

Kelbrook Shooting School

For Clay Pigeon Shooting At Its Best

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Members' Christmas Newsletter

December 2022

Dear Member

On behalf of the team here at Kelbrook, we thank you for your continued support during 2022!

The nights are drawing in and Christmas and the New Year are not too far away; as is the time for membership renewal and new applications. 2022 memberships expire on 31st December 2022 with new memberships commencing on 1st January for 12 months. Membership subs for 2023 will remain at £60 per person and £30 for each additional family member (living at the same address).

Members will continue to take advantage of a £5 per 100 discount on clay rates ie approx 16% saving. As in previous years, all completed applications which are received by **Sunday 15th January 2023** will be entered into a prize draw to win pre-loaded counter cards packed with FREE CLAYS! This year we will select 4 winners (200/150/100/50 clays). Good luck! The lucky winners will be announced on our Facebook page.

PRACTICE CLAY RATES & HALF PRICE CLAY RATES FOR UNDER 16'S

The good news is that clay prices appear to have currently stabilised and we will be able to keep the same clay prices for 2023 as follows:

Members: £30 per 100

Non-Members: £35 per 100

We hope you agree that we continue to offer good value for money, whilst continuing to invest in and offer a wide variety of stands, industry leading regularly maintained machines, competition standard target presentation and facilities.

As a shooting school, we believe it is important to support the future of our sport and will continue to offer the half price practice clay rate for under 16's.

We have a good range of demo guns for juniors, ranging from a single barrel .410, 28ga, 20ga and two lightweight 12g, which you are able to hire (valid Shotgun Certificate required). We also have a new range of ultra light recoil Lyalvale Express Magnasonic 20ga cartridges which will help new shooters and juniors make the transition from the smaller 410g and 28ga guns to the 20ga.

CHRISTMAS SHOOT

The Members 100 Bird Christmas Shoot will take place between Tuesday 12th December to Sunday 18th December. Entry is £30 and you can shoot it as many times as you like, and on any day. The winners will be drawn from a hat using your completed scorecards, so the more times you enter the greater chance you have of winning! Also, because it is a random draw you do not have to shoot the highest score to win, which, we feel is a fairer system and gives everyone a chance of winning. Results will appear on our Facebook page, or just ask in the shop.

CAFÉ STAFF

In September we said goodbye and good luck to Sam as she started a new full time position working for a local manufacturer. We wish her all the best in her new role! The café will be staffed by Leanne and Alex both of whom I'm sure you'll agree, make a cheery welcome at Kelbrook and a fantastic full English!

CARTRIDGE OFFERS

We continue to work closely with the UK's leading cartridge manufacturers, Eley Hawk, Lyalvale Express and Hull Cartridge. We also began stocking Fiocchi cartridges following their takeover of Lyalvale Express in the summer. Fiocchi have really hit the ground running in the UK with their extremely competitive rates and performance driven products. We are delighted to be able to offer their range of Litespeed (plastic and fibre wads) starting from £215 per 1000 and TT1's (plastic and fibre wads) from £220 per 1000. We are also stocking Baschieri & Pellagri cartridges, now owned by Fiocchi, which are probably the best competition cartridges available in the UK.

The current cartridge prices are listed on our website (www.kelbrook.com) or are listed in the shop.

CLUB GUNS

We continue to have a wide range of club guns in varying calibres suitable for all ages, shapes & sizes which you may hire (valid SGC required) and will incur a £10 hire charge.

CLAY SNOOKER

A new and fun Clay Snooker layout has been created on the Lake! There are 7 traps featuring coloured clays akin to a game of snooker with each target graded in difficulty starting from the easier "red" and "yellow" clays to the hardest "pink" and "black" clays. You can either take a score card and mark it or just shoot it for fun! Everyone's a bit snooker loopy!

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

This year saw the wooden shooting cages project continue - where we re-build and upgrade the stands and add more gun racks around the layout. The new stands also feature a shelf for placing cartridges and bags on making it easier to reload within the stand. We have also installed 5 brand new Promatic clay traps to increase the variation of targets on our layout. This now brings the total traps on the layout to 60, with approximately 55 available to shoot at any one time!

You may have noticed some additional traps throwing beginner targets which we have installed into the Garden and Rabbit layouts to help the influx of new and especially younger new shooters. If you're not sure where they are just ask Penny or Aaron in the shop, or Tiff on the layout and we will point you in the right direction!

We think it important to continue to change the target presentations on the layout regularly to ensure lots of variation and different targets to test all abilities! We re-design the layout every 5 weeks which includes new 50 and 100 bird courses, practice and spare stands. The layout also follows a seasonal approach with more game style targets during the Autumn and Winter and competition style targets in the Spring and Summer.

THANK YOU

As ever, we remain very thankful to you, our customers, for continuing to support us over another testing 12 months. We certainly promise to offer you lots of fun and interesting targets throughout all of 2023!

In the meantime, we wish you and yours a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year!

Best wishes and good shooting!

Aaron, Penny, Michael and the Kelbrook Team

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