

SASS November 2024

It has now been two years since the first newsletter in this format was circulated, November 2022. I am so grateful for the contributions and photos you have sent in for possible inclusion. Guns were forced to go further afield due to storm Bert at the end of November, Denise doubled up on Bisley pies at the drop of a hat to make the journey worthwhile. SASS had some good numbers shooting at the local shoots this month. Big Mack tries to keep it local as much as he can, but he cannot resist that breakfast in the Hangmans Stone clubhouse, so we start there again in December. The Christmas shoot ends the month in Popham with presentations and food at the White Hart in Stockbridge, see you there.



Hangmans Stone, 3rd November

It was a dull, overcast morning for the hour-long journey to Hangmans Stone. Seven guns assembled at the Four Counties ground and shot as two squads. By accounts, it was a testing layout with one stand returning a 3, 1 and a smiley ☺/10, for SASS guns. There were no reported one-line excuses at this shoot, the best of the year has been promised a hundred cartridges and a bottle from Dynamite, to be presented at the Christmas shoot. Thank you also, Dynamite for taking care of the post shooting refreshments once again, and bringing same back to me at the Arms after Sturat kindly collected me once again. Well done to Big Mac for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 43/50.

Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Big Mac	51
2nd	Sturat	50
3rd	Spiced	48
4th	Unick	47
4th	Robbo	47
4th	Pikey	47
7th	Dynamite	43



Petersfield, 10th November

It was yet another dull day weatherwise and four guns made their way to Gunners Wood. The shoot was not well attended, presumably because so many guns were paying their respects on this remembrance Sunday. Before shooting commenced, Pikey got in a round of bacon rolls, thank you Pikey. There appeared to be a hint of a "Teal" theme to the day with the exception of stand five, which was a low, fast crosser. The horn sounded at eleven-o'clock and a very respectful two-minute silence was observed by everyone. We then continued on to the roadside stands to finish. Well done Hunter for winning the cartridges and to Badger for the highest actual 45/50.

Petersfield with handicap

1st	Hunter	55
2nd	Badger	53
3rd	Pikey	51
4th	Sturat	50



Popham, 17th November

It was a lovely sunny morning when six guns set off from the Arms to the Test Valley Shooting Ground at Popham. This is a much-improved layout since the new ownership, but has not been without problems. We could see as soon as we turned in to the car park that the shoot would be well attended today. Four more SASS guns were already at the ground and we were divided into three squads by the club Captain. First impressions were not good, after passing stand one where everyone queues, the second was being repaired and the third had only one trap of the pair working. There being no stand four on the layout, our squad started at five. This stand has been plagued with trap issues for at least the last two SASS visits. Once the buttons were pushed correctly there were no issues at all. The driven that used to be the bunker had the trees thinned and worked a dream. Apart from a few no-birds everything worked very well, including the stands we had bypassed at the beginning. We are having the Christmas shoot here next month and look forward to seeing you there. Well done Capp and Brain Fart for highest with handicap, the cartridges go to Capp for the most kills and the highest actual was Pikey with 46/50.

Bisley, 24th November

Storm Bert forced Ower and many other shoots to cancel. Bisley was the only available option and the following report is from Robbo:

“Really good shoot today, no rain and no queues. Only me Badger and Stu, Stu hit an impressive 89/100 me and Badger 75/100 so Stu won the cartridges for a change. Late change of venue to Bisley, we still had Bisley pies, and drinks. Denise got in the kitchen pronto after a WhatsApp from Badger. 2 pies each as there was only 3 shooters, did get a phone call from Unick (on his way back from Liverpool) to see if he had a pie, no Badger had eaten it”.

They shot seventeen stands comprising sixteen sixes and a four, there are not many local grounds you can do that!



Popham with handicap

1st	Capp	59
1st	Brain Fart	59
3rd	Pikey	58
3rd	Hunter	58
5th	Unick	55
6th	Robbo	54
7th	Spiced	53
7th	Smudger	53
9th	Sturat	52
10th	Big Mac	51

Triggers Bench

The plaque has been removed from Triggers bench at Wallers Ash by Spiced and is now in the capable hands of Unick for polishing and plating. Further progress on where it will be located will be updated next month.



Bisley, with handicap

1st	Sturat	57
2nd	Badger	55
2nd	Robbo	55