

SASS February 2023

For the shortest month February certainly packed a few surprises this year. In this issue you will find out what to do if you find an illegal firearm. Sturat has renewed our CPSA affiliation and the web domain, just a couple of things amongst many others, that your membership pays for. Ower had some of their takings stolen during a shoot. A member called for help because he needed to find somewhere to lodge his guns within 48 hours due to delays renewing his license. Shooting UK believe we should start complaining about the poor performance of the police. Gosport and Lee shooting ground has its last shoot Sunday 26th February then it will close forever. SASS welcomes two new members, Chihuahua and Brain Fart. Last, but not least, a reminder that the AGM will be held at The Southampton Arms, 9th March at 7pm, see you there.



Chalky Hill, 29th January

Just four guns on this cool overcast last Sunday of January. Congratulations to Badger for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual score of 43/50.

What would you do if you found an illegal firearm?

They didn't teach this in the Safety Officer course. Sorting through a deceased family members possessions a firearm was discovered. It was instantly recognised as illegal, due to the barrel of this pump action 12g shotgun being just one inch longer than the fore end and the stock cut down to a pistol grip, (picture right).

What do you do? DON'T get caught in possession.

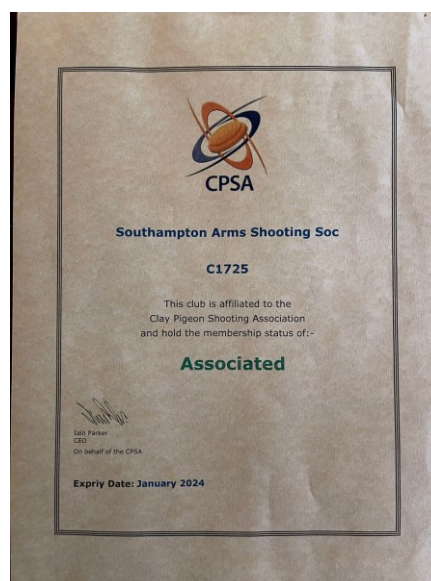
Make the gun safe and place it out of harms way. You can try phoning 101, but in this case that was unsuccessful, as was the internet. Go to a manned Police station and report the illegal firearm and its location. DON'T take it with you! If they ask you to bring it in, get them to write on something official, ie. Police business card, that you will be transporting it to them for surrender. Place the firearm in a hard case, if you have one, with the business card inside, lock it and put it in the back of your vehicle so it is out of your reach from the driving position. Surrender it to the police and get a receipt. Once you have done all of that, you can breathe out.

Chalky Hill with handicap

1st	Badger	54
2nd	Sturat	49
2nd	Scrappier	49
4th	Capp	46



SASS CPSA certificate renewed



SASS Website,

<https://www.sass.uk.com/>

The website domain for [sass.uk.com](https://www.sass.uk.com/) has been renewed for another year alongside the SSL certificate to prove our site is safe and encrypted for all to use.

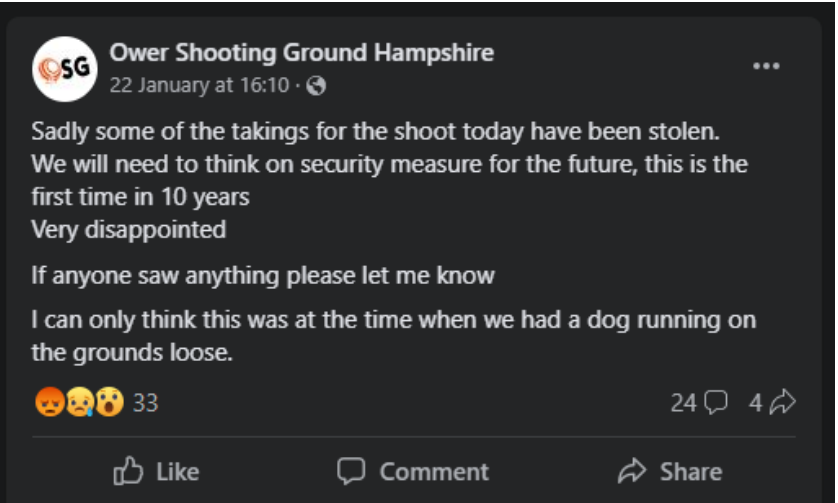
Sturat, Club Captain and maintainer of the website

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Ower, 5th February

On this sunny February morning four guns went shooting at Ower. All agreed that it was the best shoot put on by Ower for a long time. One trap had a dodgy battery connection which they were quick to change and one broke a few clays, but apart from that everything went really well. Even Jason was smiling and engaging despite having some of the takings stolen last time. None of us managed to hit the distant left to right crosser on stand six though. We did see a gun hit two of them so they can be done. Well done to Hunter for the highest actual 39/50 and winning the Sunday 25 cartridges.



Shotgun certificate renewals, should we complain?

We all know someone who has/is experiencing difficulties with renewals. Hampshire Constabulary are among twelve Police forces in the sights of BASC. The snippet to the right and the table below are copied from an article in ShootingUK, by David Frost, who believes we should be complaining. The full article can be found at: ShootingUK 07/02/2023: <https://www.shootinguk.co.uk/shotgun-certificate-and-firearms-certificate>



Ower, with handicap

1st	Hunter	58
2nd	Scrapper	54
3rd	Smudger	51
4th	Robbo	48

Here to help each other

When a member called, in need of help to lodge guns at short notice this month, it was heart-warming to have so many responses. The problem was resolved swiftly and could have been several more times over. Thank you to all that offered help, to the person that lodged the guns and to the person that asked for help. You all know who you are.

