

SASS March 2024

The saying goes, in like a lion and out like a lamb, for the month of March. Perhaps the Lamb forgot this year as the month was mostly windy and wet. It was a busy month with five shooting Sundays and the AGM. A couple of changes of note at the AGM, our new treasurer was elected, congratulations Spiced, and membership was raised by 20p/week to £35. Congratulations also to Tinkerbelle who became a dad this month. Big Mac has found us a different shoot for April, Blackdown near Petworth. Looking forward to a good turnout there to see what it is like. Thank you for voting me clubman for the newsletter at the end of season awards, that is not why I do it though. Also, there are one or two guns for sale in the club. Stuff like that can always be accommodated in the newsletter. Happy April.

Bisley, 3rd March

Six guns met at the Arms for the trip to Bisley in two cars. It was a fresh but clear morning but very wet underfoot. We shot a hundred birds as two threes. The first half of stands up to the gate are by far the easiest in the trees. The Gate is a levelling stand and after that we had to contend with the sun and the high birds at Big Ben. In all a very enjoyable morning shooting. Robbo made an exceptional recovery from his recent results with a 42/50 even after a smiley. Thank you, Robbo and Denise, for providing a drink and pie at the end of the shoot. Well done to Robbo for winning the cartridges with an impressive nine shots above his handicap and well done to Sturat for the highest actual 43/50.

Chalky Hill, 10th March

It was a overcast but mild morning at the Arms where six guns met for the journey to Chalky Hill. All wondered if it would rain. At the shoot we met up with two more, Spiced and Big Mac, one of whom must have got a new watch as they were early. We shot as two squads of four, keeping Unick and Robbo separate for their usual friendly rivalry. Shooting started at five to ten, before we had got onto a stand on this last shoot before the end of season awards after the AGM. Duncan had mixed it about a bit and put in some tricky clays. Unick, still sore from last weeks pasting, got off to a better start than Robbo who did not quite manage to catch up despite hitting a fourty one. Pikey was ahead of Sturat for highest actual but threw it away by missing two on the easy starter stand number one. Well done Unick for winning the cartridges and to Pikey for letting Sturat keep the highest actual 46/50.

Message from Denise

All

Just a big thank you for sponsoring me as you can see, I raised £850, which I was really pleased with.

Regards

Denise



Bisley, with handicap

1st	Robbo	59
2nd	Badger	54
3rd	Sturat	50
4th	Hunter	49
5th	Pikey	48
6th	Unick	47



Chalky Hill, with handicap

1st	Unick	58
2nd	Robbo	57
3rd	Pikey	56
4th	Sturat	53
5th	Hunter	52
5th	Badger	52
5th	Spiced	52
8th	Big Mac	51

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AGM, 14th March

The minutes of the meeting are available to any fully paid-up member upon request. The matters of importance are the raise of £10.00 in membership fees. The committee had agreed to propose a £5.00 increase, fearing a mass exodus in members if a £10.00 increase was proposed. As it happened the £10.00 was equated to 20 pence per week increase from the members present and was unanimously voted in as good value for money. It was pointed out that membership of a reputable shooting club, such as SASS, is good grounds for application or renewal of a shotgun certificate for those that do not have shooting permissions on farmland. The treasurer was unable to attend the AGM due to unforeseen circumstances, the committee have sent flowers on your behalf. In his absence a new treasurer, Spiced, was duly elected. Well done Spiced for standing.

Ower, 17th March

Two guns set off for Ower wondering if the days scores will count. At the shoot we met Soloman who has finally got his licence through after eleven months. Not wanting to waste any more time he went to Southdown and bought a new B525, nice choice Soloman, another Browning in the camp! Grumpy Jason was really chatty when he saw that Hunter hunts in the New Forest and wondered if he knew his wife Pam. Sadly, Hunter had not seen Pam out hunting in the Forest since Towny Blair passed the hunting with dogs act in 2002, but that's another story. Pick-up breakages a plenty as ever, but the trapper at Ower worked his socks off to keep things going. This was a testing shoot, Hunter shot to his handicap, Robbo was back on form with a 39/50 winning him the cartridges, but the congratulations have to go to Soloman who achieved 66% with a new gun and at a shoot he has not shot before.



End of season awards 2024

Most Improved

1st	Hunter	6.64%
2nd	Big Mac	-0.02%
3rd	Thumb Boy	-0.047%

Highest with handicap

1st	Robbo	51.15%
2nd	Thumb Boy	50.70%
3rd	Pikey	50.13%

Highest actual

1st	Sturat	42.19%
2nd	Thumb Boy	41.10%
3rd	Pikey	39.13%

Clubman

1st	Hunter
2nd	Big Mac
3rd	Sturat

Ower, with handicap

1st	Robbo	55
2nd	Hunter	50
3rd	Soloman	44

Popham, 24th March

Seven guns turned out for the Test Valley shoot in the woods. It was a bit windy in the air but not so bad in the trees. The aircraft were very low going in to land at the airfield and we could see them struggling with the wind. No struggling with the scores today though. Everyone shot to or above their handicap. One stand broke down and Badger had to call the trappers twice, the second time being after we had shot two more stands and gone back. Still a very enjoyable morning. Well done to Robbo for winning the cartridges and to Spiced for the highest actual 44/50.

Hangmans Stone, 31st March

Just two guns at the Arms, Hunter drove the 21-year-old hunting truck up to the Four Counties Shooting Ground wondering whether the scores would count. At the shoot we met Soloman so three guns and scores count. No Big Mac or Spiced, so breakfast takings at the shoot were down. Hunters brother and nephew joined us as they live near the shoot. An expert (and there are many of those out shooting) gave young Freddie, Hunters nephew, some tips, and shots with his own cartridges and gun. He said it was because he had a long neck that he was missing, deja vu? We later saw the tutor shooting at our last stand and his child was a better shot on the driven clays than he! It was a testing shoot, well done Robbo for winning the cartridges and highest actual 39/50



Popham, with handicap

1st	Capp	58
2nd	Robbo	57
3rd	Hunter	55
3rd	Spiced	55
5th	Unick	52
6th	Big Mac	51
7th	Badger	50

Hangmans, with handicap

1st	Robbo	54
2nd	Soloman	51
3rd	Hunter	45



Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
07 April 2024	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
14 April 2024	Blackdown	School House Farm, Northchapel, Petworth	GU28 9EG	9:00 AM	£23.00	70
21 April 2024	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
28 April 2024	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£46.00	100
25 May 2024	Simulated Game Day	Applications closed, contact Duncan at Chalky for late applications			£150.00	