

SASS May 2024

May's out and the sun is out, sometimes! In spite of the rain this month all of the shooting has been in the dry. It has been a busy month although we only had four shoots, no one shot Bisley after the simulated game day. What a day that was, well worth the money and thoroughly enjoyable. Our honorary member, Polly has been busy writing about how SASS began, with some memory jogging by Ric, thank you both. There is more to come, it could not all be put in one newsletter! There are five Sundays in June so plenty of shooting in the sunshine to be done. Four local shoots kicking off with Three Lions, it has been a while since we shot there. Big Mac is struggling to find local shoots on the fourth Sunday every month which is why Bisley is often on the list. Happy shooting, see you on Sundays.



Hangmans Stone 5th April

Five guns met at the Arms and after squeezing into one car last week we opted to go in two. At the shoot we met Big Mac and Spiced who had already finished breakfast in the clubhouse. Every time we shoot this ground it is different, they make such good use of the space they have. We shot as two squads, one shooting the layout in reverse. The shoot is set up with an easy side in the woods and a more challenging side over the fields. We started with a score killing stand ten where Sturat was the only one who hit one of the second distance crossing clays. Going in reverse there were no queues at all, when we reached our penultimate stand the other squad still had four stands to go. We completed the hundred clay layout by eleven minutes past eleven. Whist waiting for the others we had bacon rolls in the clubhouse, thank you Pikey. Well done to Hunter for reaching his handicap and winning the cartridges and to a slightly rusty Sturat for the highest actual 42/50.

Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Hunter	50
2nd	Badger	49
3rd	Sturat	48
3rd	Brain Fart	48
3rd	Big Mac	48
6th	Pikey	47
7th	Spiced	43



How it all began, by honorary member, Polly

The Southampton Arms was the drinking hole at the beginning of it all. Dave Jarvis, the landlord, was Elmer and he was interested in shooting. 8 of the lads in 2007 got together and started going to shoots, the first shoot was Hensting Lane. They went to Ashcombe that year and called themselves Brothers in Arms they were: Ricky (Rick K), Val Winteridge (Ninja), Dave Jarvis (Elmer), Sean Sloggett (Gadget), Adi Woodley (Pikey), Steve Gould (Sheriff) he was the motorcycle speed cop, Mark Taylor (Trigger) and Bill Grumbridge (Grumbo). In 2008 they formed the Club and called it SASS. That's when I joined after it was formed. So, the only original founder still in the Club is Pikey. Trigger was a brilliant shot who actually shot 50/50 sadly he fell off a ladder and broke his neck. Then we obtained a D/B shotgun disarmed it, Unick chromed it and Dave Jarvis let us hang it in the bar. I am not sure if you still do, but we used to have a Triggers trophy shoot for it each year at Wallers. Unfortunately, Wallers only shoot on Saturdays nowadays so it makes it difficult. For the first few shoots it was a bit of fun then it was decided to form a club Val was the chairman, Ric was the secretary, I was the treasurer. Ric would search for shoots, he also made up the broad sheet, a web program on his computer that he used to calculate the scores. Handicaps and cartridges, because in those days we used to order them in bulk from Wallers Ash and store them in Ricks garage. We would put the results in, press okay and up came the results. People would order the cartridges through me and pay me, as I was not afraid to ask for money. Ric obtained a good relationship with Pete and Hazel at Wallers Ash in as much so that they gave us free membership at the shooting club, discount on the cartridges and club cost for the shoot. They did a B/B shoot for us in the Summer and a Christmas shoot for us ending up with a flush shoot. When Trigger died, we bought a bench seat which they let us put in the grounds.

How it all began, continued

There were several grounds we used that are no longer around such as Hensting Lane (Fishers Pond). Petersfield just up the road from the M/C Café, Norton near Popham. East Meon where the Beretta shoot was. There was one at Stockbridge, Verwood, Gosport and Fareham Sherfield English and Portsdown Hills, so we used to get around. Then the club started to grow along came Pistol Pete, Peaches (because he bruised easy) from Fareham and his mate Bubbles and several more. As the club grew things started to get serious so we decided to send two members on a safety course, of course when they got back things stiffened up and the first to leave was Grumpo. He did not like the discipline. He had an automatic and used to put 3 shells in also carry the gun without the flag in. Things got smarter all round. The club grew bigger with the likes of Robbo, Stuart and Saun Sloggett. Unfortunately, things changed and people were paying through internet banking and I could not keep track of it all so I stepped down and Ricky got into a huff over something and found it difficult to control without me, as we spent hours in the afternoons looking for odd pounds and it was usually the cartridges that caused it. Well that takes you through the first seven years. There is probably more, well it seemed so at the time, but we enjoyed it and boy how it has grown and improved, well done to you all for making what it is today, Polly.

