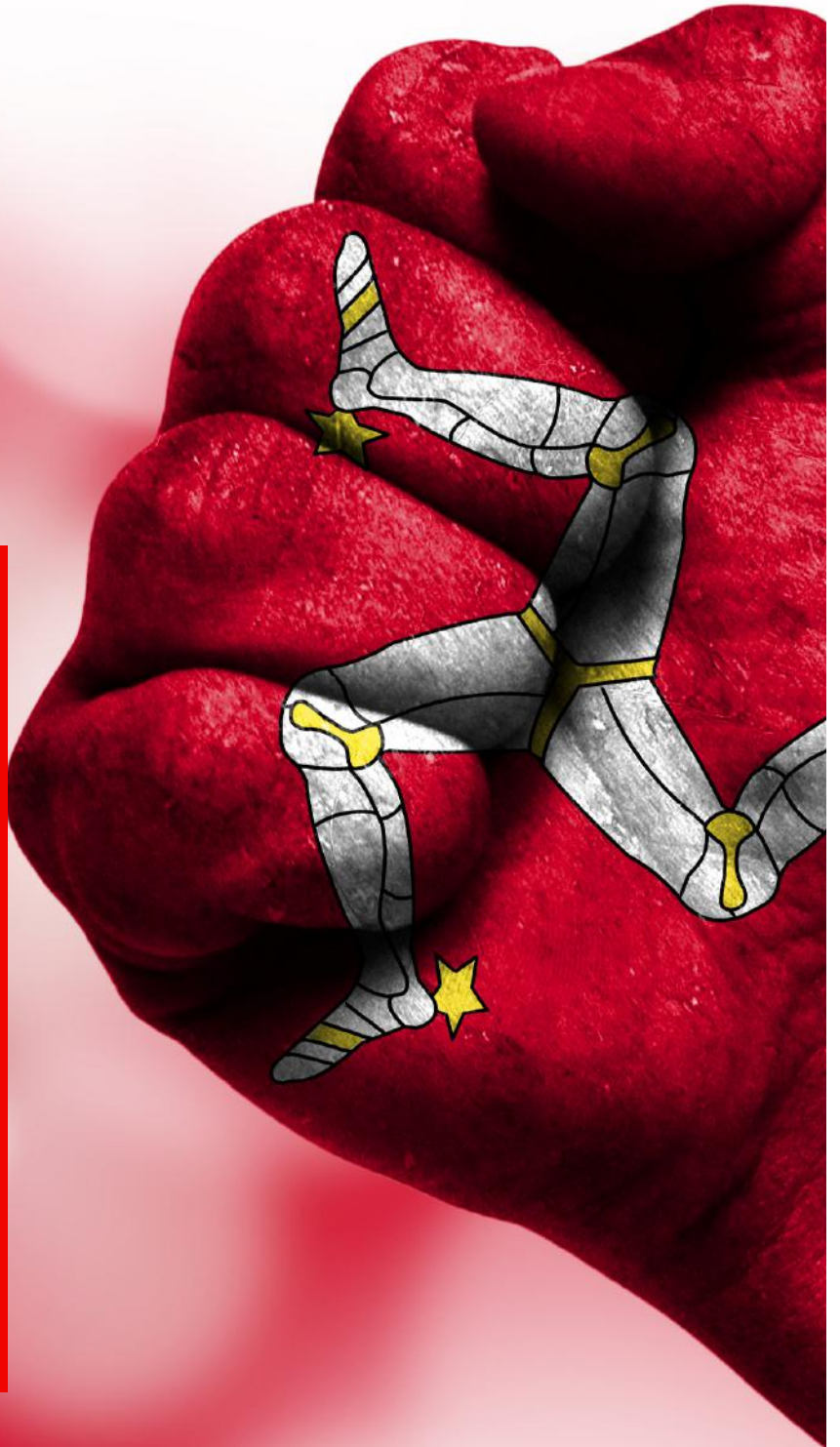




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ISLE OF MAN SPORTS AWARDS



Sports Awards nominations open on 30th November 2023...

The Isle of Man Sports Awards is an inspirational evening where the Island's top athletes and officials gather at the Villa Marina to celebrate the sporting achievements and success stories of the year.

This year's Isle of Man Sports Awards will be held on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 7pm.

