



## **WFTC – Wales 2017 Newsletter 4 -June 2017**

I am sure that you are all now counting down the days to the start of our WFTC in Wales. We cannot believe how the time has flown since we first agreed in September 2015 to host this years WFTC. Now we have less than 3 months to go. This will probably be our last newsletter before our event, we will however e-mail each competitor with a Welcome document at the end of August.

### **Registration**



Registration closed on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April and we achieved our target of 375 registered competitors. However we have received some cancellations since closure and the current status is shown in the table below:

<b>Competitor Numbers</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total Entry	368
Total RGB's Represented	29
PCP Competitors	304
Spring/Piston Competitors	64
Female Competitors	26
Veteran Competitors	47
Junior Competitors	11
UK Competitors	158
Non-UK Competitors	210
PCP Teams	24
Springer/Piston Teams	11

The whole registration process has taken a surprising 9 months to complete, this has been a complex process. Thanks to all the RGB Team Leaders for assisting with this process. We have received over 2,700 e-mails into our [admin@wftc2017.wales](mailto:admin@wftc2017.wales) account and many more to our field target.wales account concerning registration and queries about Wales 2017.

It is unfortunate that some Competitors have had to withdraw. However we have been able to accommodate some substitution, and can do so for a limited time, but substitutes will have to register their details promptly and will not receive a personalised Polo Shirt as these have all now been ordered.

Please contact me at [admin@wftc2017.wales](mailto:admin@wftc2017.wales) if you wish to withdraw/make a substitution.

### **Catering and Welcome and Awards Dinners**



#### **Onsite Catering at Glanusk**

We have selected three caterers to supply food onsite at Glanusk during the competition. These will offer a range of food that will cater for all needs and budgets. These will be serving food from 7.30am until 6.30pm each day .

We will also have an outlet supplying Alcohol, but we will restrict the opening hours until after the pm session starts. ***No one will be allowed on any of the courses if they have consumed alcohol.***

**Bottled Water:** We have decided that we will not be supplying disposable, individual bottles of water to Competitors, as this would have created issues for our marshalls with distribution, and the disposal/collection of empty bottles. Instead each competitor will receive a reusable, insulated water bottle in their welcome pack – courtesy of **AIR ARMS** . These can be refilled from bulk water stations situated around the course.

## Welcome and Awards Dinners

The Manor Hotel where we will host the dinners has limited capacity in its function room and we have had to extend the function room with a marquee to accommodate all our guests for the Awards dinner

**Welcome dinner:** this will take place in the main function room of the Manor Hotel as the numbers attending will be significantly lower than the Awards Dinner and these numbers can be accommodated.

It was our desire from the outset that the Welcome dinner would be a very informal event, as it is a meet and greet event and as such we will not have a formal table plan.

We are planning to have a Hog Roast at this dinner, which if the weather is good can be served outside.

**Awards Dinner:** this will be a formal dinner with a seating plan for all competitors and guests. We have now agreed the menu with the Hotel and this will be a 3 course meal with a 'Welsh theme'.

The marquee attached to the function room will accommodate 220, and we will have a live video/sound link between the function room and the marquee, to enable those seated in the marquee to view the awards ceremony.

**Dietary Requirements:** I have already requested that RGB's and Competitors let me know if they have any special requirements to enable us to cater them. So far I have had a few requests, but please let us know if you have a specific requirement by e-mailing us at [admin@wftc2017.wales](mailto:admin@wftc2017.wales)

## Marshalling Courses



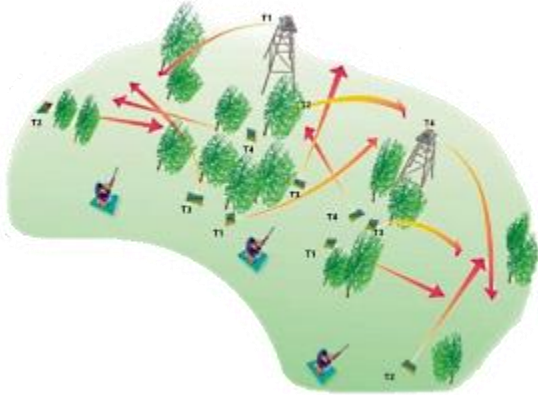
Thanks to all those who attended our WFTF course in Wales last month, and to Brian Sampson for holding the course, we now have an additional 39 trained Marshals.

