



Members Handbook

Season 39

September 2023 – August 2024

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1. Club Rules

Safety is non-negotiable and the NUMBER ONE priority for the club. Shooting must always be conducted in a safe manner in accordance with club rules and under the guidance of the committee

Anyone failing to shoot in a safe manner or breaching the club rules may be asked to leave the club and not return. Membership (if applicable) would be cancelled, and fees would be refunded only at the discretion of the committee

Ear, Eye & Head Protection is mandatory. Please ensure that you bring ear defenders or plugs, safety glasses and a suitable hat. Disposable Ear plugs are available free of charge at the shoot

Membership fees are renewable at the start of each season and become due in September. Failure to pay your renewal by the end of October may result in you dropping to the bottom league. Failure to pay by the end of December will result in dropping out of the league altogether and reverting to non-Member status

Felt Wad Cartridges only – strictly NO PLASTIC WADS. Maximum shot size of 7 and maximum load of 28 grams ONLY

Semi-Auto or Standard shotguns only (Side by Side or Over & Under)
PLEASE NOTE THAT PUMP-ACTION GUNS ARE NOT ALLOWED

No member will be permitted to shoot as part of the F&F Gun Club unless they have proof of up-to-date insurance covering 3rd party liability. If a member owns and stores a shotgun, then proof of an up-to-date Shotgun Certificate is also required

Members are encouraged to allow visitors to use their guns if required. Whilst this is not mandatory, it is intended to support the introduction of new members to the club, which is good for us all

Visitors to the club are not required to hold insurance. However, if they attend twice and they think they will come again, for their protection and ours, we will ask them to obtain insurance and ask to see proof of this insurance on their next visit

Irrespective of whether a visitor has their own gun/certificate and/or insurance, and declare experience and competence with a gun, Members are expected to closely monitor and supervise visitors during their first few shoots, until satisfied that they are competent/confident with a gun, and exhibit safety behaviours in keeping with the club rules

Any photographs and/or videos taken by a member or visitor to the club which are subsequently forwarded to the club (e.g. via a Committee Member or other club representative) by any means and for any purpose, are gifted to the club at no cost, free of any copyright and with explicit permission for them to be used by the club as they wish to further the aims of the club, without further correspondence or permission being required. The use of any such photographs/videos will be in accordance with the F&F Gun Club Privacy Policy and will comply with GDPR

Members and guests are expected to respect the people and property around the shooting ground and the farm. Be mindful of animals and farm vehicles when passing through the farm to/from the shooting ground. Please ensure you park in appropriate areas as instructed by the Committee or the farm owners

The club will keep the minimum necessary information on file while you remain a member or an active guest to ensure the safe running of the club, this will include, but not limited to, a copy of your firearms certificate and proof of insurance. This information will not be shared beyond the committee or with any 3rd party unless formally requested and required to do so by law. Any information held on file will be securely erased should you choose to leave the club or confirm you will no longer be attending as a guest

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2. Shooting Calendar

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September, 2023	Club Shoot Memberships Renewal	Sun 10th & 24th Due by 30th
October, 2023	Club Shoot	Sun 8th & 22nd
November, 2023	Club Shoot Committee Meeting	Sun 19th Fri 24th
December, 2023	Club Shoot Christmas Shoot	Sun 10th Wed 27th
January, 2024	Club Shoot	Sun 14th
February, 2024	Club Shoot Committee Meeting	Sun 11th Fri 23rd
March, 2024	Club Shoot	Sun 10th & 24th
April, 2024	Club Shoot	Sun 14th & 28th
May, 2024	Annual Shooting Tour Club Shoot Committee Meeting	Thu 9th - Sun 12 th Sun 19 th Fri 31st
June, 2024	Club Shoot	Sun 9th & 23rd
July, 2024	Club Shoot	Sun 14th & 28th
August, 2024	Club Shoot Club Shoot & AGM Trophy Dinner	Sun 18th Sun 25th Sat 31st

3. Membership and Fees

Full Membership - Subscription £ 50 per annum + £15 per shoot

This is the normal full membership that applies to most members. If you join part way through the season the joining fee is calculated pro-rata as follows:

- December to February **£40**
- March to May **£35**
- June to August **£30**

Honorary Membership - Subscription £ 0 per annum + £15 per shoot

This membership is for the original founders of F&F in recognition of creating the club and managing it during the early years or any other member the committee agrees has earned the right for Honorary Membership, for example, members who wish to remain in the Leagues but now live too far away for regular attendance. Honorary members are entitled to a Trophy providing they qualify through the normal scoring system.

