

# SASS July 2024

July was definitely a month of two halves weather wise. We shot Hangmans Stone in both halves due to Petersfield cancelling their shoot at short notice. Hangmans has been likened by those that remember, to Hensting Lane. Polly has been back at the keyboard again with a memoir of Hensting Lane. The end of the month is the cut-off date for the September weekend away shooting in Bedfordshire. Drop a note to Big Mac if you have not already done so, and secure a place. Hangmans features again at the start of August, then Big Mac has been able to keep it local for a few weeks. Now that summer has truly arrived, we look forward to seeing you out on Sundays.



## Hangmans Stone, 7<sup>th</sup> July

It was a good turnout for the Four Counties Ground with nine guns in the rain. The shoot was as mixed as ever with some easy and some more difficult clays. We shot as three squads of three for this hundred bird layout. No one except for our best shot, Sturat, shot above their handicap. Well done Stu for highest actual 45/50 and winning the cartridges. Many thanks to Dynamite for the sausage rolls/pies and beers/soft drinks in the car park before the drive back to the Arms. The photography, below, was also courtesy of Dynamite. The clay busting shot of Sturat was so impressive that it has been enlarged below the Hangmans scores for you to see.



## Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Sturat	52
2nd	Soloman	48
3rd	Robbo	47
4th	Spiced	46
4th	Hunter	46
4th	Big Mac	46
4th	Unick	46
8th	Dynamite	45
9th	Pikey	44



## Chalky Hill, 14<sup>th</sup> July

Seven guns met at the Arms and travelled to Chalky Hill in two vehicles. This, one of the few remaining fifty bird shoots, was shot by us in two squads. The weather was overcast with impending rain, it did however, stay away while we were shooting. In stark contrast to last week, all bar one gun, shot above their handicap. Stand ten was a lovely two pairs of simmo driven clays. Unick took great delight in replicating these back at the Arms with beer mats after a smiley score by Dynamite on the stand. A personal best of 45/50 for Hunter and a highest actual of 47/50 from Sturat could not get close to Brain Fart with a massive eleven over his handicap. He is definitely getting used to his own gun now and we look forward to seeing him rising up the league table and reducing his handicap.

## Chalky Hill, with handicap

1st	Brain Fart	61
2nd	Hunter	60
3rd	Robbo	58
4th	Unick	55
5th	Sturat	54
6th	Badger	51
7th	Dynamite	47



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

This Sunday was scheduled to have been shot at Petersfield, but with holidays booked and Alex being selected to shoot a competition, the shoot had to be cancelled due to lack of staff. With very short notice and only two other shoots available, Big Mac had no choice but to divert to Hangmans Stone again because the other option, Bisley, is booking only. Good call Big Mac, because Robbo and Denise were high flying at the Farnborough airshow so no Bisley pies either. This hundred bird shoot in the woods has been likened, by those that remember it, to Hensting Lane, memories of which follow from our octogenarian Polly. Rivalry at this shoot was high between Badger and Pikey who equalled kills but Sturat won the cartridges and highest actual 44/50. Thank you to Dynamite for stepping up with pies and beers at the end of the shoot, very much appreciated.



### Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Sturat	51
1st	Pikey	51
3rd	Badger	50
4th	Hunter	49
5th	Dynamite	48

### Hensting Lane, by Polly

Hensting Lane was a shoot which is no longer here. For those who do not know where Hensting lane is, it is the road that runs alongside the Fishers Pond Restaurant.

Just about a mile along that road just past a sharp bend there is a thatched farm house, we used to drive up a tractor path to the top of the hill and park in a field alongside a wood.

Inside the wood in the centre was a brick hunters lodge with large inglenook fire place with a log fire on the go.

The stands were around the outskirts of the wood, as far as I remember, except for two stands, all the stands were shooting out over fields so we were only allowed to shoot with non plastic cartridges. The two stands that were in the field were the fur and feather and a fairly high crosser going pretty fast. All in all it was a great shoot.

Then the farm was divided into three lots and sold. Unfortunately, the person who bought the wood didn't want the shoot there anymore so that was that.

PS, they used to let me go ferreting in the field next to shoot. I laid out a hundred nets one day, I put two ferrets down and only caught one rabbit and that went down a hole I hadn't covered!

Polly





## Popham, 28<sup>th</sup> July

Five guns met at the Arms and drove to the Test valley shoot in two cars. At the ground we met Big Mac and Spiced and whilst queueing, Pug and Thumb Boy. The seventy-bird shoot was shot by three squads of three (that's nine, Thumb Boy). There was not much mixing about this time by the trappers who did put on a great shoot. However, stand eight, which they have changed due to survey comments, was still problematic. It is no longer un-hittable, mostly! The trappers had many delivery problems with the relatively new tower driven clays. All SASS squads had re-queueing issues due to breakdowns at this stand. Shooting this stand last after a thirty plus minute queue, was quite irritating for guns. None more so than Unick who wondered what his score was before he blanked this last stand. Back at the Arms, Dynamite, who was not at the shoot, came for a drink to recover last weeks round at Hangmans Stone (nothing is ever for free). Well done Big Mac for winning the cartridges and Pikey for the highest actual 44/50.

## Popham, with handicap

1st	Big Mac	57
2nd	Pug	56
2nd	Pikey	56
4th	Badger	53
5th	Spiced	52
6th	Hunter	51
7th	Sturat	50
8th	Unick	49
8th	Thumb Boy	49

SHOT SIZE COMPARISON			GM - OZ CONVERSION	
UK	mm	ave pellets per oz	gm	oz
SG	8	-	19.5	$\frac{11}{16}$
AAA	5.2	-	21	$\frac{7}{8}$
BB	4.1	-	25	$\frac{7}{8}$
1	3.6	105	28	1
3	3.3	140	30	$1\frac{1}{16}$
4	3.1	170	32	$1\frac{1}{8}$
5	2.8	220	34	$1\frac{1}{16}$
6	2.6	270	36	$1\frac{1}{8}$
6.5	2.5	310	42	$1\frac{1}{2}$
7	2.4	340	50	$1\frac{3}{4}$
7.5	2.3	400	53	$1\frac{3}{4}$
8	2.2	445	56	2
9	2.0	575		

	Beretta Marks	American Designation	Rim Notches	Colour	70% Pattern in 30" circle at:	Restriction (thou)	Approx. spread at 40yds
1	0 (*)	F (Full)	I	WHITE	40 yards	40	41"
$\frac{1}{4}$	00 (**)	IM (Improved Modified)	II	BLACK		30	43"
$\frac{1}{2}$	000 (***)	M (Modified)	III	GREEN	35 yards	20	46"
$\frac{3}{4}$	0000 (****)	IC (Improved Cylinder)	IIII	YELLOW	30 yards	10	52"
	SK (Skaet Beretta)	SK (Sheet)	No Notches	RED	27 yards	5	
	C0000 (C****)	CL (Cylinder)	IIII	BLUE	25 yards	0	59"

## Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
04 August 2024	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£37.00	100
11 August 2024	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
18 August 2024	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£24.00	60
25 August 2024	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
6-8 September 2024	Sporting Targets	Knotting Lane, Riseley, Bedfordshire	MK44 1BX	TBA	TBA	TBA

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