

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 18th November 2023

Meadow Farm, Dagnell End Road, Redditch, B98 9BJ

Breakfast from 09:00am - prompt start at 10:15am

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

I'd like to welcome you all to today's Annual General Meeting. A couple of points on health and safety to start today's meeting. Please be aware of loose power cables trailing on the floor. Please make yourselves aware of the fire exit. Smokers, please locate the approved smoking location. We will break for lunch at around 12:30pm and we will have comfort breaks as required during the morning and afternoon session.

I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners from the BFTA events this year especially Justin wood for winning the 1st British Open shoot at Brook Valley.

Also, it was great to see that the numbers have increased at the BFTA GP Shoots.

I have decided to step down as BFTA chairman and would like to wish the new chairman good luck for filling this position.

As always it gives me great pleasure to see the BFTA going from strength to strength and long may this continue in the future.

I'd also like to take his opportunity to thank all the BFTA officers that are here today. You all do an incredible job in the running of the Association.... I THANK YOU ALL...

T. Ryan

BFTA Chairman

2. Persons and regions present, voting reps identified, quorum established.

Officer	Name
Chairman	Trevor Ryan
Vice Chairman	Mark Bassett
Secretary	Shaun Shore
Treasurer	James Kay
Grading Officer	John Johnston
Trade Liaison	John Oxley

Regional Representatives	Name
CSFTA	Andrew Slade (HVP) & (V)
NWFTA	Not present
MFTA	James Osborne (V), Phil Gee (HVP)
STS	Alan Chambers (V)
NEFTA	John Oxley (V)
WAFTA	John Johnston (V) and Becky Jenkins
SWEFTA	Chris Jones (V) and Kez Squires
SEFTA	Dave Ward (V) and Dan Eley
FFTA	James Kay (V)

3. Apologies for absence.

Apologies from: Roger Moy (President), Liz Moy (HVP), Phil Hudson (SEFTA) and Scott Pywell (Competition Manager).

4. Minutes of GM from June 2023 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed = CSFTA

Seconded = MFTA

5. Matters arising from June 2023 GM

- Outline of rules for inclusion of supported shooting within Open Class (Roger, Phil H and Mark).
The inclusion of Supported Shooting is proposal 13.3. If this passes, we will discuss the way forward.
- Writing of rule for persistent called targets (Phil G), proposal 13.1.
- BFTA Champs to change from feed-on to shotgun start (Secretary), proposal 13.4.
- BFTA committee to fully define what hosting an event entails. See point 8a.
- Amalgamation of Scotland and Northern Ireland to form an inter team – **Interest withdrawn.**

6. Treasurer's report (Annex A)

The Chairman thanked James for his sterling work as Treasurer.

Questions arising:

- A reminder that regions have been provided with full equipment provision for hosting events. It is the responsibility of the region to maintain the equipment and to purchase replacement equipment.
- If a region needs to replace equipment, then they should contact James Kay who will inform them where the originals were purchased.

- SEFTA asked about the rationale of the amount of money in the bank account. It was explained that previously the committee had decided that it was prudent to have double the annual operating costs available. This is no longer the case, but it remains that the account should contain more than the annual operating costs.
- The Secretary added that the BFTA does not have a rationale for using the money above operational costs and would welcome a discussion on what should be the BFTA's future.

7. Calendar Structure for 2024

- **Proposal 7.1 from SEFTA**

The number of GPs is reduced to 1 per region for the 2024 season.

- **Proposal 7.2 – needs a proposer.**

No GP series

- **Proposal 7.3 – needs a proposer.**

Integrate GP series with other events.

- **Proposal 7.4 – Secretary**

End the showdown .Replace with 2-day Masters (120 targets)

- **Proposal 7.5 – Secretary**

Move the Showdown to Saturday and the Masters to Sunday.

- **Proposal 7.6 – SEFTA**

Drop the Champs and make the Inters a 2-day event.

