



Chairperson's Report 2022

Dear Members,

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2022, as we emerge from the pandemic with real signs that the country and world are moving forward and leaving restriction measures behind. We would like to thank you for your responsible behaviour throughout the pandemic, and ask that members please continue to respect each other's opinions, concerns, and personal space.

Ahead of the upcoming AGM, we are glad to report on some extremely positive moves since our October 2021 AGM.

Revenue

- Following significant leadership change just before the busy festive period, the board has secured Core Funding from Sport Ireland for 2022, as well as Athlete Carding for Aoife Gormally.
- Core and High Performance funding from 2021 has been released and is being utilised to benefit our members and athletes.

Membership and Insurance

- While writing this report, the membership total stands at 686 members. In 2021, for comparison, there was 426 year to date and 726 members for the full year.
- We are on track for a positive uplift in membership for 2022.
- We are pleased to report another surge in new members so far for 2022, maintaining our rate of 10% of the membership being new members (over 66 new members).
- CSI Insurance will continue for 2022, and covers members for Clay Target Shooting, Game Shooting, Angling and Canine Sports **worldwide**.
- We are pleased to report 18 paid-up ICTSA registered venues. These can be viewed online.

High Performance Council

- We are pleased to announce the formation of the ICTSA High Performance Council. The purpose of this council is to ensure a clear route to the ultimate destination of our Sport; the Olympics. We, the National Executive, are committed to providing the necessary structures for our athletes to succeed at the very top level of Sport. This progressive move is unprecedented, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on the Sport at all levels throughout the association.
- The High Performance Council, which is the first of its kind in Irish Clay Target Shooting, comprises of a diverse 4-piece council, including an independent seat from outside of the Sport:

Jeffrey McCready

High Performance Director and Head Coach

Independent Seat - TBC

Declan McQuillan

ISSF International Coaching Licence (class B)

Nicola Elder - *National Executive Representative*

Role Changes

- There have been several recent changes to the discipline Task Groups. We would like to express our gratitude to all members willing to give their time and energy to the running of our Sport. Notable changes; OSK, OT and Sporting.
- All Task Groups can be viewed online along with their contact details for any discipline-specific queries.
- Gary Cunningham has taken over the role of Statistical Officer for 2022.
- We would also like to welcome Gavin Murphy to the role of Leinster Secretary.

Improved Communications

- Since October, not only are the shoots advertised on the online calendar, but they are highlighted on a weekly basis ahead of the weekend on the Facebook page.
- The frequency of our news posts on the website has increased.
- Results are being published on Mondays on the website, and highlighted on Facebook.
- We also have regular contact with all grounds; including upcoming grounds events and workshops.

Home Countries International Tournaments

- We have 3 HCIT events at home to look forward to hosting during 2022:
 - OT at Courtlough Shooting Grounds
 - OSK at the National Shooting Grounds Esker
 - ABT at the National Shooting Grounds Esker
- As the Europeans are being held by the UCPSA this year in Banbridge, we are supporting a second Senior DTL team with their entry fees.

National Shooting Grounds Esker

- We are advertising for members of the National Shooting Grounds Committee, who will further develop the running and growth of the National Shooting Grounds, Esker. Please check the website for details.
- The National Shooting Ground has been regularly hosting several disciplines on the same day; DTL, ABT and NSK.
- The OSK Task Group are working on bringing Olympic Skeet to Esker in the immediate future.
- We are focused and committed to the investment of Sporting Traps for The National Shooting Grounds Esker during early 2022.

If you have any questions for the National Executive we encourage you and all members to attend the upcoming 88th ICTSA AGM; 9th February 2022 - Sport Ireland Conference Center, Dublin.



Warm regards,

The National Executive Board Members

Acting-Chairperson - Matthew Sheedy

Hon Treasurer - Nigel Sylvester

Hon Secretary - Nicola Elder

Provincial Directors - Malcolm Graham

Mark McCourt

Matthew Sheedy

Gerry Lawless