Dear Club Member,

Calling Notice for Team Captaincy.

England has been invited by the organisers of the Spirit of America Matches to attend their event in September 2024 in Raton, New Mexico, which will include an America Match.

The dates of competition are 5th September through to 13th September 2024 and include individual and team matches building up to the America Match on 13th September.

The America Match comprises 4 ranges, 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards; 2 ss & 15 to count at each range for a team of eight firers and is now regarded as one of the Big 6 matches, alongside the Palma, Australia, Kolapore, National and Mackinnon matches.

The English Twenty Club is seeking applications for Captain for this team to tour to the USA.

Potential applicants should be aware that the tour will need to be self-funding and will require a team size of a minimum of 12 persons. The Club has historically paid for the major match team entry cost and for tour badges and provided a small training grant. The amount of funding will be determined by the Treasurer and Executive, based on the club’s financial status and cannot be guaranteed.

Once appointed, the captain will appoint a minimum of two officers, nominally a vice captain and an adjutant and invite applicants for selection to the team.

The captain will be responsible for upholding the rules and reputation of the English Twenty club.

Potential applicants should complete an application form and be sponsored by 2 members of the club. The form should be returned to the club secretary.

Appendix 1

Application form:

Application for Team Captain closing date 17th November 2023

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| Candidate Name: |  |
| Team or Match: | England Team to USA 2024 |

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| 1.Personal team experience & performance | |
| 1.1 Previous representative team experience. |  |
| 1.2 Previous team officer appointments. |  |
| 1.3 Please provide information of your achievements in terms of level of performance, past and present [See Note 1] |  |

The following questions are included in order that the responses will aid the selectors in making their decision. Please complete each section as fully as you are able. Note, a lack of experience may not prejudice your candidacy if your other responses indicate sufficient potential to succeed regardless.

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| 2. Selection Philosophy | |
| What selection philosophy would you employ in choosing your team squad? |  |

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| 3. Leadership | |
| How will you lead the team?  Give examples of how you have learnt from previous leadership roles, especially previous captaincies / officer positions, including when something has not gone well.  Please include any relevant experience outside of the shooting world  How will you get your team members to pull together to achieve their best? How will you motivate your team to overcome a set-back / challenges? |  |

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| 7. Final Statement  Please add any further comments you feel will enhance your application (no more than 100 words) |

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| Sponsor |  |
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Please send this application to the Secretary by close of nominations as stated at top of form

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| Signed: |  | Date: |  |

1 in the modern era it is difficult to be an effective captain, and certainly to command respect in your team, unless you have clearly performed at a high level, either shooting and/or coaching. Obviously, the bar for 'high level' will vary with the seniority of the captaincy under consideration. Please include details of individual and/ or team achievements, past and present, that demonstrate your abilities.