

# SASS May 2023

Another month has gone by in a flash. We had four shoots in May, two local and two a bit further away. It was good to see a few more out as the weather improves. There was only one shoot, Bisley, where we shot as a single squad. The new layout at Popham was well attended and so was the semi auto day at Petersfield. All of the shoots this month were well organised and very enjoyable. The committee had to cancel the proposed simulated game shoot due to lack of interest. It looks very much like we will have to do the same with the Ashcombe weekend in September. It looks like members are feeling the pinch. We have two local shoots in June and the committee looks forward to seeing you at one or both.



## Test Valley (Popham), 7<sup>th</sup> May

Eight guns and a guest turned out for this fifty-bird shoot which is under new ownership. It was clear that Will and Aimee had invested time and effort into the shoot. The new layout utilised more of the woods and made a full circuit. It was quite quiet on this pleasant spring morning with no queueing at all. The shoot still has its two pair preference which can be a bit of a score killer. They offer a seventy-bird option on the same stands with three pairs instead which we may try next time. The new layout flowed well and we were all shot through in well under an hour. They had slowed the rabbit down and added a Simo teal which was good fun but was obscured by the trees much of the time, still achievable on the way down. The driven that used to be in the grouse butt was still insanely fast, too fast for some to see at all. The new owners have a feedback form, so they seem willing to listen for where they might improve or change things around. We took a slow drive back to the Arms for opening time and continued banter. Well done to Hunter for winning the cartridges and Sturat for the best actual 40/50.

## Popham, with handicap

1st	Hunter	50
2nd	Sturat	49
2nd	Jeeves	49
4th	Big Mac	48
5th	Spiced	47
6th	Doc	43
7th	Brain Fart	42
8th	Unick	40

## Curry Night, 11<sup>th</sup> May

Eight members, three wives/partners and Igor enjoyed a lovely evening out at Jewels Restaurant organised by Sturat. Thank you, Stu, we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



## Simulated Game Day

Unfortunately, I have only had six members who want to go to the simulated game day so I have had to cancel it. Regards, Big Mac.



## Petersfield, Semi Auto Challenge, 14<sup>th</sup> May

This year we had 12 members attending alongside 2 guests, 9 entered the competition that was held at Gunners Wood which is home to [Petersfield Gun Club](#). This event was sponsored by Unick and a huge thank you to him for putting up the prize money and arranging the fixture with the help of our event coordinator. There were 2 prizes up for grabs. £75 for the highest actual gun and £75 for the highest with handicap. The competition entries were equated to a 50-bird shoot so that we could apply the handicaps. The results were as follows: Highest Actual (£75) – Hunter & Robbo (prize money split) Highest With Handicap – Hunter. Written by Sturat.



## Semi-Auto, with handicap

1st	Hunter	58
2nd	Robbo	54
3rd	Scrapper	52
4th	Smudger	51
5th	Capp	50
6th	Unick	49
7th	Big Mac	47
8th	Doc	45
9th	Sturat	40



## Hangmans Stone, 21<sup>st</sup> May

Four guns left the Arms for the hour and a bit drive on this beautiful spring morning. At the shoot there were three more who had got there early and already finished breakfast in the clubhouse. The seven guns shot as two squads as car loads. It was a bit chillier at the shoot than back at home. The shoot was not the same as last time we went there. It looks as though they mix it about a bit. None of the targets were un-hittable although some of us managed to miss them. We each shot a hundred birds over ten stands without a single no bird which shows that they maintain their traps and probably do not use pick-ups. That is something one or two other shoots could learn from. Well done to Big Mac for winning the cartridges and to Pikey for the highest actual 43/50.

## Hangmans Stone with handicap

1st	Big Mac	55
2nd	Pikey	54
2nd	Robbo	54
4th	Hunter	53
5th	Jeeves	51
6th	Sturat	50
6th	Spiced	50



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

R. ROBSON, P. JENKS, A. EDWARDS, S. ROBSON & M. McNAMARA



## Bisley, 28<sup>th</sup> May

Five guns met at the Arms on this beautiful spring morning. We all squeezed into Jiraffs car for the journey up the M3. We shot the hundred birds as a single squad, mostly three pairs. One or two of the stands were occupied so we just missed them out. When we got through the gate to the multiple traps stand Unick remembered that he left his gun two stands back. Hunter repeatedly picked up Sturats slip after shooting. They have both had identical slips for years, but just recently they keep getting mixed up. Sturat handed Hunters slip to him before unslipping his own gun which sorted that out. On the furthest away stand where we finished, someone else had left their plug in. We ran into him on the way back, he had got all the way back to pay at the club house before realising, which is why we do not leave Robbo in charge of the plug at any shoot. Back at Jiraffs car Robbo dished out beers and the wonderful steak pies made by Denise, so good they could not be photographed before a hand was in! Thank you, Robbo and Denise, they are much appreciated, especially by Unick who needs two pies after shooting to stop him wasting away. He had to sleep them off though, on the way back to the Arms. Well done Hunter for winning the Sunday 25s and to Sturat for highest actual 44/50.

## Events, Fixtures and Any Other Business

Shooting grounds local to the Arms are gradually dropping off the scene. The events coordinator is trying wherever possible to include local shoots. In June we have Chalky Hill and Petersfield on the calendar. Petersfield was really well attended in May. Was that because it was a local shoot or that it was semi auto challenge which is something different? The committee have had to cancel the simulated game day which is a shame because so many enjoyed it last year and asked for a return to Gorcombe. It looks like the Ashcombe weekend is going to be a non-starter too. Please let the committee know what it is that you want from SASS. Just cartridges, who are south of Oxford, are having an open day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June with free beer and hog roast. They say there will be deals on cartridges but have not released any details yet, it might be worth a look.

## Bisley, with handicap

1st	Hunter	55
2nd	Sturat	53
2nd	Jiraff	53
2nd	Unick	53
5th	Robbo	52



Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
04 June 2023	Chalky Hill Clay Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
11 June 2023	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£22.00	60
18 June 2023	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£35.00	100
25 June 2023	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£46.00	100