Non-Members & Guests - Subscription £ 0 per annum + £25 per shoot

This allows people to visit the club and shoot alongside members as a guest but at an increased rate per shoot. Guests that visit multiple times and show a keen interest to join will be reviewed at the quarterly committee meetings. If the committee agrees, they will be formally invited to join. If they are invited and accept, they will join the lowest available league and any scores achieved as a guest will be transferred. If they do not join, and opt to continue to pay Non-Members fees, they will not be entered into a league and will not be eligible for a trophy, regardless of the number of times they attend or what their total score is at the end of the season.

4. The Committee

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5. Club History

In the beginning ...

Back in April **1985** a bunch of guys decided to form their own shooting club as the cost of open shoots were getting prohibitive and full of posers of the first order.

Sitting around the table playing cards were George Lake, Brian Sandle, Peter Selmes, Roy Grogan, Mick Harris, Dave Lyons, and Arthur Clackett. It was suggested that we form our own club. Names were banded about, and, after a while, it was decided to name the club "The F&F Gun club". For an explanation of the name, you need to ask a member!!

The club motto became 'Qui Vincit Qui Curat'.

George was named as Chairman with Brian as company Secretary (looking after all the money). We all contributed £15 each and away we went.

We bought a trap for £60, 600 clays for £17 and rent for the ground £20.

The first shoot was held at Tony's farm on the A22 on 4th May **1985**. The average attendance throughout **1985** was 8-9 which increased to 10-15 in **1986**.

In **1985** we started the club's annual weekend away in May with the first one in Totnes, Devon. Followed by the infamous Wight Mouse on the Isle of Wight where we shot for over 10 years. After this we went to the North Devon Shooting Ground in Ilfracombe where we have been for many years except for a brief break in **2012** and **2013** when we went to Ian Coley's in Gloucestershire. In **2015** for the 30th Anniversary of the F&F Club we decided to visit the Isle of Wight and went to Bowcombe View Shooting Ground and Bob Cooper's Shooting Ground.

In **1986** the cartridges were £2.50 for a box of 25!

We started membership subscription in May **1986** at a cost of £10 per year and in **1987** we started to make a bit of money.

Over time, things improved and at our first AGM in **1987** we had a balance of £227.50. In **1988** the balance was £210 and so we started to look a bit healthy and bought more traps.

In **1995** Brian and George felt they had done enough, up to then Brian had been storing the trap at home and was bringing it with him for every shoot. They handed over to Peter Lake and Darren Garrett and the rest, as they say is History!!!!

In **2003**, annual membership subscription was increased from £30 to £35 per year for the 12 shoots (including Xmas).

In May **2014** we purchased our first Auto Trap from GDKtm and after a brief learning curve soon purchased another one together with remote launchers to enhance safety and allow our many trapper volunteers to concentrate more on their shooting. More recently in September **2014** we added a 3rd Auto Trap with ABT and DTL capabilities - "The Wobbler". Great fun for everyone as it was a little bit different.

In **2015** we created the web site and came into the 21st century! It is now used a lot for passing all the scores and information to the club members. Membership remained at a very reasonable £35 per year, only a little more than when we started 30 years previously.

Also, in **2015**, three of the original founding members, Roy Grogan, Brian Sandle and George Lake created the 'Founders Trophy'. This was awarded at the Annual Shooting Tour to a member of the club who has contributed significantly to the club over the previous year. The current holder then decides at each Annual Tour who is next in line for the award.

In **2016** we created our own design of electronic launchers for the Auto Traps allowing us more flexibility with Sim-pairs, multi trap launching and random clays.