Petersfield, 12th May

Four guns met at the Arms and travelled together to Gunners Wood. Polly was at the Arms too and he donated a bottle of Whisky for our next charity raffle, then made his way to the shoot to get there early. After we had all paid and met up with Smudger and Capp, Polly finally arrived at the shoot, having missed the turning. The layout was testing and although some targets looked difficult, none of them were unachievable. This shoot is not as well attended as it used to be and we could end up losing it, which would be such a shame. Well done Badger for winning the cartridges once again, he must nearly be owed a slab by now! Well done to Sturat too for the highest actual 45/50.



Ashcombe 2008 above
and 2009 below



Petersfield, with handicap

1st	Badger	56
2nd	Smudger	54
3rd	Robbo	53
4th	Sturat	52
4th	Capp	52
6th	Hunter	51
7th	Polly	44

Popham, 19th May



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Popham, 19th May, continued

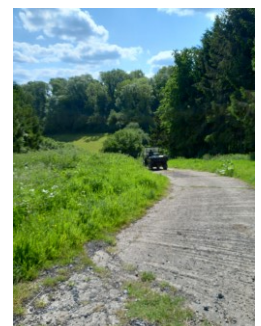
Four guns at the Arms on this deceptively chilly morning, only three shooting though. Robbo is not able to shoot for a few weeks as he has had an eye operation. He did come along and score for us which was much appreciated. We all wish you a speedy recovery Robbo. Seven members and a guest shot the Test Valley layout. The new layout is still impressing guns and the full car park is testament to that. Solomans guest, James, beat him by one shot. Joint first place with handicap this week, well done Unick, but Hunter gets the cartridges for more kills. Sturat had the highest actual score, well done, 46/50.

1st	Hunter	54
1st	Unick	54
3rd	Big Mac	23
4th	Sturat	52
5th	Smudger	51
6th	Soloman	47
6th	Spiced	47



Simulated Game Day, Binstead, 25th May

We certainly picked the right day for our early morning excursion to The Binstead Inn for a bacon roll and tea/coffee. There we met the other guns and Duncan introduced our host, John. There were twelve guns, six of whom were SASS. We all followed John to the farm except Manny, who lost us because Peaches spent too long in the toilet. There being no phone signal, John had to go back to the pub to find them. We shot as pairs with one loading and one shooting on each of the six pegs. There was a steep slope to go down to get to the first drive in the valley. We loaded all our cartridges and guns onto a quad and walked down. Three traps were fixed to a pallet and raised up on a telehandler for some high birds and another two were on the ground in the tree line. The rule was, poach as many clays as you can from the other guns. After two drives we had elevenses from the back of the quad in the sunshine. Two more drives and the barrels were getting very hot to hold, even the fore end wood was hot. After shooting we headed back to the pub for lunch and an afternoon in the sun with a beer. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, reasonably priced and very well worth repeating.

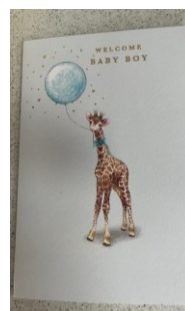




Committee meeting, 29th May

We had a short committee meeting at The Arms to update the bank details for our new treasurer, Spiced. Membership currently stands at 35, one or two have not paid yet and will be getting reminded soon. The secretary has not had everyone's insurance details yet. Thank you to those of you that have sent them through. A weekend away is still being explored for the first week in September so keep an eye out for the details of that from Big Mac. The website is up to date and traffic remains at similar levels as reported at the AGM which is great. General feedback on the Sim Game Day was excellent and we really should look to fully book this out again with 12 members the day was the best one we have done to date by far.

Congratulations Jiraff & Abi



Lawrence Noah Ford Edwards

Events and fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
02 June 2024	Three Lions	Wedge Hill Farm, Clump Hill, Mannington, Dorset	BH31 6JJ	9.00 AM	TBA	50
09 June 2024	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£24.00	60
16 June 2024	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
23 June 2024	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£46.00	100
30 June 2024	Chalky Hill Clay Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50



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HSE REACH ebulletin

Date issued: 26 April 2024

HSE extends lead in ammunition restriction process

HSE is continuing the process to assess if restrictions are required under UK REACH on the use of lead in ammunition.

The timescale for completion of this work has been extended. HSE will now formulate the final Opinion on its restriction proposals by September 2024, with publication after it has been sent to the Appropriate Authorities (i.e. the Defra Secretary of State and the Scottish and Welsh governments).

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