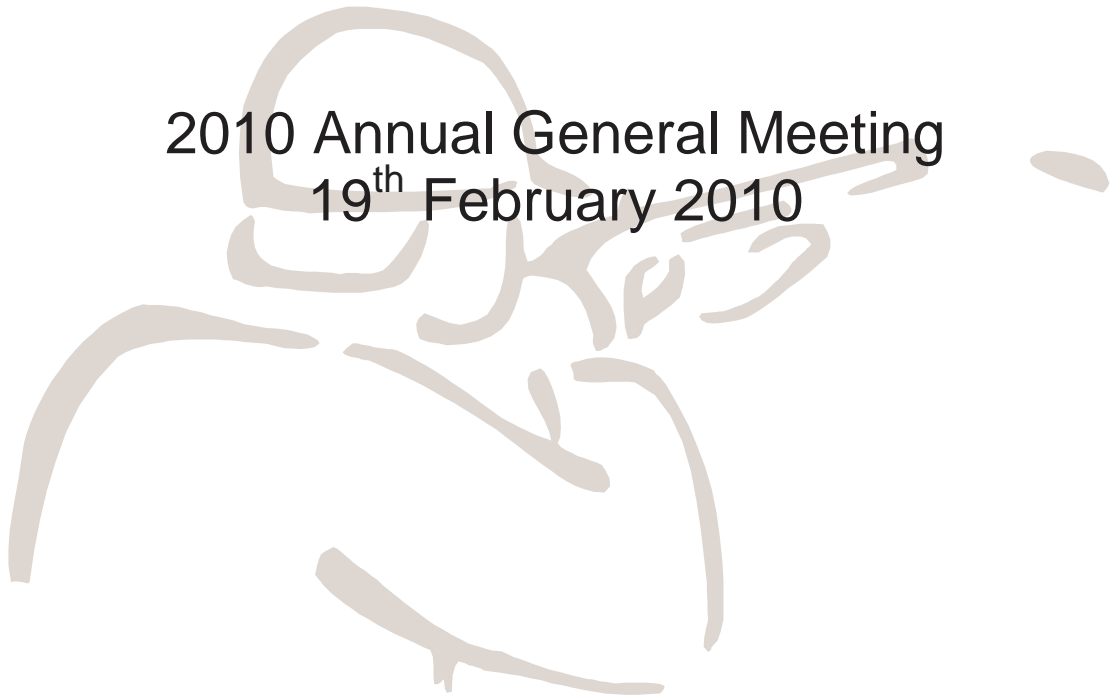


# Running Hill Clay Pigeon Club

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# Chairman's Report



Firstly I would like to thank all our members both old and new for their continued support of Running Hill Clay Pigeon Club. It would take some time to thank each and everyone who has helped but you know who you are.

In particular I would like to thank the members who supported and sponsored the Tom Butler Memorial Flush (Steve Butler), The Timberyard Flush (Alan Waterhouse) and The Stanley Hague Memorial Shield (Pete Russell). Special thanks also to John Buckley for the new steel door on the hut as well as the fantastic wheels of Stilton at the Stanley Hague Memorial event.

I would also like to thank Ben Francis for his work picking up the missed clays, throughout 2009 Ben saved the club around £675, we hope this will continue throughout 2010.

The committee have been working hard on bringing improvements to the club, during 2009 we got the storage container located, thanks to Andy Hobson and James Crowther for their assistance with this. We also purchased another Promatic trap and a 20g club gun.

Another significant purchase was the high-viz safety equipment for the trappers. This particular purchase completes our Health & Safety obligations. This being said I am pleased to tell you that the club for the first time in its history is now fully compliant with current legislation.

Beneficiaries of last years charity fund of £1500 were the British Heart Foundation (£600), Macmillan Cancer Support (£100) and Tameside Special Care Baby Unit (£800). This year we are proud to propose that we again match this figure; subject to ratification by the members.

Unfortunately due to the snow we have missed a few opportunities to shoot and this year's takings for the first quarter will be affected. We do not foresee this having any long-term effect but would encourage members to bring fellow shooters up to boost the takings and remind you we are always happy to see newcomers to the sport.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our president Chris Crowther and his family for their continued support.

# Treasurer's Report



The club began the year with a credit of £3192.32.

