

The Schools Challenge

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January Newsletter

2012 Schools Challenge Dates

Wed 14th Mar 2012 The Oxford Gun Company

Sun 6th May 2012 Bredon School

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Great news for 2012!

The Oxford Gun Company is 30 years old, and
we're celebrating!

Combined with the London Olympics, what a
great year this will be!

All our 2012 events are going to be bigger and
better, so watch this space!

Firstly I'd like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and great success in all your shooting throughout 2012! We've set the dates for the Schools Challenge – at **The Oxford Gun Company on Wed 14th March 2012** and **Bredon School on Sun 6th May 2012**.

Stealth Cartridges

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 faster 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 minimize the effect of shooting on growing youngsters. All competitors will be using these cartridges for the main events.

This Year's Schools Challenge

This year the main events at Oxford and Bredon will be 50 bird sporting shoots, which are open to any school/college or individual under the age of 21 in full time education. There's some GOOD NEWS too - due to the generosity of the sponsors, entry fees are just £30 per person, including 50 Stealth cartridges to be used in the competition, which is £150 per team of five. You can use your own cartridges for the side events at each event, but they must be **fibre wad only**.

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. Individuals will be put into teams for start times, therefore you must be here and ready to shoot **half an hour before your allocated start time!** The prize giving will be at about 6pm after all the shooting has finished.

Due to the increased popularity of this event we've had to decide whether to have the shoot over two days or keep it to one day.... After much discussion we're keeping it to one day, but limiting entries to 200 - start times will be allocated according to your location to help those with longer journeys. Teams that are the closest to the shooting grounds will be allocated morning squad times, and teams that are further away will be allocated afternoon slots. We feel this is the fairest way to allocate times and we're sure all teams and individuals will enter into the spirit of this, to give a great day for all.

Extras on the day: -

We'll still have the extra events on the day, including the **Browning Rabbit Mania** - this year the prizes for the Browning Rabbit Mania will be Winchester cartridges at both shoots.

Photos: -

We'll have a photographer, Alison Spiers, on hand taking photos all through each of the days, hoping to capture some great moments. These will be available to buy on the day. For more information visit www.alionspiers.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 for lunch, snacks and hot and cold drinks, as well as other side events throughout the day.

Prizes:- Over £60,000 worth!

The sponsorship will be for all the Schools Challenge events throughout the year, which includes the two big competitions at Oxford and Bredon, the Novice Days in the summer and also the Game Day in December. We've tried to spread the prizes out so more people go away with something – so get practicing and win some GREAT prizes!

Accommodation

For those of you that are coming a long way we have organized www.spreadeaglethame.co.uk in Thame, to give us some rooms at a special price. To book or enquire please call Gemma or Jenny and quote The Oxford Gun Company.

Our Other Sponsors

This year our sponsors include: -

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Our website

www.theschoolschallenge.co.uk

Hopefully you've found our website by now, and are keeping up-to-date with what's happening this year? We've re-launched the site, so do have a look and see what you think! You'll find news, photos and event information, and any important news or updates about the shoot days. Newsletters and entry forms will be downloadable so keep checking back for updates.

The Schools Challenge Browning Champion of Champions

Remember we still have the Champion of Champions, which is the highest individual combined score of the Oxford Schools Challenge and the Bredon Schools Challenge. The winner will win the 2012 Browning Schools Challenge trophy.

Schools Challenge practice on Sat 5th May, Bredon School

Bredon School have very kindly opened the school shooting ground up on the Saturday as practice for the Schools Challenge. They have also decided to reduce the costs, down to just £10 for the 50 bird sporting. The layout will not be the same but it will be similar, so you are more than welcome to come and have a play and remember Mums and Dads can play to! We will also have an Oxford Gun Company shooting instructor on hand to give 1-1 instruction by appointment.

Mon 7th May

The Bredon Festival Of Shooting

Some of you may know this day as the Bredon Fete. It has now become one of the best shooting events in the calendar with a 50 bird sporting with lots of prizes, Browning Rabbit Mania, Try Gun stands and have-a-go stands to try out clay shooting for the first time! Everything you can think of for shooting a shotgun! This year there will be lots of trade stands selling their products with fantastic offers. The weekend has turned out to be one of the best shooting weekends in the calendar, without having to pay game fair entry prices. At £2 entry fee, what a bargain for a great weekend away with the gun - maybe you can bring the rest of the family to? It's also an ideal opportunity to try a new gun prior to your purchase.

Saturday 5th is practice day you can come and shoot practice for £10 per round. We will also have an instructor to give lessons by appointment.

Also you will have the opportunity to try the full range of B.S.A air guns, you will be able to try your hands at muzzle loading (both flint locks and percussion), and we have Land Rover and A.T.V driving. There will also be country clothing to buy - Seeland, Harkila and Bonart sales team will be on hand to help.

This has become one of the best shooting weekends in the calendar so make sure you **put the 5th – 7th May in your diary!**

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 and Bredon Festival of Shooting 2012 at The Oxford Gun Company and Bredon School.

With kind regards,

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