

# SASS November 2022

It has been a while, with Covid amongst other distractions, since we have produced a newsletter. In this edition you will find a bit about the shoots in November and where we will be shooting in December. The full details can all be found on the website. If you like the idea of resurrecting the regular update or even contributing, please let one of the committee members know. This will be a monthly rather than weekly mailing and your ideas for improvement will be gratefully valued and received.



## 2022 "SUMMER" SIDE BY SIDE COMPETITION 6<sup>th</sup> November

The 50-bird competition was held on 6<sup>th</sup> November at Popham and generously sponsored by Robbo. It was hammering down with rain in the morning but when we got to the shoot the rain had stopped. Everyone wore waterproofs just in case for this "Summer" competition. There were nine guns out but only seven with side by sides who entered into the competition. Capp and Smudger shot over and under, Smudger had a go with a side by side and smashed the pair, both are now deliberating purchasing an old side by side at auction and to quote Shooting Times, who say that now is a good time to buy one, ***"There are very few machines made of wood and metal that are still doing the job they were designed for 120 years after they were built. The classic British side-by-side is one"*** (Shooting Times, Charlotte Peters, 09/11/2022). The layout was still very much two pairs at Popham. The bunker was not in the bunker itself but was still insanely fast and there were a lot of smileys for this overhead clay. The rabbit also, was gone behind the tin almost before found. Two triggers caught out several including Badger who was runner-up and after protesting the shot lost on the first stand was happy to lose to Unick when he relinquished the dust collecting trophy for a crate of beer and a bottle of wine. Badger won the trophy last time in a shoot off against Unick. Congratulations to Unick for winning the competition, trophy and 200 cartridges by just 1 clay, Badger for runner-up, Sturat for the highest actual 37 kills and to everyone that came out despite the rain.



## S x S Results with Handicap

1st	Unick	45
2nd	Badger	44
3rd	Sturat	43
3rd	Tinkerbelle	43
3rd	Scrappier	43
6th	Hunter	37
7th	Robbo	28



## Willoughby Hedge 13<sup>th</sup> November

Willoughby Hedge in the beautiful Wiltshire countryside is one of our further away shoots, about an hour from the Arms. It was formerly run by Don Brunt of Double-Barrelled Clay Shooting. Now this shoot is in the hands of Robin Heal and the team from Somerset Shooting Ground. The layout was challenging but very good fun and the six guns from SASS that made the journey had a very enjoyable morning shooting in the autumn sunshine. This ground is well worth the journey and the Summerset team have placed their individual mark on it. If there's one thing that could be improved, the stands had no signs or numbers on them which was a little confusing. As this was Remembrance Sunday, all of the guns at Willoughby Hedge fell silent as a mark of respect to those fallen those serving and those who have served this country in remembrance at the eleventh hour. 100 clays were shot each and the scores halved for the table. Congratulations to Pikey for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for highest actual



### Willoughby Hedge with handicap

1st	Pikey	51
2nd	Hunter	50
3rd	Sturat	48
4th	No Bird	47
5th	Spiced	43
5th	Big Mac	43

## Gosport and Lee on the Solent 20<sup>th</sup> November

It had rained through the night and when we arrived at Gosport and Lee on the Solent the sky was still looking menacing. After deliberation in the car park most decided to opt for no waterproofs. This turned out to be a beautiful autumnal morning with the sun shining but still chilly in the shade. Ten members and two guests attended the shoot and formed three groups of four. The guests were Joe, Spiced son, who had not shot for about six years and Steve who has been out with us once before and is currently applying for his Shot Gun Certificate. Jeeves provided a gun for Joe but lost the trigger screw from the gun he was using so had to borrow his own gun back for the last stand. Last time SASS shot here we thought that the pond had been filled in, it certainly had a lot of infill. Mother nature has claimed it back though with so much rain recently. It was not very deep but there was enough water for the team to set up a skimming duck using an upside-down clay. The water slowed the clay considerably and many guns swung through it too much. On the downside, we had a long wait whilst the trap that was elevated on stand four was re-filled due to it having being missed because the person responsible for topping-up didn't want to go up the ladder. There was quite a lot of queuing and a lot of no bird (rabbits) on stand three. Over all though, a very enjoyable morning shooting and a good number of guns back at the Arms for a pint afterwards. Congratulations to Jeeves for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual score of 43/50 adjusted from 60/70.

### Gosport and Lee with handicap

1st	Jeeves	53
2nd	Soap	52
3rd	Scraper	51
4th	Sturat	50
5th	Robbo	47
6th	Unick	46
7th	Hunter	44
7th	Badger	44
9th	Big Mac	43
10th	Spiced	42

## Fixtures and Events

Below is a list of the shoots that Capp has sent to everyone for the remainder of the year. This includes the where's, when's and post codes, there's the time we will leave the Southampton Arms, cost and number of clays for each shoot, all of which are available on the website. Hopefully this format will be useful for how much cash and how many cartridges you will need.

The **Christmas shoot** is booked for 28<sup>th</sup> December at Spitfire. There's the usual 100 bird competition with prizes and buffet at the White Hart in Stockbridge afterwards. The buffet is booked for 1 pm, Capp has sent an email requesting who will be there. If you have not done so, and many of you already have, please confirm your attendance so that the committee can get the food sorted. The buffet and a complimentary drink will be paid for by the committee from the club funds as a thank you for your support throughout the year. Robbo is holding a raffle for Guide Dogs for the Blind after the buffet. Tickets are £5 each and there have been many shooting or Christmas related prizes promised to be donated. Prize donations will also be accepted on the day. Last year SASS donated £250 to the guide dog charity.

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
27 November 2022	Ower	Copythorne, Romsey	SO51 6GF	9 am	£28.00	70
04 December 2022	Gosport and Lee	1 Shoot Ln, Lee-on-the-Solent	PO13 9PA	9 am	£24.50	70
11 December 2022	Willoughby Hedge	2 Holdens Farm Cottages, East Knoyle, Salisbury	SP3 6DE	8.45 am	£35.00	100
18 December 2022	Chalky Hill	Newnham Lane, Basingstoke	RG24 7AT	9 am	£18.00	50
28 December 2022	Spitfire (Christmas shoot)	A30, Stockbridge	SO20 6JR	9 am	£34.00	100

## Any other business

This is your newsletter, if there is anything club or shooting related that you would like to see or pass on to other members, please let the committee know. The occasional photograph would be gratefully received too. Equally, if you do not like or want the content the same goes.

Your committee are meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November and any relevant information from the meeting will be posted in the December newsletter.

Many of you know that I, (this is a rare occasion that I will not write in the third person) do not shoot with SASS as a rule on the last Sunday of the month. I would be grateful if someone attending said shoots could give me the gossip to include in the following months newsletters.