

SASS September 2025

This month started with our annual weekend away. With most of the regular guns away, there were no scores submitted for Chalky Hill. The month ended with a bit of a squib at Barbury. Hopefully, the shoot will be better organised for the RM&RN shoot on the 18th, Spiced is hoping for a good SASS turnout this year, with no excuses due to injury! Sorry for last year Spiced, I have detailed the good lady to walk the dogs so that I can remain match fit for the shoot this year. Petersfield are back in the mix after a long narrowboat holiday and Ower return to Sundays after their enforced Wednesday shooting for the summer season. It has been a tough summer for Big Mac, finding local shoots, but now that these two are back we look forward to seeing you back out with your guns locally.



Sporting Targets, 5th & 6th September

Nine guns ventured out into the Bedfordshire countryside. Despite forecast rain on the south coast, the weather was wonderful and the shooting even better. A good time was had by all, but as ever, if you want to know what happens at weekends away you must be there. More pictures and the results will be on the website.





Blackdown, 14th September

There being no results for the Chalky Hill shoot whilst we were away in Bedfordshire, our next outing was Blackdown. A break in the rainy weather provided the five guns a lovely morning shooting. Just north of the Downs, this hilltop shoot looks like it could be as bleak as Chalky in poor weather. The shoot was well attended, but choosing stands that were not too busy helped us avoid queueing. It is not an easy shoot, having a mix of fast and slow clays. The mixed carousel trap had alternate standards in black and midis in blaze, no minis this time. It is quite surprising how differently they fly from the same launch point. The manual simmo pair was very testing and there was a very low incomer in the woods which started downhill from the stand. Once again it was that huge handicap from up north that won the cartridges, well done Hotpot. With all that practice in Yorkshire, we will have to do something about that handicap though! Well done also, to Robbo and Sturat for joint highest actual 39/50. Back at the Arms, we had to have our beers outside until the disappointed football fans drifted away and Martina brought us roast potatoes to warm us up.

Blackdown with handicap

1st	Hotpot	52
2nd	Robbo	51
3rd	Sturat	46
4th	Badger	45
5th	Hunter	44



Popham, 21st September

The M27 was shut due to a police incident, we detoured around Colden Common and back past the long-gone Hensting Lane shoot to join the A34 and were not that late arriving at Popham. Eight guns and Igor scoring, shot as two squads for the seventy-bird layout. It is now two-and-a-half years since the shoot changed ownership. The layout remains largely the same since they created the loop, but the stands change subtly between visits. The woodland aspect has given guns protection from the summer heat. There are nowhere near the number of breakdowns that we used to endure, making this an enjoyable Sunday morning shoot. Well done to Hunter for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual score, 46/50.

Barbury, 28th September

Four guns and Igor went to the shoot through the pouring rain, in Unicks car. The rain stopped and that's about the best it got. Most of the stands were closed or being used for instruction and we were curtly told to leave a stand, partway through shooting it, by a rude instructor. We stopped at fifty rather than the hundred birds and went back to the Arms. Hopefully it will be better organised at the RM and RN shoot in October. Well done to Dynamite for winning the cartridges and to Sturat for the highest actual 34/50

Popham with handicap

1st	Hunter	58
2nd	Albert	55
2nd	Spiced	55
4th	Badger	53
4th	Big Mac	53
4th	Sturat	53
7th	Unick	52
8th	Robbo	49

Barbury with handicap

1st	Dynamite	46
2nd	Unick	45
3rd	Sturat	41
4th	Hunter	39





Events and Fixtures

Date	Shoot	Address	Post code	Leave	Cost	Clays
05 October 2025	Popham	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
12 October 2025	Petersfield Gun Club	Gunners Wood, Colemore	GU34 3PU	9:15 AM	£24.00	60
18 October 2025	RN and RM shoot	Barbury Shooting School, Wroughton, Swindon	SN4 0QH	TBC	TBC	100+25
19 October 2025	Chalky Hill Clay Shoot	Chalky Hill, Medstead, Alton	GU34 5QA	9:00 AM	£17.00	50
26 October 2025	Ower	Copythorne, Romsey	SO51 6GF	9:00 AM	£28.00	70
28 December 2025	Christmas shoot	Test Valley CPC, A303 Popham, Winchester	SO21 3BE	9:00 AM	£28.00	70

Game Bird (and Hare) Shooting Seasons in the UK, just in case you were wondering!

Species	England, Scotland, Wales	Northern Ireland
Pheasant	October 1st–February 1st	October 1st–January 1st
Partridge	September 1st–February 1st	October 1st–January 31st
Grouse	August 12th–December 10th	August 12th–November 30th
Ptarmigan	August 12th–December 10th	–
Blackgrouse	August 20th–December 10th	–
Snipe	August 12th–January 31st	September 1st–January 31st
Jack Snipe	Protected	September 1st–January 31st
Woodcock	October 1st–January 31st	October 1st–January 31st
Woodcock (Scotland)	September 1st–January 31st	–
Duck & Goose (Inland)	September 1st–January 31st	September 1st–January 31st
Duck & Goose (Below High Water Mark)	September 1st–February 20th	September 1st–January 31st
Coot / Moorhen	September 1st–January 31st	Protected
Golden Plover	September 1st–January 31st	September 1st–January 31st
Curlew	Protected	September 1st–January 31st
Hare	Cannot be Sold March–July	August 12th–January 31st