In late **2017** we had some challenges with the availability of a 4x4 to take our traps and clays etc. from the Club Hut down to the area where we shoot so we took on the challenge to move our Club Hut to the middle of the woods where we shoot. You can see the fun and games involved with the move in our Video Gallery.

At the **2016/17** AGM we introduced Country Membership for people who wished to remain members and be eligible for Trophies but, due to living a long way from the shoot, are unable to attend regularly. Country Membership is limited to a maximum of 5 shoots per year.

In **mid-2018** Brian Sandle, one of the original founding members of the club announced his retirement from shooting and the club.

At the end of the **2017/18** season, the club voted at the AGM to increase the annual membership subscription to £40 per annum (the first rise in **15** years) for the 15 shoots (including Xmas).

On 4th May **2020** George Lake, one of our much-loved founder members, sadly passed away after a long battle with throat cancer. George will be greatly missed by his many friends at the club.

In September **2020** we finally decided to expand the storage at the farm, so a new shed was ordered to become the new clay store, the plan was to build this in September/October but Coronavirus delayed things. We now plan to build this in September **2021**.

Busy schedules meant a few further delays, but we did finally start building the new shed in March **2022**, completing the base, the walls and some of the roof, the rest will hopefully be completed after Annual Tour in May.

On 25th March **2023** Brian Sandle, one of our much-loved founder members, sadly passed away after being unwell for some time. Brian was shooting up until retiring in 2018. He will be greatly missed by his many friends at the club.

In July **2022** Pete (Mad Dog) Mendham and Darrell Etherington both very kindly donated a Bowman™ Supermatch 1 Trap to the club bringing the total number of Auto Traps to eight. The new Bowman™ traps are a significant step up for the club and the first semi-pro traps we've owned. This helps with our safety as it reduces the need for manual trapping. We will add our own remote-control boxes in July/August to integrate them with our existing traps.

In September **2022**, thanks to generous donations from Terry Trevatt, Pete (Mad Dog) Mendham and Graham Jackson we purchased our 3rd Bowman™ Supermatch 1 and retired another old GDK™ unit. This helped with reliability and gave us a lot more flexibility.

At the end of the **2021/22** season, the committee agreed to increase the annual membership subscription to £50 per annum to cover increased costs and the number of shoots rising from 15 to 18 per year (including Xmas). This is only the 2nd rise in nearly 20 years!

In January **2023** thanks to more generous donations from member we managed to purchase two more Bowman™ Supermatch 1's given us a total of 5 Bowman™ traps. At this point we decommissioned all the remaining GDK™ units except the Wobbler that still seemed to be 'hanging in there!' In addition, Darrell & Geoff topped up the donations to get some custom designed chunky off-road wheel trollies for all five Bowmans™, this makes them much easier to manage on the rough ground at the farm and they look good too!!

In August **2023** Derek Poole spotted a Battue conversion kit for the Bowman™ Supermatch, so we added one of these to our growing fleet of Bowman's™ giving us the benefit of Midi, Standard and Battue stands. Thanks to Bob and his son, we also have a roof on the shed at last!!

More to follow ...

6. The Safety Briefing

Safety Introduction

A long continuous blow of a whistle means **STOP SHOOTING NOW**. Shooting will not recommence until directed by a committee member, or by 2 long whistle blows.

In the event of an incident an adult “runner” will be nominated to go back to the farm and direct emergency services.

“An Open Gun is a Safe Gun”, closed guns only on stands with finger outside of the trigger guard until you are ready to say “Pull” or “Mark”.

All guns to be empty (no shells in breech) unless shooting. Only ever load two shells per pair when on the stand.

Semi-Auto guns to be loaded with the bolt locked back. One cartridge to be inserted in the chamber, the bolt then closed, and the second round loaded in the magazine.

When leaving the stand, Semi-Auto shooters must eject all rounds (Live or Spent) and insert a safety flag in the chamber. Standard shotguns to be broken and unloaded of all rounds (Live or Spent) and then either carried broken or closed and immediately placed in a gun slip.

