

Hopkin farmers FITASC. September 2018 – Purbeck Shooting School.

For our last shoot of the season we returned to Purbeck to enjoy a course built for the FITASC county selection competition two weeks prior. However - the wind affected course proved to be a bigger challenge for all with some excellent targets and combinations in the tricky conditions.

Over the years Purbeck Shooting School has gradually developed into 'field sports paradise'. Everything goes on from Archery, Air gun shooting, Clay shooting and Dog training. The ground is blessed splendid woods & valleys with the makeup of the sandy ground which allows these activities to continue throughout the year. For any course builder this makes for a dream FITASC competition, as the areas are vast with every target available to produce. With the investment of tracks and golf buggies the whole area is now freely available for all ages and abilities.

The headlines today were certainly made by two 'C' class guns – John Hatchard took the high gun placing with an excellent 87, meanwhile Ian Gillespie scored a massive +19 with 84 to win 'C' class and most improved. Other notable scores were; Richard Pike – 'A' class 86. Keith Archer - 'B' class 83. Newcomer- Martin Summers took the honours for 'D' class with 58.

Class Results

High gun – John Hatchard 87.

Class A – Richard Pike 86, Ian Baldock 85, Chris Griffin 82.

Class B – Keith Archer 83, Mike Tizzard 80, Dave Coward 77.

Class C – Ian Gillespie 84, Frank Hodges 70, Rob Aldous 66.

Class D – Martin Summers 58, Ian Robberts 53, Rolland Smith 48.

Most improved – Ian Gillespie + 19. Draw prize winner – Richard Pike.

Both Ian & Richard win 250 cartridges kindly donated by Hopkins Concrete Ltd.

Christmas shoot – Thursday 20th December 2018.

After another successful summer of FITASC we will be holding a Christmas shoot at Purbeck on the 20th December, followed by a Christmas lunch and presentation. Awards will be presented to the gun with the highest FFC and most improved gun of the season. The scores from the shoot in December will count towards the totals, so there is still time to win the honours for those that are in the running. Details will follow in early December for this shoot.

Finally - many thanks to all of you who have shot at the various shooting grounds this summer.

Thanks also to all the hosts of the shoots who have looked after us and organised some splendid competitions. Thankyou also to Rob Allen who constantly updates the Hopkins website & leader board. Of course all of this would not be possible without our very generous sponsors Hopkins Concrete Ltd and their Leading man Trevor Burt. Thanks to them for the monthly and end of season prizes.

With kind regards

Richard.