Awards will be presented for the following categories on the night:

- Sportsman of the Year
- Sportswoman of the Year
- Under 21 Sportswoman of the Year
- Under 21 Sportsman of the Year
- Disability Sportsperson of the Year
- Sports Team of the Year
- Sports Administrator of the Year
- Ambassador of the Year
- Sports Coach of the Year
- Veteran Sportsperson of the Year
- The Leonie Cooil 'Courage & Inspiration' Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Sports Leader of the Year

How can I attend the event?

Tickets for the event can be purchased from the VillaGaiety.

How can I nominate someone?

Keep an eye on the Sports Awards page of the Isle of Man Sport website where the online nomination form will become available from 30th November 2023.

Nominations for the 2023 Isle of Man Sports Awards close on 21st December 2023.

Know a volunteer who should be recognised?

Nominate them to attend our Volunteer Celebration and Acknowledgement event at the Sports Awards! If you would like to nominate someone to attend this event to celebrate their commitment as a volunteer to their sport, please email sportsliaison@gov.im with your nomination, their contact details and reasons for nomination.



IOM Sports Awards Winners 2022



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INTRODUCING

Since 2022, there have been four new members appointed to IOM Sport. We welcome our newest members and wish them all the successes in their involvement with IOM Sport.



Sarah Vorster (left) is a keen netball player and has been part of the athletics management team for two Island games. Sarah is a former Sports Masseur and Sports Therapist at professional rugby and football clubs in the UK.

Sarah was appointed in 2022 and has initially served a year on the Sports Liaison Committee prior to now being appointed to Isle of Man Sport Aid in 2023.

Dane Harrop (right) has represented the Island at swimming, captaining the Isle of Man Team at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006. Now Managing Director of the Manx Development Corporation, Dane brings a wealth of experience, both sporting and business.

Dane joined Isle of Man Sport in 2023 and has been appointed to Isle of Man Sport Aid.



Laura Warren (left) has been involved in cycling for a long number of years, racing on Island and nationally, and represented the Isle of Man at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. A qualified PE teacher, she now works in education on the Island.

Laura also joined Isle of Man Sport in 2023 and has been appointed to the Sports Liaison Committee.

John Lund (right) is currently a Lecturer in Sport and Teaching & Learning Mentor at the University College Isle of Man. He has previously lectured on Degree courses, through institutions such as Leeds Beckett University and Teeside University, and has experience working for both Sheffield United and Rotherham United Football Clubs.

John was appointed in 2023 as Education representative to IOM Sport and will serve as a non-voting member on the Sports Liaison Committee and Isle of Man Sport.



COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2024/25

Isle of Man Sport Coach Education Programme free to individuals within recognised Governing Bodies of Sport!

In order to reduce administration for sports and to demonstrate our commitment to ensuring sport on the Island is safe for all, for the last two years, we have provided all workshops on our Coach Education Programme at nil cost to recognised Governing Bodies of Sport.

Over 100 individuals have utilised this scheme over the last two years and following the success of this initiative, Isle of Man Sport will be continuing this scheme and hope that more volunteers, coaches and officials can access the essential coach education that they need.

How do I access these workshops for free?

Anyone involved in coaching, officiating, volunteering or administration who requires these qualifications, please contact your local club or recognised Governing Body of Sport who will be able to provide a promo code to you. This can be entered on the EventBrite website when booking, to reduce the cost to nil.

Sports whose National Governing Body requires them to attend sport-specific workshops can still access matched funding via their Priorities and Objectives should they wish to do so.

Our coach education programme includes:

- UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children
- Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) Life Support 3 (First Aid)
- Level 2 Welfare Officer training

To book onto a course, please click the below link or contact Sam Caine on Sam.Caine@gov.im or 688557.

Isle of Man Sport
Coach Education Programme

Date	Course/Workshop/Event	Provider	Time	Venue	Booking
2024					
10 Jan 2024	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
11 Jan 2024	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	IOM Sport High Performance Centre	Book Now
15 Jan 2024	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
17 Jan 2024	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
10 April 2024	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
16 Apr 2024	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
8 July 2024	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
9 Jul 2024	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
8 Oct 2024	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
15 Oct 2024	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
2025					
14 Jan 2025	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
15 Jan 2025	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
21 Jan 2025	Safeguarding & Protecting Children	MSR	18.30-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now
22 Jan 2025	First Aid Life Support 3	RLSS	18.00-21.30	Sports Development Office Training Room	Book Now



<https://msr.gov.im/media/2521/coach-education-programme-2024-25.pdf>

Want to know more about our Support for Sport programme? Please visit our website and FAQ's:

<https://www.isleofmansport.com/sports-liaison/faqs>

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES 2023



Seven athletes across three sports competed in the Commonwealth Youth Games in Trinidad and Tobago between 4th and 11th August 2023.

