

SASS January 2023

Happy new year! The website now has a bright new look and a newsletter page added by Stu, so that you can scroll through or download all of the issues. There's also a new "Sunday 25" page so you can see if you are owed any cartridges, find the page at: <https://www.sass.uk.com/sunday-25/> to see. 2022 ended with a wet and windy Christmas shoot. The calendar for January shoots was quite limited due to cancellations and shoots not publishing 2023 dates until well into the new year. Capp has now released all of the dates up to the AGM and beyond so that the new events coordinator, (could it be you?), has a bit of grace after the AGM.



Christmas shoot, Spitfire, 28th December

There were nineteen guns and one apology at Spitfire for the Christmas shoot. We shot a hundred over ten stands of five pairs. We missed out stand eight so that us old folks didn't have to walk up the hill. It rained all day and the wind took the clays in some interesting directions. The rain was beginning to seep in and we were starting to get cold. Teas and coffees were appreciated at the finish back in their new clubhouse. We warmed by the log burner before heading off to the White Hart in Stockbridge for lunch. Robbo conducted a raffle, collection and auction in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. The food and a drink at the pub were paid for by the committee from club funds. No one shot to their handicap but Jiraff and Peaches were only just shy with 98/100 each. Jiraff won the hamper in the tie because his actual 68 was higher than Peaches 54. All of the scores are available on the website. Congratulations to Jiraff, Peaches for second place and to Stu for highest actual 75/100. The committee takes matters of health and safety very seriously so this year Capp was given a high viz and Scrapper was given a cone, beacon and stop/go sign, to prevent a reoccurrence of last year.



Spitfire Results with Handicap

1st	Jiraff	98
1st	Peaches	98
3rd	Minty	96
4th	Spiced	95
5th	Soap	92
5th	Manny	92
5th	Smudger	92
8th	Mongrel	90
9th	Sturat	89
10th	Tinkerbell	88
10th	No Bird	88
12th	Capp	86
13th	Mowgli	85
14th	Woody	84
14th	Pikey	84
14th	Big Mac	84
17th	Robbo	82
18th	Hunter	79
19th	Scrapper	71

Guide Dogs for the Blind, December 28th

Thanks to all our members for being so generous with all your donations of prizes and money to Guide Dogs Charity. The raffle, Guide Dog name guess, £1- & £2-coin saver and the auction raised just under £250 which I have rounded up to £250 and will send off to them. Thanks again for a really brilliant effort. Robbo.



Test Valley Clay Pigeon Club, (Popham), update from the events co-ordinator, December 2022



Good afternoon, all.

In case you missed it, it now appears that the Popham Test Valley shoot is no longer being taken over by the members as we believed. The shoot is now up for sale. It will continue to operate until the current stock of clays is exhausted, which will be about May. If the shoot has not been sold by then it will close for good.

It would be a great shame if we were to lose another shoot, although we did not use it that often, it was always a good fall back.

Regards, Capp.

Ower, 8th January

A very wet January morning at Ower. Seven guns braved the wind, driving rain and even a short spell of hailstones. There was still some reactive maintenance due to trap malfunctions and some breakages. Overall, SASS members were able to avoid them without too much disruption. Congratulations to Smudger for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for the best actual result 47/50.

Gosport and Lee on the Solent, 15th January

This was the second shoot at Gosport and Lee' in 2023. The first being on new years day but only Scrapper and Sturat were fit and well enough (or allowed) to shoot so their scores did not count. Seven guns came out on this sunny but cold winters day. This was not an easy layout but it was an entertaining and enjoyable shoot. Stand six was an incoming pair which, if you waited, crossed in the air late. Congratulations to Spiced who straighted the four pairs with four shots. It was very wet underfoot but the G&L team resisted the rabbit on the water. After the skimming duck which was going away, they had a slow incomer which danced on the wind and landed in the water just in front of you if you missed. Congratulations to Hunter for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for the best actual score 43/50

Ower with handicap

1st	Smudger	62
2nd	Sturat	54
2nd	Capp	54
4th	Robbo	52
5th	Scrapper	50
6th	Pikey	49
7th	Unick	48

Gosport and Lee with handicap

1st	Hunter	51
2nd	Big Mac	50
3rd	Sturat	49
4th	Spiced	46
5th	Unick	44
5th	Robbo	44
7th	Scrapper	43



There was a big birthday on 12th January. Happy 60th birthday Scrapper and many happy returns from us all.



HSE Lead Update

On January 6th HSE announced a six-month extension to the consultation on the ban of lead in ammunition. After the consultation HSE will make their recommendations to DEFRA in November 2023.



Have your say, CPSA name change.

CPSA

Clay Pigeon Shooting Association

New Year - New Name?

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Guide dogs thank you email & letter shared by Robbo.

