

THE ISLE OF MAN CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

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George Costain

We lost a dear friend and founder member of the club on the 9th January when our Patron George Costain passed away peacefully. A full tribute to George can be found on our web site.

The club held a gun salute and minutes silence for George on Sunday 14th January, this was attended by George's daughters and friends.

The family have indicated that they will be donating a cup in memory of George and this will be presented at the Easter English Skeet competition to the best handicapped entrant. The committee has decided to retire the present cup.

Membership/Entry Fees for 2018

Membership Fees for 2018 are still £55 for Seniors and £5 for Juniors under the age of 18 on the first of January.

Competition entries are going increase to £11.00 for a 50 target competition and practice to £5.50 per round from the 1st of March 2018. This is because of a two fold increase in clays over the last 12 months.

Memberships for 2017 expired on 31st December 2017, if you do not renew your membership for 2018 on the day you next come to shooting you will be charged Non Members rates, your scores will not be counted for the league and you will not be entitled to any prizes on the day.

All membership forms have now being updated, many thanks to Rob for doing this for us. Would all members please note that you must carry your Regulated Weapon Certificate with you at all times when carrying your shot guns. If you get stopped by the police when carrying gun(s) and do not have your certificate with you they may take the guns off you and you may lose your certificate, so please be aware.

Cartridge Prices

Cartridge prices have been increased for all makes/brands due increase from the suppliers, the new list is in clubhouse.

Saturday Mornings, Tuesday Evenings

All seems to be going well, busy on Saturday's when the weather was good.

Tuesday evenings last summer were 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 shoot went very well with the club raised £2100.00 for Hospice IOM which was handed over on the presentation night

Many thanks to all that entered or donated to the charity.

The date for 2018 is 7,8,9th July. We have introduced Friday evening for qualifying so we can get finished on a Saturday earlier to get the range ready for the Sunday team knock out. More details to follow later.

Kitchen

We still have people assuming that the tea, coffee and biscuits are free, they are not so please pay for them.

Tea/Coffees are 50p and Biscuits 25p

Cups

Would all cup holders' please ensure that they return them by the end of March 2018, these can be handed in at the clubhouse, when returning them could you please let a committee member know.

Sponsorship

We have had another good year for sponsorship and we glad to announce that all main league sponsors from last year are willing to carry on for this year. They are The Bowen Family, Tower Insurance, SMP Partners, Manx Petroleum and Sadler Agricultural Supplies along with The Fabrizio family, Stan Cross and Crowe Morgan Limited - many thanks to all. If you know of anybody that could help in sponsoring a shoot please let the committee know.

Summer Fixtures

The summer fixtures are now out and can be downloaded from the web site

The format for all leagues are the best 4 scores to count out of 6

This year we have introduced three new fixtures, a Trap medley, a Skeet medley and a Pro Sporting details of them are in the clubhouse.

The Champion of Champions is not in the fixtures this year; the Isobel Contain Cup will be shot for as the Club All Round Championship. George Contain's family has kindly donated a cup for the Easter Handicap English Skeet shoot, this is replacing the previous Easter Handicap Cup.

There will be an Inter Club shoot again this year this will take place on Thursday 19th July at the Ayre Clay Target Club at 6PM and the return match at Meary Veg on Saturday 21st July at 2PM. More details will be posted on the club notice board.

Please note that no entries will be accepted after 10:00 for AM fixtures and 13:00 for PM fixtures.

Please telephone the club on 827756 and let the person taking entries know if you will be late, you will be entered but must be ready to shoot when your squad goes out, once that squad has started shooting you will not be able to compete.

Dinner Prize Presentation

The dinner presentation was held at the Douglas Golf Club and went very well with nearly 60 people sitting down to a carvery. This year we had slightly different format where we held a horse racing game, this seemed to go down well with Juan Cowley being the champion jockey.

The date for this year's dinner is Saturday 10th November again at the Douglas Golf Club

Xmas Shoot and Dinner

The shoot was once again sponsored by Top Spec Fencing and was held on Saturday 30th December over 50 Single Barrel DTL with the presentation at the Crosby afterwards. We had another good turn out with 30 shooters and over 50 sitting down to an excellent meal.

Ged Smith Coaching

We had a good turn out of shooters taking up Ged's offer of coaching; hopefully Ged will be over again next year.

AGM

The AGM was held on Sunday 10th December after the English Skeet shoot.

The 2018 officials were elected as follows: **Patron:** George Costain, **President:** David Morgan, **Chairman:** Peter Kelly, **Vice Chairman:** Juan Cowley, **Secretary:** Mike Walker, **Treasurer:** Stan Cross, **Committee:** Steven Craine, Giulio Fabrizio, Jeff Corkill, Michael Cross, George Davies with two new members to the committee being: Roy Moore and Brian Faragher

Amendments to the constitution were passed so please read them, Copies are in the clubhouse.

Chairman's Thoughts

Many thanks to Dave Corlett who once again has cut the grass on the range. Would all members be aware that putting items on social media that may bring the name of the club or shooting into disrepute could lead to your 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, there are residents and traffic from the sewerage plant that also use this road.

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