

Chairmans Speech 2024.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for attending the AGM at Park Farm as a new venue for 2024.

I would now like to thank all our members that attended our events and the Ground Owners who supported us in our County Championships last year.

Can I also thank ALL the committee members that have helped run our County CPISA events in 2023.

Karen and Fiona have been working with the committee and myself to ensure clay pigeon shooting in our County has a future, with updates to the website, reports for the "Pull" magazine and a financial forecast for the year.

As ever there is a special thanks for Phil, Di and all the Sanders Family, along with the Team at Park Farm Shooting Ground for such a great effort they have made for us and given us a real base for Hereford & Worcester clay shooting and a free venue for our committee meetings.

Sadly, this year has been a slightly difficult one in terms of Team wins for us as a West Midlands County but we have all made every effort to enter all of the West Midlands Championships and we have secured a Junior win and a joint win for the Veterans along with many Area medals for our members.

Although it was very close in many cases, we have not won any other Inter County events in 2023.

Naturally I am slightly disappointed, but we have to remember that we are one of the smallest memberships in the West Midlands. I will be working closely with all our Team Managers this year to see if we can achieve a better result going forwards.

But of course, it is our shooters that achieve these results so all I can ask is the normal thing and go out there and enjoy your sport but if you feel you need any extra help along the way just ask one of the old timers out there!

Juniors & Ladies:

The results from the Juniors yet again show how committed they are and we as a committee will support them whenever we can, along with the support of West Midlands Regional committee.

We will pay for ALL Juniors cartridges and West Midlands Committee pay for their Birds Only entries at all the Inter County events. (Team Members)

PLUS again this year ALL Junior Birds Only entries at Area Championships will also be paid by West Midlands Region going forwards.

I will be asking the committee to also look at sponsoring one or two of our Juniors/Colts with their shooting costs going forwards as we all know how hard times are at present.

I am also going to ask the committee to agree to the Ladies funding initiative again this year to try and encourage more Ladies to take part in Inter County events.

Lastly:

There are many things that could impact on our shooting over the next few years and we have seen Grounds closing or limiting their events recently but I want to assure you all that I will do my very best to keep us all shooting as long as I can whilst I am still around!

All that I can ask from our members is that you try your best to support our County whenever you can and if you need a lift to any event please let a member of the committee know!

Have a great 2024 shooting year.