"Thank you so much for your email and for fundraising a fantastic amount for Guide Dogs at your Christmas clay pigeon shoot – it sounds so much fun!!"



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Mr R Robson

06 January 2023
Supporter Number: 39117442

Dear Mr Robson,

Thank you for your donation of £250.00. Because of you, the lives of people living with sight loss are being transformed.

It's down to your kindness and generosity that we can continue our life-changing work - we couldn't do it without you. Together, we are helping people with sight loss live life they choose - actively, independently and well.

We're so grateful you're part of our Guide Dogs Community and we can't thank you enough for the contribution you have made. We hope you know how special you are to us.

If you would like further details about Guide Dogs, please visit our website at www.guidedogs.org.uk or call our Supporter Care line on 0800 953 0113.

Yours sincerely,

Dionne Garner
Head of Supporter Care



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Did you know...

1 in 5 people will live with significant sight loss in their lifetime.

Every six minutes in the UK, one more person loses their sight.

Every day 250 more people join the 2 million already living with sight loss and this number is set to double by 2050.

CPSA name change, excerpt.

"Looking forward, we are keen to modernise our sport's brand image in order to help attract new shooters, members, and sponsors from outside the sport. With that in mind we are proposing the membership consider to change the associations name from CPSA to the Clay Target Shooting Association or CTSA. We propose this change not to forget our heritage and history but to build on it and develop our sport for the future. There will be a cost, but this would not be an overnight change, rather a gradual, phased, managed change to **Clay Target Shooting Association (CTSA)**. By doing so we would be joining our fellow associations in Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and around the globe in branding and promoting our sport as a clay target shooting sport. We believe this will help us attract new members, grow our sponsorship from outside the shooting business and help our image when it comes to defending our sport against anti shooting lobbying and legislation."

(CPSA newsletter January 2023) have your say, visit the CPSA website: <https://www.cpsa.co.uk/member-survey-name-change?>

Ower, 22nd January

Seven guns again on this frosty but sunny morning split into a three and four. There were many frozen buttons and traps. Even Pam was out trying frantically to un-freeze her button minutes before the start. Unfortunately, we didn't get a picture of that but Unick did send one in of a big job in the Ower thunderbox! Whilst that may sum up the mornings organisation, you have been spared the image. Our first circuit consisted of four stands not working at all and two with only one of the pair. It's difficult for shoots to battle with nature but it has been frozen overnight for nearly a week now, so is that really an excuse? To add insult to injury, and no fault of the shoot, a dog slipped its lead and ran into the line of fire so the first five stands were halted for some time whilst they tried but failed to retrieve it. Three of the halted stands were the broken ones skipped by everyone earlier which caused quite a bit of queueing. As you can imagine, our chairman was ecstatic about this being such an animal

If the CPSA drop the pigeon, how will they describe a rabbit or teal?

Ower with handicap

1st	Smudger	56
1st	Robbo	56
3rd	Unick	55
4th	Big Mac	53
4th	Hunter	53
4th	Scrappier	53
7th	Spiced	52

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lover. They did manage to get most of the traps going and the layout was good. There was a target on stand six which was a bit pointless, no one managed to get even close to it. Despite the poor start we did have an enjoyable morning, although it took a little longer than anticipated. Congratulations to Smudger and Robbo for jointly winning the Sunday 25 and to Robbo for holding the captains place while he was away partying, with the highest actual score 59/70.



Events and Fixtures

Capp has done a Stirling job as events coordinator for the last five years. Below are the shoots for February but Capp has released by email all of the dates up to and beyond his retirement from the committee. This means that the new Events Coordinator has a few weeks grace after the AGM. Don't forget the AGM and end of season awards at the Arms on 9th March. Another date for your diary, "Russell and Nicks Semi Mental Day" 14th May at Petersfield, details to follow, watch this space.

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
29 January 2023	Chalky Hill	Newnham Lane, Basingstoke	RG24 7AT	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
05 February 2023	Ower	Copythorne, Romsey	SO51 6GF	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
12 February 2023	Gosport and Lee	1 Shoot Ln, Lee-on-the-Solent	PO13 9PA	9:00 AM	£17.50	50
19 February 2023	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£22.00	60
26 February 2023	Chalky Hill	Newnham Lane, Basingstoke	RG24 7AT	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
09 March 2023	AGM, Southampton Arms	89 Moorgreen Road, West End, Hampshire	SO30 2HG	7:00 PM	start	

Any other business

The view from the Southampton Arms looking south before the M27 was carved through. It was taken by my grandad in 1982 when his farm, (now the Blue Cross), was about a mile back on Bubb Lane. This was how Moorgreen Road looked like when I passed my driving test. Finding it reminded me of my aunties dog, a black and white collie cross who regularly escaped and covered most of the fertile bitches in West End and beyond, best not judge the dirty old dog for that.

