

The Second International Masonic Clay Shooting Championship

16th October 2021

hosted by the
**Grand Lodge of Scotland
Clay Shooting Association**
in conjunction with
SC Shooting and
National Shooting Centre,
Wester Jawcraig, Falkirk



Presentation of Trophy and Prizes

Brother Alexander Moncrieff,
Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden,
Grand Lodge of Scotland
and

Brother Gordon Sewell,
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master,
Province of Stirlingshire

Welcome all to the Second International Masonic Clay Shooting Championship at the National Shooting Centre. We hope that you have a pleasant day with us and that you have a safe return to your own firesides.

This Second International Clay Shooting Championship has been a long time in coming round since the Inaugural event in September 2019 at Doveridge Shooting Ground.

The original intention was to hold this event in August 2020 but the small matter of Covid19 and lockdowns put paid to that idea so here we are today to pursue two of our favourite pastimes in one event - Freemasonry and Clay shooting.

Over the last eighteen months Scottish Freemasons throughout the world have supported their local communities in a myriad of ways offering practical as well as financial assistance to help those in need during the pandemic; so far over £1.5 million has been raised in addition to the support given by lodges locally. Further the members of the Scottish Craft have raised over £750,000 in aid of Prostate Scotland which has enabled the production of resources to assist patients and their families.

Today we have an opportunity to support these efforts, to help alleviate the ongoing hardship that many are facing as the pandemic continues to have its impact on our society.

We are grateful to a number of organisations for their support for this event including the Edinburgh Masonic Food Initiative and the Widow's Sons Scotland, West Chapter, Highland Spring, Fenton Bespoke, IFP - Industrial Floor Preparation Scotland Ltd, Gary Cairn Electrical and the many individuals who have donated prizes for the charity raffle.

Programme of events

- 08.30 Registration opens
- 09.00 Tea/Coffee & Bacon Rolls available from the Kitchen
- 10.00 Welcome - Shooting Commences
- 12.30 Lunch served
- 14.00 Presentations
- 14.30 Charity Prize Raffle

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Target 1	Trap A - full use of the gun
Target 2	Trap B - full use of the gun
Targets 3 & 4	Report Pair A then B
Targets 5 & 6	Report Pair B then A
Targets 7 & 8	Report Pair A then B
Targets 9 &10	Simultaneous Pair A & B

Stand Sponsor

1	Edinburgh Masonic Food Initiative
2	Widow's Sons Scotland, West Chapter
3	Highland Spring,
4	Fenton Bespoke,
5	IFP - Industrial Floor Preparation Scotland Ltd,
6	Gary Cairn Electrical
7	National Shooting Centre, Falkirk
8	P & M Sinclair
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Scottish Championship 2020



Squads for the Scottish Championship 2020 and the Grand Master Mason gets his GloS CSA polo shirt



At the NSC 2020 and Rothiemurchus 2021

History

This event grew out of the extensive calendar of shoots arranged by the National Association of Masonic Clay Shooting Societies among the various Provincial Shooting Societies south of the border when it was suggested that there be an international match between Freemasons of the Home Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland. An advert was placed on social media in Scottish Masonic circles and fourteen shooters came together the length and breadth of Scotland to form the basis of a team to represent the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

In September 2019 the idea came to fruition on a pleasant autumn day when some 120 Masonic shooters and guests assembled to compete for the Championship Trophy. Over an interesting course at Doveridge Shooting Ground England came victorious followed by Scotland and Wales.



The Top Four Guns from Scotland

It was agreed that Scotland would host the next competition and so planning began for a shoot in 2020. In late November 2019 some interested shooters met at the National Shooting Centre and so the Grand Lodge of Scotland Clay Shooting Association was formed and the Inaugural Trophy competed for at our St Andrew's Day shoot

Early in 2020 we were able to have a shoot at the NSC while discussions took place about the suitable dates in 2020 for our events, informal shoots, a Scottish Championship and the Home International, then Covid struck bringing lockdown and a cessation of any sort of activity.



Eventually by August 2020 some restrictions had been lifted and the first Scottish Championship was held, meanwhile the date for the International had been set then postponed but by September it became clear that restrictions would once again impose difficulties in running the event so it was postponed and rescheduled for October 2021 with fingers crossed that conditions would be better by then.

A very limited number of shoots have taken place in 2021 but we did manage to spread ourselves around having shoots in Fife, Ayrshire, Glasgow, Scottish Borders, the Highlands and at the National Shooting Centre.



We were also able to compete for the Scottish Championship Trophy 2021 at North Ayrshire Shooting Ground.

As our current membership comes from the North, South, East and West it is hoped that a more extensive calendar of shoots across the length and breadth of Scotland will enable Masonic shooters to indulge in their joint passions.



Widows Sons Scotland were founded in 2005 by brethren with a passion for both Freemasonry and motorcycling. It has grown to over 200 members in Scotland and is now spread over three Chapters, the West being one (with North and East Chapters also established). We also have a number of Chapters abroad.

We support the Grand Lodge of Scotland and its nominated charities as well as local charities, both with donations and where possible "hands on" help, such as at Marcus Humphrey House.

We enjoy our travels raising awareness of, and supporting Freemasonry where we can as well as supporting each other and Lodges in our provinces.



National Shooting Centre, Falkirk

The Edinburgh Masonic Food Initiative is a joint project run by Brethren of Lodge St James's Operative, No 97 and Lodge Abbotsford No 937. A special mention to the brethren of Caledonian Lodge No 392, The Lodge of Brotherly Love No 1428, Lodge Friendship No. 1712 and Lodge Robert Burns Initiated No. 1781; who all assist in the running of the Kitchen and our deliveries.

During the course of the initiative we have managed to produce a total of 25,813 meals. A total exceeding our wildest expectations.

The meals went to the Community One Stop Shop (Coss) which is a voluntary organisation situated in the west side of the city. It is a multifunctional group which offers aid, assistance and support to the less fortunate in the area including a food bank service.