Always be aware where the gun is pointing, ALWAYS DOWN RANGE, avoid “Muzzle Sweeps”.

In the event of a gun jam or dry fire, maintain a firm hold of your gun, and keep it pointing upwards. Be mindful of where the gun is pointing at all times as it may discharge unexpectedly. An experienced shooter will assist you in unloading or clearing the jam if required.

Never be in front of a shooter.

Ear, eye, and head protection is mandatory, for your own safety.

“NO BIRD” means no bird, **DO NOT SHOOT**; others may have seen something you have not.

First Aid Kits are available on the Shooting Ground, should they be required.

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Trap Safety

When trapping, be mindful of where you are sitting/standing in relation to the shooters, to ensure that you remain in a safe area.

Before moving a trap, make sure it is not cocked.

Make sure the clays are easily accessible so that you do not have to reach for them.

Never lean or reach across a cocked trap.

Whilst trapping, be vigilant for trap defects, such as loose springs, bolts etc.

Remember that Auto-Traps are remotely released and can go off at any time, so always remain behind the Auto-Traps.

When loading clays into an Auto-Trap, or when it is no longer required, set the trap to the disarmed position by pressing the button at the rear of the trap. Disarmed status is indicated by a green light on the rear of the trap.

A red light of the rear of an Auto-Trap indicates it is armed. A blue light indicates the trap is launching. A flashing blue/red light on the rear of the trap indicates a fault - if you see this, please let a member of the committee know before continuing. If the green or red light is flashing, it indicates the battery is low and may need charging.

Be mindful of where broken and unbroken clays are landing to protect people and property on the shooting ground.

When changing trappers, choose your route to and from the trap to ensure that you can walk safely while shooting continues. If this is not possible, instruct shooting activities to cease until the change has been completed.

Changing Trappers must only to be undertaken with the trap un-cocked.

When leaving a manual trap, please ensure that it is not cocked, but please leave clays under the clips on the un-cocked trap, so the next team know where to place them.

If you see something wrong, immediately alert shooters to cease all activities until the problem is resolved.

Thank you for your attention.

Enjoy your shoot, but please be vigilant at all times

7. The Trophies

<u>Straight Shooting</u>	<u>Handicap Shooting</u>	<u>Annual Tour</u>	<u>Other Trophies</u>
<p><u>Adults</u> High Gun</p> <p><u>League 1,2,3...</u> (1st Place / High Gun) * 2nd Place 3rd Place</p> <p>Clay Preservation Trophy</p>	<p><u>Adults</u> 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place</p>	<p><u>Straight Shooting</u> High Gun 2nd Place 3rd Place</p> <p>The Wonky Donkey</p> <p>The Saturday Old Timers Club</p> <p><u>Handicap Shooting</u> 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place</p>	<p>The 'Founders' Trophy</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only fully paid-up or members who have attended at least 8 qualifying shoots are entitled to win a trophy • Honorary members are entitled to win a trophy but do not need to attend a minimum number of shoots • Guests do not qualify for any trophies <p>* High Gun replaces the 1st place Trophy in that shooters league</p>			

There are various trophies for straight and handicap shooting as shown in the table above and a special 'Founders Trophy'.

The Clay Preservation Award

This is awarded by the committee at the end of each season to the shooter considered to be the worst performer during the season. The decision is made by the committee to avoid the scenario where someone shoots just once and has the lowest score during the season but never returns to the club. It will normally be awarded to a fully paid-up member who has made an effort to attend a number of shoots during the season.

The Founders Trophy

This Trophy was created in 2015 by the remaining original founders of the F&F Club and awarded to a member for contributions to the club. The Trophy is kept for 12 months and passed to another member during the awards presentation at the Trophy Dinner. The member currently holding the Trophy will decide who has made a significant contribution to the club during the season and presents the Trophy.

The Wonkey Donkey

This is awarded during the Annual Tour to the person with the lowest score during the tour. This is normally awarded to a shooter that has attended and shot on both days i.e. it is the lowest score out of the 300 clays shot during the tour.