Financially 2009 has been a successful year due to the good attendance of club members to the regular shoots and the club events throughout the year. The poor attendance at the last flush of 2009 due to the bad weather and/or short notice certainly had an impact on our finances; we intend to ensure this does not happen again.

There have also been a number of corporate events of which members may be unaware. Whilst these events bring in valuable extra income they are extremely hard work, both in the planning and running the event itself. The committee have given up their own time to host these events in order to be able to invest back into the club.

### **Charity Donations**

We are pleased that we were able to increase our donation in 2009 to £1500 (a 50% increase on 2008). Beneficiaries of last years charity fund of £1500 pounds were the British Heart Foundation (£600), Macmillan Cancer Support (£100) and Tameside Special Care Baby Unit (£800).

We also would like to thank members who have contributed to the club by donations, not just in money but also with equipment and their time.

### **Membership**

There is no proposal to increase the cost of membership, this will remain at £25 an additional £10 joining fee will continue to be applicable to new memberships. The committee still believes this represents good value for money.

### **Cartridge and Clay Costs**

The cost of clays and cartridges has increased by approx 3% since our last price increase in 2008. This has been made worse by the return to the higher rate of VAT (from 15% to 17.5%). Overall our costs therefore have increased by approx. 5.5%. The club can no longer absorb these increases; therefore we have no option but to increase the cost of a round accordingly.

With immediate effect the revised shoot prices will be:

	<b>Member</b>		<b>Guest</b>		<b>Junior</b>	
50 Bird (clays Only)	£11.00		£13.50		£2.75	
50 Bird (inc shells)	<b>12g</b>	<b>20g</b>	<b>12g</b>	<b>20g</b>	<b>12g</b>	<b>20g</b>
	£16.50	£17.50	£21.00	£22.00	£8.50	£9.50

We have again tried to minimise the burden on members by increasing the cost of guest shoots more than member's shoots.

The special offer of 2 rounds for £30 (members only) remains in place, it is hoped the £3 saving is even more of an incentive to shoot a double round.

## **General Running Costs**

On the whole we have managed to keep actual running costs to a minimum. Trappers wages continue to be the main outlay next to clays and cartridges.

## **Finally**

Running Hill Clay Pigeon Club has ended 2009 in credit by £5119.91, a portion of which is reserved for a cartridge and clay order placed before Christmas (approx. £2200). After our proposed £1500 charitable donation this will leave us with a healthy working balance of approx. £1419.91 this will ensure our continued stability for the year ahead after a very poor start.



# 2009 Accounts Summary



## Income

Members Shoot	£11565.50
Non- Members Shoot	£ 4016.75
Membership/Joining Fees	£ 1500.00
Corporate	£ 1962.79
Shoot Misc Sales (shells & badges)	£ 67.00
Events	£ 1927.32
Refreshments	£ 90.46
Donations and Sponsorships	£ 360.00
Misc Income (interest, adjustments & misc sales)	£ 165.37
Gift Vouchers	£ 120.00

**Total** **£21775.19**

## OUTGOINGS

Trappers Wages	£ 2133.30
Clays and Cartridges	£10724.07
Insurance/CPSA Subs	£ 668.00
Refreshments	£ 1145.08
New Promatic Trap	£ 2001.00
Traps Servicing	£ 1115.00
Pick-Ups	£ 225.50
Charity Donations	£ 1500.00
New 20g Club Gun	£ 340.75
Misc Expenditure (admin, adjustments, petrol & prizes)	£ 839.06
Trapper Workwear	£ 150.84
Event Catering	£ 1005.00

**TOTAL** **£19847.60**

**BALANCE** **£ 1927.59**

# 2009 Accounts (Full)



A copy of the full accounts is available to any paid up member upon request.



# Secretary's Report



At the end of 2009 we had 83 full members, this is comparable to the situation at the same time last year. It illustrates that the club is in a stable position from which we can continue to grow. I have registered interest from a number of people who have expressed their intention to join this year.

On behalf of the committee I would again like to reiterate our appreciation to the members who help us in the running of the club, we hope this can continue. The introduction of The Crowther Cup is our way of thanking those who's help has been of particular note.

My intention has been to minimise the amount of money it costs to keep members informed of club business, a number of members have chosen to receive their information via email, which reduces the costs somewhat. I will try to time any notifications with shoot days where I will hand out as many letters as possible before posting them out. Some correspondence such as AGM Notices and the like will still be sent in the post in accordance with the clubs constitution.

