

# ESSU



## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2006/7

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### INTERSHOOT – FEBRUARY 1/2/3 2007

This year saw the largest England/ESSU entry for InterShoot with some 33 competitors 12 of whom were under the age of 18. The committee made a decision that we would take them out as a party under the stewardship of Tom Redhead. They were booked in on British Airways and as everyone knows British Airways cabin staff threatened to strike on the day before the party was due to fly. This caused considerable problems and thanks to Norah Hunter and a very helpful travel agent an alternative flight was booked with British Midland. This caused a few more problems with different baggage allowances. However, everyone got to Holland and I understand thoroughly enjoyed the experience though, in some cases, the scores were disappointing. Highlights are as follows:-

#### Day 1.

Air Rifle Male Junior – James Huckle won Gold with a score of 686.6 which would have placed him in 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Senior Men's Competition.

Air Rifle Female Junior – Sheree Cox won Silver with a score of 491.0 which would have placed her in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the senior competition.

Air Pistol Female – Georgina Geike with 469.7 was placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Julia Lydall with 468.4 was placed 5<sup>th</sup> and Katherine Pearson 458.8 was placed 8<sup>th</sup>.

The above three formed the England Team and won a Silver Medal.

Air Pistol Female Junior – Hannah Dadds with 437.4 was placed 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Day 2.

Air Rifle Male Junior - James Huckle continued his good work winning a Silver Medal with 689.6 which would have placed him 6<sup>th</sup> in the senior competition.

Air Pistol Male Junior – Paul Lillis was placed 5<sup>th</sup> with a score of 630.3.

Air Pistol Women – Julia Lydall was 6<sup>th</sup> with 466.5.

Air Pistol Female Junior – Geraldine Buckley won a Silver Medal with 469.5 which would have placed her 5<sup>th</sup> in the senior competition.

Again our Women's team won Silver in the Team event.

#### Day 3.

Air Rifle Male Junior – James Huckle won Silver with 684.1 which would have placed him 7<sup>th</sup> in the senior competition.

Air Pistol Men – Peter Friend made the Olympic Final and was placed 8<sup>th</sup> with 665.9.

Air Pistol Male Junior – Matthew Hoff made the Olympic final and was placed 5<sup>th</sup> with 634.0.

Air Pistol Female Junior – Geraldine Buckley won Bronze with a score of 460.8.

Our thanks go to Norah Hunter who looked after administrative arrangements in Holland and to Coaches, Tom Redhead, Paul Taylor and Kenneth Parr for all their hard work over the three days.

**Date for your diary – InterShoot 2008 will be held on February 7/8/9 2008.**

## **LETTER OF INTENT.**

You are reminded that the closing date for Cartridge Shooters wishing to be included in the selection process for TENS is March 31. If you have lost your form please contact the Secretary. It is also available on the TENS website. You are reminded that it is a requirement that you enter our Championships for consideration for TENS selection.

## **OPEN MEETING 2007 AND CONFINED ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

All competitions this year are being held in the Lord Roberts Centre during the weekend May 5/6/7 2007. **Please read your Entry Form very carefully as there are many changes in line with our previous Newsletter in October.** The meeting is fully squadded and your Squadding Notification will be mailed to you after entries have closed on **Wednesday April 4. This is the absolute last date entries will be accepted as range bookings have to be confirmed.** Additional entry forms can be obtained from the secretary.

## **ISSF JUDGES.**

We are pleased to announce that both David Goodfellow and Ivor French have qualified for 'A' Licenses within the past week. We are also pleased to announce that Jon Leech will be officiating at the World Championships in Bangkok in May.

If there are any 'B' Class Certificate Holders who would like to help us at our Championships, will they please contact the secretary who will be very pleased to hear from them.

## **ESSU 'Prospective Talent' Pistol Squad.**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2006 the ESSU held an assessment weekend at the Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley, to recruit members for this newly formed pistol squad. The criteria set for membership were in accordance with guidelines laid down by the English Target Shooting Federation. These were **Physical Fitness Lifestyle; Supportive Family Environment; Sincere and genuine desire to represent England at the highest level.**

Fourteen eligible ESSU members took part in the assessment weekend, which consisted of two 10m Air pistol competitions and two 25m Air Pistol Sports Pistol matches. Eight applicants were successful in being nominated for squad membership. There are: **Sam Buckley; Christian Callaghan; Matt Hoff; Zoë Franklin; Lauren Hill; Paul Lillis; Vicky Mullin & Hanna Polak.**

Members of the Prospective Talent Squad will train alongside the Senior ESSU Pistol Squad during the training weekends, which will be held throughout the year at Bisley.

Tom Redhead, the squad coach, has appointed Dick and Ron Fillery to assist him in running the training weekends. It is proposed that another assessment weekend will be held towards the end of 2007.

### **ESSU 'Prospective Talent' Rifle Squad.**

This squad which has recently been formed will be coached by Kenneth Parr. More news to follow in our next Newsletter.

### **SUMMER POSTAL COMPETITION.**

Your Entry Forms are enclosed. Whilst we appreciate that winter is still with us, we hope this will enable you to plan your summer shooting in advance. Closing date for entries April 25 2007.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

To be held on Saturday May 5 2007 at the London & Middlesex Rifle Association. Formal notice is enclosed.

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL.**

Your Membership Renewal Form is enclosed for the year 2007/8 and was due on February 1 2007 so please renew as soon as possible. Membership Fee remains the same. Please note that the English Championship is confined to members of the ESSU who are in current membership at the time of entry.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR HOME COUNTRIES OFFICIALS.**

We shall be pleased to receive nominations for officials for Home Countries Internationals both for Scotland and Bisley. We are looking for persons who are actively working for shooting in their club or county and who are in membership of the ESSU. Please send your nominations in confidence to the secretary.

### **NEW MEMBERS.**

We have been very pleased with the response to our appeal for new members, particularly from juniors. If you know of anyone interested in joining the ESSU, Membership Application Forms may be obtained from the secretary or on our website.

### **ESSU vs REGULAR ARMY vs POLICE SPORK UK.**

This match will take place on Sunday May 20 2007. Please indicate at our Championships if you wish to be considered for selection for the team to represent the ESSU. Watch our Noticeboard.