The Saturday Old Timers Club

This is awarded during the Annual Tour to the person who attends the shoot for just one of the two days (normally the Saturday) and only shoots 150 clays and has the highest straight shooting score. In true F&F style, this trophy is also nicknamed the 'Old Farts Club' as it is generally awarded to one of our more senior shooters.

8. Guide to Scoring

Straight Shooting

The ranking for 'Straight Shooting' is very straightforward and simply based on your best 8 shoots during the season. Therefore, you could (in theory) achieve a maximum of 480 points in any season (8 shoots of 60 birds each). If you have not shot 8 times, then your final score will be the total of all qualifying shoots (the Christmas shoot is not included in your total as this is a bonus shoot).

The season runs from September to August with 2 shoots in March, April, June, July, August, September, and October giving each member the option of attending up to 19 qualifying shoots.

For example, if a member attends 10 shoots during the season and shoots 27, 30, 31, 38, 29, 32, 32, 38, 39 and 25, their total for the season would be $39 + 38 + 38 + 32 + 32 + 31 + 30 + 29 = 269$. The 27 and 25 are discarded as only best 8 are used.

Once the scores are added up you are then ranked within each league based on your scores and trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each league.

In the event of a tie between two or more shooters in a season, then a tie-break is required. To ensure that all tied shooters are compared like-for-like, the scores for all shoots in the season where all the tied shooters attended will be totalled (irrespective of the number of shoots) and the shooters ranked in accordance with their score for all those shoots. If there are no such shoots, or if this process does not resolve the tie, then the Committee will decide on the final rankings, based on the relative performance of all remaining tied shooters.

The outright winner with the highest total score receives the 'High Gun' trophy and whichever league this falls in will have a 'High Gun', 2nd and 3rd place trophies i.e., 'High Gun' replaces the 1st place trophy.

From September 2022 (Season 38), the club will have three leagues as follows:

League 1	8 members
League 2	12 members
League 3	All remaining members (up to 20)

The higher the league, the lower the number of members. This keeps it competitive and ensures you must work harder to stay in the higher leagues.

At the end of each season the rankings are used to decide promotions and relegations within the leagues. All shooters are ranked from top to bottom, the first 8 will form League 1, the next 12 will form League 2 and the remainder will form League 3.

The Members Performance table on the web site shows your current ranking and potential League position during the season, see the example below, taken towards the end of the 2021-2022 season. Under the Club Rank column, dark blue shows League 1, light blue for League 2 and orange shows League 3.

Name	Club Rank	Total Score for Season (Best 8 Shoots)					Average Score (Out of 60)				
		2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
Darrell Etherington	1	444	434	439	436	443	53	53	54	53	54
Darren Garrett	2	428	391	224	150	133	52	48	45	50	45
Steve Carr	3	422	311	358	432	373	53	52	52	52	54
Andy Catton	4	412	409	404	408	422	50	49	48	50	51
Bob Brown	5	411	403	379	410	422	49	49	44	49	50
Brendan O'Reilly	6	400	404	403	415	419	50	50	48	49	50
Derek Poole	7	392	399	373	376	82	48	47	46	47	41
Kevin Strudley	8	391	374	392	379	424	46	45	48	46	50
George Mendham	9	381	41	n/a	n/a	n/a	47	41	n/a	n/a	n/a
Jim Catford	10	369	318	239	311	306	45	39	40	37	35
Steve Harman	11	343	309	173	n/a	n/a	42	39	29	n/a	n/a
Terry Trevatt	12	335	138	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	35	n/a	n/a	n/a
Geoff Pelling	13	325	306	307	277	293	40	36	36	34	34
Peter Mendham	14	311	61	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	31	n/a	n/a	n/a
David McGuire	15	306	276	n/a	n/a	n/a	36	34	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chris Andrews	16	286	278	260	244	158	33	32	30	27	18
Ed Chellingworth	17	276	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Johan Widlund	18	267	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	32	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Derek Sharp	19	235	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Neil Sharp	20	190	276	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	40	n/a	n/a	n/a
Adrian Doe	21	187	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gary Fowles	22	165	357	222	n/a	n/a	42	43	42	n/a	n/a
Paul Mathews	23	159	285	224	299	267	40	41	38	35	32
Mike Rogers	24	156	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Graham Jackson	25	146	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	37	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Peter Wade	26	145	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Avice Raza	27	140	308	128	n/a	n/a	35	35	n/a	n/a	n/a
David Simmonds	28	117	39	n/a	n/a	n/a	24	20	n/a	n/a	n/a
Louise Toves	29	94	91	114	167	111	14	12	14	20	19
Rory Lautenbach	30	51	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	26	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pete Mack	31	19	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Roy Grogan	n/a		189	198	297	209		32	33	37	35
Ruth Tatman	n/a		19	n/a	29	34		19	n/a	29	34
Tony Tatman	n/a		15	n/a	18	16		15	n/a	18	16

