

SASS August 2023

Despite just having been through one of the coolest and wettest Augusts for a long time we did not get very much rain whilst shooting. We did see some precipitation through the window of the Arms after a couple of shoots whilst getting wet on the inside though. The month started with a couple of further away shoots, Hangmans Stone and Willoughby Hedge. A couple of guns lost their way to one of these. The address and postcode of upcoming shoots are in this newsletter every month and are on the website and the noticeboard in the Arms. The local shoots, Petersfield and Chalky Hill were well attended. It has been nice to catch up with a few guns that have not been able to get out for a while. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings in September.

Hangmans Stone, 6th August

Five guns shot on this first Sunday of the month at Hangmans Stone. There are over a dozen places in England with a large boulder called the Hangman's Stone, or a gate called Gallows Gate, all explained by the following tale:—a sheep-stealer was carrying a live sheep home with its legs tied together, when he stopped to rest against the boulder (or gate); the sheep slipped and struggled, causing the rope to twist round his neck and throttle him. Thus, fate ensured that he would be hanged for his crime (from A Dictionary of English Folklore). Well done to Badger for winning the Sunday 25s and to Sturat for the highest actual 46/50.



CPSA Raffle: Chance to Win
CPSA Membership Numbers
EE1 and EE2!

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Are you ready for an incredible opportunity? For the first time ever, we are offering our valued CPSA members the chance to win the highly sought-after membership numbers EE1 and EE2! These numbers are up for grabs in an exciting raffle, with all proceeds going to support two great charities, [Dementia UK](#) and [Alzheimer's Society](#).

The CPSA raffle opens on 1st September and ends 30th September, full details are in the CPSA newsletter. If you do not get the newsletter, you can look at the SASS copy on our board at the Southampton Arms which is updated by Sturat every week.

Willoughby Hedge, 13th August

Seven guns shot on this showery Sunday morning. Only five scores were submitted because two got lost on the way and missed the start and one did not have any cartridges. We shot the hundred birds over twelve stands. This is another shoot that mixes things about each time and there was a good mix of easy and challenging clays. To demonstrate this Spiced put his thumb in the air to see a pair and totally missed the rabbit. Well done to Sturat and Hunter for coming first, the Sunday 25 go to Sturat for the most kills and highest actual 40/50



Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Badger	57
2nd	Sturat	55
3rd	Unick	54
3rd	Big Mac	54
5th	Spiced	53



Willoughby Hedge, with handicap

1st	Sturat	49
1st	Hunter	49
3rd	Spiced	47
3rd	Big Mac	47
5th	Unick	45

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Petersfield, 20th August

Eight guns at the shoot on this lovely late summer Sunday morning. We shot as two teams of four at this sixty-bird shoot over ten stands of three pairs. Petersfield mixed it about a bit, this was definitely the most testing layout they have done in Gunners wood for a long time. With the limited space and number of traps they are unable to please everyone but they put on a really good shoot. There was a nice mix of high and low clays, notably, two simmo pairs. Stand two was a simmo pair of low, fast going away birds and stand seven, a highish overhead simmo pair from behind. There were quite a few no-birds but that did not spoil the day. It was a close contest, everyone shot above their handicap. Badger takes the honours again this week with a decisive lead for the Sunday 25 cartridges and was just pipped by one shot for the highest actual by Thumb Boy 43/50, well done both.

Chalky Hill, 27th August

Four guns showed up at the Arms and all piled into Sturats Alpha to the shoot. When we got there, there were ten guns and three guests, one from the now disbanded Botley shoot and two who came with Pug and Thumb Boy. It would have been more if Jeeves nipper had got out of his pit on time. Note to Jeeves, cold water does it every time, teenagers are not as quick learners as dogs but twice should suffice! This is a popular shoot and with that there is inevitably a bit of queueing. We were held up for a while on stand five whilst Duncan tried several times to clear the stand six trap and this did cause quite a big backlog. We were at the front of the queue with Hunter already in the stand so did not have as much of a delay as those behind. That said, at the end of our round there was quite a wait for the other SASS groups to finish. Even so, we were on our way back to the Arms by midday. Very well done to Badger for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges for the third time this month and way over his handicap. If he had come to Willoughby Hedge, he probably could have taken them all this month. Two shots more and Badger would have also taken joint best actual, but on this occasion that goes to Thumb Boy with 43/50 which is impressive considering how little he has shot recently. Lovely to see so many members out and well done all.

Petersfield, with handicap

1st	Badger	59
2nd	Robbo	55
2nd	Spiced	55
4th	Pug	54
4th	Hunter	54
6th	Big Mac	53
6th	Unick	53
6th	Thumb Boy	53

Chalky Hill, with handicap

1st	Badger	58
2nd	Thumb Boy	53
3rd	Sturat	51
4th	Pug	50
5th	Doc	48
6th	Brain Fart	47
6th	Smudger	47
8th	Spiced	45
9th	Hunter	43
10th	Capp	42

Events and Fixtures

A few more local shoots to look forward to in September but we start with Hangmans Stone which is a bit further away. It is well worth the travel, always varied and in a beautiful woodland setting. For those who have booked we have a weekend visit to Ashcombe. It has been four years since we were there last. The ground is now under the ownership of Don Brunt, founder of the Double Barrelled clay shooting company. We are looking forward to seeing his improvements to the ground. A cable car to the skeet ground would be my recommendation. For those who are not going to Ashcombe, Big Mac has scheduled Chalky Hill for a swift fifty bird morning. Followed up by Petersfield on the 17th and Popham on the 24th. Lastly, Big Mac has arranged the Christmas shoot which will be held on Thursday 28th December at Spitfire with the usual presentations and food back at the pub in Stockbridge.

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
03 September 2023	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£35.00	100
08-10 September 2023	Ashcombe weekend	Colley Ln, Ashcombe, Dawlish	EX7 0QD	7:00 AM		500
10 September 2023	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
17 September 2023	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore,	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£22.00	60
24 September 2023	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester,	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£18.00	50

