

SASS March 2023

Five shoots reported about this month because there is no more Botley shooting. Newsletters will now be aligned with the calendar month. Also, in this issue is a brief coverage of the AGM. Welcome to the committee, Big Mac, who has taken over as Events Coordinator. Thanks also, to Capp who has been in the position for several years and now finds his prostate close to his heart. We completed the months shooting with a charity shoot for prostate cancer at the Cat & Fiddle. We will be supporting another charity event at Wallers Ash in April. There is also a bit about proposed gun licencing changes, the latest Popham update and a response from CPSA about triple barrelled guns on shoots from last month.

Chalky Hill, 26th February

On this cold but sunny February morning eight guns attended the fifty-bird shoot at Chalky Hill. Numbers were up because of the very sudden closure of the Botley shoot. The eight were joined by a prospective member from Botley who we picked up on the first stand. We shot as two squads. It was quite a bit busier than expected, especially as this was the last shoot day at Gosport and Lee. Well done to Big Mack and Unick for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 40/50.

Bisley, 5th March

Five guns went to Bisley on this overcast and slightly chilly morning. We shot a hundred clays as one squad and halved the scores for the Sunday 25s. As usual there was no queueing at Bisley. Seventeen of the twenty-two stands and every trap on each stand were utilised. We did not make it easy for ourselves but the challenging shoot was great fun with lots of banter. Unick and Robbo were particularly competitive and ended up drawing seventy each with their actual kills. Badger had a cartridge malfunction in the Grouse Butt which left the wad in the barrel on his penultimate pair. Unick offered his gun for the remaining targets but Badger declined and cleared the obstruction with a stick and continued the stand to win the cartridges for the day. Highest actual was Sturat with 41/50, well done both. The after-shoot beer and pie supplied by Robbo and Denise were well appreciated, thank you both. The proceedings were all finished before midday but we were a little late back at the Arms because we got stuck behind a house on Winchester Road.



Chalky Hill with handicap

1st	Big Mac	52
1st	Unick	52
3rd	Spiced	49
4th	Sturat	47
5th	Robbo	45
6th	Hunter	44
6th	Badger	44
8th	Scrapper	43

Bisley with handicap

1st	Badger	51
2nd	Hunter	50
2nd	Unick	50
4th	Robbo	49
5th	Sturat	48



AGM, 9th March

A big thank you to The Southampton Arms for providing the venue and food platter, it was indeed enjoyed by everyone. The club purchased a drink for all the attending members and generally a good all-around evening was had after the business was complete and the end-of-season awards presented. Thank you to all the members again for such a great show of support and we wish you all a great year of shooting. Also, great to see the new members attending their first AGM. A special thanks to Capp for all his hard work over the years as the Events Coordinator, we all hope you enjoy your little gift from the Committee/Club. Welcome to Big Mac and thank you for stepping up to the plate to fill the open position. Sturat

2022-23 End of season awards

There were four awards at the end of the season, the following winners were announced after the AGM business:

Clubman Award:	Capp
Most Improved:	Robbo
Highest with Handicap:	Smudger
Highest Actual:	Sturat



2023-24 Committee

The elected committee for the new season is as follow:

Chairman	R. Robson (Robbo)
Secretary	P. Jenks (Hunter)
Treasurer	A. Edwards (Jiraff)
Captain	S. Robson (Sturat)
Events Coordinator	M. McNamara (Big Mac)



Willoughby Hedge, 12th March

A good show for SASS at this shoot with twelve guns in attendance split into three groups for this hundred bird shoot. A very testing layout by the Somerset team with nothing the same as last time we shot there. Some confusion at the start because the shoot does not put any signs out, so we had to work out for ourselves how many on each stand. After marking the cards for alternating three and four pairs like last time, we established that there were twelve stands so ten stands of four pairs and the last two with five pairs. This shoot is not only further away but at a different level and there were some very testing clays. We did see Unick dragging half a tree to stand two behind us and later found the pokey stick still lodged in the stand for a cartridge malfunction again this week. We do seem to be getting more of these lately. Hopefully not a trend, because the results of not recognising such events could be catastrophic. Well done to Pikey for winning the cartridges and being the only gun that shot to his handicap on this difficult layout. Well done Sturat for the best actual of 41/50.

Proposed licencing changes

Shooting Times reported on 11th March that “**Proposed changes to the licensing regime would see shotguns treated as strictly as Section 1 firearms**”. In the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) report on the tragic Plymouth shooting where five people were killed. Despite acknowledging that the issuing of murderer Jake Davidson’s initial licence was “attributable to a lack of training, supervision and inadequate force processes” and that the officers who issued his licence renewal should face disciplinary action, the report suggests sweeping changes to firearms licensing anyway. The proposed changes include making the licensing regime for shotguns as strict as that for Section 1 firearms, such as rifles. Under this change, shotguns would need to be individually listed and all ammunition would have to appear on the licence too.

