

Common Vision, Common Voice

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This newsletter is designed to update UK Target Shooters on the progress made since the very enlightening regional workshops which some of you will have attended in the spring.

Much progress has been made, and together with an exciting opportunity offered to the target shooting fraternity by Sport England, the future looks bright as we look towards the London Olympics .

Further Information

The latest information about the modernisation process is posted on the web-sites of each of the National Governing Bodies:

www.cpsa.co.uk

www.nra.org.uk

www.nsra.co.uk

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The High Level Strategic Plan for the main shooting bodies to collaborate more closely has now been agreed by the co-ordinating body – The National Association of Target Shooting Sports.

There is now clear commitment between the three main shooting bodies to create a single body that is responsible for growing the sport in England and the other Home Nations. This is now not about if, but when, as there are a number of practical issues to work through before the proposed new structure can be brought before the various committees and members can be asked to vote.

No new structure will be put in place without a vote by members.

All parties agree that the nature of the practical issues to be overcome means that we should all take significant time and care to resolve them so that when any new organisation begins to operate there is a consensus on the modus operandi.

After one year of working together towards a new organisation, there are a number of milestones that have been achieved:

1. All of you have had an opportunity to put your point of view via an online questionnaire and workshops held across the country.
2. This has helped to create a clear mandate for what the new organisation has to achieve.
3. A funding document has been produced by the three main Target Shooting Governing Bodies which looks for the first time at drawing down money to plan the future of the sport together.

What Happens Next?

We are acutely aware via feedback from members of the three main shooting bodies – N.R.A, N.S.R.A and C.P.S.A. - that you would welcome more regular communication from us on the developing process and particularly the answers to certain questions.

We are currently compiling a Frequently Asked Questions (F.A.Q) summary which will answer the key questions that we have received from a variety of sources.

These questions will be ultimately answered by the five project groups which have been set up to move the process on to the next stage. These groups are currently working on:

1. Finance
2. Management Structure
3. Membership
4. Governance
5. Communication

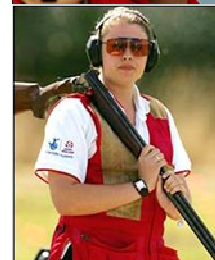
These five groups will continue work on the detail of the new body. They will report progress to the next N.A.T.S.S Group meeting early in 2009. Once this work is complete, and there are some complex and thorny issues to deal with, we will take firm recommendations to another national forum to 'test' the proposals with those working at the grassroots of Target Shooting under the

auspices of the N.R.A, N.S.R.A and C.P.S.A. This Forum is likely to take place during Spring or early Summer 2009.

The next milestone, however, will be the decision taken by Sport England on whether to award the sport of Target Shooting a proportion of Government money set aside for 'new sports' or more specifically sports that have not received funding before. As far as we are aware, we are one of 15 development sports competing for a yearly slice of around £5M available to develop these 'new' sports. It is testimony to the work put in by the three main target shooting bodies through a joint working party of senior executives and the feedback we received from the Regional workshops earlier in the year that this submission has at least got to the starting line.

Performance Matters will continue to work with the main shooting bodies to ensure that the plans to develop the grassroots of target shooting in the other Home Countries will bear fruit

Sport England will make their decision in mid December on the funding bid submitted, and if successful the first tranche of money would be received in April 2009. Consideration is being given to how similar bids to the respective Sports Councils in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales can be supported.



- We hope you find this update informative. Much effort is being put into developing the right solution for Target Shooting. We believe the sport has an exciting future to look forward to. The proposals will, ultimately, be put to the membership for a decision on how the sport takes the first steps towards making any change a reality.