

T V T S BULLETIN

Winter 2015

Hi folks, YES it's nearly that time of year again, Father Christmas is due in **5 weeks** and your subs are **due** in **6!**

The good news is that subs are to remain the same fantastic value at £70 per member, £105 for member and spouse / partner. Please send payment to the sec ASAP. If you pay by direct debit/standing order please make sure it is for the correct amount. Payments will be accepted up to 31 January 2016 but will incur a 25% cost if received after that date!

Any new member who joined after 1st November 2015 does not have to pay 2016 subscriptions!

I must inform the police of all current members and those who have not renewed their membership will be deleted from that list on 2nd February.

Don't forget if you have not entered a club competition during 2015 (shame on you) or have not attended TA @ Coulby Newham I require a list of dates you attended Moorsholm and firearms used. Please supply when you pay your subs. Please note that proving attendance will be part of CASC status in 2016.

REMINDER MOORSHOLM RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR ALL ACTIVITIES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:-

Nov 21st

Dec 5th, 19th, 26th

Jan 9th, 23rd, 30th.

The farmer has organised some game shooting and in the interests of safety the range will be closed.

REMAINING COMPS FOR 2015

Nov 29 Soft Air

Dec 6 Practical Shotgun

Dec 20 Clays (black powder)

Dec 27 Practical Shotgun

Last full bore shoot of 2015 December 5 6J Black Beck
(you will probably need your thermals on)!

Email addresses. If you have received this bulletin by normal post it means I do not have your current email address. Please, please send me your email! I only have emails for 65% of the membership and sending info is quicker, cheaper and less time consuming by email. Just respond to david.pengilley@ntlworld.com and help Avril!

LAWSON WAY - The biggest undertaking ever attempted by our fantastic club is almost complete, (thanks to the faithful few) and should be ready to commence operations in the first few months of 2016.

To enable all the members to understand this phenomenal feat of accomplishment Lawson Way will be open to view on Sunday 13th December. There will also be another popular club "Bring and Buy" sale at the same time. So come on down with all your unwanted / surplus shooting related items. Have a laugh and meet your friends in perhaps the most prestigious shooting venue in the North East. Previous sales have been extremely successful. (Pity I always take away more than I bring in). Tables and tea / coffee sellers wanted as usual.

OPEN FROM 10.00AM Please try to attend if only for a quick look!

Membership is still steadily increasing and will no doubt reach record levels when Lawson Way is open. Please show the newer members what TVTS is all about and help all of them enjoy our fantastic and safe environment.

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR SUBS IN EARLY. See you at the "Bring and Buy sale!"

GOOD LUCK AND GOOD SHOOTING - KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY

The Sec and Avril

COMMUNITY AMATEUR SPORTS CLUB (CASC)

Dear member,

You will be aware that our club has enjoyed the status of a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) for several years now.

This has brought us significant financial benefits and has enabled us to organise and sustain the development of the new facility for the club at Lawson Way, Middlesbrough. This has been progressed whilst at the same time keeping up with our traditional activities.

Surely a remarkable achievement, but only possible because of CASC status and the financial advantage we have gained from that.

However, in the light of what can only be major abuses of the CASC scheme on the part of some sports clubs HM Revenue and Customs have brought in five additional CASC rules to come into effect on 1 April 2016.

Fortunately due to the nature of our affairs the impact for us is limited to one only.

However, this one does have implications..... we can only speculate that some CASC registered clubs have had more members propping up the bar than actually being engaged in sport.

From 1 April 2016, therefore, we must ensure that at least 50% of the membership takes part in sport ("takes part"= 12 visits/actions per year per member) and be able to prove it.

The consequences of failure to meet this target is potentially the loss of CASC status which would finish off the club, at least as we know it to-day (gift aid monies received under CASC would be repayable and other benefits e.g. 80% concessionary rates/water charges would cease).

Your committee therefore urge you to take advantage of all the opportunities our club offers for our most enjoyable sport of shooting, particularly when Lawson Way is up and running. These facilities will be first rate and easily accessible for all, delivered in a friendly and inclusive way.

In order to satisfy HMRC requirements your Committee has agreed that a proposal is submitted to the 2016 Annual General Meeting to make it a membership requirement for the 2016 season onwards, that each member so far as is reasonable in all the circumstances, make a minimum of 12 visits ("participation") to a club function/activity in each calendar year. A shooting logbook will be issued to all members so that they can record their visits to Moorsholm or other locations where registration does not take place. By making this commitment members will be making a practical contribution to the future of the club as well as having an enjoyable time with likeminded people.

It is regrettable that abuses of a generous and welcome scheme by some other organisations have brought this upon us but in order that we can continue to grow and prosper as the best target sports club in the region we need to have effective measures in place to deal with this requirement.

Because of the implications for each and every one of us it is only right and proper that this matter is put to a General Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

The Sec

