

Prize money doubled for 2012

Handicap Classic

Plans for the 2012 Handicap Classic have been announced and this year's competition promises to be bigger and better than ever before

The Handicap Classic, held at the Royal Berkshire Shooting School, is one of the most popular events of the season, so get your diary out.

Starting on 16 January 2012, the event spans 14 weeks and gives new faces a rare chance to shoot alongside some of the biggest names in clay shooting.

With sponsors such as Landrover, Jaguar, Taittinger and Rangerover on board, this year's competition is shaping up to be the best yet. The prize pot is not to be sniffed at, with a Browning Heritage shotgun as the top prize and a Miroku MK60 for the top Browning user. Weekly cash prizes will also be awarded to the top three scores of the week and all scorecards will be entered into a random prize-draw at the end of each two-week block – a new feature for 2012.

The handicap system works without classes, following CPSA rules. The handicaps are worked out on the accrued score over 40 of the 100 birds shot on the day, known only to RBSS, or for CPSA members on their published averages for 2011.

A new layout of nine challenging stands

is being featured this year, with only the grouse stand staying on from previous years. Entries will be £45 and all Browning/Miroku users will receive a discounted entry fee of £43. The number of entries per competitor is unrestricted and competitors will also receive a £5 discount on their second entry on the same day (Browning/

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Miroku users will receive a £3 discount).

At the end of each week there will be a prize of £200 for the highest score, £75 for the Runner-Up, and £50 for third place – doubling the prize pot seen in 2011.

At the end of the 14-week competition





All to shoot for: everyone has a chance of winning



Last years High Gun Jason Allaway receives his prize

the single highest score with handicap will receive a prize of £500. The top 40 CPSA handicapped scores and the top 20 RBSS handicapped scores will be invited back by the organisers and sponsors to shoot in the 100-target final with the highest score of the final winning the Browning shotgun courtesy of ISB brands. The highest scoring Browning/Miroku user will receive the Miroku shotgun.

Group bookings of four will be entered into the CCI Challenge, with the highest scoring group with handicap receiving 5,000 clays courtesy of CCI Clays.

To keep competitors on their toes, £1 of every entry will also be allocated to the Classic Accumulator. Unlike in 2011, the accumulator will pay out three times, to the highest actual score at the end of weeks five, 10 and 14. In the event of a tie there will, of course, be a shoot-off.

Royal Berkshire Shooting School is less than an hour outside London set amidst stunning countryside, it has top-class facilities and outstanding instructors. *Places must be pre-booked – call 01491 672900 or visit the website for more details: www.rbss.co.uk.*