

Kelbrook Shooting School

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Members' Christmas Newsletter

December 2023

Dear Member

On behalf of the team here at Kelbrook, we thank you for your continued support during 2023!

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. 2023 memberships expire on 31st December 2023 with new memberships commencing on 1st January for 12 months. Membership subs for 2024 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 14th January 2024** 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 are currently remaining the same. They are:

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 17th 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.

NEW HEAD GROUNDSMAN

In May, we welcomed Jordan to the Kelbrook Team and we are delighted with how well he has settled in and the quality of work he is doing on the layout. The layout is looking magnificent and he has already completed the rebuilding of the new stands and will be building some new trap houses in 2024.

CAFÉ STAFF

In March this year Leanne started her maternity leave and has had a beautiful baby girl. We are looking forward to Leanne's return to Kelbrook when she is ready. The café will continue to be staffed by Alex whom I'm sure you'll agree, makes 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, Fiocchi and Lyalvale Express. We also began stocking Gamebore cartridges earlier this year. We are currently stocking Hyper Velocity, Rose Gold, White Gold and Black Gold in plastic and fibre wads. The Hyper Velocity 26g (plastic wad) start at £255 per 1000 and are very smooth to shoot compared to other similar priced options.

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.

GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

2023 saw Jordan complete the all the new stands and he has been busy building some new racks too. The new stands also feature a shelf for placing cartridges and bags on making it easier to reload within the stand. We bought some new machines from Promatic with 5 new machines installed in March and July. We are also excited to announce that we have another 8 new machines arriving in early December too!

We think it's 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.

We have also completed our yearly road maintenance program and tarmacked the areas that needed attention.

SIMULATED GAME DAYS

We have just completed the last of the Simulated Game Days for 2023 and they have been very well received! We have decided to run another 3 days next year, following the same format on Monday 24 June, Monday 9 September and Monday 14 October. The day includes 8 drives with bacon butty on arrival and a 3 course lunch. Please get in touch if you would like to reserve your place.

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 2024! 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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