

SASS April 2024

We have had some cracking shooting in this spring month. One member with an aversion to working utility vehicles and a lucky hat has excelled this month. We have shot a new (to us) ground in West Sussex, Blackdown, who have some trick stands, one in particular has a trap that can throw standards, midis and minis alternately. We had our octogenarian honorary member join us at Popham, who after several years without shooting can still hold his own. Bisley pies, to die for at the end of the month from Denise were very much appreciated. Four shoots and the sim game day await us in May, two local shoots and two a bit further away. Please support Petersfield if you attend no others this month, they are struggling and without support we may well lose another local shoot.



Chalky Hill, 7th April

You may have noticed that the club captain has not been out for a few weeks. Sturat has had a job promotion, congratulations Stu, and will be back out on Sundays in a couple of weeks. Hunter picked up Unick and took him to the Arms where we met Badger. Hunter was happy to drive to Chalky but Badger the “snob,” did not trust the old hunting truck to get there, how rude, so Badger kindly drove us all to Chalky and Hunter used a little less dirty diesel. No one else was there from SASS so we shot as a single squad. Hunter threw everything away on the first two stands, four and five and never really caught back up. Badger pipped Unick to the highest actual and won the cartridges. They are now equal 13th place in the league at 72.27 with a 14 handicap.

Chalky Hill, with handicap

1st	Badger	51
2nd	Unick	49
3rd	Hunter	41



Blackdown, 14th April

Just over an hour from the Arms to get to this shoot in the South Downs National Park. In the rolling countryside the shoot is on high ground bordered by trees at one end. A good use of the trees, hedges and open ground was made by the trappers. No stand numbers, but what appeared to be stand three had a simmo pair from a manual trap. This seventy-bird shoot consisted of nine stands of four pairs. Yes, we know, they must have run out of fingers and toes! The scores of the seven guns were adjusted accordingly. There were a couple of breakdowns but the team there fixed them very quickly. It was a popular shoot and there were some queues. Overall, a good morning out, opinions varied between six and eight out of ten but all agreed we need to shoot the ground a few more times to have a realistic opinion. Well worth putting in the calendar for occasional Sunday shoots, maybe leave the Arms at 8.45 next time. Well done once again to Badger for winning the cartridges and to Spiced for the highest actual 41/50.



Blackdown, with handicap

1st	Badger	53
2nd	Spiced	52
3rd	Big Mac	51
4th	Hunter	49
5th	Soloman	48
6th	Unick	46
7th	Robbo	45



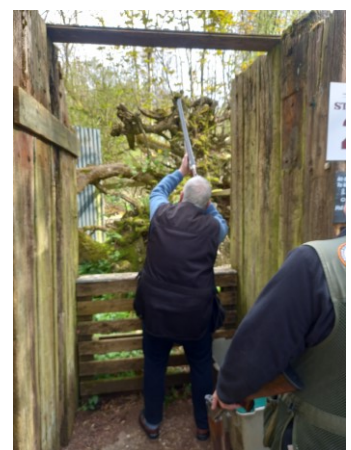
Popham, 21st April

No snobbery at the Arms this week, Badger was happy to get into Robbos Merc for the journey to the Test Valley ground. It was a sunny morning but a little chilly with the North wind. In the shoot car park we met Big Mac and Spiced and proceeded to the clubhouse to sign in. There we were delighted to meet Polly finishing off a bacon roll and cup of tea. Our honorary member has not shot since lock down and as everyone wanted to shoot with Polly, we went around the ground as a single squad. There were a few no birds with clays hitting trees and a breakdown on stand eleven (again) but they were quickly resolved this time. Hopefully, as guns remove the foliage this will abate over time. Polly was asked if he would be coming to the May shoot at Popham, unfortunately he has a family birthday party he cannot get out of, his own! Polly did not submit a score, leaving the door open for Badger to take the cartridges for the third consecutive week and the highest actual 43/50.



Popham with handicap

1st	Badger	57
2nd	Big Mac	53
3rd	Spiced	52
4th	Robbo	51
5th	Hunter	50



Bisley, 28th April

Five guns met at the Arms on this chilly Sunday morning. Sturat was back from working weekends so we all travelled together in the Alpha, which he has owned for a year already. It was a bit snug in the back so Badger and Hunter are signing up to weight watchers so that Unick can have a bit more room next time. The ground was very wet so we bypassed the first stand, a rabbit on a lake. As we were just one squad, we made full use of the multiple trap stands which was challenging but very enjoyable. Bisley really is the best ground we could possibly shoot with twenty plus stands, several four or five trap multiples and some of those are ABT. It is great for instinctive shooting and only an hour away. There was the usual friendly rivalry between Robbo and Unick. Badger and Sturat were neck and neck right to the last stand. Badgers lucky hat, see page one, has won him all of the cartridges this month, just pipped by Sturat for the highest actual this time though 41/50. The sun came out as we were finishing. Just in time for a beer and a Bisley pie courtesy of Robbo and Denise, thank you both very much.



Bisley with handicap

1st	Badger	54
2nd	Hunter	51
3rd	Robbo	50
4th	Sturat	47
5th	Unick	44



Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
05 May 2024	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£37.00	100
12 May 2024	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£24.00	60
19 May 2024	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
25 May 2024	Simulated Game Day	Applications closed, contact Duncan at Chalky for late applications			£150.00	400
26 May 2024	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£46.00	100

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