The next Marshaling course will be held at the Manor Hotel at 10am on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, again hosted by Brian (hope the technology works this time!).

Should you wish to attend this course please email me at [admin@wftc2017.wales](mailto:admin@wftc2017.wales)

Lunch will be provided to all attendees.

## FT Course Design Workshop



Sergio will be chairing a course design workshop at 4pm on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September in the main function room at the Manor Hotel. Refreshments will be provided for attendees.

Sergio's objective is to develop a 'Best Practice' document that can be used in future by RGB's to guide them in course design. Input from RGB course designers at this workshop will be very welcome and those wishing to attend please e-mail me at [admin@wftc2017.wales](mailto:admin@wftc2017.wales)

## Wales 2017 Course Design and Layout

The WFTC 2017 Team visited Glanusk in May to complete the planning of the course design and layout.

Originally we had been granted dispensation from RGB's to have three separate courses as we felt that this would be more appropriate given the layout/lanscape at Glanusk. However after carefull consideration we have decided that the **WHITE** course will remain as a stand alone course, as a large section is in dense woods, and that the **YELLOW** and **BLACK** courses will now be fully integrated.

So at this stage we have a very good idea of the final course design, and we hope that everyone finds it interesting and challanging.



*Glanusk 24.05.17 – Course building/planning visit*

**Practice Range:** the location of this has been agreed – it will be directly opposite the competitors car park ,and will be approx 200m long, so there should be no requirement to restrict the time that competitors can spend there. A Chronograph will be available on the Zero range.

**Standing Silhouette Competition:** this will be situated in the walled garden and there will be three separate, identical courses to avoid queues. Sponsors can also use this area to demonstrate their equipment.

### **Booking In and Equipment Checks**

The registration office will be located in the ‘wood store’ in the garden area of the Marshals accomodation buildings.Registration will open at 12 noon on the Tuesday and close at 4pm on the Wednesday.

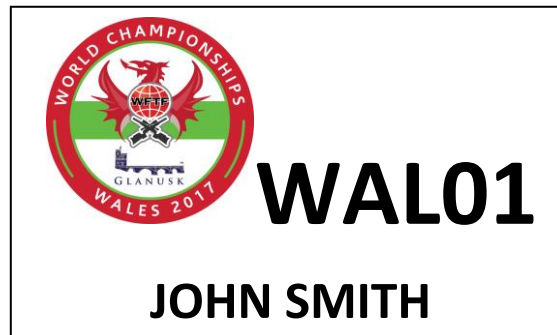
Registration and Stats will be manned by Paula,Sam, Sue and Mel - many thanks for volunteering to undertake this most complex of tasks.

It is very important that we complete registration and equipment checks in an efficient manner otherwise our schedule will be disrupted, and final lane/course allocations will be delayed until Wednesday night. To facilitate this the following condition will be enforced:

***Competitors will not be permitted to shoot on the zero range or silloutte courses until they have registered and had their eqiptment checked. Marshals will strictly enforce this rule and anyone seen without an ID sticker on their gun, shooting on the ranges will be instructed to stop immediately and go to registration.***



***\_GUN LABEL***



***Competitor ID card***

At the registration and equipment check center the following procedure will occur:

1. You will sign in, and your name will be highlighted as present at Glanusk on our database
2. You will be issued with your ID card, card holder and laynard, ***this is to be worn at all times whilst at Glanusk***
3. You will be issued with meal tickets for the meals that you have ordered
4. You will receive your welcome pack
5. You should then immediately proceed to the equipment check center, where your gun will be chronographed and all of your shooting equipment will be checked to ensure compliance with WFTF core rules.
6. A self adhesive/waterproof sticker (see example above) will be applied to your gun or scope,indicating your compliance with WFTF core rules. This should remain in place whilst you are at Glanusk.

Competitors who fail to register within our schedule may be excluded from the competition, unless they have contacted us, in which case we may allow some leeway.

Glanusk is a busy estate which will have other activities and enterprises ongoing during our competition week. To respect the wishes of the owners of the estate uncovered airguns will only be permitted on the courses, practice range and standing silhouettes. At all other times your gun must be unloaded and in a gun slip



To travel to the ranges

For those that prefer to use a caddy for their gun ,please cover as per the photo above.

Once you are on the ranges there will be no requirement to use a gun slip or cover.

