

# SASS March 2025

The sun is shining and the March winds are slowly fading away. We have had quite a busy month and thank you to those who have taken photos, it saves me writing too much, a picture paints a thousand words, or so they say. There are several events planned for the year and in this newsletter, you will see the extended events list so that you can plan which ones you would like to go to. April is the start of our season, you are reminded that membership renewal is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April, along with your shooting insurance details which are now a constitutional requirement of membership and should be sent to the secretary. Big Mac has included a new shoot (for SASS), Mill Farm in Lurgashall, we hope to see you there.



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

It was a cold spring morning when seven guns met at Hangmans Stone. The layout was particularly testing for both squads. All agreed that this was the most difficult that Hangmans has been since we have been shooting there. Nobody shot above their handicap on this hundred bird shoot. Well done to Big Mac for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 39/50

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

The sun was properly shining on this spring Sunday morning. Seven guns shot as two squads for the fifty-bird outing at Chalky Hill. Hand warmers were swapped for shades, it was busy and we went halfway to start at stand five. There were a few no birds, but Duncans layout was as good as ever. Badger had only dropped one clay up until the penultimate stand, when the wheels came off and he ended up with a very respectable 47/50, equal personal best, and the cartridges.

## Annual General Meeting, 12<sup>th</sup> March

The AGM was quite a meagrely attended affair, though we did muster a quorum. The Chairman opened the meeting thanking members for their continued support. The meeting minutes are available upon request for the full reports from the committee. The committee was re-elected unanimously en-mass. Events for this year were discussed and are in the events section below. Next year will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SASS. Suggestions are for a Wallers Ash event with former members also invited, then maybe doing something afterwards like a BBQ or Hog Roast, but we would need good attendance for it to work. The end of season awards were then held and the results are as follows: Most Improved – 3<sup>rd</sup> Robbo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Capp and 1<sup>st</sup> Badger. Highest with Handicap – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dynamite (50.08), 2<sup>nd</sup> Spiced (50.14) & 1<sup>st</sup> Capp (51.61). Highest Actual – 3<sup>rd</sup> Spiced (39.48), 2<sup>nd</sup> Badger (40.43) & 1<sup>st</sup> Sturat (42.72). Clubman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sturat, 2<sup>nd</sup> Badger & 1<sup>st</sup> Big Mack. Perpetual trophies were presented this year, to save the club some money. The evening finished with sandwiches, chips, and a complimentary drink for all who attended.

## Hangmans Stone, with handicap

1st	Big Mac	48
2nd	Sturat	46
3rd	Unick	45
4th	Robbo	43
5th	Spiced	42
6th	Hunter	40
6th	Pikey	40

## Chalky Hill with handicap

1st	Badger	56
2nd	Brain Fart	55
3rd	Sturat	51
3rd	Unick	51
5th	Capp	48
5th	Hunter	48
7th	Robbo	42



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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

R. ROBSON, P. JENKS, T. MORGAN, S. ROBSON & M. McNAMARA



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

It was a sunny morning again, without a cloud in the sky, but an Easterly wind that was bitterly cold. There was an early gunshot at Gunners Wood, which the trapper was keen to stop. As he made his way to the perpetrator, someone at another stand started shooting, and then another. We watched, bacon rolls in hand, whilst he went from stand to stand on the quad bike to quiet the early guns. Six SASS guns shot as two pairs on this very difficult layout. The bright sunshine certainly accounted for a few losses. Well done to Spiced for winning the cartridges and for the highest actual score of 43/50.

## Petersfield with handicap

1st	Spiced	54
2nd	Big Mac	49
3rd	Sturat	48
4th	Unick	47
5th	Robbo	45
6th	Hunter	43



## Lead Shotgun Ammunition Ban Update

The government was due to respond by Thursday 13 March to the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) proposals on restricting lead ammunition. HSE recommended that lead shot should be banned in all shotgun ammunition with a five-year transition. This government has not generally taken a strict approach to deadlines so it is no surprise that this one drifted, and Ministers may also be considering the EU Commission's proposals which it published two weeks prior. The Commission has rejected the recommendations of its agency for a five-year transition for lead in shotgun cartridges and suggested that a ban on lead shot for hunting should be introduced in three years. The UK process for introducing restrictions has run alongside that of the EU since Brexit so it is perfectly possible that the government will take the view that a three-year transition is sufficient for hunters in the UK as it has been judged in the EU.



## Popham, Semi-auto (Jammin) Challenge 23<sup>rd</sup> March

It was a glorious Sunday morning at Test Valley, the sun was shining and the snowdrops were slowly being replaced with primroses beside the track. Eight guns and a guest took part in the semi-auto Bob Marley, (Jammin) challenge. We shot the layout as two squads, with the five guns sharing two semis. The jamming did not take too long to transpire and the guns got very hot. Unick was trailing behind the guest, Steph, for the first few stands, then sort of got the hang of it. Scrapper handed Unick the gun, which he received by holding the hot barrel and blamed it for a blister on the palm. As you can imagine, everyone was very sympathetic. At the end of the AGM, Badger, who was very sad to miss this event, donated a bottle of Jammy Red Roo wine and a packet of Jammy Dodgers as prizes for the competition. We held the presentations in the car park, Capp and Smudger missed out on the photographs as they went back to the clubhouse. Well done to Big Mac for the highest actual 45/50 and with handicap, winning the trophy, 50 cartridges and a bottle of wine. Badgers prizes went to Hunter for runner-up and Unick took the jammy dodgers for holding up the rear.



## Curry Night, 29<sup>th</sup> March →



## Popham, with handicap

1st	Big Mac	58
2nd	Hunter	55
3rd	Scrapper	53
4th	Robbo	52
5th	Smudger	51
6th	Capp	50
7th	Sturat	41
8th	Unick	38

## Bisley, 30<sup>th</sup> March

Seven guns and Igor met at the Arms before making their way to the Long Siberia ground. The car park was very busy and for the first time ever we had to queue at almost every stand. But the sun was shining and we were out of the cold wind in the wooded setting, so it did not seem to matter. There were quite a few traps out of order on the multi-trap stands but the two squads shot everything the same and no stands were not working. As has now become a custom, Denise baked us all Bisley pies and Robbo gave us all a drink to wash them down with before the journey back to the Arms. Thank you both, it is much appreciated. Well done to Unick for winning the cartridges and to Badger for the highest actual 37/50.

## Membership Renewal, 1<sup>st</sup> April

It is time to renew your membership for 2025-2026. Full membership renewal costs £35.00 and the club bank account details are in your covering email. Please also send your insurance details to the Secretary, as this is now a constitutional membership requirement.

## Events and fixtures

## Bisley with handicap

1st	Unick	50
2nd	Hunter	48
3rd	Pikey	46
3rd	Badger	46
5th	Robbo	45
5th	Dynamite	45
7th	Sturat	41



Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
06 April 2025	Mill Farm	Lurgashall, Petworth, West Sussex	GU28 9ER	9:00 AM	TBC	70
13 April 2025	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£25.00	60
20 April 2025	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
27 April 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 (prov)	Forge Farm, Wheatley Lane, Kingsley, Binstead,	GU34 4PG	TBC	TBC	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 Dec 2025	Christmas shoot	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	TBC	TBC