Any new members joining during the season will be added to League 3.

Straight scores are calculated and recorded for non-Members but there are no Trophies.

Handicap Shooting

The trophies for 'Handicap Shooting' are based on a system that looks at your average score for the previous season, which runs from September through to August with two shoots per month in June, July, August, September, and October. If you do not have an average from the previous season, your average for the current season is used to ensure a neutral starting point when calculating the handicapped score. This is used to calculate your score based on how well you shoot above or below your expected average in the current season. The better you shoot in a season, the harder it will be for you in the next season. This levels the playing field across all the adult leagues. Using this formula gives everyone a chance as it is not based around total straight score but how well you shoot against your expected average. For example, a top shooter that scores a little below their normal average could be beaten by a lesser experienced shooter that shoots very well and exceeds their personal average.

As with straight shooting, the handicap competition is only open to adult members and your total for the season is made up from your best 8 shoots (excluding the Christmas shoot). Anyone posting less than 8 scores will have them added up to create their total for the season (excluding the Christmas shoot). For example, a member who shoots twice scoring 42 and 45 will have a total of 87.

A member who has 37 as an average for their previous season would have a target average for the current season of 296 ($8 \times 37 = 296$). If they attend 11 shoots during the season and shoot 32, 37, 33, 40, 40, 40, 42, 42, 32, 29 and 30, their best 8 would be $42 + 42 + 40 + 40 + 40 + 37 + 33 + 32 = 306$. The 32, 30 and 29 are discarded as only the best 8 are used. This gives +10 against their expected average of 296 ($306 - 296 = 10$) and once calculated using the handicap system, a total handicapped score of 479.865.

Another member who has 42 as an average for their previous season would have a target average for the current season of 336 ($8 \times 42 = 336$). If they attend 14 shoots during the season and shoot 36, 26, 24, 33, 30, 34, 36, 36, 48, 43, 44, 29, 25 and 27, their best 8 would be $48 + 44 + 43 + 36 + 36 + 36 + 34 + 33 = 310$. The 30, 29, 27, 26, 25 and 24 are discarded as only the best 8 are used. This gives -26 against their expected average of 336 ($310 - 336 = -26$) and once calculated using the handicap system, a total handicapped score of 479.783.

If you take the two examples above, you can see the shooter that shoots 10 above their expected average gets a higher handicap score of 479.865 versus the shooter who shoots 26 below their expected average of 336 giving a lower handicap score of 479.783.

You can see from the examples above, the handicapped score is higher for the shooter who shoots above their expected average, despite having a lower overall straight score. In these two examples a straight score of 306 (handicapped score of 479.865) wins over a straight score of 310 (handicapped score of 479.783).

For those interested in the calculation used, the formula is shown below: -

$$\frac{\text{Your Actual Score} - \text{Your Expected Average Score}}{\text{Max Score Possible} + 1 - \text{Your Expected Average Score}} + \text{Maximum Score Possible} = xx$$

$$\text{Your Handicap Score} = xx - (\text{Highest } xx \text{ value this season} - \text{Max Score Possible})$$

Once all the handicapped scores have been calculated, all adult members are ranked based on your handicap scores and Trophies awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Remember, there are no leagues to consider as the handicap system 'levels the playing field' to give everyone a fair chance across all adult Leagues. Note, you must be a member to be ranked and qualify for a trophy.