Proposal	CSFTA	MFTA	STS	NEFTA	WAFTA	FFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	Outcome
7.1	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
7.2	Not Required								
7.3	A	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Rejected
7.4	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	Status Quo
7.5	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
7.6	N	N	N	A	N	N	Y	N	Rejected

8a. Definition of what hosting BFTA events entails. Clubs must provide:

- Course of fire laid out to the appropriate shoot rules.
- Toilets – around the communal areas of the shoot these must be Portaloos or permanent structures. On the course toilets may be Portaloos or tents. If a tent is used, then it must have a cassette toilet and the club must ensure that its cleanliness is inspected regularly throughout the event.
There must be at least 3 Portaloos or permanent flushing toilets provided.
- Catering – the committee appreciated that employing caterers can be difficult because of rising costs. If clubs are let down by caterers, then they must advertise this to those attending via STB and contact the Secretary who will email regions.
- Signage – sufficient signs to direct competitors to the shoot.
- Marshalling – the club/region must provide adequate marshalling with not less than 3 marshals present at any time.
- Stats – the regions must provide all administration for the event. To include, lane allocation, booking in and writing scores to provided spreadsheet.

FFTA suggested that each region should provide a list of the clubs in their region and the facilities that it offers. All regions agreed with this.

James Kay will provide a template for regions to complete.

8b. Fees and subscriptions for 2024

- BFTA Card £5
- BFTA Championship and Inter-Regional = £15. £1500* to club.
- BFTA Inter-Regional = £75 per team
- BFTA Masters and Showdown = £15 (Showdown is free entry to qualifiers from GP series) £1500* to club.
- GP = £15 (Minimum £900* to the club plus £5 for each shooter above 100 entrants)
- The British Open = £40. £1500* to club.

* Failure to provide facilities as above (e.g., inadequate toilets) may result in the hosting club receiving a reduced fee of £750 or £1350.

BFTA contribution to raffle and end of season prizes:

£1000 for the end of season.

£1000 for the British Open

Also, Trevor Ryan (VC) will investigate goody bags for each competitor at the British Open.

9. Officers' reports:

Secretary (Annexe B)

Competition Manager (Annexe C)

Grading Officer (Annexe D)

Trade Liaison Officer (Annexe E)

The Chairman thanked Shaun, Scott, John and John for their work.

10. Election of Officers:

Incumbents:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Trevor Ryan (Stepping Down)
- Vice Chairman – Mark Bassett
- Secretary – Shaun Shore
- Treasurer – James Kay
- Minute Secretary – VACANT
- Competition Manager – Scott Pywell (Stepping down)
- Grading/Registration Manager – John Johnston
- Trade Liaison Officer – John Oxley
- Web Manager – Vacant

Volunteers for Election:

- Mark Bassett (WAFTA) – Chairman: Elected unanimously.
- Trevor Ryan – Vice Chairman: Elected unanimously.

Elected on mass (* with exception, see above)

The new Officers:

Officer	Name
President	Roger Moy
Chairman*	Mark Bassett
Vice-Chairman*	Trevor Ryan
Secretary	Shaun Shore
Treasurer	James Kay
Grading Officer	John Johnston
Competition Manager	Vacant
Trade Liaison Officer	John Oxley

With no volunteers for Competition Manager. It was suggested that the role might be partitioned into 2 or more roles.

James Kay will ask Scott Pywell to write a job description of the Competition Secretary's role, for distribution to the regions, in the hope that suitable candidates will be encouraged to come forward.

10.1 Confirmation of Honorary Vice Presidents

Existing HVPs - Elizabeth Moy, Roger Moy, Tony Cook, Beryl Noon, Mike Noon, Phil Gee and Andrew Slade.

11. Correspondence

1) From Phil Gee in correspondence with Alan Boyd of the Northern Shooting Show

Hi Alan,

I've had a discussion with the BFTA secretary, and this is where we are at the moment.

We are very keen to investigate opportunities to hold one of our main 2 day events at one of your shows.

Since the loss of the Weston Park Game Fair, we would like to increase our exposure to other shooters as well as the public.

The Harrogate fair you mentioned sounds ideal to showcase field target shooting to a wide array of people from all over the country.

Our shooting calendar is generally fixed around 12-18 months in advance to avoid clashes with other major field target events in the UK and abroad.

The dates you mentioned of 11th/12th May 2024 fall 1 week after the NEFTA 2 day classic and 1 week before the Mamba Open in Belgium.

So, for 2024 we think it may be unwise to hold a shoot on that weekend, sandwiched directly between 2 other major events.

However, there is scope for us to look to put a 2 day competition on around those dates in 2025, where other events are not yet set in stone. As well as the British Open, which we discussed, we have the Inter Regional Championships which are traditionally held around that time of year.

We would still like to investigate the possibility of holding a shoot in 2024, are there any other of your shows that could be an opportunity for us to work together, either earlier or later in the year?

