

SASS August 2024

August is the time for holidays and country shows. At a show where Hampshire Constabulary had a stand, my wife met a friend of ours who has joined the firearms enquiry team. Our friend strongly recommended that applicants should use Medizcert for the medical form because they pull weight with GPs and are recognised by the police. With so many licences held-up and guns lodged with SASS members, anything that can speed up the process cannot be bad. Big Mac has tried to keep it local for September without being repetitive, although we do start off with Hangmans Stone which is an hour away. We finish with Bisley, Robbo & Denise should be back from holiday, so get your orders in for Bisley pies if you are going.



Hangmans Stone, 4th August

Six guns ventured out for the first August shoot. It was a warm but slightly overcast morning, just right for shooting, you would think. Having hunting commitments, Hunter has relied on others for reports of the mornings shooting. Dynamite sent some pictures, below, and a few of the days excuses. These included "I had My Eyes Closed" and "I lost it in the tree Line" from Sturat. Badger is alleged to have said, amongst other things, "I missed a lot." When Badger brought Sturats gun back, his version of events was "pppfffff," so there you have it. Thankfully, the pasty, sausages rolls and beer from Dynamite went down a treat. Well done to Pikey for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 39/50.



Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Pikey	50
1st	Dynamite	50
3rd	Big Mac	48
4th	Sturat	46
5th	Spiced	45
6th	Badger	43



Chalky Hill, 11th August

On this slightly overcast Sunday morning, five guns met at the Arms and travelled in one car to Duncans shoot at Chalky. There being no other SASS members at the shoot, we shot the layout as one squad. Hunter did not submit a score because he was having a thoroughly enjoyable, but non-competitive day with his old hammer side by side. The circa 1895 Midland piece still managed to hit more than half of the clays, especially the rabbits. Unick and Robbos usual friendly rivalry ended in a draw with 37 kills each. Sturat was already in holiday mode, but Badger was definitely making up for last weeks pppfffff-ormance, with an equal personal best of 47/50. Very well done Badger for the highest actual and for winning the cartridges.



Chalky Hill, with handicap

1st	Badger	58
2nd	Sturat	52
2nd	Unick	52
4th	Robbo	50



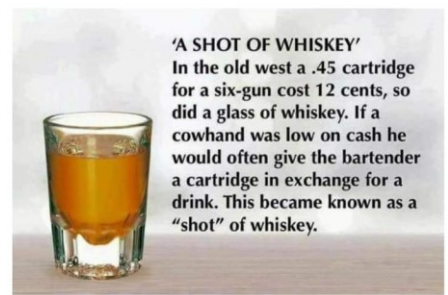
Petersfield, 18th August

The Gunners Wood shoot starts at ten-thirty due to planning restrictions so we leave the Arms a little later. In the Arms car park Unick and Robbo were found, having been dropped off by Denise (of Bisley pie fame) with their guns etc. but their promised chauffeur did not turn up. Badger and Hunter fortunately each had space for the two abandoned guns. Manny, Minty and Joseph were at the sixty-bird shoot. It was lovely to see young Joseph being encouraged with his 28 bore, he is the future of shooting! It will not be long before he out shoots his old man. There were a couple of difficult stands but nothing that was not hittable. Manny won the cartridges with seven over his handicap and Robbo was the highest actual 43/50, well done both.

More about the bygone shoots, by Polly

Another shoot that comes to mind is Nations Farm, this was on the Botley to Bishops Waltham Road. If you are travelling from Botley to Bishops Waltham, just past the house where the dummy is hanging out of the window on the right, there is a farm house with a long drive. In the field behind there were bales of straw laid down marking out the stands (very primitive). All the stands were hand operated so when it was raining the operator got rather wet, but it was a start. Then that was shut down and the shoot moved to Curdrige down the lane pass the Cricketers pub. This was a better venue as it had a small lake to shoot over. That kept going for a few years then the owner of the land the other side of the lake kicked up because he developed the ground as a small holding and his customers complained about all the shot in the cabbages, so that was the end of that. Then there was Wallers Ash, Wallers Ash was originally near, Martyr Worthy. If you take the road as if you were going to Wallers Ash as we know it today, right opposite the pub the cart and horses there is a right turn to Martyr Worthy. About 2 miles down the road on the left is a church St Swithuns with a lane alongside, up there was the shoot. It was quite small you more or less shot inside a circle shooting out. I took an American there and he was amazed saying we do not have anything like this in the states. Wallers started to get too big for the shoot so they moved to where they are now.

If you find these interesting let Hunter know and I will dig out some more, Polly



Petersfield, with handicap

1st	Manny	57
2nd	Robbo	56
2nd	Minty	56
4th	Hunter	54
5th	Badger	51
6th	Unick	50

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