

# THE ISLE OF MAN CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING CLUB

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## NEWSLETTER February 2019

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP - IT IS NOW DUE

It has been a long time since the last newsletter and a lot has happened since then.

#### Dinner/Presentation

We had a very successful dinner at the Douglas golf club with a good turnout of over sixty people attending. The highlight of the evening again was the horse racing when everybody joined in and had a very enjoyable evening. The dinner this year is again at the Douglas golf club on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup>, so put it in your diary.

#### AGM

This was held on December 9<sup>th</sup> after the English Skeet competition. There was little change to last year's officials. The Patron is David Morgan who was voted in at the EGM in April following the passing of our last Patron George Costain.

President is Rob Marshall, Vice Presidents are John Moore, David Clague, Peter Fabrizio and Tricia Waterhouse. Chairman is Peter Kelly, Vice Chairman is Juan Cowley, Treasurer is Stan Cross, and we have a new Secretary in Michael Cross. The rest of the committee are Roy Moore, George Davies, Brian Faragher, Steven Craine, Jeff Corkill, Giulio Fabrizio and newcomer Ted Davis.

Mike Walker, last year's Secretary could not attend the AGM but wanted to be on the committee but I forgot to put his name forward, so at the last committee meeting he was co-opted on to the committee, sorry about that Mike.

#### Xmas Shoot

Another successful day with nearly 40 entries and over 60 sitting down to a plated carvery at the Crosby Hotel. The shoot was once again sponsored by Neil Parsons of Top Spec Fencing, thank you Neil.

#### Winter Leagues

This year's winter leagues have been sponsored by Utopia Hair Salon (English Skeet), Cu Plas Callow (DTL) and Roy Moore, Brian Faragher, Stan Cross and Peter Kelly (Sporting).

Thank you all.

#### Summer Leagues

This year's summer leagues are as follows, the first Sunday of each month is English Sporting (7 shoots) in the morning sponsored by SMP Partners and in the afternoon a new league Pro Sporting (7 shoots) sponsored by Dave and Pam Corlett.

The second Sunday of the month is DTL (6 shoots) sponsored by Tower Insurance and in the afternoon ABT (6 shoots) sponsored by Sadler Agricultural Supplies with Olympic Skeet (6 shoots) sponsored by Manx Petroleum.

The third Sunday of the month is English Skeet (7 shoots) once again sponsored by The Bowen Family.

The fourth and fifth Sundays will be the one-off competitions sponsored by Skeet Doubles (S & M Cross), Fabrizio Cup (G Fabrizio), Ballaneven Side by Side (J & R Kneen), Manx Skeet (J Moore), Sporting GP (G Davies & J Cowley), Trap Medley (Creer & Kelly), Skeet Medley and Club All Round (Manx Petroleum).

#### Come and try it day

We are holding a "come and try it day" on Sunday 24 February for anybody wishing to have a go at clay shooting, so if you know of anybody who would like to try please bring them along, cost is £3 for 10 clays and cartridges.

#### Hospice Shoot

This year's event is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, a week earlier due to the Island Games in July. More news to follow.

#### Tuesday evenings

The committee are at present looking into holding some further competitions over the summer months with prizes, the rest of the Tuesday evenings will be open practice.

### **The Range**

We at present in the progress of installing fixed microphones on the right hand DTL range so that it can be use at any time with out to much trouble, this is all down to the donations the club received from the Costain family in memory of George, our late Patron.

We have also built two shelters which seem to be working well but need a bit of attention to the ground inside to stop them getting muddy.

We will be holding work parties throughout the summer to keep the range in good condition, so keep an eye open when they are so you can come along and help with the work. Remember this is your club and is only kept going by club members who give their time free of charge.

### **Chairman's thoughts**

I am honoured once again to be your chairman and hope I have done you proud in the last year, but this only down to having a good working committee behind me. Many thanks to all members that have helped in making it a pleasure in coming to compete at the club.

If any member has any problems please come and see me with your concerns.

As always, my number one gripe is that some members seem to miss the cartridge buckets more than the clays, which makes the range look untidy. Please remember someone has to pick them up so why not hit the bucket with the spent cartridge and you might hit more clays!

REMEMBER WE DO CLAY SHOOTING FOR ENJOYMENT - WINNING IS A BONUS

All the best  
Peter