

RVC Clay Pigeon Shooting Teams (CSRA)

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Members

42. Men and women ranging from beginners to experienced.

Competitions/Events

19th Jan '08 – RVC hosted competition at Broomhills Shooting Ground against the Royal Army Veterinary Corps. Included 22 RVC members, and a mix of officers, instructors, dog handlers (captained by Miles Malone, one of the founders of the RVC CPST)

23rd Feb '08 – BUSA National Championships which we shall be entering 2 men's and 1 women's team, and 4 individuals (we would like a 2^{nds} women team but this year there isn't this category in the competition).

19th April '08 – Old Boys competition which will include a black tie cocktail party afterwards.

We are also looking for dates that the army can have a reciprocal event up at Melton Mowbray, and also a date to trial a competition against the Imperial University Clay Shooting Team.

Next academic year we hope to attend the St Andrews University Shooting Competition in November, as well as a competition hosted by Plymouth University Clay Shooting Team in March.

Fund Raising

Small funds have been raised by the number of social events that have been held for club members (i.e. Christmas dinner, dinner after competition). We are planning on holding either a 'fun day', which will be held at Broomhills shooting ground, and include shooting, go-karting etc, or a paintball event at another location.

Sponsorship

Last year the teams had sponsored skeet vests from Top Gun, and this year we received a number of caps from Holland & Holland. Both A1 and Broomhill shooting grounds give us discounted clays, with Broomhills providing each member with free membership. Having made contact with a number of companies we hope to have sponsorship next year although this is proving difficult until the club has been running for slightly longer.

Current Funds

Approx. £1100

Requirements/Wish list

Many of the members are involved in other teams but the shooting club still maintains a high turnout, quality of shooting, and strong commitment. Shooting is an expensive sport, with the members putting in lots of their own money as well as the grant we receive from the students union. The club is still in its growing phase with competitions and events still finding a place in the busy life of the RVC. Over the years we hope to be able to continue with everything we offer at the moment, as well as trying to include the following:

- Tour to St Andrews
- Host further competitions, as well as entering other competitions
- Provide the opportunity to further the quality of shooting by providing instructor sessions

- Get more young people, especially women, interested in this growing sport
- With the club expanding it will be necessary to purchase a new gun as well as continuing to maintain the guns we have at present.

The idea that three people had in 2006 has already grown to a university club with 42 members that compete in a National Championships, hosted their first competition and continue to provide weekly practices