

The Royal Oak Sporting Gun Club



January 2014 Newsletter

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Firstly, a big thanks to everyone who comes and supports our club, come rain or shine. The club is only as good as its members and we are grateful for your continued support.

2013 proved to be a fantastic year for the ROSGC, the investments made in new equipment has meant we have been able to extend our grounds to 60 or 80 bird layouts over 9 stands.



New Equipment, in 2013 we have acquired a new Battue trap, a Micro trap, 2 Eagle traps and 2 Merlin Traps. Investment in new equipment is planned to continue in 2014 with the purchase of more traps to allow us to offer more variety, plus replace some of the older and more troublesome traps. We have seen a steady increase in the number of shooters, we regularly see 60+ on a Sunday, which is great news as we are able to invest for the benefit of everyone who shoots with us, donate more to local charities and ensure the future of the club.

**BREASTCANCER
BREAKTHROUGH**

We held a **charity shoot** on Dec 29th 2013, in aid of the Breakthrough

Breast Cancer Charity, with a donation of £500. We had a fantastic attendance of 85 shooters, despite the mud.

In December 2013 £200 has been allocated to a special needs school, we will be hosting a charity Mexican evening towards the end of Jan 2014 at the Royal Oak in Bishopswood, using the £200 to kick off the event.



ROSGC donated £250 towards the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator which has been mounted to the wall of the Royal Oak in Bishopswood.

In Jan 2013 we also donated £160 to the friends of St. Johns First School and £160 to the Penkridge First Responders.



Penkridge & District Community First Responders

We are volunteers trained to provide help in life threatening situations such as heart attacks, strokes or major trauma prior to the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

Shooting Fees are not planned to increase in the immediate future. The cost of insurance has risen by nearly 50%, the clays are costing much more and as for cartridges, they increase in price on a monthly basis. We have started bulk buying to counter the increases in consumable items and reduce delivery costs. The ROSGC is a 'not for profit' club so any increase in the future would be due to further increases in operating costs, yet we will strive to keep our prices as low as practical.

Coffee and Tea is complimentary at the shoot, please feel free to make yourself a hot drink.



Lessons are available from Simon, who is an accredited coach. Simon offers everything from a 'Have a go' style trial lesson, safety courses, through to full coaching to improve your skills. To arrange a lesson contact Simon directly. His details are on his website.

Gift Vouchers can be purchased for either trail lessons or shoots. Ask Ruth or Jill about buying a gift certificate for someone who would like to have a go or regularly shoots.

Juniors benefit from a 50% reduction in price to shoot. ROSGC wants to continue to support and promote shooting clay targets.



Finally, we look forward to an exciting 2014. The decisions we make are for the benefit of the club and our shooters, if you have ideas for improvement, any concerns or requests for change, please let us know.

Best Regards
Paul Lasance, **ROSGC Secretary**