

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 2nd November 2024

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

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

1. Chairman's welcome and report.

Good morning to everyone,

I'd like to welcome you all to today's Annual General Meeting.

Firstly, health and safety to start today's meeting. Please be aware of any loose power cables on the floor, please make yourselves aware of the fire exit and smokers and vapers please be aware of the approved smoking area.

We will break for lunch at around 12:30-1pm and we will have comfort breaks if required.

I'd like to congratulate all the winners at the BFTA events this year and comment on some of the results that stood out for myself. The major events are often dominated by regular names, but this year was an exception. Dave Lawrenson winning the BFTA Masters after a great shoot off and Frank Deakin winning The British Open in tough conditions. One of my favourite moments this year was seeing Amanda Holland winning C class in the GP series. Her reaction showed exactly what it meant to Amanda which in turn shows what the sport means to a lot of people who compete.

Attendance this year was a bit of a mixed bag, the GP series was well attended for the first 4 shoots then the numbers dropped off for the next 2 but the final GP shoot was well attended at Sywell for the final presentation.

The BFTA Champs was well attended but the Masters and British Open struggled. From looking at the number of competitors at the events it would be great to find a balance for the events to be attended better.

There is a lot to discuss going forward, so let's hope if changes are made that they work in improving the numbers who attend the events.

This is also a moment I'd like to take to say about the passing of Simon Evans. Simon was a big personality in field target, and it will be sad not to see him at the shoots. Simon was one of the volunteers for the BFTA running as a grading officer for a good few years and always looked at improving things within the grades. I would like to send our condolences to Denise, Oliver and all of Simon's family and friends at this sad time. You will be missed Awesime.

Mark Bassett
BFTA Chairman

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

Officer	Name
Chairman	Mark Bassett
Vice Chairman	Trevor Ryan
Secretary	Shaun Shore
Treasurer	James Kay

Regional Representatives	Name
CSFTA	Paul Whitehouse (V) Andrew Slade (HVP)
NWFTA	Not present
MFTA	James Osborne (V), Phil Gee (HVP), Simon Francis
STS	Brian Keary (V)
NEFTA	John Oxley (V)
WAFTA	Becky Jenkins & Mark Bassett (V)
SWEFTA	Chris Jones (V) and Kez Squires
SEFTA	Phil Hudson (V)
FFTA	James Kay (V) and Scott Pywell

3. Apologies for absence.

Apologies from: Roger Moy (President), Liz Moy (HVP), John Johnston (Grading Officer)

4. Minutes of GM from June 2024 to be read and accepted as a true record.

Proposed = Andrew Slade (CSFTA)

Seconded = Mark Bassett (WAFTA)

5. Matters arising from June 2024 GM

- Discussion took place regarding inclusion of laser range finders in FT. No proposal has been submitted.
- James Kay to report on progress in collecting information about facilities that clubs hold (**Put on hold**)
- No proposals have been submitted for change to grading structure (except 13.6)

6. Treasurer's report (Annex A)

The Chairman thanked James for his work as Treasurer.

Points 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.

7. Calendar Structure for 2024

Proposal 7.1 from Chairman

All BFTA events to be double headers in 2025 – proposal withdrawn.

Counter proposal from SEFTA: 7.1a GP series to consist of 7 rounds (2 double headers and 3 singles).

Proposal	CSFTA	MFTA	STS	NEFTA	WAFTA	FFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	Outcome
7.1a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried

8. Fees and subscriptions for 2025

- 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 Singles = £15 (Minimum £900* to the club plus £5 for each shooter above 100 entrants)
- GP Doubles = £15 (Minimum £1500* to the club plus £5 for each shooter above 100 entrants) if at same
- 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.

It was agreed to end the GP series bonus bunny and to use this money for end of season raffle prizes. This increases the money for end of season prizes and raffle to £2050.

BFTA contribution to raffle and end of season prizes:

£2050 for the end of season.

£1000 for the British Open

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

It was agreed that to be entered into the end of season raffle a shooter needs to have entered 4 of the 7 events.

