

# Home Country & Regional Workshop Consultation Report

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#### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in the workshops. Your contributions were invaluable and much appreciated.

#### 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](http://www.cpsa.co.uk)

[www.nra.org.uk](http://www.nra.org.uk)

[www.nsrta.co.uk](http://www.nsrta.co.uk)

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## The Workshops

- 9 Workshops were held around at various venues around the country during March and April at:
  1. Southern Counties Shooting Ground, Dorset
  2. Lakenheath Clay Target Centre, Suffolk
  3. Easingwold Rifle Club, North Yorkshire
  4. Ashwells Sports and Country Club, Essex
  5. Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley
  6. University of Ulster, Northern Ireland
  7. Dunstall Suite, Wolverhampton Racecourse
  8. Holiday Inn, Newport, Wales
  9. Cluny Clays and Activity Centre, Fife, Scotland
- 459 people attended the workshops. They came from a variety of backgrounds in shooting, including regional committees; Home Country Associations; owners and managers of shooting grounds; club representatives; the shooting press; the shooting trade; and, individuals who indicated an interest in attending through the online survey.
- The workshops followed on from the 'Bisley Forum' held in November 2007 and the Online Survey. They provided an opportunity for further consultation on the way forward on the shooting modernisation project and, more specifically:
  1. For shooters to share and discuss common interests and differences with shooters from other disciplines.
  2. To share the findings from the Bisley Forum and the Online Survey.
  3. To discuss views on the most realistic options for restructuring the sport.
- Information on the findings emerging from the online survey are available to view on the websites of the CPSA, NRA and NSRA.

## Support For A New Body

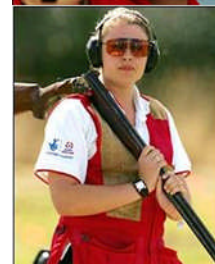
- The outcomes from the workshops reinforced the views that emerged from the online survey. Overwhelmingly, in terms of the structure of the sport, this was that the 'status quo' was not acceptable and that a new target shooting body should be established. The key question was how this should be achieved.
- There was consensus as to the nature of any new body and the way the new structure might be achieved.
- Views were also expressed on a range of other issues such as the retention of the expertise that exists in shooting today; membership; Home Country identity; and, the strategic priorities of any new body.

## Nature of the New Body

- 8 points emerged consistently from the workshops as to the nature of any new body:
  1. It should oversee all the target shooting disciplines.
  2. It should be of UK significance.
  3. It should be primarily strategic.
  4. It should have a small, competency based Board led by someone of appropriate stature and experience (not necessarily from shooting).
  5. It should be business like and professional in its approach.
  6. Its main work should be focused on the 5

strategic priorities emerging from the online survey - legislation, public relations, shooting on the school curriculum, membership, protecting the sport's heritage.

7. It should retain Home Country identities to make communication to devolved administrations and funding bodies easier.
8. It should be the 'one voice' for the sport both in terms of lobbying Government and enhancing its profile with the media.



## 3 Options For The Way Forward

- Analysis of discussions at the workshops reveals 3 main trains of thought on the set up of the new body :
  1. 54.7% thought the new body should be set up as soon as possible. There should be non strategic operational committees in place of the existing governing bodies, with Home Country identity retained.
  2. 35.9% thought there should be a phased approach, so that transition from the current situation to the new body could be managed over time.
  3. 9.4% were undecided on the best way forward.

## Other Issues

- A number of other issues emerged as being important at the workshops:
  1. The need to ensure that all the existing good practice and knowledge is not lost.
  2. There was little reference to the possibility of expanding the role of the GBTSF.
  3. All target shooters should become members of the new body based on the principle of 'one member, one fee'.
  4. The need to have one communication strategy for target shooting.
  5. Retention of Home Country identity.

## Next Steps

- The material generated through the process so far will be used to develop the shape, strategy and structure for the new body.
- The proposals will need to examine a number of areas, such as:
  1. The optimum corporate status for the new body.
  2. The most effective financial model for the new body.
  3. The question of charitable status.
  4. Membership categories and structures.
  5. The shape, nature, roles and responsibilities of the Board.
  6. How regional and Home Country issues should be

accommodated.

7. How discipline specific issues and competition should be accommodated.
8. What the committee structure and composition should be.

- The proposals will be the subject of further discussions later in the year. Target shooting has an exciting future to look forward to and, ultimately, it will be put to the membership for a decision on how the sport takes the first steps towards achieving it.