

# SASS February 2025

That is the shortest month done, and probably the shortest newsletter. No photos this month because none were sent to me. There will be much more to talk about in March, with five shoots and the AGM. The committee had a brief meeting to discuss what we should offer in the way of events this year. We also decided to keep the renewal fee the same this year because it is more important than ever to be in a club or society as a valid reason to possess a shotgun. Come along to the Arms on the 12<sup>th</sup> and have your say, and a pint on us. Also, this month is the semi-auto challenge, which will be held at Popham on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Looking forward to the sunshine and see you in March.



## Hangmans Stone, 2<sup>nd</sup> February

The first Sunday in February was of a wintery sunshine without any clouds. The two guns, Sturat and Hunter who met at the Arms wondered whether anyone else would show. At the Four Counties ground we met Big Mac and Spiced and shot the hundred as a single squad. This is probably the most enjoyable yet most challenging shoot that we do. If only it was forty miles closer, someone said. The three stands in the field were as testing as ever and there was still frost on the ground in the shade of the trees. It was a tough layout, no one shot to their handicap. Well done to Spiced and Sturat for joint highest actual 38/50, Spiced won the cartridges on handicap.

## Chalky Hill, 9<sup>th</sup> February

Another outing for Robbos new car to the ground on Chalky Hill for a quick fifty bird shoot. Seven guns shot the layout as two squads. Duncan had mixed it about a bit with some testing clays including a simmo pair on stand three which Hunter blanked. Spiced once again was joint highest actual with 40/50, the other being Capp who romped away on handicap to win the cartridges, well done both.

## Petersfield, 16<sup>th</sup> February

The famous five that meet at the Arms joined the two that never do and shot as two squads at Gunners Wood. It was bitterly cold, but Unick found an aged hand warmer in his drawers during a clear out. It was so hot that the congregation at Privett Church came for a warm. This was a quite testing layout, but Badger and Robbo had been for a sneaky practice on Saint Valentines Day at Bisley, with Bisley Pies! (plural) mm. Unfortunately, the heat haze from Unicks hand warmer caused Robbo to blank stand six, a simmo pair which, in fairness were not that close together. Well done to Unick and Sturat for equal best with handicap, Sturat wins the cartridges for more kills and highest actual 43/50.

## Hangmans Stone, with handicap

|     |         |    |
|-----|---------|----|
| 1st | Spiced  | 49 |
| 1st | Big Mac | 49 |
| 3rd | Sturat  | 45 |
| 4th | Hunter  | 43 |

## Chalky Hill with handicap

|     |         |    |
|-----|---------|----|
| 1st | Capp    | 57 |
| 2nd | Unick   | 53 |
| 3rd | Big Mac | 52 |
| 4th | Hunter  | 51 |
| 4th | Spiced  | 51 |
| 6th | Robbo   | 46 |
| 7th | Smudger | 41 |

## Petersfield with handicap

|     |         |    |
|-----|---------|----|
| 1st | Sturat  | 50 |
| 1st | Unick   | 50 |
| 3rd | Spiced  | 49 |
| 4th | Big Mac | 48 |
| 5th | Hunter  | 45 |
| 6th | Badger  | 44 |
| 7th | Robbo   | 40 |

## Popham, 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Eight guns met at the Test Valley Clay Shoot on this cloudy Sunday morning. There were patches of snowdrops poking their heads out around the clubhouse, giving a hint of spring. We shot the layout as two squads. Robbo brought out his semi-auto to get some cheeky practice in for next months challenge. The captain made sure that Badger shot with Robbo because of his love of semi's, which he nicknamed Bob Marley because it kept on "Jammin." The first jam was on the second bird of the first pair of the day, so we kept a tally, seven in all. Well done Spiced for collecting the cartridges and for joint highest actual with Sturat 46/50.

## Popham, with handicap

|     |         |    |
|-----|---------|----|
| 1st | Spiced  | 57 |
| 2nd | Capp    | 56 |
| 3rd | Badger  | 55 |
| 4th | Unick   | 54 |
| 4th | Robbo   | 54 |
| 6th | Sturat  | 53 |
| 6th | Hunter  | 53 |
| 6th | Big Mac | 53 |

## Events and fixtures

| Date          | Shoot                          | Address                                  | Post code | Leave   | Cost   | Clays |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------|---------|--------|-------|
| 02 March 2025 | Hangmans Stone                 | Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury             | RG20 7EX  | 9:00 AM | £38.00 | 100   |
| 09 March 2025 | Chalky Hill Clay Shoot         | Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton             | GU34 5QA  | 9:00 AM | £17.00 | 50    |
| 12 March 2025 | AGM, Southampton Arms          | 89 Moorgreen Road, West End, Hampshire   | SO30 2HG  | 7:00 PM |        |       |
| 16 March 2025 | Petersfield Gun Club           | Gunners Wood, Colemore                   | GU34 3PU  | 9:15 AM | £25.00 | 60    |
| 23 March 2025 | Popham (Semi-Auto competition) | Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester | SO21 3BE  | 9:00 AM | £28.00 | 70    |
| 30 March 2025 | Bisley Pay and Play            | Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey    | GU24 9AU. | 8:45 AM | £46.00 | 100   |

**SASS 2025 AGM 12<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at the Arms, have you sent your apology or let the committee know you will be there ?**