There will be 5 designated prizes at the end of season raffle. If a shooter has qualified for the raffle but cannot attend GP7 then if their name is drawn out in the first 5 winners, then one of the prizes will be saved for them. After the first 5 winners have been drawn the shooter must be present at the raffle to receive a prize.

9. Officers' reports:

Secretary (Annexe B)

Grading Officer (Annexe C)

The Chairman thanked Shaun and John for their work.

10. Election of Officers:

Incumbents:

- President – Roger Moy
- Chairman – Mark Bassett
- Vice Chairman – Trevor Ryan
- Secretary – Shaun Shore
- Treasurer – James Kay
- Competition Manager – Scott Pywell
- Grading/Registration Manager – John Johnston
- Trade Liaison Officer – Simon Francis
- Media Manager – Becky Jenkins

Becky Jenkins was elected to the new role of Media Manager.

It was agreed that GP badges would be distributed to the regions, and it would be their responsibility to hand out badges at the following GP.

It was agreed that the Secretary would put links to the Twitter and Facebook on the BFTA website.

Elected on mass. The new Officers:

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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 Nat Shead (SEFTA)

Nat suggested that the BFTA produce information flyers that could be given to shooters attending local game fairs etc.

If it is agreed then we need to consider what information they contain (Regional, national or combination of).

Chris Large has agreed to aid in the design and print the flyers.

It was agreed that we would print 2000 flyers. The Secretary will connect:

Nat Shead, Simon Francis, Becky Jenkins and Chris Large

To collectively design the flyer.

2) From Phil Gee (HVP)

Phil has continued to request an update about the Blenheim game fair but to no avail. He has also contacted Ragley Hall to see if they are interested, presently no response.

12. Shoot dates 2025

Worlds is in Northern Ireland 18th – 24th August

The GP series will consist of 7 events. The best 4 of 7 scores will count for the overall series.

Event	Date	Venue	Region
BFTA Championship	5 th April	Nelson	WAFTA
BFTA Inter-Regional	6 th April	Nelson	WAFTA
GP1	27 th April	Throckmorton	MFTA
GP2	18 th May	East Tree	FFTA
GP3/4	14 th /15 th June	Llantrisant	WAFTA
GP5/6	12 th /13 th July	Anston/Redfearn	NEFTA
GP7	10 th August	Iceni	SEFTA
BFTA Showdown	6 th September	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA Masters	7 th September	Emley Moor	NEFTA
BFTA British Open	27 th & 28 th September	Carisbrooke	CSFTA

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. 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.

13. Proposed Changes for 2025 (for full rationale see the AGM Agenda)

13.1 – Proposed by FFTA

Amend BFTA Course setting guides to include other recognised brands of targets.

Counter proposal

13.1a – Targets used must be tested, reliable and fit for purpose. Where testing means use in competition.

Proposal was carried.

Proposal 13.2 was withdrawn as it was covered by 13.1a

13.3 – Proposed by FFTA

Target number markers to be standardised with a minimum character height of 50mm, the requirement for a minimum background border of 25mm top/bottom and sides, and clear contrasting colours between font and background, with a preference for black characters on white background. Font to be clear, bold and plain, Such as Arial Bold. Decorative fonts not to be used.

It was felt that 13.3 was too descriptive and what would the consequence be if it was not followed.

Proposal 13.3a

At the gate the lane must be clearly numbered, or the targets are cleared numbered.

At the target, the target number must be clearly displayed. It is insufficient to write the target number on the target faceplate.

Proposal 13.3a was carried.

13.4 – Proposed by NEFTA

Upgrade the toilets facility offered at BFTA Events.

This proposal was not carried. It was discussed and agreed that if shooters needed specific products, then they should provide their own.

13.5 – Proposed by NEFTA

People with certain medical needs should be allowed to leave the firing line with the chief Marshall permission and their shooting partner's permission, to step back and let shooters through until the shooter returns.

This proposal was carried. However, it was discussed as to what might be considered reasonable delay.

It was agreed that any shooter that knows that they may have to leave the shoot should liaise with the Chief Marshal before the event.

