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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

1908 - 2008

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation

The Courses

BASC Centenary Game's On Dinner
Friday 28th November 2008
The Blacksmiths Restaurant, Bigrigg, Cumbria

Canapes of Wild Duck & Hare pate with grape chutney

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**Wild Mushroom, Goose, Widgeon & Teal Samosa scented with aniseed
& served with a sweet chilli dressing**

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Rabbit & Barley Broth with carrots, leeks, onion & celery

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Fruit Sorbet

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**Escalope of local Venison served on a bed of parsnip mash with a red
wine sauce topped with diced bacon, glazed onions & mushrooms**

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Fruit of the Forest crème brulee

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South African Malva pudding

(A warm moist sponge soaked in brandy & orange sauce)

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A Selection of Cheese & Biscuits

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Tea or Coffee

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Rum & Raisin Fudge



Phil Pugh

Wildfowling, Hare Shooting, Clay Pigeon, Bassing, Bunting, Grouse, Pheasant, Quail, Partridge, Woodcock, Snipe, Moorhen, Coot, Duck, Goose, Rabbit, Hare, Fox, Badger, Mink, Otter, Stoat, Weasel, Hedgehog, Squirrel, Badger, Mink, Otter, Stoat, Weasel, Hedgehog, Squirrel

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Jean Pugh



BOOK EARLY

Using our "cut out and keep" 2009 calendar please book early to avoid disappointment. Our BASC events and courses always book very quickly. Give us a call and secure your places.

A DAY TO REMEMBER

Eight ladies (left) enjoyed an exceptional day's sport at the Dalham Estate, Cumbria, as part of our ongoing commitment to provide our lady members with sporting opportunities.

Sealed bid 2009

Our appeal for your generosity in 2008, our Centenary year, was tremendous with a record number of items being offered and equally high response from the bidders. Can you do it again in 2009? Please support the region by offering sporting opportunities; a call to our office will be appreciated by our end of January deadline.

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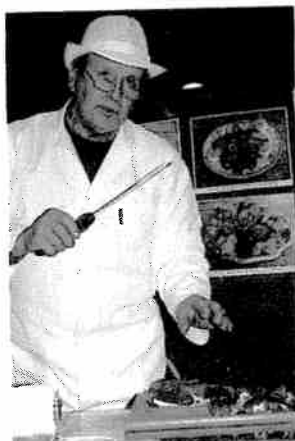
Young Shots' wildfowling

South Solway Wildfowling clubs have kindly agreed to host another wildfowling weekend for BASC Young Shots this February (see diary dates).

All aspects are covered from marsh craft to shooting safety plus the opportunity to enjoy flights for duck and geese. Places are strictly limited so book now to avoid disappointment, with Steve Woodhall on 01539 564400.

Geese numbers up

Wildfowling clubs around Lancashire are reporting exceptionally high numbers of pinkfoot geese in the county with estimates as high as 90,000. It will be interesting to receive the official counts at the end of the season and if similar increases are being recorded elsewhere.



2008 ROADSHOWS

Dave Stretton, of Donnington Deer Management, provided an excellent demonstration of butchery during our Chester Roadshow.

28	JANUARY Nickerson Young Shots' driven game day - N. Lincs
7-8	FEBRUARY Young Shots' wildfowling weekend - Solway
26	Pre DSC1 range day - Crizedale Cumbria
27-1 Mar	DSC Level 1 course - Crizedale, Cumbria
29	MARCH Basic gundog training - Howden, E. Yorks
2	APRIL Eden game shooters' evening - Shepherds Inn, Carlisle, Cumbria
18	Carcass handling course - Crizedale, Cumbria
9	MAY Young Shots' activity day - Newby Hall, N. Yorks
14-15	Cheshire Bio-diversity simulated clay days - Manchester Clay Club
24-25	Yorkshire Game Fair - Harewood House, West Yorks
7	JUNE Shotgun coaching roadshow - Blackpool Gun Club
13	Ladies' training day - Greenquarries clay ground, Cumbria
28	Broughton Game Fair - Nr Skipton, N. Yorks
11	JULY Young Shots' activity day - Ainwick, Northumberland
18	Young Shots' activity day - Eaton Hall, Cheshire
31	Young Shots' improver day - Greenquarries, Cumbria
16	AUGUST Cheshire Game & Angling Fair - Peover, Cheshire
21	Young Shots' activity day - Coniston Hall Shooting Ground, Nr Skipton, North Yorkshire
24	SEPTEMBER Pre DSC 1 range day - Kielder, Northumberland
25-27	DSC Level 1 course - Kielder, Northumberland
24	OCTOBER Introduction to deerstalking day - Grizedale, Cumbria
20	NOVEMBER BASC roadshow - Doncaster

NOTE: Other events will be advertised via the magazine and on our website during the year. Dates and venues may be subject to alteration.