



# The English Twenty Club

Governing Body of English Fullbore Target Shooting

## English Twenty Club – National Match 2023

I have been very honoured to have been appointed to Captain the England team for the National Match to be held at Bisley during the 2023 Imperial Meeting. Being Captain for this match also involves leading teams to take part in the Lawrence Match during the Scottish Open in June and the “RAF Match” in May.

Although not available to travel to Scotland in June, Henry Day has kindly agreed to take on the role of Adjutant for the other matches.

My primary focus is on retaining the National Trophy. It is a policy of the English XX Club that at least half of the team should consist of those who have not shot more than once before with at least five places being reserved for first timers. In addition, it is expected that the five reserves will not have been in the team before. Our challenge therefore is to identify England’s uncapped and once-capped shooters/coaches who are in-form. Whilst I anticipate that many of these may come from the Lions Program which is currently training its 5<sup>th</sup> cohort, it is not an exclusive group and we will not be restricting our selection to them. I am hopeful that performances in the RAF Match and the Lawrence Match will help guide our selection but we will also be looking elsewhere.

We will be entering a team for the RAF Match on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. The competition is shot under National Match conditions and my plan is that at least 15 of the English XX Club shooters will be uncapped or once-capped in previous National matches. Our main coach for the match will be Jeremy Langley and at least three of our other coaches will be experienced international coaches. I am keen to use this match as an opportunity for a couple of coaches to acquire experience of participating in a large coaching group. If you would like to be considered for selection please apply by completing the form overleaf and sending it to me ([national@englishtwenty.org.uk](mailto:national@englishtwenty.org.uk)). I intend to have the team selected at least 1 month before the match. Practice targets will be available in the morning. With the current uncertainty about ammunition availability and cost it is hard to give a definite cost but I would anticipate it to be around £95 per person including the practice.

This year the English Twenty Spring Meeting will revert to its traditional dates over the Whitsun Bank Holiday 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May and you are encouraged to enter it. England will be entering a team to compete for the Lawrence Trophy at Blair Atholl on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June during the Scottish Open. I intend to be there and I hope that some of you will be there too.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that all team members must be members of the English Twenty Club and if you aspire to be selected for the National Match you must have entered the English XX Club Championship (entries to have been received prior to the commencement of the Grand Aggregate).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all Good Shooting in 2023 and I look forward to meeting many of you during the coming season, and to selecting some of you to represent England in the National Match.

**Stephen Penrose – Captain**



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## Application for selection

RAF Match Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Name:**

**TRID:**

**County:**

**Would you prefer to coach or shoot:**

**EXX Member?**

**Memorable performances in the last 3 seasons:**