



# **Seal Island Gun Club**



## 2019 News Stories

### **Black Jack Trophy**

2019 has kicked off with a great competitive shoot - The Black Jacks Trophy.

A superb turn out and set up for the first shoot of the year, provided a closely fought competition across all of the score cards.

But after a deciding shoot off. Luke picked up the trophy. Congratulations!

The final scores for the top places were:

- 1) L. Woolven and R. Drake with (49). Luke wins on shoot off.
- 2) C. Wildman (48)
- 3) D. Groombridge (45)



### **Bob Hutchins Memorial Shoot**

Storm Freya set the scene for the Bob Hutchins Memorial Shoot Handicap on Sunday 3rd March 2019 supplying us with high winds and rain!

Set up team C provided a challenging lay out with high birds that had a mind of their own in the strong winds, and low fast birds to keep the sharpest of shooters on their toes.

As a handicap shoot the competition was quite close, but the top gun for the day, and worthy trophy winner was Ben Hannan finishing with a total score of 68,

So the picture below is NOT actually Ben at all!

The top 3 finishers are as follows:

1st - Ben Hannan (68)

2nd - Mark Lee (66)





### **Spring handicap and easter eggs**

On the hottest Easter Sunday recorded, the spring handicap shoot took place.

Set up team A created a challenging, but fun lay out to test the shooters and get their minds off of the Easter Egg raffle.

The handicap system is a great opportunity for all members to claim the top spot, and this week's winner was Anthony Robinson finishing with a total of 63. Congratulations Anthony!

The first 3 places went to:

- 1) Anthony Robinson (63)
- 2) Ray Nash (61)
- 3) Jim Davis (60)

Dexter also drew the raffle for the giant Easter egg. Andy Turner was the very proud winner...



## **Pairs Handicap**

A fabulous turn out for the Pairs Handicap shoot on Sunday 2nd June 2109.

The shooters were greeted by a superb set up from team D and perfect sunny weather.


The competition was close, and there was a tie for the top spot. As all the traps had been put away, it was declared that a shoot off would happen on Sunday 16th June to determine a winner.

Wow, what a change, the weather on the 16th was terrible! Strong winds and fierce rain greeted those that turned up.

Fortunately for Andy Turner and Jim Davies, their competition to win the Pairs Handicap Trophy didn't arrive to prolong the agony in the terrible weather. So they were declared winners. Congratulations to both of you for shooting well on the 2nd and for turning up to shoot in the pouring rain!



## Annual Club Shoot



### Annual Club Shoot Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

This years annual club shoot was held at Northall C.P.C near Fletching, East Sussex.

Seal Island Gun Club have held the annual club shoot at Northall for a few years, and again this proved to be a popular day out with lots of fun, a close competition over 100 clays plus excellent food to help keep the energy levels high.

The results were very close this year.

1<sup>st</sup> – Charlie Hobbs and Pete Knappett (77)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Martin Mould (76)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Jeff Tinsley and Jeannette Burgoyne (72)



### **Phil Fields Trophy**

Beautiful sunshine, a gentle breeze and a challenging set up from Team A greeted the shooters for this years Phil Fields Trophy.

With a wide variety of layouts including some tricky and challenging long range shots, fast crossers and very fast driven clays the scores across the field were very close. With only 3 points separating the top 3 places:

1st - Ian Perkins (40)  
2nd - James Condron (39)  
3rd - Romano Ricci (38)

Congratulations Ian, great shooting! (Even if I do say so myself)



### **Annual Charity Shoot**

A sunny autumn morning greeted this years shooters for the annual charity shoot. This years charity was the Apuldrum Centre which is charity that helps adults with learning disabilities.

The turn out was great with delicious soup (made by Chef Jeannette) to warm everyone up and then a tricky set up along with strong winds to test the guns.

This was also followed by a fantastic raffle and opportunities to purchase items from the charity and learn more about how they offer support from their base in Apuldrum.

In total the club raised a fantastic £976.40 for the charity! As for the winners, well Steve Craig took the top spot:

1st: S. Craig (44)

Joint 2nd - D. Sturgeon and P. Knappett (41)

### **Christmas Handicap Shoot**

Bitter cold winds and rain made this a true challenge for the last Seal Island Gun Club shoot of 2019.

Set up team B created a really great lay out, and together with strong winds the challenge was on for all shooters to take the top spot in the handicap.

Eventually Ian Perkins and Pete Knappett drew with a score of 67. As the traps were already put away, and the weather was rotten a toss of the coin decided the result. Ian got the wine... Sorry Pete.

So the final scores were:

1st Place - Ian Perkins (43/67)

2nd Place - Pete Knappett (42/67)

3rd Place - Luke Woolven (48/65)

