

SASS October 2025

Two local shoots opened their gates again after the summer. Petersfield was lovely and they appreciated guns returning to Gunners Wood. We visited Barbury for the RN & RM competition, a challenging but enjoyable event. There are no photographs in this issue, due partly to Dynamite falling off the back of a lorry. Get well soon Dynamite and start snapping again. We head into November with local shoots to begin with. Big Mac has substituted Bisley in place of Ower until they have sorted out their issues. We end the month with a visit back to Hangmans Stone, a very well organised and varied shoot, well worth the journey. Our Christmas shoot will be at Popham, followed by The White Hart, please let Big Mac know you are going if you have not already done so.



Popham, 5th October

Seven guns made it to the Test Valley ground for the seventy-bird layout. This was supposed to be the Empress Shield shoot, but that was postponed and will now be held on 2nd November. The trees are starting to change colour, and the canopy is getting lighter, creating a good contrast for the lower clays against the sky. There were some minor issues with breakdowns, but as ever, the trappers were on the case, although they did get a bit bogged down with intermittent faults on multiple traps. Still a very good shoot, regardless. Well done to Albert for winning the cartridges with an impressive new personal best 43/50 and to Spiced with the highest actual score 45/50.

Popham with handicap

1st	Albert	61
2nd	Hunter	56
3rd	Spiced	55
4th	Robbo	52
5th	Unick	50
6th	Big Mac	47
7th	Badger	46

Petersfield, 12th October

Eight guns returned to Gunners Wood where we have not shot since May. Alan and Sarah, who run the shoot, have been away on their narrowboat and closed the shoot rather than leave it to someone else to run. It turned out that the hot dry summer dried out the waterways, and they had to leave the boat in Stratford-upon-Avon where it was still stranded as we shot. The sixty-bird shoot did not disappoint, although they were a couple of traps light, presumably due to lack of use over the summer. This is a lovely shoot, and it was great to be back there again. Well done to Albert for winning the cartridges, that huge handicap is creeping down now! Well done also to Sturat, for the highest actual 43/50

Petersfield with handicap

1st	Albert	56
2nd	Robbo	52
3rd	Sturat	51
4th	Badger	50
4th	Brain Fart	50
6th	Hunter	49
7th	Big Mac	47
7th	Spiced	47

Thank you, from Petersfield Gun Club, 12th October

Thank you to everyone who came to see us today! What an amazing turnout, we were a little worried about closing for the summer and letting you all down but your support today and your lovely comments really meant a lot. We look forward to seeing you all again on November 9th and hopefully see some of the new faces again. (Sarah Read, Hampshire Field Sports, Facebook)



RN and RM Competition, Barbury, 18th October

Spiced lead a team of four SASS guests in this military competition shoot at Barbury. It was an early start from the Arms for the hour and twenty-minute drive. Registration and a bacon roll at gam before a shooting brief at 9.30. We shot a hundred sporting clays with a sport trap twenty-five sandwiched in between. As usual Barbury was a testing layout. After last months disastrous visit, confidence was restored by the very well organised event. There is almost always a reason for things not going smoothly, although it was not advertised at the time. There had been a noise complaint from someone who had just moved to a property in the vicinity of the shoot so the stands facing in that direction had all been hastily closed. There are now new berms and several new stands to the left of the car park to appease the problem incumbent. Well done to Sturat for ranking 8th in the English Sporting and 14th overall. None of us stayed for the flush.

Service	Name	ESP	Rank	Sport Trap	Rank	RN Champs	Rank
Guest	Sturat	87	8	14	36	101	14
RN/A	Spiced	77	23	17	21	94	26
Guest	Pikey	68	36	15	30	83	33
Guest	Hunter	69	35	11	49	80	39
Guest	Robbo	68	36	10	52	78	44

Ower, 26th October

There being no results for the Chalky Hill shoot after the RN & RM competition, our next outing was Ower. This was a beautiful morning with autumn sunshine and the first Sunday shoot after the summer Wednesday fixtures. Unfortunately, there were as many broken traps as working on the layout. Two SASS guns asked for their money back after four broken stands in a row. The rest of us carried on and shot what we could. Well done Pikey for winning the cartridges and highest actual 42/50 joint 1st place was Smudger.

Ower with handicap

1st	Pikey	55
1st	Smudger	55
3rd	Hunter	53
4th	Spiced	50
4th	Capp	50
6th	Badger	48

Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
02 November 2025	Popham Empress Shield	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
09 November 2025	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£24.00	60
16 November 2025	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
23 November 2025	Bisley Pay and Play	Long Siberia, 154 Queens Road, Surrey	GU24 9AU.	8:45 AM	£46.00	100
30 November 2025	Hangmans Stone	Hangmans Stone Lane, Newbury	RG20 7EX	9:00 AM	£37.00	100
28 December 2025	Christmas shoot	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70