

25 Years of Paintball in the UK

Submitted by: Skirmish Paintball Games

Tuesday, 30 June 2009

Skirmish Paintball are celebrating 25 years of paintball in Britain.

It's a quarter of a century years since Skirmish Paintball (http://www.playskirmish.co.uk/who_we_are.asp) first introduced paintball into the UK. Founded in 1984, Skirmish was one of the pioneers in bringing the sport to Britain from America, where it originated.

It all begun over in the USA when Cow Herders marked cows due for rounding up with paintball pellets fired from special guns, but very soon discovered how much fun it was to shoot at each other instead, and the game was born.

Modern paintball has evolved into an exciting, action packed outdoor leisure activity, suitable for both sexes from the age of 11 and upwards, from all walks of life.

Over one million people played paintball at around 200 sites across the UK last year shooting nearly half a billion paintballs.

It is now one of the fastest growing sports in Europe. You do not have to be young or super fit to play; all you need is the ability to have fun and a sense of humour. It is popular for groups and families, corporate team building, school outings is a well established stag and hen party activity.

Skirmish Director Lawrence Barwick said "I put success in the UK down to well organised venues with innovative game designs, a commitment to high quality customer service and personal safety"

"The best sites are family owned independent businesses so a personal service is guaranteed. Plus a strong governing body; The UK Paintball Sports Federation also helps to ensure standards are rigorously maintained" he added.

Skirmish only uses the highest quality protective paint balling equipment and all visitors receive comprehensive instruction on its use. Games are fully supervised at all times by highly trained and experienced marshals, who ensure fair play and individual safety at all times.

This silver anniversary themed playing area (pictured) was built to celebrate their 25th Birthday. Large silver number 25 shaped barricades were installed and big silver spheres rolled in for players to take cover behind. Silver paintballs completed the experience.

Lawrence Barwick again; "The bright new features brought a fresh dimension to the action. Customers particularly enjoyed sheltering and shooting from behind the silver balls whilst moving forward towards their objectives at the same time"

It's a superb demonstration of the fun of paintball and a great reminder of how long the game has been established in this country. We're looking forward to the next 25 years (<http://www.playskirmish.co.uk/NewsEngineer.asp?page=10921>)" He concluded.

Last year over 150,000 people visited Skirmish sites across the UK and shot over 50 million paintballs.

For further information please contact: Jonathan Mellor, Marketing Manager, Skirmish Paintball,
http://www.playskirmish.co.uk/who_we_are.asp t 01548 531463 m 07799 237575 jmellor.skirmish@live.co.uk