If the reasons for leaving the shoot are unexpected then the Chief Marshal shall decide upon what is a reasonable time away from the shoot.

13.6 – Proposed by Grading Officer

I am proposing that grading is only reviewed once per year, after the British Open and Summer leagues results are added to the Rolling 12. As reviewing again after the Winter league results are added makes little difference to the grading.

This proposal was carried.

No region supported proposals 13.7 and 13.8.

13.9 – Proposed by Paul Yates

[Ban dogs from the course.](#)

This proposal was not carried.

There was discussion about dogs on the course. It was agreed that a ban on dogs was not needed but a reminder to all those that bring dogs to shoots of the importance that they cause no distraction to the shooting.

13.10 was withdrawn

This table shows how each of the regions voted.

Proposal	CSFTA	MFTA	STS	NEFTA	WAFTA	FFTA	SEFTA	SWEFTA	Outcome
13.1a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Carried
13.2									Withdrawn
13.3a	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
13.4	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Not carried
13.5	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Carried
13.6	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Carried
13.7									No proposer
13.8									No proposer
13.9	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Not carried
13.10									Withdrawn

14. BFTA scorecards

Vice Chairman distributed scorecards. No printing required at this time.

15. BFTA equipment held by regions

A reminder that regions are responsible for replacing lost equipment from their bags.

A bag should contain:

- 2 kneeling rolls, 2 kneeling mats
- 35 clocks (10 spare batteries)
- 2 of tripods
- 1 of Chronograph

- 2 of battery packs for chronographs
- 2 target checkers
- Kit box or bag
- 5 of high visibility vests
- Whistle
- Printed copy of rules

16. AOB

i) Secretary: Inclusion of standing FT

The Secretary asked regions to investigate if there was interest in an FT standing class (all disciplines are taken as standing)

ii) B grade trophy – Secretary said that he would contact the person who had it.

iii) The Open Class perpetual trophy is now full. We need a new one for 2025.

iv) SWEFTA asked could the rule on combined distance from the GP rules be adopted in the MSR. The Secretary asked SWEFTA to forward that as a proposal for AGM 2025.

v) It was agreed that the BFTA would donate £250 to the Charity Shoot in memory of Simon Evans.

vi) Andrew Slade reminded regions that it was renewal time for NSRA insurance. Clubs could save money if they applied early.

Meetings in 2025

GM – Wednesday 18th June 2025 by Teams

AGM – Saturday 22nd November 2025

Shaun Shore (November 2024)

Annexe A – Treasurer’s Report

At last year's AGM we closed 2023 season with a balance of £31,878.66 - from which I moved £10,000 into a deposit account

As of 31st October the Deposit account is showing a balance of £10,242.86 with the main account £22,502.36, up £866.56 in the year.

Hopefully by providing the above analysis we can take a view on some of the proposals as presented to the regions.

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

The current in year surplus could be used to provide prize money for events to increase participation and also fund Raffle prizes at the GP Series finale

I have shown this year’s cash prizes as coming from the 'Admin' pot - this could equally be used to fund increased online presence with cash prizes coming from entry fees.

Masters / Showdown weekend should be treated as an extension (Showdown at least) of the GP series so I have netted the costs together as

Showdown generates no income.

* Do we consider raising the entry fee to £20 and using to contribute to cash prizes at these key events (£5x50 competitors=£250) - or 5 bunnies

Team entry of £75 means we run inters at a loss as this was based on 8 regions to generate £600. We can absorb loss as we are giving back to the FT community and not just elite winners.

Annexe B – Secretary’s Report

I would like to begin by paying tribute to Simon Evans.

Simon served the BFTA for many years as grading officer and was influential in revising the shoot rules. Lots of us will have enjoyed shooting the courses he built at Tondur, Oak Tree and at the Welsh Worlds at Glanusk. He was a seasoned FT traveller and had friends around the world.

Like many people I was humbled by his description of his battle against cancer.

RIP Simon and my condolences to his number 1 wife, Denise, and number 1 son Oliver (Ollie).