Regan Corrin and Jack Kinrade represented the Island in the athletics events. Tyler Annis and Ruby Oakes competed in cycling and Ella Justice, Magnus Kelly and Connor Mealin all took to the pool.

RUBY OAKES TAKES DOUBLE BRONZE!

Sport Aid cyclist Ruby Oakes scooped her first Bronze medal in the Women's Time Trial in a time of 14 minutes 43.91 seconds, just 12 seconds behind silver and 35 seconds behind the gold medallist. She then went on to secure a second Bronze medal in the Women's Road Race a few days later!



Meanwhile, Tyler Annis produced an excellent performance to finish 8th overall in the Men's Time Trial and also secured 24th in the Men's Road Race despite suffering an early puncture. A fantastic performance from both cyclists!



PB'S IN THE POOL!

Magnus Kelly competed in the Men's 50m, 100m and 200m Freestyle events and the Men's 50m Butterfly. In the 50m Butterfly, he achieved a huge PB of 3.9 seconds to finish 23rd overall in 26.91 seconds. He went on to equal his PB in the 50m Freestyle and also finished 29th overall in the 100m Freestyle achieving a lifetime best by half a second!

Ella Justice competed in the Women's 50m, 100m and 200m Backstroke as well as the Women's 50m Freestyle events. She finished 10th overall in the 50m Backstroke and 11th in both the 100m and 200m Backstroke events. In the Women's 50m Freestyle event she set a new personal best time of 28.28 seconds!

Meanwhile flagbearer, Connor Mealin finished 12th overall in the 50m Breaststroke and 15th in the 100m Breaststroke with a time of 1:20:47! He also achieved a personal best time of 26.87 seconds in the 50m Freestyle!



CORRIN AND KINRADE SHINE IN ATHLETICS!

Jack Kinrade put in a strong performance in the 800m heats and ran a brilliant race to finish 6th in the final in a time of 1:56:06 in a strong field!

Regan Corrin was sprung into action in fine form, setting a new personal best of 6.63m in the Long Jump to finish 9th overall. Less than 24 hours later, he jumped 1.95m to finish 7th in the High Jump final with only the three medallists jumping higher and four athletes all finishing on 1.95m!



The seventh edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games saw more than 1,000 athletes and para-athletes between the ages of 14 and 18 competing across seven sports and is an invaluable opportunity for aspiring young sports people to compete in a multi-sport Games, .

Isle of Man Sport are proud to have provided financial assistance and performance services for the athletes in the lead up to this important competition and look forward to following their progress as they continue their sporting journeys!

Many congratulations to all the athletes, coaches, support staff, family and friends who have provided invaluable support to these young people to get to Trinbago 2023!



ISLE OF MAN CRICKET



Isle of Man Cricket have had a busy summer at International level, holding their inaugural T20i series on the Island in July this year, as well as the Women's National Team competing abroad and gaining an ICC world ranking. We spoke to Greig Wright, Cricket Development Officer to find out a little bit more about Isle of Man Cricket's progress and plans for the sport.

INAUGURAL T20I SERIES

Tell us a bit more about the inaugural T20i series and the journey to get to this point.

In January 2019 the ICC granted all countries ICC ranking status, allowing countries the opportunity to arrange their own series to generate ranking points. These points assist in seeding positions for ICC world cup qualifying events.

We played in Guernsey in 2020 during the COVID pandemic thanks to the travel bridge, then in Cyprus in 2021 and Spain in 2022 which gave us an idea of what was required to host. The facilities at King Williams college sit as one of the best in the associate countries so when Austria approached us to see if we could host them we decided to take the plunge. Austria had qualified for the second phase of 2024 world cup qualifying in Scotland so wanted to compete on grass in similar conditions to what they would experience in Scotland (cold and wet) and the weather didn't let us down!