The Annual Tour

On the annual tour trophies are awarded for both straight shooting and handicapped shooting. The Annual Tour is normally based over two days with 150 birds shot each day giving a maximum possible score of 300.

For straight shooting the results are calculated using the total of your scores from day 1 and day 2. The combined total is ranked, and trophies awarded for 'High Gun', 2nd and 3rd place. The lowest overall score is awarded the 'Wonky Donkey'.

For handicapped shooting, your expected average is calculated from your current season average for all shoots attended from September through to and including April (excluding the Christmas shoot). This could up to a maximum of 10 shoots (September, October, November, December, January, February, March, and April).

Unlike our normal shooting season, where your best 8 scores make up your average, the Annual Tour average includes all shoots attended from September to the start of the Annual Tour (excluding the Christmas shoot).

For example, a member who shoots 4 times during this period with scores posted of 45, 43, 50 and 38 would have an average of 44 out of 60 at the start of the Annual Tour. This average out of 60 is multiplied by 5 to give an average out of 300. In this example, the member would have an expected average for the Annual Tour of 44 multiplied by 5 which is 220 out of 300.

The rest of the calculation is the same as the handicapped system used during the club season except, the total is out of 300 instead of 480.

Once the totals are calculated using the formula, the results are ranked, and trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places with a 'Wooden Spoon' for the lowest handicapped score.

Non-Members attending the Annual Tour will be allocated an average by the Committee to enable the calculation of an appropriate handicap.

The Scores

During the season your scores are maintained on the web site, so you can check them at any time and see how you are doing. See the example below: -

League 2	2021							2022								Current Season Average	Previous Season Average	Current Season Total	Previous Season Total	League 2 Ranking	Handicap Shoot Ranking	Personal Best			
	Sep	Sep	Oct	Oct	Nov	Dec	Xmas	Jan	Apr	Apr	May	May	Jun	Jun	Jul								Jul	Aug	Aug
John Smith						34	44			56	45	51	50						48	43	236	357	1	1	50

The season starts in September and runs through to August with two shoots in June, July, August, September, and October, plus a bonus shoot at Christmas (normally the day after Boxing Day). Excluding the Christmas shoot, this gives each person a chance to post up to 17 scores in each season.

The scores shown highlighted in white and red indicate the shoots where you had the top score in your league for the day.

The **Current Season Average** is your average score during the season calculated using all scores posted except the Christmas shoot.

The **Previous Season Average** is your average score from the previous season calculated using all scores posted except the Christmas shoot. If you don't have an average from the previous season i.e., you are a new member, this box will be blank.

If your Current Season Average is the same as the Previous Season Average (or you do not have a Previous Season Average) then it is shown in **Blue** on black background.

If it is better than the Previous Season Average, it will be **Green** on black background.

If it is worse than the Previous Season Average, it will be shown in **Red** on black background.

The **Straight Shoot Total** is the total of your best 8 scores posted throughout the season (excluding the Christmas shoot) or up to 8 scores if you have not posted 8.

The **League Ranking** is the current position in your league based on your straight shoot total. The **Handicap Shoot Ranking** is your current position in the handicap competition. Note, there are no Leagues in the handicapped competition, so the ranking is across all the Leagues. The ranking is generated by calculating your best 8 scores or up to 8 if you have not posted 8 (excluding the Christmas shoot) using the formula explained in the Handicap Shooting section above.

The **Personal Best** is the highest single straight-shooting score you have posted at the club.

Non-Members (Guests) are calculated in the same way as the straight-shooting competition but there are no Trophies, Leagues, or Handicaps. Scores are shown on the web site just for reference. See example: -

non-Members	2021							2022								Current Season Average	Previous Season Average	Current Season Total	Personal Best			
	Sep	Sep	Oct	Oct	Nov	Dec	Xmas	Jan	Apr	Apr	May	May	Jun	Jun	Jul					Jul	Aug	Aug
Jane Smith												24	39			30			31	22	93	39

If a Non-Member becomes a member during the season they will immediately be placed in the lowest League and any existing scores, and averages will be transferred in.