

SASS August 2025

This was a very busy August, and it flew by. With a bit of luck, the game shooters will be returning to their live quarry, and we will have a little less queueing on the clay grounds. September will start with our weekend away at Sporting Targets in Bedfordshire. Big Mac has scheduled a nice little fifty bird shoot at Chalky Hill for you, if you are unable to do the weekend. With Petersfield and Ower still closed until October and grounds that do game shooting dropping off the available list, it has been difficult to find local grounds in September. So, it is off to the east for Blackdown, which we have shot twice now. Then a local shoot at Popham, followed by a trip to Barbury, which we have not shot since the RN&RM shoot last year. That will be a good chance to practice for the military shoot in October.

Mill Farm, 3rd August

Just four guns made the journey to Mill Farm in Dynamites car. The weather was perfect, warm but with cloud cover. It was a testing shoot. The highest actual 38/60 was achieved by Robbo, with everyone else scoring 33. Well done Robbo for winning the cartridges and highest actual score. Thank you to Dynamite for sausage rolls and a beer to tide us over until we got back to the Arms.



Mill Farm, with handicap

1st	Robbo	51
2nd	Dynamite	50
3rd	Hunter	47
4th	Pikey	45



Popham, 10th August

The test valley shoot certainly upped the game since our last visit when we scored two personal bests. It was another hot sunny Sunday morning. Six SASS guns and a guest shot the seventy-bird layout as two squads. Our guest, who has shot with us before, was incredibly safe which is more than can be said of other non-SASS guns. Would you feel safe if a made-up gun (closed) was resting on a bag pointing up the path to your next stand as you approached it? Neither were we. The offending individual felt aggrieved about being challenged saying that he was an X military sniper, (yeah, right), he was told that if he really was, he should know better. It is idiots like that who will end the sport for everyone. SASS has three CPSA qualified and insured safety officers, making us amongst the safest clubs to be in. Well done to Big Mac for winning the cartridges and highest actual 46/50.

Popham, with handicap

1st	Big Mac	60
2nd	Albert	56
3rd	Hunter	55
3rd	Robbo	55
5th	Badger	54
6th	Unick	52





Hangmans Stone, 17th August

Another beautiful sunny day at Hangmans Stone. Eight guns shot the hundred bird layout as two squads with Igor scoring for one. We started on stands eight and nine, usually the most difficult, and were surprised at how “not so hard” they were. The other squad went the other way round avoiding starting on the “hard” stands. That is not to say this was an easy shoot, it was still a challenge. Apparently, Richard Faulds scored 100/100 on the layout that we shot. The team at Hangmans change the layout for each competition shoot, then leave it as that for the practice shoots in between. Well done to Sturat for the highest actual 42/50 and to Albert for winning the Sunday 25 cartridges, with a personal best 36/50 since passing his fifteen Sunday handicap shoots with SASS.



Firearms Licensing, a Consultancy for Responsible Shooters.

In recent years, the number of Firearm (FAC) and Shotgun (SGC) certificate holders in the UK has steadily declined, largely due to a licensing system that has become increasingly restrictive. The system is imposing more hurdles than ever before, with widespread delays, a sharp rise in refusals, and record levels of revocations making it significantly harder for lawful applicants to obtain or retain certificates. FirearmsLicensing.net was created to bring clarity, consistency, and expert support to the UK’s complex and often frustrating firearms licensing system. Find them at: [Firearms Licensing - providing guidance and expert insight](http://FirearmsLicensing.net)

Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Albert	56
2nd	Big Mac	54
3rd	Unick	52
4th	Hunter	51
4th	Pikey	51
6th	Dynamite	50
6th	Sturat	50
8th	Badger	49



Chalky Hill, 24th August

Four guns driven by Unick, left the Arms enthusiastically a little early and met Badger, cutting it fine coming the other way. After a brief Moorgreen Road discussion, Unick U turned and back at the Arms, Badger squeezed into the back with Pikey and Brain Fart. Without complaint from the kids in the back (not), we arrived at a not too busy Chalky Hill. There we met three more guns and shot as two squads of four. Duncan had mixed the layout a bit and did suffer a few no bird issues, but as ever the team of trappers were quickly on hand to fix the problems. Very well done to Brain Fart for winning the cartridges with an impressive ten above his handicap and a personal best of 36/50. Hunter, with 45/50 scored the highest actual.

Chalky Hill with handicap

1st	Brain Fart	60
2nd	Hunter	58
3rd	Big Mac	53
4th	Albert	51
4th	Badger	51
4th	Pikey	51
7th	Unick	50
8th	Spiced	43

'Knee-jerk' laws risk closing gun shops, warns trade

Gun shop owners warn new licensing rules could force widespread closures as existing shooters abandon the sport, and newcomers are deterred by bureaucratic barriers. The problem is twofold: existing shooters are abandoning the sport while potential newcomers are being deterred by daunting new requirements. Polling by BASC reveals at least one third of current shotgun license holders will consider giving up shooting entirely under the new rules. Meanwhile, new applicants face enhanced background checks, social media screening, mandatory GP assessments, and police interviews with family members about domestic violence. They must also provide two referees instead of one. Combined with existing police backlogs of more than two years, this could create a devastating customer drought. The reforms respond to the 2021 Plymouth shooting, though inquests revealed the tragedy resulted from police failures to apply existing laws. With rural gun shops already struggling, the reforms threaten to hollow out the retail infrastructure British shooters have relied on for generations. (Shootinguk, August 27th, ['Knee-jerk' laws risk closing gun shops, warns trade - Shooting UK](#))



Bisley, 31st August

Seven guns made their way to Bisley through the pouring rain. By the time we arrived the rain had stopped, and the sun came out. Splitting into two squads for the hundred bird shoot we started at the clubhouse. After the gate we agreed which stands we would continue with. The Clearing stands two and three were joined together with a single set of multiple buttons. It was a great idea with different angles on the same six clays, on the downside, it did cause a bit of a bottleneck. The Partridge stand was closed so we substituted it with The Hollies. Back in the car park we were treated to a beer from Robbo and one of Denises' Bisley pies, thank you both. Well done Albert for once again winning the cartridges with that massive handicap, its slowly coming down though! That was also another personal best 39/50, good shooting Albert. Well done also, to Sturat for highest actual 42/50.

Bisley with handicap

1st	Albert	58
2nd	Robbo	52
3rd	Unick	51
4th	Hunter	50
4th	Sturat	50
6th	Badger	49
7th	Dynamite	47

Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
5-7 Sep 2025	Weekend Away	Sporting Targets, Bedfordshire	MK44 1BX	7.00AM	.40ppc	500
07 September 2025	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
14 September 2025	Blackdown	School House Farm, Northchapel, Petworth	GU28 9EG	9:00 AM	£23.00	70
21 September 2025	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
28 September 2025	Barbury Shooting School	Wroughton, Swindon	SN4 0QH	08.30 AM	£40.00	100
Oct 2025 TBC	Empress Shield	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
18 October 2025	RN and RM shoot	Barbury Shooting School, Wroughton, Swindon	SN4 0QH	TBC	TBC	100+25
28 December 2025	Christmas shoot	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	£70.00