IOM Mens National Team win the Series

KWC had the bulk of the infrastructure in place and with the assistance of a group of volunteers we set about arranging all the other things to showcase the Island and how we play cricket. The Austrian coach Cookie Patel is still involved in the English 1st class game and his comment "we are better looked after here than at a 1st class county" showed the depth of preparation and the playing and practice standards we managed to create.

We scheduled a 3 match series over 2 days and day 1 delivered some good weather and good cricket, the IOM winning both matches to take a series winning position, this was down to excellent batting performances in game 1 from Nathan Knights and Christian Webster in the second game. The weather turned overnight and only a small amount of play was possible on day 2 before the weather set in and we had to abandon the match.

Hosting was a great experience and something we will be looking to do more of.



SUCCESS ON INTERNATIONAL STAGE FOR IOM WOMEN!

Following an unbeaten summer of competition, the Women's National Team are now ranked 34th in the ICC T20i World Rankings. Tell us a bit more about their journey.

September 17th 2022 is a significant date in the history of IOM Women's cricket. Groups of girls/women had been training over 2 years but due to a number of factors, the group had been depleted. We offered open trials to all women that had played softball cricket over the summer - we trialled, we were enthused and we thought how do we ensure we don't lose impetus, so we committed to a tournament in November against Spain, Norway, Italy and Sweden. Looking back, having 8 weeks to prepare a group of women and girls, 7 of whom had never played hardball cricket, was adventurous! Spain was an eye opener - we won the first game against Norway by 10 wickets and then lost the following 3.

We then set out a summer schedule which saw the women go to Vienna for a 3 match series against Austria, where we came away with a 3-0 series win; Lucy Barnett receiving the Player of the Tournament. Then it was straight off to Bucharest to play hosts Romania, Greece and Malta in the Continental cup where some dominating performances with bat and ball saw us undefeated in all 4 matches and leave as winners, Lucy again receiving Player of the Tournament after scoring 173 runs, not being out in any games and also taking 6 wickets. It is essential to say the results were a real team effort and the application, commitment and improvements in the players has been huge and a credit to their efforts.



IOM Cricket Womens National Team win the Intercontinental Cup!

What are the next major competitions coming up for the National teams?

2024 will see the men in World Cup qualifying early in the summer then playing in the ECC T10 competition at the end of the year. For the Women, we are looking at competing in a 5 team series in Malaysia against Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Nepal. Most of these teams are higher ranked than us, so we are keen to see how we compete against teams ranked in the 20's but this is yet to be confirmed.

As well as being Head Coach to the Women's National Team, you are also full-time Cricket Development Officer. What else is going on within the wider cricket community on the Island and what are your next plans for the sport?

We released our strategy this year and we are hugely focused on growth in participation and we will continue our work in schools to grow junior players in club cricket. Senior cricket has stalled slightly so we are keen to see that rise again and understanding how we can tap into new players is something we are keen to learn! The IOM is a very sporty Island and winter sports have good participation numbers, so we are keen to get more of those players into our clubs over the summer and grow our sport.

If someone wants to get involved, what opportunities are there?

There are loads of opportunities, depending on your age and experience. We've got CricStart, CricKids, school cricket, women's cricket, club cricket and the national team programmes. Please get in touch if you are interested in getting involved in any capacity, whether as a player, coach, volunteer or official!



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ISLAND GAMES 2023

After a 2-year delay with the 2021 Island Games being postponed, over 180 athletes represented the Isle of Man in Guernsey at the 19th Natwest Island Games from 8th-14th July 2023.

Team Isle of Man brought back a total of 63 medals, 20 golds, 16 silvers and 27 bronze medals, finishing 3rd overall on the medal table out of the 24 Islands competing!

Swimming and Athletics topped the medal table with 15 medals a-piece, the former claiming 9 golds. There were also a number of 'firsts' for the Guernsey 2023 Games, including the introduction of the Triathlon Relay which is the first time this discipline has been included in the Games. Three Isle of Man teams competed, all finishing in the top 10, with one of the teams taking the Bronze medal (left).

The final day of the Games, saw the Isle of Man Team win 17 medals across several sports. Kim Clague made history in badminton by claiming gold in the women's doubles for the fifth



IOMFA Women's National Team take Bronze!



