



Newsletter and Information

Women in Sport event.

A huge thank you to all those who assisted in and attended the inaugural British Army Women in Sport – Clay Target Shooting event. It was a hugely successful day with attendance beyond anything which has been seen before in similar events across the country. One of the main aims of the event was to showcase the sport to women in the Army and from the response we've had so far, it looks as though a few people were bitten by the 'shooting bug'. As with any sporting event, this wouldn't have happened without funding. Due to massive support from the Army Sports Control Board, the Army Rifle Association, Army Target Shooting Club and some individual Corps Sports funds, we were able to provide the event free of charge - and there wasn't a range horror bag in sight!

Corps Clay Target Reps.

There are lots of opportunities to take part in clay shooting across the Army. One of the ways to do so is with Corps or Cap Badge teams or associations. There are a number of Corps Teams and associations which are always holding Novice events and eager for new people to take up the sport. The best part being that the activity is heavily subsidised, so it doesn't cost the earth! A full list of Corps representatives can be found below along with their contact details. Please feel free to drop them a line to see when the next Corps event is being held to get your shooting fix! If your Corps or Cap Badge isn't on the list, please feel free to give the Army Team secretary an email on philip.parks390@mod.gov.uk



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When is the next event?

Following on from the successful Women in Sport event, a further talent identification day is planned for Tue 14 Sep 21. This event will be open to all ranks of the Army, Regular and Reserve and again held at the National Clay Shooting Centre, Bisley. The event will be advertised as widely as possible, including Defence Connect and Social Media.

“I had a wonderful day, and learnt a lot - I feel much better versed on the three clay pigeon shooting disciplines now!” - Women in Sport event attendee.

ARMY TARGET SHOOTING CLUB



The Army Target Shooting Club – Clay Target section is another avenue to try the sport. Catering to all levels the club allows beginners to be safely introduced to the sport with progression through Clay Pigeon Shooting Association (CPSA – the UK National Governing Body for the sport) courses. A (small) membership fee is paid yearly with all events held by the club being heavily subsidised. To join the ATSC-CT you will need to complete the form here and mail it to the membership secretary (address is on the form).

TEAM SUCCESS

If you haven't seen already (we pushed it out to as much social media as possible) the Army Clay Target Team has had members selected for a NATIONAL team. Following a lot of hard work and some excellent coaching from British Shooting (who were at the Women in Sport event) Spr Dean Molnar and WO2 Mark Robinson have been selected to represent England in the Olympic Trap Clay Target discipline and Rfn Gary Young has been selected to represent England in the Olympic Skeet discipline. This is great news and demonstrates the competitive edge soldiers can bring to the sport.





ARMY CLAY SHOOTING PATHWAYS

As demonstrated by the selection of personnel to the England Team, the pathways put in place are working.

These pathways aren't just for people who can already shoot, it includes Talent Identification events (like the Women in Sport event) where a Novice can be identified in the relevant discipline (Olympic Development Squad or English Sporting Army Development Squad) and developed into (hopefully) GB level competitors.

Everything Clay Shooting related in the Army is about giving people the opportunity to take part at whatever level they are comfortable at, with a view to progression to the highest level. Are you ready to go?

Where do we compete and train?

As well as numerous shooting competitions and training within the UK, Corps and Army level Clay shooting also takes place overseas. Previous overseas events have been held in USA, Italy and Cyprus (and South Africa before that) which enables a whole different perspective to the sport. Several overseas events are being planned (again at Corps and Army level) which includes potentially re-visiting the USA and Cyprus as well as competitions in Japan.

Photographs—Women in Sport event

You may be aware that a lot of photographs and videos were taken on at the Women in Sport event. You can find and download these photographs at the following [link](#). They're free and all we ask is that you tag the below social media accounts in any posts - It's time to spread the word about the Clay Shooting opportunities the Army has to offer! (Note: the link won't work on MODNET and more photos will be added over the coming week so keep checking).

Staying in touch

The Army Team as well as a number of Corps teams are present on a variety of social media platforms. Future events will be advertised through these platforms so if you'd like to stay in touch, please like and follow by clicking the links below. A new Defence Connect page is also under construction and will be live soon.

