



## SHOOTING STARS

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### Making Plans

With the prices of just about everything we consume rising its important to make every shot count. Going Clay Shooting for most of us is a leisure activity but one we'd like to be better at. It's really important that in the pursuit of excellence that you don't put so much pressure on yourself to produce a high score that you spoil the fun you get from shooting. That said you need to practice if you are going to improve, so practice makes perfect then? Well no, not necessarily, Perfect Practice makes Perfect! If you fire shot after shot and miss the target consistently you will now be well practised at doing the wrong things. Have a think about it for a minute.

Foot position, Visual Pick up Point, Gun Hold position and of course a Shooting Technique...Swing Through..Pull Away...or Maintained Lead are the main ones. Before you call "Pull" you need to have gone through a mental check list, formulated a plan of how you are going to approach this next shot. A plan is essential even if it's the wrong plan at least you have something to reference so that you can make subtle or major changes to your technique in the un-likely event that you miss the Shot

### Shotgun Skills Academy

With spring now well and truly upon us the weather has improved! Well its got warmer anyway and it now looks like we might get all that rain that didn't come during the winter. The last couple of weeks have been pretty wet and that has given me the opportunity at last to get in the office and finally get around to designing a three lesson course that gives beginners to Shotgun's a really positive, informed and safe start. Aimed at complete newcomers the course is titled 'Shotgun Skills' and our objective is to get pupils to have a basic practical understanding of the safe handling and use of a Shotgun with the pupil receiving a Certificate of attendance on completion of the three sessions.



### Flush Up and Ready to Go

As we go to 'press' Promatic Engineers will be fitting a Wi-Fi Flush system to a new Shooting Stand, this new stand will give Lains customers access to a Press and Go 20 Bird flush. Promatic have custom built the programme for us allowing Shooters to speed up the delivery of the Flush making it a real challenge for individuals or a team of guns. Shooting a Flush tests every aspect of the Shooters skills, Accuracy, Speed, Concentration and the best bit.....It's Brilliant Fun!



## Lucky Winners



In every issue of this blog we draw Lucky Winners from our contacts list winners of 100 practice clays and cartridges, are you one of the lucky ones? February's winner is Dave Thomas and March is Mike Venables.

## Lains Air Rifle Ramblings

Following on from the last ramblings about the number of HW100s appearing at the club it now turns out that Lains are Official Weihrauch Distributors! – now you can get your brand new Weihrauch HW100 (ooooooh, dribble) from the convenience of the clubhouse! You'll see the stickers on the bench rest range. Don't forget you can also get Air Arms and BSA rifles and lots of other goodies via the Club too (and all at very competitive prices!!) – just enquire.

Our folk at competition - The last event of the winter HFT series was held at Meon Valley a few weeks back with Steve, Norm, Marie and Lawrence from Lains attending. A very odd day that went from torrential rain for the morning shoot, and mud conditions reminiscent of WW1 trenches, to blizzard snowfall for our afternoon session?!. It was extremely cold too ☹️ The 'keen' (aka stupid ☺️) competitors were belly down in inches thick ooze shooting prone. The intense cold got to quite a few with competitors helping load each others rifles at times with numb fingers all-round. The hot tea and bacon butty were bliss at the end. However, the falling snow did have one good side effect in that at least the windage at the target could be seen. A hard days shooting and it took several days to clean the mud from ourselves and the kit!

As the club is getting busier a few things to be aware of; there are 4 ranges for air rifles. The covered bench rest PLUS – the HFT range directly behind the bench range, the open range to the left of the benches and the rough shoot bunny bash over the far side of the car park – my personal favourite! Just ask a range officer if you are unsure.

The open range can also be used for zeroing and if you need a target or holders etc for paper then just ask as Lawrence has an A4 target holder.

Bench shooting – don't get lazy and into bad habits! If you intend to rough shoot, even if it is in the garden on vermin control duty, then be aware that the bench won't be there ☺️ so get on those other ranges, learn to eyeball that distance, get the POI sorted and make sure you can hit the target standing, kneeling, leaning or even laying on your back!

For those who are bench shooting, please be aware that 'plonking' your kit or yourself on the table top will reverberate along the bench and spoil the shot for the others using the facility!



## New Sponsorship

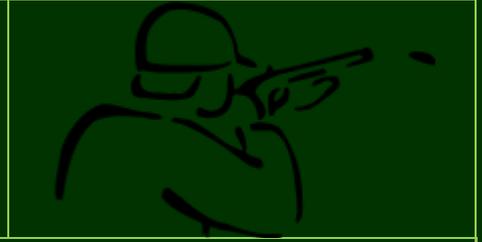
Great news! Mullenscote Dog Training Centre and Lains Shooting School have formed a partnership with the world famous wellington boot supplier Hunter. " Hunter wellingtons have always been the boot that every country person wants to be seen in , the fit, quality and comfort of these boots is second to none and believe me I'm fussy I wear them for up to twelve hours a day. We are just delighted to be working with and stocking this superb range of Country Footwear,"



Well that just about wraps up our second edition of Shooting Stars, do let us know what you think.

Remember that safe shooting is no accident ..... Good shooting needs practice ....

# *So Keep Shooooting*



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