

# Kelbrook Shooting School

For Clay Pigeon Shooting At Its Best

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## Members' Christmas Newsletter

December 2021

Dear Member/Shooter

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your continued support during 2021. We hope that you and your family are well and we all look forward to 2022 being more positive than recent times.

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. 2021 memberships all expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 with new memberships commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> January for 12 months. We realise membership benefits have been hampered again this year with Lockdown 3.0 closing us for 12 weeks. So, as a gesture of goodwill, and as a sincere appreciation of thanks to those members who paid the full annual amount of £60, we are giving you: **"50 Free Clays" on your next visit.**

If you can't remember when you joined, don't worry, we will have a list in the shop for reference. Family based subscriptions will receive an extra 50% on top of the above figures. So, a "Husband & Wife" membership who paid full subs for 2021 can expect 75 free clays between them.

Members will continue to take advantage of a £4 per 100 discount on clay rates ie approx 12% saving. As in previous years, all completed applications which are received by **Sunday 16th January 2022** 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**

As most of you are aware, the cost of raw materials and transport have continued to rise during 2021 for a number of reasons and, unfortunately, we are not able to further absorb the increases in clay costs we have had this year. From 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 the clay rates will become:

**Members: £29 per 100**

**Non-Members: £33 per 100**

As we're sure you are aware, many other grounds have increased their rates considerably this year. 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, 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 SGC required).

### **CHRISTMAS SHOOT**

The Members 100 Bird Christmas Shoot will take place between Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Entry is £29 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.

## CARTRIDGE OFFERS

We continue to work closely with the UK's leading cartridge manufacturers, Eley Hawk, Lyalvale Express and Hull Cartridge. Unfortunately, there have been some price increases this year as a result of rising raw materials and transport costs. However, our strong position with them means that we are able to pass any savings on to you. The current cartridge prices are listed on our website 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.

## KEN'S BENCH

You may have noticed a new beautifully hand carved, solid oak bench sitting outside the Clubhouse. It's inscribed "Sit and chat a while" and has been donated in memory of Ken Doyle, by his daughter, Helen. Ken was a keen regular; shooting mainly late afternoons during the week. Whilst he preferred to shoot on his own, he would love to share incredible tales of his past whilst snacking on a flakey sausage roll and a cup of his favourite tea. He had also appointed himself in charge of the Clubhouse's tv remote and never put it back in the same place twice! Ken was definitely part of the furniture here at Kelbrook and even had his own clay counter with his name on. It is lovely that Helen wanted something permanent for us all to remember him by - and that we certainly will!

## GROUND IMPROVEMENTS

This year we have built a new tower structure and installed brand new machines which throw 2 new targets – partridge and pheasant type driven targets. We have also installed 2 new battue machines (which throw a challenging edge-on looping target) and are now featuring on the layout. We have also purchased 3 new Super Sporter machines which we are currently installing on the layout to create lots more exciting targets to test you!

Some of you may have noticed some increased no-birds on the layout in late summer/early autumn; something at Kelbrook we actively seek to keep to an absolute minimum through our continuous maintenance program on all our machines. This has been due to our supplier's legal requirement to reduce the use of pitch in their products and we have been working closely with them to ensure a consistent product which they will be able to continue to supply.

Spring 2022 will see the wooden shooting cages project continue - where we re-build and upgrade the stands and add more gun racks around the layout.

We remain very thankful to you, our customers, for continuing to support us over another tricky 12 months and have been overwhelmed at the kindness and thoughtfulness you have shown us. We truly hope that 2022 will be less eventful for all of the right reasons and that we are able to offer you lots of fun and interesting targets throughout all of 2022!

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*