Our AGM is on the 18th of November, and we plan to discuss this in more detail with the wider committee then.

If you can let me know if there are any dates in 2024 you think could work for you, I will make sure they are discussed, along with options for the show at Harrogate.

Thanks, and speak to you soon.

Regards

Phil

It was agreed that the timing of the National Shooting Show, i.e., typically one week after the NEFTA Classic and one week before the Mamba Open makes it not ideal for hosting a two day BFTA event.

Of the three game fairs, it was agreed that Blenheim Palace appeared to offer the most attractive combination of location and date (end of July) to host the British Open.

However, in 2024 it would fall 1 week prior to the European Champs being held in Wales, and as Berty has volunteered to arrange the course building, it would be too onerous to ask WAFTA to support two major events in the space of one week.

Phil Gee and Mark Bassett will collaborate in making plans for this event with an update at the GM and hopefully confirmation at the AGM.

12. Shoot dates 2024

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	6 th April 2024	Emley	NEFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	7 th April 2024	Emley	NEFTA
GP1	21 st April 2024	Redfearn	NEFTA
GP2	26 th May 2024	Castle	MFTA
GP3	9 th June 2024	Meon Valley	CSFTA
GP4	23 rd June 2024	Llantrisant	WAFTA
GP5	7 th July 2024	ETL	SEFTA
GP6	21 st July 2024	East Devon	SWEFTA
GP7	18 th August 2024	Sywell	FFTA
BFTA Showdown	31 st August 2024	Emley	NEFTA
BFTA Masters	1 st September	Emley	NEFTA
The British Open	14/15 th September	Brook Valley	MFTA

Whilst the BFTA endeavours to ensure that its shoots occur according to the schedule published on the BFTA website, in the event of a shoot being cancelled, for whatever reason, the liability of the BFTA extends to a refund of entry fee only minus the administration fee. The BFTA accepts no further responsibility and will not be liable for any consequential, indirect or direct loss or damage.

The BFTA strongly advises that competitors that book accommodation for BFTA events take out cancellation insurance.

For 2025 the following regions expressed interest in hosting the weekend events.

- Inter/Champs and Masters/Showdown: SEFTA and CSFTA
- British Open: see item 11.

13. Proposed Changes for 2024

Regions should establish whether they support or reject each proposal.

It is acceptable that, at the committee meeting, counter proposals are offered providing they do not differ too much from the original. It shall be at the Chairman's discretion if the counter proposal is acceptable.

13.1 – Proposed by Phil Gee (HVP)

[Amendment to MSR Number 14. To become:](#)

14. DISPUTED SCORES

Any disputed score must be made prior to leaving the target. Under no circumstances should the competitor touch the reset cord until the dispute has been resolved.

Targets should be checked by the Chief Marshal or **their** deputy whose decision shall be final.

Target checking – if a competitor claims that a target was hit but did not fall over then the Marshal will check the target is functional by using a Brian Samson type Target Checker.

The marshal should ensure that the target falls over when stuck with the target checker at the top, middle and bottom of the hit zone.

If the target is checked and does not fall over: the target is repaired or replaced and the competitor who called that the target is faulty can shoot again at the target.

If the same target is called as being faulty by three different competitors but is found to fall over when checked with a target checker, then it should continue to be used.

Once the target is called a fourth time, then where practical, the target should be replaced.

Instances where it would be considered impractical to replace a target would include, but not be limited to, when a target is situated in a highly elevated or remote position (for example up a tree or on a lake).

In all instances, if the target is checked, and it falls over: score is zero.

Proposal was not carried but it was agreed that clearer instructions were required:

- Secretary will update the rules on the correct use of a target checker.
- Chief Marshalls should ensure that they monitor target calls and take the lead in inspecting the target and making any necessary adjustment or replacement.
- MFTA advised regional course setters that the use of novel targets can lead to competitors losing confidence in the mechanical efficiency of the target.

- Regions were asked to provide makers names of targets that they have found to be efficient: Knockover, Tecno, Flopover, (to be updated)

13.2 – Proposed by Secretary

During a period of illness, I couldn't attend an event that I had pre-booked. I cancelled on-line but did not receive a refund. I queried this with Martin Calpin who explained that if the website was set to offer refunds (minus booking fee) then it was possible for there to be no money in the account (as it is periodically transferred to the BFTA account) but Stripe would make the payment and charge the BFTA a fee. In the past refunds had been handled by himself and Andy.

