

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 12th 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 23rd March. Looking forward to the sunshine and see you in March.



Hangmans Stone, 2nd 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, 9th 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, 16th 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, 23rd 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 12th March 7pm at the Arms, have you sent your apology or let the committee know you will be there ?