**Special note** if you arrive on the first morning of the competition without having booked in and had your equipment checked on Tuesday or Wednesday, you will not be permitted to shoot on day 1, and may not be permitted to shoot day 2&3.

### **Lane/Course/Session Allocation**

Now that registration is complete we will, in the near future start the process of allocating the squads, courses, lanes, and sessions that competitors will be placed in.

This allocation will be determined according to the WFTF core rules, and whilst we can identify, the historically high performing competitors easily , we need the assistance of RGB's to let us know the ranking of their Team members in order of recent performance. Some of you have already done this – thanks for your efforts.

We will also take into account the recent performance of non team members in the allocation process. The objective is to match shooters of equal abilities in squads.

We will publish a provisional list of squads/ courses/ sessions at the end of August, however this will be subject to amendment on the late afternoon prior to the competition start .

**BFTA Euros:** there are 51 non-UK registered shooters for this event,who are also attending Wales 2017. We have made arrangements for them to have their bean bags refilled at Weston Park.

## **Communications and Media**

**Facebook:** we currently have over 1,600 'friends' on Facebook. This has proved to be an essential communication tool, particularly during registration.

### **Media:**



<http://www.teamwild.tv>



<http://focushiftfilms.com>

Daniel Harris is now fully involved with our planning team and he will be recruiting four University Media Students to film our event. Daniel has teamed up with Team Wild TV, who will host videos of our event. Team Wild have over 100,000 subscribers – so we will reach a very large audience for our sport.

**Cooper Roberts Limited:** Are planning on behalf of AIR ARMS to write features and PR about Wales 2017 for the July and August cover issues of the Airgun Magazines and online digital magazines.

**Welcome Pack:** we will e-mail every competitor a welcome pack at the end of August. This will detail all the essential information that you will require for Wales 2017. Your official invitation letter to Wales 2017, is attached, non-UK shooters may be required to produce on arrival in the UK, this can also be downloaded from our website <https://wftc2017.wales/official-invitation-to-wales-2017> .

### **Sponsors**

Mark Bassett has been working hard to bring Sponsors onboard for Wales 2017. The website is being updated with details of sponsorship, as and when these are confirmed. See <https://wftc2017.wales/sponsors> for detailed information on sponsorship.

### **Many thanks to all our sponsors for their very generous support**

Uruguay and Spain have kindly offered to supply some 'Dragon' targets for Wales 2017, many thanks for your support, we look forward to using these at Wales 2017.