I don't think that we should have a system that encourages on-line booking that does not allow refund if cancelations occur in good time. Therefore, I propose:

[BFTA Refund Procedure](#)

The preferred method of entering BFTA competitions is to enter online via the BFTA website.

For each event the website will close to entries at the end of the preceding Wednesday. After the online booking is closed no refunds will be made.

If an entry is cancelled whilst the online booking is live, then the entrant will be refunded their entry fee minus £1.50. This is to cover administration charges (the BFTA uses a system called Stripe to take payments and Stripe charges for every transaction).

When online entry closes the BFTA officer administering the online booking will record the names of cancelled entrants. This information will be passed to the Treasurer.

The cancelled entrants will be asked to email the Treasurer and provide the following details:

- Name that appears of bank account
- Sort code
- Account number

The Treasurer will refund each cancelled entry. This will not take place until the online booking has closed.

Counter proposal to the motion was carried 13.2a. Andrew Slade (HVP) will switch the Stripe system to allow repayment and will monitor that there are sufficient funds in the Stripe account before refunding.

13.3 – Proposed by Secretary

To include Supported Shooting within Open Class at BFTA events from 2024 onwards.

Rules to follow.

Course setters are asked to consider Supported shooters when designing their courses.

It is within the rules that all targets should be visible for all shooting positions, but it would presently be most uncommon to see shooters taking freestyle lanes from the standing position.

13.4 – Proposed by Secretary

Change BFTA Champs from feed-on to shotgun start.

Full details as to why change were shared with the committee after the Champs 2023 and prior to and at the GM in June

13.5 – Proposed by Secretary

Following the successful Teams meeting at the June GM.

In 2024 the GM and AGM both take place on Teams

Proposal	CSFTA	MFTA	STS	NEFTA	WAFTA	FFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	Outcome
13.1	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Rejected
13.2a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
13.3	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
13.4	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
13.5	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Rejected

14. AOB

i) Secretary: Number of trophies per class for GP series?

This question was raised because in 2022 the committee decided to reduce the end of season trophies for AA from 10 to 5. It was unanimously agreed that this should continue.

ii) Secretary: Phil Hollis score sheet.

The Secretary showed the committee a spreadsheet designed by Phil Hollis.

Phil has agreed to oversee scoring for all BFTA competitions remotely. He will set up spreadsheets prior to events and allow regional comp secs to enter data.

As soon as the Secretary receives information from regions as to who will be the contacts for events, he will connect these people to Phil.

Phil preferred that the entry to events be via the website but has agreed that he will adapt the system to allow entries on the day.

The committee unanimously offered thanks to Phil for taking on this task.

iii) Need for Web Manager – regions asked for volunteers (WAFTA)

John Johnston reiterated that we need a Web Manager and asked all regions to seek volunteers.

iv) NSRA affiliation criteria has changed. Clubs are advised to read their email relating to NSRA affiliation.

v) The Chairman thanked the outgoing Chairman for his service in the role. This was unanimously seconded.

vi) Clubs and their facilities (FFTA), all reps to provide details. James Kay to provide template.

vii) Online entry (Secretary).

The Secretary highlighted the need for all entries to be online if we were to get full benefit from Phil Hollis' spreadsheet.

There was agreement with this, but it was felt that we still needed to allow entries on the day. The Secretary was asked to speak with Phil to see if this was possible. That conversation occurred after the meeting and Phil is happy to support entry on the day.

viii) Thanks to Graham Jopson for providing badges for course clearances.

Meetings in 2024

GM – 19th June 2024 via an online platform at 7pm.

AGM – 2nd November 2024 at Meadow Farm

Shaun Shore (November 2023)

Annexe A – Treasurer’s Report

At last year's AGM Andrew Slade passed over the accounts with a balance as of 31st October 2022 of £34,348.90.

At this year's AGM I present a closing balance of £31,813.66 (31st October 2023) - Andrew clearly knew when to pass this on!