NatWest International Island Games XIX



Bronze medals for the IOM Triathlon Relay Team!

consecutive time with partner Jess Li. Four medals were won in the half marathon, with Rachel Franklin and Corrin Leeming taking gold in their respective competitions and the Isle of Man winning team gold in the men's event and team silver in the women's event.

Elsewhere, the Isle of Man won bronze in the golf men's team event and the Isle of Man Women's Football team triumphed over Menorca 3-1 to seal the bronze medal. Congratulations to all competitors, support staff and those who have supported the athletes in the lead up to the competition!

At the event, The Isle of Man also formally submitted their bid to host the Island Games in 2029. If successful, this would be the third time the Island has hosted the Games since it's inception in 1985 and the previous Games held here in 2001.

SQUASH: SATURDAY MORNING CLUB SUCCESS!



Last year, Isle of Man Sport provided some funding to the Isle of Man Squash Rackets Association (IOMSRA) to assist with the start up of one of their new initiatives to increase participation within squash on the Island: 'Saturday Morning Club'.

We were delighted to hear that following our initial funding to help kickstart the Saturday Morning Club, it is now a sustainable initiative for the IOMSRA and any additional funds generated are invested back into the sport, which has enabled them to provide some further opportunities for squash players on the Island. We spoke to the IOMSRA to find a little bit more about this initiative and the impact this has had for squash on the Island.

Tell us a little bit more about the IOMSRA's 'Saturday Morning Club' initiative. How did it start and what does it involve?

The Saturday club was started to try and get more adults playing squash. We have 3 qualified coaches on hand who welcome all standards from beginners to elite players and anyone can come down - you don't need to have played squash before! We have spare rackets for complete beginners so all you need is some trainers with non-marking soles!

How has the Saturday Morning Club benefitted squash on the Island?

Squash has certainly benefitted from the Saturday Morning Club - we now have 12-14 more squash players playing C league with 2 players who initially started in the C league now playing up in the B!

What other initiatives and events have you got coming up for squash on the Island?

A, B and C leagues are due to start the week beginning 11th September and run to the week beginning 4th December - this is what we call the 1st half of the season. The 2nd half of the season resumes in January 2024 and runs through to April. We also hold regular competitions throughout the season for all standards of players.

How can someone get involved in Squash?

The best way for someone to get involved is to check out our Facebook page or pop along to the NSC squash courts on a Saturday between 10am and 12pm. A great way for juniors to get involved is the Manx Youth Games. You can also contact Les Callow by email or mobile (see right).



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ISLAND INVITATIONAL NETBALL GAMES



Isle of Man Netball hosted their first ever Invitational Inter-Island Netball Games between 6th and 11th November 2023 at the National Sports Centre, hosting 5 Islands including Jersey, Guernsey, Orkney, Shetland and Ynys Mon. We caught up with Claire Battye, Netball Development Officer for Isle of Man Netball and Manx Rams Head Coach to find out more about the tournament and what's next for Netball on the Island!

Tell us a bit more about the inaugural Invitational Inter-Island Netball Games and how it came about.

During the air bridge formed with Isle of Man and Guernsey lots of our sports competed against one another and an initial relationship between netball on our Islands was formed. We wanted to pick this back up again so made contact with Guernsey and then also with Jersey. Myself, Serena from Jersey and Amy from Guernsey had a few meetings about some inter-Island stuff and possibly meeting in London to compete to try to keep the costs down. During these conversations, Claire Morris from Shetland got in touch and mentioned that they were interested in trying to pursue an Island event to which I said brilliant, I have a few contacts that may be interested also, so let's all meet up. Claire Morris arranged a zoom call and we had our first meeting! The Isle of Man was very excited about the prospect and

having had some previous experience hosting events with Europe Netball, the Isle of Man offered to host the first event.

We all really want the event to be sustainable and in order to support

this, we know we need match officials, technical officials and event experience, so we wanted to incorporate development opportunities for all these areas within the event itself in the hope that we can all support each other to succeed. We are real believers in supporting one another to grow and grow together and so the Island Invitational Netball Games was born! We all hope to watch it grow into something special that unites our Islands and our support for one another and hope that it inspires our youth in all areas to be the best they can be. Hopefully this will support the growth of our sport and our Island's development.

How has the the Games benefitted Netball and the Island and are there any plans for the Games to continue?

