

SASS April 2025

Not very much in the way of April showers this month. We had sunshine at all of our shoots. Mill Farm was a new shoot to us, then Big Mac kept it local for a couple of weeks before ending the month at Bisley. With Ower being out of the equation during the summer months, and the loss of so many shoots over recent years, it is difficult to keep it local. In May we have the same scenario with Hangmans Stone and Bisley as there are no local shoots at the end of the month. Included in the events calendar are the competitions for later months so you can plan ahead. I am particularly looking forward to the sim-game day. It was excellent last year, on what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year. Hope to see you out soon, happy shooting.

Mill Farm, 6th April

Eight guns tried out this, new to SASS shoot. It is an hour away from the Arms to the East, if you do not miss any turnings. Very off the beaten track with single track lanes for the last few miles. The mill pond sits just above the farm with the river and mill at the bottom of the shoot. There were five stands at the bottom of the hill by the river and three on the other side of the hedge at the top of the field above. We shot as two squads and met, kind of mid-way. One squad having shot the riverside five stands and the other, only the three at the top, and complaining about stand eight breaking down three times. Stand eight also broke down with the other squad, causing a delay so long, that the first squad had enough time to sample the (apparently) wonderful beef rolls which had smelled amazing when we were lining up to enrol. This appears to be a family run shoot with all that were there active. It would be un-just not to return just because of the breakdowns of one stand which could happen to any shoot. It was a wonderful setting and a well thought and challenging layout. Well worth visiting again. Apologies, it was published as a 70-bird shoot in the events, the options are 60 or 100, it was agreed by all there that 7 pairs in the hundred is unfavourable, so we will shoot 60 next time, cost £25. The mornings proceedings were admirably completed by the provision of pasties and beers, or non-alcoholic options by Dynamite, thank you Dynamite, much appreciated. Well done to Pikey for winning the cartridges. An honourable mention to Robbo, who played the joker with his semi-auto but actually did very well despite the couple of jams. Well done also to Sturat, back in the room with 41/50 highest actual.



Mill Farm, with handicap

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| 1st | Pikey | 51 |
| 2nd | Sturat | 49 |
| 2nd | Spiced | 49 |
| 4th | Hunter | 48 |
| 5th | Unick | 47 |
| 5th | Dynamite | 47 |
| 5th | Badger | 47 |





Petersfield, 13th April

It was a lovely sunny morning but when we got to the Meon Cross, the road ahead was closed. The diversion which we started to follow was to the left, back towards Winchester. Most of us decided not to follow it after a couple of miles but Sturat went on a magical mystery tour and finally arrived at Gunners Wood just as the horn was being blown, twenty-five minutes and a bacon roll later than everyone else. The nine guns shot the sixty birds as three squads. There were three simmo pairs and the shoot was, once again, a testing layout. The rain that was forecast stayed away until we were on our way back to the Arms and stopped when we got there. Well done to Hunter for winning the Sunday 25's and to Sturat for the highest actual 43/50.

Popham, 20th April

It was a beautiful spring Sunday morning, a little chilly, but we were out of the wind in the woods at the Test Valley Shooting Ground. Seven guns shot as two squads for this seventy-bird shoot. There were quite a few no birds and trap malfunctions, which was unusual for this normally well-maintained shoot. Still, it was a lovely day to be waiting for a trap or two to be fixed. The squad of three completed the course much faster than the four, who were waiting in a queue for the last trap to be mended. Scrapper and Ackers went back to the Arms, rather than wait. After missing two on his first stand, Sturat then straightened everything to finish with an impressive 68/70 equal to 49/50. Extremely well done Sturat, highest actual, winning the cartridges, and I believe, a new personal best.

Bisley, 27th April

Seven guns met at the Arms for the journey to Surrey. Long Siberia was not as busy as the last time we went, but was still popular. Rightly so, this shoot has such a variation to offer. Both squads skipped a few stands before and by the gate. The oscillating trap in the clearing was sometimes firing clays over the neighbouring stands and Hunter mistook and killed one of the other squads clays as his own. We managed to get all of the Grouse Butts in this time and finished with the Cathedral. Back in the car park we all enjoyed Denises steak pies and a drink from Robbo, thank you both. Well done Brain Fart for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 45/50.

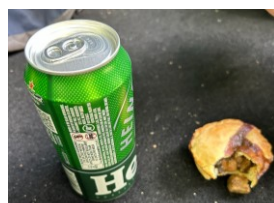
Petersfield, with handicap

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| 1st | Hunter | 53 |
| 2nd | Sturat | 51 |
| 2nd | Spiced | 51 |
| 4th | Scrapper | 50 |
| 4th | Robbo | 50 |
| 6th | Unick | 49 |
| 7th | Capp | 48 |
| 7th | Big Mac | 48 |
| 9th | Smudger | 44 |

Popham, with handicap

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| 1st | Sturat | 57 |
| 2nd | Spiced | 56 |
| 3rd | Scrapper | 54 |
| 4th | Hunter | 53 |
| 5th | Big Mac | 52 |
| 5th | Robbo | 52 |
| 7th | Ackers | 39 |





Bisley, with handicap

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| 1st | Brain Fart | 54 |
| 2nd | Sturat | 53 |
| 2nd | Unick | 53 |
| 4th | Hunter | 52 |
| 5th | Dynamite | 50 |
| 5th | Robbo | 50 |
| 7th | Badger | 48 |

Beretta 686E for sale

Beretta 686E Silver Pigeon 12 bore o/u sporter 30" barrel's 5 x flush chokes. Blue plastic case, snap caps, manual and gunslip. Approx 14 years old??? No marks on the stock. Tidy, tight/ clean gun with very little use £950, contact Badger.

| Date | Shoot | Address | Post code | Leave | Cost | Clays |
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| 04 May 2025 | Hangmans Stone | Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury | RG20 7EX | 9:00 AM | £37.00 | 100 |
| 11 May 2025 | Petersfield Gun Club | Gunners Wood, Colemore | GU34 3PU | 9:15 AM | £25.00 | 60 |
| 18 May 2025 | Popham | Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester | SO21 3BE | 9:00 AM | £28.00 | 70 |
| 25 May 2025 | Bisley Pay and Play | Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey | GU24 9AU. | 8:45 AM | £46.00 | 100 |
| 21 June 2025 | Simulated Game Day | Forge Farm, Wheatley Lane, Kingsley, Binstead, | GU34 4PG | TBC | £170.00 | TBC |
| 19 July 2025 | Side-by-side Competition | Chalky Hill Clay Shoot, Medstead, Alton | GU34 5QA | 9:00 AM | £17.00 | 50 |
| 5-7 Sep 2025 | Weekend Away (prov) | Sporting Targets, Bedfordshire | MK44 1BX | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| Oct 2025 TBC | Empress Shield | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| Oct 2025 TBC | RN and RM shoot | Barbury Shooting School, Wroughton, Swindon | SN4 0QH | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| 28 December 2025 | Christmas shoot | Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester | SO21 3BE | 9:00 AM | TBC | TBC |

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