On the whole the club events last year were very good and enjoyed a good turnout from the members and guests alike; the last flush of the year was poorly attended due in part to the awful weather and notices not being sent out in time. I will ensure this does not happen again.

The first event for 2010 will be our flagship event The Stanley Hague Memorial Trophy we will have more details for you very soon. Subject to confirmation from the sponsors we will have our two annual flushes again this year, these events are a bit special and so I would urge anyone not having attended before to do so. We will keep you informed regarding these events as we know more. Also coming up is the 2010 Saddleworth Cup, this will be the fourth year this inter-club competition between us and Highmoor CPC has ran. Lets hope we can win it for a change. Again we will keep you informed regarding this event when we know more.

Please note that these events place a sizable financial burden on the club, as costs continue to soar it is essential that the level of sponsorship also increases. If you feel you are able to sponsor an events catering feel free to speak with a member of the committee. We can offer you a prominent banner advert on our website; currently receiving over 3000 visitors/month as well as the usual banner placement on the day and the all-important mention in dispatches.

This year has been a busy time for corporate/private events; these events really do make a difference to the club in both financial and membership terms. There have been a number of people who have visited as corporate/private guests that continue to visit after the day. I am pleased to announce that the masons shoot has been booked in again for 2010. The Saddleworth Woman's Institute have also expressed a desire to visit again in 2010.

The gift voucher scheme continues to grow in popularity particularly in the run

up to Christmas. This provides us with yet another potential source of new members that in turn safeguards the clubs long-term future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julian and Chris here at The Church for their continued support for the club in allowing us to use their excellent facilities at no charge.

The recent forced closure of the shoot due to bad weather highlighted a problem. It was difficult to communicate with everyone, as some member's information is no longer correct. I would urge you to complete and return the members update form that was sent out with the AGM notification so I can make sure our records are up to date. I understand that not everyone has access to the Internet and or Email but would urge those that do to make use of it, communication with you via the news on the club website is by far the most effective and cost-effective means. If you have an email address please let me have it for future notifications.

Now we are approaching the end of February 2010 membership for the 2010 season is due. Again as in previous years 2009 members have a grace period up until 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010 to renew their membership and shoot at member's rates. After this date any member not having renewed will be asked to shoot at non-members rates and will be required to pay the new members joining fee (currently £10) to reinstate their membership. I would ask that you do not put us in this awkward position.

I would like to reiterate our commitment to maintaining the ground that our President allows us to shoot on. We urge all members to be diligent in ensuring that the land is not littered by spent shells and other litter. Please continue to tidy up after yourselves and ensure others do the same.

During bad weather the land becomes heavily waterlogged and difficult to drive on even with 4-wheel drive. It has been noted that the land is becoming increasingly churned up by people trying to park on the land just above the hut. We intend to close off this area to vehicles when conditions are bad. If the field is closed to vehicles please park considerately and avoid areas where you are likely to get bogged down; do not park on the hill to the left of the hut as you will get stuck. If there is no space then you must park at the bottom of the lane and walk up. Under no circumstances should the lane be used as a car park, agricultural and emergency vehicles require unrestricted access at all times.

# Charity Award



After a busy 2009 RHCPG finished the year with a full stock of clays, 10,000 cartridges and £5119.91 in the bank (*note an order to restock was placed last year but has not been delivered or paid for due to the weather, this will be approx. £2200 and is a debit on the 2009 accounts that is not included on the summary or full statement of accounts at this time*).

We are very proud of the amount of money we are able to commit to charity, and we are happy to recommend that we match last years donation.

We propose therefore that we donate £1500 to charity(s) of our presidents choosing. This will allow us to maintain a healthy working balance and ensure the future of the club through 2010.

We ask for this to be ratified by the members.



# Committee (Executive Officers) Elections for 2010



There have been no changes to the committee since the 2009 AGM where Catherine Longton was elected as our Treasurer. We are pleased to announce that the current committee is working very well together and are happy to continue in their current roles for 2010 subject to ratification by the members.

In accordance with our constitution any member may be proposed for an executive position; in the absence of any other nominations we propose the following:

**Chairman**

Andy Bradshaw

Andy is currently the club chairman as elected at the Extraordinary General Meeting, May 2007, he is happy to continue in the role subject to ratification by the members.

