

# The Schools Challenge

*in association with  
The Oxford Gun Company*

## Newsletter

**- 2009 Schools Challenge date -**

**Wed 11th March 2009 at Oxford Gun Co and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
at Bredon School**

[www.theschoolschallenge.co.uk](http://www.theschoolschallenge.co.uk)

Firstly I'd like to start by wishing you all a happy New Year and great success in all your shooting throughout the coming year. We've set the dates for the Schools Challenge - **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Oxford Gun Co and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at Bredon School**. I'm also proud to welcome our new sponsors for 2009 Stratstone Land Rover in Aylesbury, N.F.U in Aylesbury and Chandos Arms Public House Oakley as well as all our ongoing sponsors.

## The Schools Challenge Cartridge

At The Oxford Gun Company we've been teaching youngsters to shoot for many years. One of our main concerns over the years is what we consider to be the over development of cartridges. The trend to develop increasingly fast cartridges has had two sides affect - more recoil and increased noise. We feel that both of these aren't good for youngsters. With this in mind we've worked with Roger Hurley from Express to produce a cartridge with light recoil, which still kills well. These cartridges are ideal to help minimise the effect of shooting on growing youngsters. All competitors will be using these cartridges for the main event.

## This year's Schools Challenge

This year the main event will be a 60 bird sporting shoot, which is open to any school or individuals under the age of 21. Entry fees are £30 per person, including 60 Express cartridges to be used in the competition £150 per team of five.

### **Timings:-**

Due to popular demand we've again decided to have the entries in two time slots - the first will start shooting at 10am, finishing around 1pm. The second will start shooting at 1pm, finishing around 4pm. Therefore you must be here and ready to shoot **half an hour before you are due to start shooting**. The prize giving will be at about 6:00pm after all the shooting has finished.

Due to the increased popularity of this event we had to decide whether to put the shoot over two days or keep it to one day. After much discussion we have decided to keep it to one day but limit the entries to 180 start times will be allocated according to your location. Schools with the longest travelling times will be allocated P.M starts also preference will be given to teams who shot last year.

### **Extras on the day:-**

We'll still have the extra events on the day, including the Browning Rabbit Mania which this year will have a prize of a new Browning junior over & under at both shoots.

The Webley & Scott Pool Shoot – along with the Pro-Shot Shooting Simulator – all there for some added fun on the day!

### **Photos:-**

We have a photographer on hand taking photos all through the day, hoping to capture some great moments. These will be available to buy on the day and through their web site [www.doublebarrelledpicturecompany.co.uk](http://www.doublebarrelledpicturecompany.co.uk)

### **Food:-**

Please ensure that competitors bring sufficient funds with them on the day as we'll not only have photos to buy, but will also have catering onsite in the Old Barn for lunch, snacks and hot and cold drinks as well as other side events throughout the day.

### **Prizes**

We have got the most prizes we have ever had in a value of around £15,000 over the two shoots there will be two Webley & Scott guns two new Browning; 525 juniors, 15,000 Winchester cartridges, Bowman clay traps, clothing, boots and lots more. As well as the normal trophies and medals for the classes. This is a guide to the prizes to date but there are still more coming in. The full list of the prizes will be available on the web site soon.

### **Accommodation**

For those of you that are coming a long way we have organised The Lambert Arms hotel Nr Thame, to give us some rooms at a special price. To book or enquire please call Clare Cook on 01844 351 496 and quote The School Challenge.

## Our Sponsors

This year our sponsors include:-

Browning	Chandos Arms Public House Oakley
Lacross	Kawasaki UK
Bonart Ltd	Seeland
Bredon School	Sporting Shooter magazine
Stratston Land Rover Aylesbury	Webley & Scott
Graham Churchill Plant Ltd	The Lambert Arms Hotel
John Forsey Guns	John Rothery (Wholesale) Co Ltd
Lyalvale Express	
Reeves Kennels	

## Our website

[www.theschoolschallenge.co.uk](http://www.theschoolschallenge.co.uk)

Hopefully you've found our website by now, and kept up-to-date with what's happening this year? The site provides news, photos and event information, and is regularly updated. Newsletters and entry forms will be downloadable. By February we will have a new look schools challenge web site, so do take a look and if you have any suggestions on how you feel we can improve it we'd love to hear from you.

## 2008 Results

If you missed them, here are the results of last year's event:-

### **Team Results**

<u>Senior School Results</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Old Swinford Hospital A	210
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wellington College A	198
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bradfield College A	193
<u>Prep School Results</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ashfold School A	156

### **Individuals Results**

<u>Seniors boys</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Ben Bowley (Bradfield)	49
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chris Whittingham (Seaford College)	47
<u>Seniors Girls</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Georgia Boscawen (Millfield School)	43
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ruth Baver (Tudor Hall)	38
<u>Prep Results boys</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Oliver Meekins (Worth Abbey)	51
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nick Payne (Ashfold School)	40
<u>Prep Results Girls</u>	1 <sup>nd</sup> Hayley Wood ( <i>Tudor Hall</i> )	22

## **Schools Challenge at Bredon School**

Once again due to the popular demand we will have another schools challenge event at Bredon School near Tewkesbury on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. This shoot is for individuals but still representing their school or college. We will also be having the Browning rabbit mania and the shooting simulator so there will be plenty to have fun on as well as the main event, there will also be the opportunity for parents, guardians and chauffeurs to shoot as well.

The shooting was excellent last year - but let's see if we can raise the standard even further this year!

We're really looking forward to welcoming you for this year's Schools Challenge 2009, at The Oxford Gun Company and Bredon School

With kind regards,

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