Provided you get your renewal application in at least eight weeks before expiry it will automatically be extended for eight weeks if not renewed on time. The renewed certificate will run from the original expiry date, this prevents an inefficient force from leaving you in unlawful possession if the renewal process is slow. It also shows that eight weeks should be the normal maximum time for processing a renewal. The automatic extension allows you to buy and sell guns and ammunition, and you should get a formal letter saying the certificate has been extended. If your certificate is not renewed before the extension expires you should insist on being given a Section 7 permit. This allows you to possess and sell guns but not to buy them. You may buy shotgun, but not rifle, ammunition so it is quite restrictive. If you find yourself in this situation it certainly merits an immediate complaint to the PCC.

Gosport and Lee, 12th February


Eleven members and a guest at G&L on this dull Sunday morning. Guns were split into three squads of four on the fifty-bird layout. It was reasonably busy but flowed ok except for a group of eight with a couple of novices which some of us got stuck behind more than once. There were some cartridge saving simmo driven birds which sometimes crossed on stand four. Well done to Fries who smashed all three pairs with three shots. The skimming duck was still on stand seven but the horrible going away bird on stand one was replaced by a crossing rabbit. Well done to Capp and Scrapper for winning the Sunday 25's between them and to Robbo for looking after the best actual 39/50 while Sturat had a bad day. There was a nice turnout back at the Arms afterwards and Jiraffs guest became a new member, "Chihuahua" because he likes big dogs.



Happy St. Valentines Clay Pigeon Lovers.

If she loves you that much, she will have cleaned your weapon on St. Valentines day, and if you love her as much too, you will have changed the sheets on the morning after.

A sad message from Gosport and Lee, 19th February


G & L Clays
 Yesterday at 09:58 · 🌐



ATTENTION ONE AND ALL!!



It is with much sadness and deepest regret that we have to inform you that next Sunday, 26th February will be OUR LAST EVER SHOOT.

Ade & Max very recently received a phone call from the owner of the grounds informing them that the land that we shoot on has been sold to the local council. Unfortunately, this means that after 50 odd years, it will never be a shooting ground again.

As this will be our last shoot, let's make it one to remember! Everyone far and wide is welcome to come and join us! Customers new and old, faces we've never seen before and faces we see every shoot. Every paying customer will receive a free piece of merchandise whilst stock lasts. So please come and join us to send G&L clays off with the almighty bang that it truly deserves.

All of us at Gosport & Lee on Solent Clay Target Club would like to thank you for your loyalty and support, without people like yourself we could never had made a shooting club of such calibre.



 Stu Robson and 16 others

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Gosport and Lee, with handicap

1st	Capp	55
1st	Scrapper	55
3rd	Big Mac	54
4th	Hunter	53
4th	Smudger	53
6th	Fries	52
6th	Unick	52
6th	Robbo	52
6th	Jiraff	52
10th	Spiced	46
11th	Sturat	39




CPSA

Clay Pigeon Shooting Association


CTSA Name Change Response

On 15th February the CPSA released a statement that over 51% of the membership who took part in their survey were in favour of the name change. They needed a majority of 75% so, CEO Iain Parker has decided this is not the right time to change.

Gosport and Lee-on the-Solent


Stu Robson
 This is terrible news, all the hard work and effort you guys have given to the benefit of the shooters has been amazing. Thank you for everything, what are the council actually going to do with the land!!!!!!

Like Reply 2 d


Ken Pattison
 Stu Robson not a lot I would wager, council spend naff all money on essential services, increase council tax and grant extra housing and shoe horn into the area. I would bet that in 12 months it will be vastly overgrown and going to waste....I would also mention that if that will be (most likely) the case then a total waste of tax payers money!

It is so sad to see yet another shoot disappear from our Sunday calendar. Members are welcome to patronise their last ever shoot on that ground, however, scores from Chalky Hill are the ones that count for the Sunday 25s

Petersfield, 19th February

On this pleasant sunny Sunday morning eight guns came out to shoot sixty clays at Petersfield. We shot as two squads, unfortunately not every group did the same so one squad got caught behind a group of ten with novices and some guns doing double rounds in one go. It was very well attended and there were some long queues. Well done to Big Mac for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 45/50. There was a good social back at the arms and Sturats guest who has shot with us a few times became our latest new member "Brain Fart". When you next come out to play you can ask him why the name? yourself.

Petersfield with handicap

1st	Big Mac	53
2nd	Sturat	52
3rd	Unick	51
3rd	Hunter	51
5th	Spiced	50
6th	Robbo	49
7th	Scraper	45

Events and Fixtures for the next month

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
26 February 2023	Chalky Hill	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	RG24 7AT	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
05 March 2023	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£44.00	100
09 March 2023	AGM, Southampton Arms	89 Moorgreen Road, West End, Hampshire	SO30 2HG	7:00 PM	start	
12 March 2023	Willoughby Hedge	2 Holdens Farm Cottages, East Knoyle, Salisbury	SP3 6DE	8:45 AM	£35.00	100
19 March 2023	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£22.00	60
26 March 2023	TBC by the new Events Coordinator after the AGM					

Any other Business

There was an issue this month with a gun firing three consecutive shots at a clay ground with a three barrelled non-semi-auto but the CPSA have not responded yet due to the grey area in the rules. This will be updated next month along with a picture of the weapon in question.

Please do not forget that the AGM is on 9th March at the Southampton Arms, 7pm. Your committee have ordered and paid for the food and will be paying for a drink for you as a thank you for your support throughout the year and for attending the AGM.

Russell and Nicks Semi-Mental Day 14th May at Petersfield

SASS members without semis should pal up with a friend willing to share. Charity raffle to raise money for MangangUK. Raffle donations would be welcome and ticket purchasing much appreciated. More to follow.
From Unick