, Saturday is getting busier now the better weather has arrived.

Tuesday evenings have been very busy, many thanks to all that have helped to open and close up the range.

If you feel you could help on a Saturday please see Peter?

Hospice Charity Shoot

The entry sheet is now up in the clubhouse please can you get your name down ASAP as I want to get the polo shirts ordered before I go to the Island games on the 23rd June.

The hospice shoot this year is over the weekend of 15/16 July with qualifying on the Saturday and the team knock out on the Sunday. The entry is £30 per person, which includes a polo shirt and buffet on the Sunday.

Anybody can take part in this event, even beginners who will be supervised by club members so get your friends entered and have an enjoyable weekend. All shooting equipment can be supplied.

Side by Side

The Ballaneven Side by Side Club Championship is on Tuesday 20th June at 6pm over 50 sporting targets again sponsored by John & Richard Kneen, thank you to John and Richard for sponsoring this event once again.

English Skeet Doubles Club Championship

This Competition is on 18th June over 100 targets.

Crowe Morgan English Skeet GP

This competition is on the 2nd July over 125 targets, there are A, B and C Class prizes based on the club's classifications as well as Category prizes for Vets, Ladies and Juniors. Many thanks to Crowe Morgan for their continued sponsorship.

Other Championships

IOM English Skeet Championship 23rd July sponsored by MCTSA
IOM Sport Trap Championship 30th July sponsored by MCTSA
IOM ABT Championship 6th August Sponsored by MCTSA
Meary Veg Manx Skeet 3rd September sponsored by John Moore
IOM All Round Championship 1st October sponsored by MCTSA

Kitchen

I would just like to thank Hannah Cross for manning the kitchen for us on the busy Sundays particularly last Sunday when we had 36 sporting shooters turning out.

Cups

Would all cup holders please return them please so that they are at the club to be presented on the day they are shot for. We have two new Handicap cups to be shot for this year in Olympic Skeet and ABT which were kindly donated by Stan Cross and Peter Kelly.

Sponsorship

We have the following sponsors for our main Summer Leagues, Tower Insurance, SMP Partners, Manx Petroleum, Sadler Agricultural Supplies and Rachael Bowen Matthews & Family. A big thank you to these sponsors once again. We also have sponsorship from Giulio Fabrizio, Stan Cross, John Kneen, John Moore, Juan Cowley and George Davies, many thanks to all, without them we would not have as many prizes as we have.

Next News Letter

The next newsletter will be out in September with the winter fixtures and dinner details, which is on Saturday November 11th at the Douglas Golf club, please make every effort to attend.

Social Night

We had a very enjoyable night for the 35 people that turned out (not all members), not very good when you think we have over 80 members. We raised £385 for the club, which will be spent on range improvements, thank you to those that turned out.

Coaching

Ged Smith who came over in March will be returning in September to do another coaching clinic. Please see notice in club house for details

Island Games

We have three members representing the Island at the Gotland island games Jeff Corkill and Mark Riley (Olympic Skeet) and Mark Riley and Peter Kelly (ABT) - good luck to all.

Chairman's Thoughts

Many thanks to Dave Corlett who once again has cut the grass on the range.

The club house telephone number is 827756, for those that are running late on a Competition Day and want to get their entry in. However, if your squad is ready to go out and you have still not turned up you may not be able to take part.

Would all members be wary of putting items on social media that could bring the name of the club or shooting in to disrepute, this could lead to your club membership being terminated.

Please drive slowly on the road to the range once you turn off the old Castletown road then onto the concrete road.

The last one is as always spent cartridges, please put them in the bins - we are getting better, thank you.

Apart from that enjoy your shooting and remember:

"WE DO IT FOR ENJOYMENT - WINNING IS A BONUS"

Peter Kelly

Club Chairman.