The Games has benefitted netball in so many ways - for many athletes this would be



the highest competition that they may ever experience, the same for some of our officials and even those who are organising events like this.

The Island Invitational Netball Games has really allowed us to develop in so many areas - there were opportunities for players, match officials, technical officials, organisers, volunteers and so much more. This has allowed everyone to try and share best practice and encourage our Islands to strive for the next thing, whatever that might be for them and for us.

What are the next steps for the development of netball on the Island?

This tournament was a great opportunity for our match officials. For some this has really inspired them and their goals and we would love to be able to support the pathway and continue to develop our officiating plan and resources. We will definitely be looking at supporting those who want to move forward and hopefully the investment in the current talent will inspire others to try new things too. We are looking to implement our own coaching pathway and structure also which is currently under construction, so we are really looking forward to building in a number of areas.

How can someone get involved in netball?

Anyone can get involved in netball, just have a look on our website netball.im in our clubs section and contact the clubs direct for any further information on their sessions, for men the training is Friday evenings at the NSC 7-8pm, we also offer walking netball on Thursdays 11am-12pm at the NSC and from

January - August we offer Skills and Fun which is similar to back to netball so for anyone looking to have a go or return from injury etc. Anyone who just wants to be involved and is looking more on the volunteering side can contact development@netball.im and I am sure we can find an exciting role for you to be involved in, come and see what it is all about.

What if I've never played netball before?

If you are looking for a sport that is fun and social, then netball is a great place. The Skills and Fun sessions are a great place to start and are timed for anyone looking to go into a club at the end of the sessions. It is designed to increase confidence in a fun environment and many return year upon year as they are not looking for competitive netball, they are looking for a bit of exercise and a giggle but others have started at Skills and Fun and then have gone to a club and now playing in the league. Everyone who has ever played any sport always has a first session, the aim is to enjoy it.



ISLE OF MAN AIRGUN ASSOCIATION



The 2022-23 Support for Sport programme saw Isle of Man Sport provide some funding to the Isle of Man Airgun Association, via their Governing Body of Sport (Isle of Man Target Shooting Federation (IOMTSF)) to assist with the purchase of some SIUS electronic targets. Over the summer, the Sports Liaison Committee went out to visit the Isle of Man Airgun Association and caught up with Nathan Holden to find out how the purchase of these targets have made an impact within the sport of shooting.

Tell us a little bit more about what SIUS electronic targets are and how they differ from what you've used previously.

SIUS's electronic targets utilise cutting-edge technology to provide accurate and instant feedback to target shooters. The electronic targets are equipped with a hybrid combination of laser and acoustic sensors to detect the exact point of impact, instantly displaying the results on a monitor or screen. In addition, the targets are self-lit with integrated LEDs ensuring a bright target image and clear aiming mark. Conventional paper targets on the other hand require more consumable parts, involve manual scoring which is a time-consuming process, and have to be externally lit which can lead to varying levels of brightness from one target to another.

The instant scoring that electronic targets provide can take some getting used to as there is a temptation for the competitor to quickly

glance at the screen after a shot to check the outcome, however doing so can disrupt how well the competitor "follows through" on their shot resulting in a lower score.

The brightness of electronic targets can also require an adaptation in approach with many competitors using coloured filters to reduce glare and obtain a level of contrast that gives them greater consistency over the course of a match.



Kathryn Holden competing in the Junior International in Bisley



Wes Reed takes silver in the Junior International 10m men's air rifle event

What impact has this had for shooters on the Island?

Being able to train on the same targets that are used at off-island competitions has significantly helped our athletes' preparation.

Since the installation of the targets our athletes have won medals at the British Championships (silver in junior men's 10m air rifle), Island Games (individual and team bronze in the women's air pistol), at the Junior International (gold in the 10m men's air pistol, silver and bronze in the 10m men's air rifle), and most recently at the Welsh Open Championships (bronze in the junior 10m air rifle). I know our athletes are very grateful for the support that Isle of Man Sport gave to this project.

What disciplines do the IOM Airgun Association cover and what's the difference between them all?

The Airgun Association has a primary focus on 10m air pistol and 10m air rifle shooting which are Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth disciplines. Both of these events involve shooting at a target placed 10 metres away, with precision and accuracy being the crucial factor in determining the outcome. The pistols and rifles used in these competitions are powered by compressed air.