**Secretary**

Paul Moreland

Paul is currently the club secretary as elected at the Extraordinary General Meeting, May 2007, he is happy to continue in the role subject to ratification by the members.

**Treasurer**

Catherine Longton

Catherine is currently the club treasurer as elected at the 2009 AGM, she is happy to continue in the role subject to ratification by the members.

Committee (Non-Executive Officers)  
2010



As usual the Executive officers rely on the support of their non-executive officers in running the club. I would like to express our sincere thanks to them for their assistance in running the club.

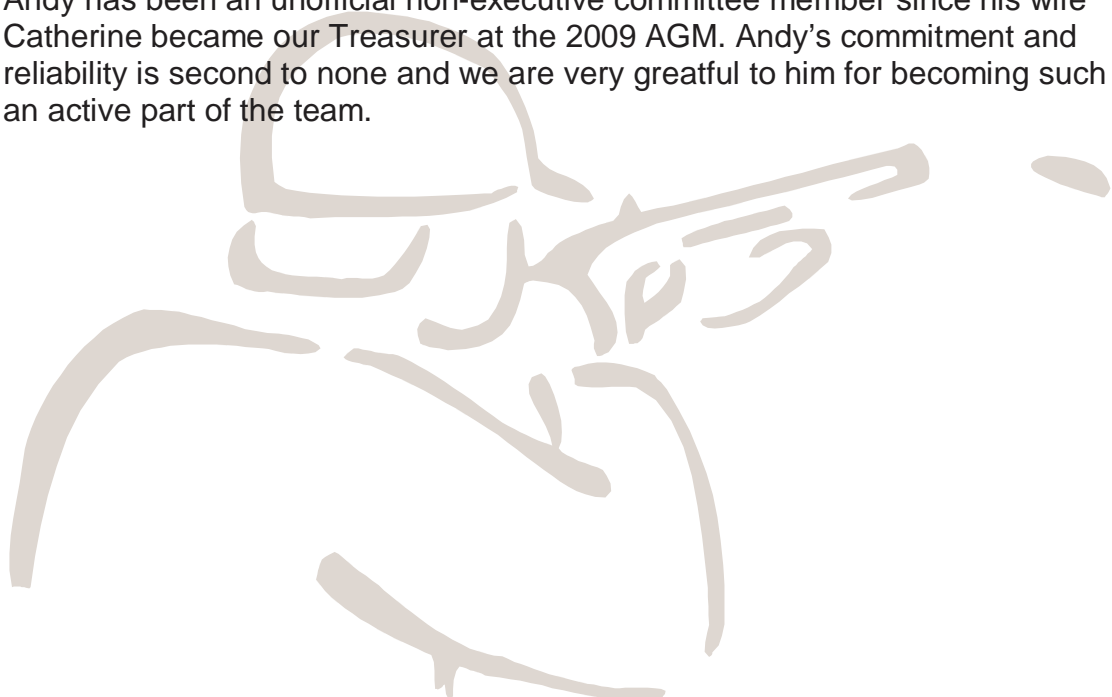
James Bradshaw has decided to step down from his post to enable him to focus on new projects. I would like to thank James on behalf of us all for his help throughout 2009 and wish him all the best.

**Peter Cooper**

Pete has been involved with the current committee from the start and continues to bring an essential skill set to the table. We are happy that he is keen to continue in his position for 2010. Peter is also one of our fully qualified safety officers.

**Andrew Longton**

Andy has been an unofficial non-executive committee member since his wife Catherine became our Treasurer at the 2009 AGM. Andy's commitment and reliability is second to none and we are very grateful to him for becoming such an active part of the team.



# The Crowther Cup



Nominations were sought for the recipient of The Crowther Cup; this trophy is awarded to a member who has contributed above and beyond to the running of the club in the previous year.

Last years (and the first) recipient was Bill Francis in recognition of the sterling work done (along with Ben) in collecting pickups and removing rubbish for us. Bill's attendance was also exemplary and his support much appreciated.

After all the votes were counted this years recipient will be Andy Moore, again Andy is one of the most regular shooters (both regular and events). He has brought a number of guests up throughout the year, which in turn increases revenue. His firewood contributions have also kept the home fires burning and in turn kept us warm throughout the cold months. On top of this he contributed a number of trophies for mini competition shoots that were very popular.

We would like to congratulate Andy on his award and look forward to seeing him throughout the 2010 season.

