

SASS June 2023

Where did June go? What lovely shooting weather we have had too. We shot at two local shoots and two further afield. The quality of the shoots in June was astounding, there were very few no birds and no breakdowns. The shoots were all slightly different versions from the last time that we visited each of them. The committee is trying to schedule shoots that are closer to home whenever possible, but they are just not there every Sunday. The Bisley visit was maybe too far for some guns. We tried to find something closer since there were only a few guns willing to travel there, but the only option was Barbury. Our events coordinator is doing the best that he can with what is available. We hope to see you out to play in July.



Chalky Hill, 4th June

Six guns and three guests shot on this bright sunny morning. None of the clays were placed into the sun at this fifty-bird shoot. We shot as two groups with very little queueing until near the end as the shoot got busier. The layout is quite limiting but Duncan did mix it about a little. Big Mac brought a side by side to try which we had a look at before starting. Unfortunately, it discharged both barrels on the first clay a few times. That was great for obliterating the clays but, Big Macs shoulder also took a pounding. He shared Badgers gun for the rest of the round. Well done to Hunter for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for highest actual 45/50.

Chalky Hill, with handicap

1st	Hunter	56
2nd	Sturat	54
3rd	Big Mac	52
3rd	Robbo	52
5th	Badger	50
6th	Capp	49

Petersfield, 11th June

Five members met at the arms and all travelled to the shoot in Unicks car. At the fifty-bird shoot we met three more members and a guest from the now defunct Botley shoot. On our first stand we started at which was number six Jeeves got all six of the remaining blaze targets. The rest of us had black clays against the trees which were quite difficult to see. In spite of this Robbo straightened the stand, having gone last when all of the blaze clays were gone. The weather was particularly kind to us, despite being hot it was a little overcast which was ideal for looking into the sky for clays. Everyone had a great morning shooting, Unick had a good score of 45/60 with which he was sure would beat Robbo but it equalled Robbos score 48/60 with handicap. Under the new rules this means Robbo having shot more clays is the winner of the cartridges. Well done to Robbo for the highest actual and his personal best. Well done also to Unick and Jeeves who both equalled or exceeded their personal bests. An honorary mention to Brain Fart who shot his very best too, 32/60 but has not yet completed fifteen shoots for the table. Well done to you all, do not let anyone who was not there say it must have been an easy shoot, you were there and you did it.

Petersfield, with handicap

1st	Robbo	63
1st	Unick	63
3rd	Hunter	59
4th	Jeeves	58
4th	Spiced	58
6th	Brain Fart	57
7th	Big Mac	56
8th	Pikey	54



Hangmans Stone, 18th June

Four guns met at the Arms and made the hour and a bit journey in Sturats car. It was a sunny morning but rain was forecast. When we got there, we met three more and shot as car squads of four and three. We went to the start which was queued and as we walked by to the next stand to start the locals frowned disapprovingly at us for not queuing behind them. The shoot was different again to the two previous visits and the owner walked the course making sure everyone was having a good day. There were ten stands of five pairs for this hundred bird shoot. Some of the clays consisted of an easy and difficult pair with many blanking the more difficult. Good fun was had by all and as ever there was a friendly rivalry between Unick and Robbo. There were a few no birds on the last stand but that was all. The rain stayed away until the evening. Well done to Jeeves and Big Mac for joint first place. The Sunday 25 goes to Jeeves by one shot under the new, no split boxes rule. Jeeves also was highest actual of the day with 41/50.



Hangmans Stone with handicap

1st	Jeeves	55
1st	Big Mac	55
3rd	Hunter	54
4th	Unick	52
5th	Spiced	50
6th	Sturat	49
6th	Robbo	49

Bisley, 28th May

The booking for Bisley was on and off and on again with three then two then three guns. The late re-booking gave us an 11-o'clock time slot. We met at the Arms at 9-o'clock and travelled the hour and a bit in Sturats car. There was a road closure in Bisley so we had to come into Queens Road from the other end. The satnav was having none of it so Hunter guided Sturat in having worked in the area. We arrived and took a chance on shooting early, there was no problem, the kind lady let us straight out to shoot. We shot sixteen stands of three pairs and a two pair to make the hundred birds. We bypassed stands with others on and one that was being filmed by The Shooting Channel. In the summer sunshine we all shot to our handicaps and at the end of the day with handicap there was only one shot between us. There was much grumbling about no pies and Unick slept all the way back to save wasting away. Well done to Unick and Hunter for joint first with handicap, under the new rules Unick won the Sunday 25 cartridges. Well done to Sturat for highest actual 42/50.

Bisley, with handicap

1st	Unick	52
1st	Hunter	52
3rd	Sturat	51

Events, Fixtures and Any Other Business

Once again, our events coordinator, Big Mac, has had to include some further away grounds for us to shoot at. If they are too far for you to drive, meet us at the Arms and car share. We always meet at the Arms on Sunday mornings; the leaving times are in the table below. Hangmans Stone is a lovely shoot situated in woodlands in the Wiltshire countryside. They mix it about so no two shoots are the same. There are multiple towers and traps that are moved around to account for sunlight and foliage to give you the best shooting they can. Barbury is a championship ground with a very good sporting layout. There are three local shoots this month to look forward to. Nine guns are booked to go to Ashcombe in September, there may still be space at the activity centre but it is unlikely that there will be at the hotel. Apologies for the short newsletter this month, if there is anything you would like to be included that is shooting related, please send it in. Until next time, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you out on Sundays.



Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
02 July 2023	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
09 July 2023	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£22.00	60
16 July 2023	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£18.00	50
23 July 2023	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£35.00	100
30 July 2023	Barbury Shooting School	Wroughton, Swindon	SN4 0QH	08.30 AM	£40.00	100