



Sporting Clays at Bisley – New General Manager

2019 will see the beginning of a new era for sporting clay shooting at Bisley with the Cottesloe Heath and Long Siberia clay target ranges coming under new management.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Richie Vallance as General Manager of Bisley Sporting Ground, on behalf of the National Rifle Association.

Richie has served in the Army for nearly 30 years, and his many achievements include the creation and development of the Army Clay Target Shooting Centre, now consisting of a 100-bird sporting layout with Compaq, Olympic Skeet, ABT and DTL. The ground is now regarded as the Army's centre of excellence for the training of clay shooting and has a large military and civilian membership. Over the years, Richie's emphasis has been on introducing young service personnel into the sport and directing all army instructor and coaching courses in line with the CPSA. In addition, he has been the focal point for various service charities and shooting initiatives, specialising in the rehabilitation of wounded servicemen and women.

Richie is a qualified CPSA level 3 senior coach, course tutor and assessor. He is also the consultant training manager for the CPSA and continues to coach Clay Shooting to local schools and cadet organisations.

Andrew Mercer, NRA Chief Executive said "I am pleased as punch to have Richie leading the new team to develop our world class sporting clay shooting operation at Bisley. The NRA has decided to take in hand all clay shooting at Bisley and we have exciting plans to build upon what is already a popular and successful operation. Richie will start work at Bisley in earnest from January 2019; we are planning an extensive refurbishment of the sporting layouts in July and August 2019 to refresh and improve facilities for customers old and new."

A new website will follow; for further updates follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Bisley-Sporting-Ground-1293711200782099/>

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