However, we need to note that the in-year deficit was because of decisions taken at last year’s AGM where we voted to provide GP Kit boxes for each region. These contained amongst other things Chronographs / Battery packs / clocks / target checkers / Kneeling pads and rolls along with a variety of admin items and Hi Viz Marshal vests. The overall cost of these packs worked out at £2,980.35

In summary the highlights of 2022/23 are as below

		Income	Expense	Total
Opening Balance				34,348.90
British Champs / Inters (£525)				
	Entrance fee	1,965.00		
	Trophies		(1,285.93)	
	Hosting		(1,000.00)	(320.93)
GP Series				
	Entrance fees	13,375.58		
	Trophies & GP Team medals		(1,328.00)	
	Prizes		(600.00)	
	Hosting (inc bunny)		(9,960.99)	
	Kit boxes		(2,980.35)	506.24
Masters /Showdown				
	Entrance fees	1,045.35		
	Trophies		(1,600.00)	
	Hosting		(1,000.00)	(1,554.65)
British open				

	Entrance fee	3,417.30		
	Prizes / gifts		(1,538.69)	
	Trophies		(1,000.00)	
	Hosting		(1,700.00)	
	Admin		(407.11)	(1,228.50)
BFTA Admin				
	Cards	3,480.00		
	Web Site		(450)	
	Score cards		(900)	
	Inters team medals(4yrs)		(1,247.81)	
	Insurance / AGM / Misc		(754.60)	127.60
Closing Balance				31,878.66

As treasurer I believe that the card money generates revenue to fund the operation of the BFTA.

We could continue unchanged for over 10 years based on the above consumption of £3,000 PA shortfall

[Annexe B – Secretary's Report](#)

The year began with the updating and publishing of rules for 2023. Thanks to Jonathan Noon for his help.

Those at the 2022 AGM will know of my concerns for the website, particularly the need to continue allowing booking and payment via the website. With help from Martin Calpin, I managed to understand the system and it ran with a few hitches across the year. On several occasions, I had to ask Martin for help, and I think that we should recognise this with an annual stipend to Martin (I suggest £300 – **This was agreed unanimously**).

The website is functional, what we lack is someone(s) to update it with articles about our events. In the past we have asked each region to provide an overview of their events that could be published. However, that never happened. We need someone to oversee this function.

Things went mildly astray with the demise of the Weston Park Game Fair. However, this was recovered with a vote at the Champs and Brook Valley were chosen to host.

The Champs/Inters at Emley was a great success. Close to 120 people shot the Champs and this led to a late finish and the inevitable small crowd to recognise the winners. It also put a burden on those administering the event and is why I have proposed that we switch to a shotgun start.

Congratulation to Dorian Falconer BFTA Champion 2023, NEFTA Inter-regional Champions 2023 and for Emley Moor for hosting the event.

I didn't attend many GPs, but I read in Scott's report that numbers are up from 2022 which is good news.

The Masters/Showdown weekend was held at Nelson. Many thanks to Nelson, and particularly Mark Bassett, for his work in providing two enjoyable days of shooting. Only 60 people attended the Masters; congratulation to Ian Stoddart for his 59/60 to win the day.

This was the second year of the new Showdown format (requiring only 48 shooters). I struggled to get a full field and 5 local shooters were added to the comp on Sunday. I think the event offers a challenging and enjoyable day, but it is just not attracting people to shoot it. Hence my proposal to end the Showdown and replace with 2 day Masters. Congratulations to: Justin Wood – Showdown, Simon Evans – Plate and Neil Vodden – Shield.

The inaugural British Open was hosted by Brook Valley. I was a little concerned that our premier event was to take place at an untested venue. However, my concerns were quickly settled. Brook Valley, and particularly Mark Brameld, deserve our thanks and congratulations.

One hiccup was the lack of marshalling on Sunday AM. I suggest that for future Opens a session of marshalling is a condition of entry.

Congratulations to Justin Wood for his win which included a first day clearance.

Thank you to all the clubs that put on events across the season.

Thank you to Mark Bassett for organising trophies for all our events.

Thank you to Scott Pywell for his contribution to the BFTA in the role of Competition Manager. I thought Scott was excellent this year and it is such a shame that he has stood down. I know how difficult the role can be and particularly the frustrations when you are doing the best that you can yet still people moan. Those that moan about the entity that is the “BFTA” have now worsened the situation considerably.

I think the next season without a Competition Manager will be difficult. I agree with SEFTA that we need to partition the Competition Manager into two or more roles. Whatever we decide I think the burden on collating results and publishing them will fall on the regions.

If I was advising myself, I’d say this is the time to resign because what was growing and had potential is now broken. However, I shall stubbornly continue (if voted in) and hope to play a part in the BFTA becoming something better in the future.

