

Dear Member,

I hope this finds you well and with an early Easter, your 2024 season starting to take shape, at least in the calendar. The usual early-season open meetings are already advertised (our own included!), club matches are being confirmed, Imperial Meeting entries open, and I can see KGV heats lined up, along with the club's annual match vs the RAF. More on some of that, and other matters, below.

The EXX Spring Meeting

Our Spring Meeting is once again scheduled for the late May bank holiday (25-27th May) The Meeting is the perfect opportunity to refresh yourself on open, individual shooting, especially for those who felt that March was far too early to be venturing out for the Easter offering! Entries are online at Shootr.app:

https://shootr.app/event/2024-EXXspringmeeting2024

For any other queries please contact our Competitions Secretary, Laura Haley: competitions@englishtwenty.org.uk.

The Championship and Varley

Once again, the Championship and Varley will take place concurrent with the Imperial Meeting. For those who pay their entry as part of their membership standing order then you will be entered automatically, but for those who don't then again, please contact Laura (competitions@englishtwenty.org.uk) who will happily relieve you of £10!

The KGV

The KGV final will once again take place on First Thursday (18th July) and regional heats are most (if not all) in the calendar for your respective counties. A request to ensure that memberships are either renewed, or applications submitted & confirmed, in good time so as to allow these to be correctly processed and membership confirmed to your District Superintendent in advance. There is a new rule in place for the match for DSs to submit "a list of all members of their district from which their team for the heat will be selected" two weeks beforehand so we can hopefully avoid some of the recent issues encountered, and it's easier if you're not on the unpaid list and so not rushing at the last minute.

Club rules also require three days to pass between application and being able to shoot in competitions, which along with other legal requirements means, simply: "sign up new members in good time".

Jewel Competitions

Jewel competitions are also in full swing. If any District Superintendents have not yet claimed their jewels then please do get in touch with Graham Nelson (membership@englishtwenty.org.uk) who can arrange to get your County entitlement to you. We know there is some enthusiasm in making the club jewels a bigger feature of club and district shooting, so please do help support this getting involved and competing for them.

The English Twenty v RAF Match

The EXX v RAF match scheduled for 18-19th May and as always the short & long range teams will be captained by the National (Tom Rylands, national@englishtwenty.org.uk) and Mackinnon (John Bellringer, mackinnon@englishtwenty.org.uk) match captains. Anyone available and wishing to be considered for these matches, please contact the captains.

The Lawrence

The Lawrence match will once again be held at the Scottish Open TR Championships at Blair Atholl over 14th-16th June. For those considering it, or who are simply intrigued to find out what it's like having to adjust your elevation for wind, more information and entries (closing on 6th June, or when full) can be found HERE.

The National, Mackinnon, and English Twenty v UK Armed Forces Matches

The National, Mackinnon, EXX v UKAF and Unde-25 Home Countries Invitational matches will again be contested over the Imperial Meeting. Congratulations to the following on their appointment as respective match captains:

The National: Tom Rylands (national@englishtwenty.org.uk)

The Mackinnon: John Bellringer (mackinnon@englishtwenty.org.uk)

EXX v UKAF: Ian Ashworth (ukaf@englishtwenty.org.uk)

U25 Invitational: Harriet Bramwell

Touring Teams

As previously advertised, England has been invited to compete in the America Match at Raton, NM, in September this year. Tour captain Tom Rylands and his management team are considering applications and a team notification will be published shortly.

The Lions Talent Development

The 2024 Lions programme is underway and continues to identify and develop talented shooters and coaches from across the country. The first weekend in late 2023 was once again a success and has fostered winter training by its cohort ahead of the first 2024 weekend later this month. As always the club offers its thanks to the Lions management team (led by Ian Ashworth) and the numerous volunteers for their dedication to the delivery of this programme. We hope to see as many of the squad as possible achieving their performance goals and shooting in the National team in July.

A request for applications for the 2025 scheme will be announced later this year. As always, if either you or anyone you know is shooting (or coaching) well, is uncapped (or single-capped) in the National, and is keen to progress to England level then please do apply when the opportunity arises.

Club Competitions 2023

Congratulations to our members and teams for the following results:

Spring Meeting

The Lion Trophy: JEM Bellringer

Ted Molyneux Trophy: NJ Ball Booth Cup (Class O): DA Roberts

Club Championship

Sutton Cup WJD Broad Hodgson Cup (Class O) CE Mawson President's Cup (U25) JM Hince

Carol Painting Mem'l Trophy (U19) Cdt PEV Osmond

The Varley

The Varley Trophy TA Ringer Johnson Cup (Class O) AJ Leech

The Lawrence: 1st
The National: 1st
The Mackinnon: 1st

Under-25 Home Countries: 1st

UK Armed Forces: 2nd

Website & Social Media

As well as the odd newsletter, you can stay up to date on club news & activities via our website:

https://englishtwenty.org.uk/

and on social media:

Facebook

English Twenty Club, https://www.facebook.com/englishtwenty
England TR Touring Team, https://www.facebook.com/EnglandTRTeam

Instagram

@englishtwentyclub, https://www.instagram.com/englishtwentyclub/

Please like/follow our pages & profiles, as it helps raise the publicity and image of our sport with others.

Annual General Meeting

The end-of-year Zoom AGM is working well and was repeated for 2023. The club was found to be in good health and the one change of note was the adoption of a rule allowing for a representative of the British Young Shooters Association to be nominated to Council. To that end, welcome Alex Sadler!

Yearbook

The yearbook is available for printing on request and for a small fee to cover printing costs, please contact your DS if you would like one. Each DS will be given a yearbook at no charge. All the information in the yearbook is also available on the website.

Payments to the Club

In an effort to clearly define the club account streams and simplify the treasurer's role, members must use a simple code along with their unique member number with the payment code at the reference. This is a change to previous instructions to use their name/initials as we have a surprising number of name duplicates in the club and the surname already appears in the payment info anyway. If any member doesn't know their number then please contact your District Superintendent in the first instance, or Graham Nelson (membership@englishtwenty.org.uk).

List as follows:

CCV – Championship and Varley

SUB – Subscription

KGV - KGV heats & finals

MER – Merchandise

SM - Spring Meeting

Please use these references for future payments.

Also, please make sure you're using the correct sort code! Long story short, when one bank took over another the account number stayed the same, but the sort code changed. The old sort code has been "forwarding" to the new one until now, but we have been informed that this is about to stop. The current, correct details are:

English Twenty Club Santander 09-01-55 22428606

Please also make sure your subs payment is up to date; if you're not paying £15 (£25 including the Club Championship & Varley) then you're in danger of not maintaining your membership... By far the easiest way is to set up a standing order for each January. If you already use a standing order then again, please check that it's using the correct sort code.

General Admin

Please do make sure that your details with the club are up to date, be it contact details, your chosen district, or whatever. Not only does this make keeping you informed and involved easier, but as a Home Office Approved club we do have certain responsibilities in terms of knowing/confirming who our members are!

Please note that the English Twenty Club is NOT a primary club and does not issue Shooter Certification Cards. These MUST be obtained from your primary club.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the ranges soon.

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