

Leeds clayshooter overcomes injury to aim for the nationals

A Leeds clayshooter has set her sights on qualifying for the Scottish National Skeet Shooting Team after returning to the sport following a serious injury.

Wendy Taylor, 59, a deputy theatre manager at Spire Leeds Hospital, competed at national

level, representing Scotland, and was also on the Yorkshire Ladies Skeet Shooting Team. But she was forced to stop clayshooting in 2012 after she injured her shoulder in a fall.

"I couldn't shoot for six months," said Ms Taylor. "It was

dreadful. I'm used to going to the gym and I couldn't keep active."

Following surgery and careful training from her coach — multiple World Skeet Champion David Beardsmore — Ms Taylor is back on track to qualify for the elite shooting team once again.

"I think I'm in with a good chance," she said. "I've been submitting my scores to the league table and am currently at the top. I'm working really hard towards it; however, some of the women I'm competing against are of a very high standard."

Ms Taylor, who is due to retire later this year, plans to devote more time to her sport. "Skeet shooting is becoming more popular among women and it is good to see a lot of younger women coming up the ranks," she said. "I really enjoy it and I like the challenge of setting personal goals to aim for."



Back with a bang: Wendy Taylor with her shooting coach David Beardsmore