Shaun Shore (BFTA Secretary)

November 2023

[Annexe C – Competition Manager’s Report](#)

GP Series 2023, thanks to all the regions and venues for hosting the GPs this season. All rounds were well attended and are getting closer to pre-covid levels, with a lot of new faces that all seemed to enjoy their first season.

Congratulations to James Osborne on winning the title of GP Champion and to the grade winners: Jamie Squires, Andy Williams, Brian Holland, Gareth Clarke, Paul Whitehouse, and team winners Air Arms Welsh dragons & Anschutz B.

Congratulations to follow for WFTC24 - Jack Harris 2nd place, Bertie Bassett 4th place, Doz Falconer 11th place and Herbie Von der Stein 1st Vet Springer.

EFTC24 – Conor Mc Flynn 1st place, Dermot Ross 3rd place, Doz Falconer 6th place, Dan Eley 10th place, Steve Franklin 1st place Vet PCP, Jacob Kay 1st place Juniors, Natalie Shead 4th place Ladies and Neil Thorneycroft 2nd Vet Springer and the teams England 5th & Wales 7th.

The first British Open winner was Justin Wood followed by Dylan Varney and Bertie Bassett.

A big thanks to the sponsors Air Arms, Napier, Crackshot, Premier Guns, H & N, Rowan Engineering, the Shooters Barn, and Vital signs.

Equipment – Each region was provided with their own kitbag with seem to work well and hopefully continue to work well if rep could check it a few weeks prior to an event so anything needed can be ordered and replace before the event.

Scott Pywell

[Annexe D – Grading Officer's Report](#)

BFTA Shooters/Cards

Thanks to the Regions for their assistance in collating the requests from their clubs for BFTA cards, and for completing the card details for Shooters.

We currently have 696 shooters cards issued for 2023, with the bulk of these issued by March 2023. We continued to have new card requests during the BFTA shoot season. The payment system of bank transfer to the BFTA Bank account for cards was used by most regions, and this task was completed without any major issues. Thanks to James Kay for his prompt communication of payments received.

I will email the regions in January 2024 for the lists of shooters that require a BFTA Number/Card, applying the same procedure as last year.

BFTA Grading System

Thanks to everyone for supporting the changes that were made to the grading system this year, and for sending me the average %'s for the Winter and Summer leagues, which were incorporated into the grading spreadsheet.

I received very few queries this year about grading – so the system must be working! The grading spreadsheet has been posted on the BFTA Facebook site and on the BFTA website, to enable shooters to review their grading results.

Shooters per Grade

Grade	Numbers/Grade	
	March 2023	October2023
AA	46	49
A	108	119
B	108	102
C	46	47
PISTON	18	15
OPEN	11	18
U/G	38	54
Total	375	404

As you can see from the table there has been very little change in the numbers per grade year on year, so no changes to the grade boundary %'s for 2024 is required.

Stats From this year's Grading Results

Total shooters cards issued: 664 (2022) Vs 696 in 2023

Shooters with no scores recorded: 367.

Number of Shooters with 1 or more BFTA and Regional scores recorded: 329.

Shooters that attended at least one BFTA competition: 225

Finally, thanks again to everyone for their assistance with Shooter's cards/Grading, your input has certainly made my job easier.

I had only intended to carry out this role for two years, however I have decided to carry on for one more year, after which I will be stepping down at the end of 2024.

John Johnston

[Annexe E – Trade Liaison Officer's Report](#)

This year's been a tough one for trying to get sponsorship, quite a few companies weren't interested due to prizes been sold same day as they're presented. Some haven't been able to help due to budgets. The ones that did help I think it would be right to thank them on social media and the BFTA site:

- H&N pellets supplied 100 tins.
- The Shooters barn supplied 2x£25 vouchers.
- Rowan Engineering supplied silhouette trophies, 10 sets of stickers, riser rail, adjustable hamster and 2x single cone strippers.
- Vital signs supplied 10x parallax wheel tape and numbers.
- Crackshot donated £500 voucher for the winner of the British Open.

Going forward I think it would be a good idea to have everyone to have a go at trying to get sponsorship from local companies in their area they might know. And to have a budget in mind to possibly buy prizes at trade prices if suppliers are willing. Hopefully have a better prize table at end of the season rather than just tons of Napier products that a fair few people already had and weren't too impressed with.