Willoughby Hedge, with handicap

1st	Pikey	50
2nd	Sturat	48
2nd	Big Mac	48
4th	Hunter	45
4th	Smudger	45
6th	Unick	44
7th	Capp	41
7th	Robbo	41
9th	Brain Fart	40
9th	Spiced	40
9th	Scrapper	40
12th	Badger	37

Petersfield, 19th March

Just four guns met on this Mothering Sunday morning at the Arms. We all went to the sixty bird shoot together in Scrappers car. We shot as one group as no one else came directly to the shoot. The spring sunshine was warming but as the shoot got underway the clouds covered the sun and it got a bit chilly. There was a bit of queueing, but with some strategic direction from the club captain, we were able to shoot all the stands starting at 10.30 and be back at the Arms by 12.30 for a well-earned pint before the Mothering Sunday food rush. Well done Hunter for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges and to Sturat for best actual score 45/50

Popham update



The Cat and Fiddle, Charity Shoot, 26th March

Seven guns and two guests from the now disbanded Botley ground, shot the fourty bird shoot. It was held in aid of prostate cancer, which Capp says is close to his heart. The rain stopped after we had all put on our waterproofs. This was by no means a professional shoot but it was particularly difficult, which is a shame because there were a lot of "have a go" shooters we hope weren't put off from the sport. No one shot to their handicap. It was well attended and we hope that they raised a significant amount for the charity. This did mean that there was a lot of waiting and long queues for the five stands. The middle stand was particularly frustrating as the simmo pairs often came out as singles, if at all, and their scoring was inconsistent. It was all in a good cause and it was a lovely setting. Extremely well done to Fries for winning the cartridges and the highest actual 34/50.

Petersfield with handicap

1st	Hunter	58
2nd	Sturat	53
3rd	Robbo	52
4th	Scrapper	51

Cat and Fiddle Charity Shoot photos kindly taken by Unick




Cat and Fiddle with handicap

1st	Fries	49
2nd	Big Mac	45
3rd	Capp	42
4th	Unick	39
4th	Badger	39
6th	Robbo	37
7th	Hunter	35

Up-coming Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
02 April 2023	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	8:45 AM	£35.00	100
09 April 2023	Willoughby Hedge	2 Holdens Farm Cottages, East Knoyle, Salisbury	SP3 6DE	8:30 AM	£35.00	100
16 April 2023	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£22.00	60
23 April 2023	Chalky Hill	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
30 April 2023	Barbury Shooting School	Wroughton, Swindon	SN4 0QH	8.30 AM	£40.00	100





WALLERS ASH Gun Club

The QA Charity Shoot


Saturday 22nd April 2023

A 100 bird English Sporting Clay shooting competition and fundraiser event set over 12 stands and in aid of the Queen Alexandra Renal Unit.

Cartridge prizes across classes, Entry - Seniors, Veterans and Ladies - £45, Colt/Junior - £30

Senior High Gun = 1000 cartridges, 2nd = 750, 3rd = 500
 Vets & Ladies High Gun = 750 cartridges, 2nd = 500, 3rd = 250
 Colts & Juniors High Gun = 500 cartridges, 2nd = 250, 3rd = 150



Entries open at 09:30 & close at 12:30, NO BOOKING REQUIRED.

15 Bird Pool Shot with Cartridge prizes 1st = 250, 2nd = 150 & 3rd = 100. - £8 per entry.

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QA Charity Shoot, Wallers Ash

Pete has recently had a kidney transplant at QA hospital and the family want to give something back to QA renal unit and the Fareham dialysis team. We will be supporting this event as a club for a one-off Saturday and will still be shooting at Chalky Hill on the 23rd for the Sunday 25s. Wallers have supported SASS charity events for many years and we look forward to seeing as many past and present members as possible at this event.

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

This is now a non-charity event but the prize money stays the same. £75 winner with handicap and £75 best score without handicap. Thanks, Unick.

Any other business.

CPSA response to triple barrelled shotguns

It is certainly unusual to see these tri-barrel guns on clay grounds and our advice would be to treat it the same as if someone was using a semi-auto and loading three shells and that is against the ground rules and not acceptable. CPSA Safety rules state that only two cartridges should ever be loaded in a semi-auto and the same will apply here. You should report it to the shoot organiser if you are not the designated safety officer and I would expect the person to be told not to load 3 cartridges and if they persist to be asked to leave the ground.



Clay Traps for Sale

Due to the loss of ground the Botley shoot has several clay traps for sale. If you are interested email me and I will pass your details on, Hunter.