Sight Matters in Onchan also has an acoustic shooting club which uses air rifles specially adapted with sights that convert light reflected from the target into sound. A tone is emitted

which rises or falls depending on how near to the middle of the target the person is aiming.

Looking further ahead, the Association hopes to introduce Target Sprint, a shooting discipline that combines marksmanship with running. Competitors run 3 x 400 meters with two 10m air rifle shooting sessions in between.

How can someone get involved?

We currently run a weekly session for air rifle and pistol at Laxey Rifle Club and are happy to give tuition to anyone wanting to try the sport.

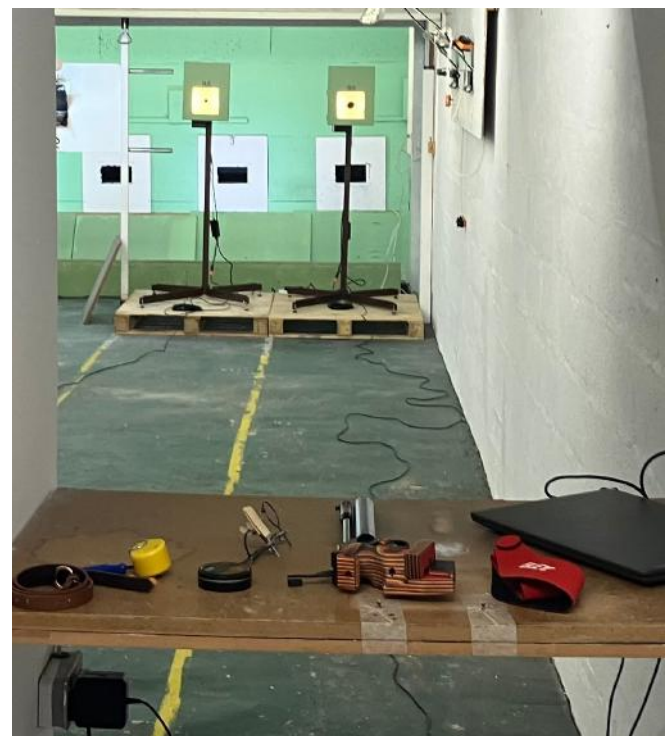
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The new SIUS targets set up at Laxey Rifle Club

MOTORCYCLING



When you think of Motorcycling, road racing is often the first thing that comes to mind, with some of the largest events like the TT, Southern 100 and Manx Grand Prix attracting large numbers to the Island. The Isle of Man Centre Auto-Cycle Union (IOM-ACU) is the Governing Body of Sport for Motorcycling on the Isle of Man and we caught up with Tony Temple to find out a little bit more about what else is going on in Motorcycling on the Isle of Man.

How many different disciplines are there in Motorcycling?

ACU Isle of Man is made up of 10 motorcycle clubs who are affiliated to the National Governing Body for the sport in the UK - the Auto Cycle Union. Our clubs engage in a range of disciplines which include Road Racing, Trials, Enduro and MotoCross (MX). In the off road category riders from a young age are accommodated.

The Isle of Man has hosted a variety of high profile Motorcycling events over the years, including British and European championship rounds. What events have you hosted this year and what have you got scheduled for the forthcoming year?

The Peveril Club recently ran two rounds of the ACU Ladies and Girls British Championship at their Knock Froy, Santon Headquarters. The Ramsey MCC have rounds of the ACU British Enduro Championship on the 9th and 10th September - this will be based in Ramsey and incorporate a route in the North of the Island.

We've heard there's some special anniversaries for the Manx Grand Prix and Peveril Motorcycle Club this year, tell us a little bit more about them.

The Manx Motorcycle Club are celebrating the organising and running of the 100th Manx Grand Prix. The event started in 1923 as the Amateur TT and changed to the Manx GP in 1930. The MMCC's main focus is on running the Manx GP. The Peveril Motorcycle and Light Car Club - to use it's full title - was formed in 1923 and is also celebrating it's 100th birthday this year. Based at Knock Froy in Santon the club promotes Trials, Enduro and MX and they incorporate both Youth and Adult riders in their events.

How can someone get involved in Motorcycling?

Either by direct contact with the local clubs or go to www.acu.org.uk and search 'Get Involved'.

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