This season, like most, I have listened to peoples’ concerns about what’s wrong with FT and what might improve it. I will highlight what’s good in FT. If you attended the Showdown/Masters weekend this year then you will have experienced the BFTA at its best. Excellent courses and seamless admin. Why was it so good? The team at Emley, led by Trev Ryan, had produced fair and interesting courses, the marshalling was clear and any snags were quickly dealt with. As someone who regularly adminstrates events, working at Emley is a dream. Thanks Trev and Emley!

Fast forward 2 weeks to the British Open. For the first time, in my memory, our end of season event attracted insufficient numbers to warrant two sessions. I credit Mark Brameld for his work across the weekend, but the event lacked the feel that, I think, we yearn for. I did ponder what competitors got for their money as the Open is £5 more per day than our other events. I also felt that the event lacked a BFTA presence, I think that for 2025 we need at least some banners advertising the association and something to give the event a unique flavour.

With the absence of a Comp Sec I administered the two weekend events at the end of the year. This involved me staying over on the Friday night preceding the events. I’m afraid that if the BFTA want me to administer the events then I will need £100 per event to cover Friday subsistence.

I would like to thank the following:

- The clubs that hosted any BFTA event this year.
- Phil Hollis for his work on Stats.
- Becky Jenkins for her help administering BFTA events.
- Mark Bassett for providing the trophies.
- Air Arms and Claire West for their continued support.

I am happy to remain in post but recognise that there is consensus that the BFTA communication needs modernisation. If there are willing volunteers then I will happily step aside and help as required.

Shaun Shore

[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 610 (Vs 696 last year) shooters cards issued for 2024-25, with the bulk of these issued by March 2024. 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 2025 for the lists of shooters that require a BFTA Number/Card, applying the same procedure as last year. I will however, in addition ask regions to specify which shooters are PCP, Piston or Open, to ensure that shooters have the correct classification.

BFTA Grading System

Thanks to everyone for sending me the average %’s for the Winter and Summer leagues, which were incorporated into the grading spreadsheet.

The grading spreadsheet has been posted on the BFTA Facebook site and on the BFTA website, to enable shooters to review their grading results.

Scores from 2022 have been deleted from the rolling 12 spreadsheet as scores older than two years old are not included in the grading % calculation.

I have noted that several shooters with expired BFTA numbers have attended shoots this year, and as a result their scores were not used for grading.

GRADE	Numbers/Grade		
	Mar-23	October 2023	October 2024
AA	46	49	49
A	108	119	125
B	108	102	94
C	46	47	37
PISTON	18	15	26
OPEN	11	18	28
U/G	38	54	83*
Total	375	404	442

* Attended at least 1 Shoot, 251 in U/G in total.

As you can see from the table there has been no change in AA, however the number of A class shooters has increased with B & C numbers reduced. It is good to see that the number of active new shooters in U/G has increased.

Grading Band Analysis 2024

2024 Results Actual % per Grade Band				
Grade	No/Grade	% By Grade	Target %	Variance
AA	49	16	15%	Plus 1%
A	125	41	35%	Plus 6%
B	94	31	35%	Minus 4%
C	37	12	15%	Minus 3%

If the grade bands were adjusted to achieve the targeted % by band, then this would result in the following changes to grade bands:

AA – no change, A <77%, B and C no change

The table below shows the number of PCP shooters by grade that attended BFTA shoots this year.

GRAD E	INTER S	GP 1	GP 2	GP 3	GP 4	GP 5	GP 6	GP 7	MASTER S	BO	B O	TOTA L	%
AA	18	13	16	15	16	12	11	17	17	9	10	154	21
A	45	34	42	42	42	24	33	35	31	29	25	382	52
B	27	16	16	20	20	14	14	16	12	15	11	181	24
C	2	0	2	5	1	3	1	5	0	2	2	23	3
TOTAL	92	63	76	82	79	53	59	73	60	55	48	740	

It is very apparent from the data that both AA and A grade shooters predominate in BFTA shoots, and that attendance by C class shooters is very low. Grading is based purely upon performance and not attendance, however perhaps we should consider scrapping C class and incorporating shooters in C into B class?

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

John Johnston