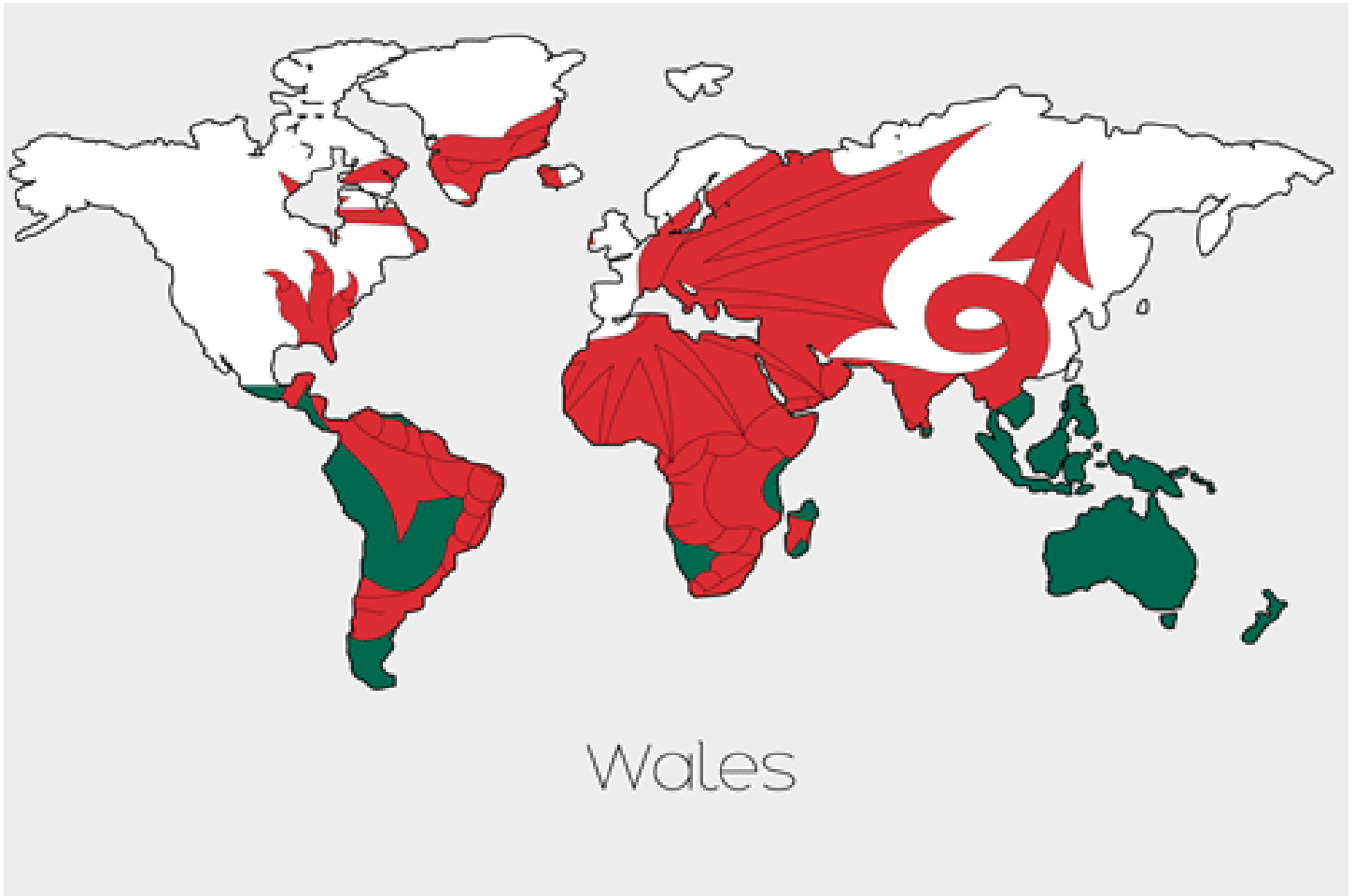
**To date we have the following Confirmed Official Sponsors for Wales 2017:**





**In Conclusion:** Our preparations for Wales 2017 are progressing well and we are on schedule to complete these in good time for the competition. If anybody has any queries or requires assistance, please contact us at [admin@wftc2017.wales](mailto:admin@wftc2017.wales)

**The Welsh Airgun and Field Target Association looks forward to welcoming you all to Wales 2017.**





**OFFICIAL INVITATION**  
**XXVII WORLD FT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**WALES / CYMRU 2017**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of the Welsh Airgun and Field Target Association I am pleased to invite you as a competitor to the XXVII WORLD FT CHAMPIONSHIPS, which will be held at the Glanusk Estate, near Crickhowell, Powys, Wales, from the 21st until the 23rd of September 2017.

Air Rifles will be limited to sub 16 Joules/12 ft/lbs.

We look forward to welcoming you and your fellow competitors to Wales, and wish you every success in the competition:

Yours sincerely,



**JOHN.B.JOHNSTON**

**CHAIRMAN OF THE WELSH AIRGUN AND FIELD TARGET ASSOCIATION**

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## **Competition Program**

### **Tuesday the 19th of September 2017:**

Registration and Practice Range Open 10am to 6pm

Welcome Dinner at the Manor Hotel – 7.00pm

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### **Wednesday the 20th:**

Practice Range open from 9am until 6pm

WFTF Marshalling Course at the Manor Hotel 10am – lunch provided for all attendees

Course Design Workshop – 4pm at the Manor Hotel

Registration open from 9am until 4pm

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### **Thursday the 21st:**

Practice Range open at 7am until 6pm

Morning Session – Briefing at 07.45am, Session Starts at 08.00am

Competitor group Photograph 13.00

Afternoon Session – Briefing at 1.30pm, Session starts at 2pm

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### **Friday the 22nd:**

Practice Range open at 7am until 6pm

Morning Session – Briefing at 07.45am, Session Starts at 08.00am

Afternoon Session – Briefing at 1.30pm, Session starts at 2pm

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### **Saturday the 23rd:**

Practice Range open at 7am until 6pm

Morning Session – Briefing at 07.45am, Session Starts at 08.00am

Afternoon Session – Briefing at 1.30pm, Session starts at 2pm

Shoots Off's – 5pm

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