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Woodcock end of season news Letter 2010

TERRIBLE WEATHER DISRUPTS MIGRATORY SHOOTS IN SCOTLAND 2010

✘ Book early for next Season ✘

Our agents in Greece and Italy are keen to book as many groups in as possible for the coming woodcock season 2010-2011, so don't be left regretting you did not act quick enough a 35% deposit secures your 2-3 day shoot.

ISLE-OF-BUTE TALES

We started off in November with Andrew Mc'Gees group of 8 guns, it was an early moon in that month, warm weather as well but we saw decent levels of birds and ended the campaign 3 days with thirty odd woodcock plus 20 odd pheasant some snipe hare etc, as the weeks progressed every day saw an influx of woodcock, in December around the 15th our 5 guns from austria shot 49 birds in 2 days spotting over 60 woodcock a day small numbers of snipe and pheasant all added to the bag, then into last week before xmas and a group of 5 guns on 1 day shot 46 woodcock over springers and 18 pheasant some snipe, January 4th's

next small group over springers and pointers 3 guns shot on the 4th 30 woodcock, then the blanket ban was



Stuart Mc'Shane manages our Galloway shoots in red hat

Above pictures are happy clients on the Isle-of-Bute 30 woodcock for 1 day last shoot before ban of 15 days, all woodcock pre-ban were in excellent condition heavy breasted flying well, feeding predominantly on or beside the small streams running between gorse bushes which were not frozen areas



in force on the 5th and the next group cancelled until end of January where we will run 2 small groups over one week.

Wigtown area Scottish Borders

We have 3 new areas and saw record birds shot on all areas an Austrian group - shot 16 woodcock 9 snipe 2 teal 5 hare 5 wood-pigeon on the first day, 2nd day 22,8,2. - 3rd day 17,3,2,2, on new ground we have, its perfect for pointers flat and a lot of acreage

These two grounds are our main focus for 2010 -2011 the others - we are agents for so if you want something other than we offer give us a ring on 0702-1114746



Galloway Morning flight a great start to the day



Good days but January is usually supreme

The December period was excellent and as always when the 3rd Moon is showing through with lowering temperatures, mean's **woodcock heaven**.
 on the 4th of January the only day we were allowed to shoot on prior to ban being enforced in Scotland on the 5th of January above pictures show 2 happy Italian guns. Lets hope the end of season will allow us to get 3 small groups over the end of January. **But the woodcock on the last week were obviously not there** on the Previous Friday Dave Ferguson my partner on Bute with 2 guns shot over 30 woodcock!!! but by Monday 26th it was a tough daily routine to get birds. They had moved of the island in large numbers strange as the conditions were excellent for feeding on the ground, when we did fin them they were in specific gorse banked areas.

BOOK EARLY
 AS OUR
 AGENTS MAY
 BLOCK BOOK

£200 prize for a
 left and right
 woodcock bagged
 by a gun

We can provide
 pointers at an
 extra cost £125
 per day

The huge
 numbers of birds
 were a welcome
 site to the UK

I cant believe your
 dog barks when he
 gets on a
 woodcock better
 than a pointer!!!



Bob Glynn with his excellent woodcock orientated springers at Barquill farm 1000 acres Galloway vets bill £670 this time

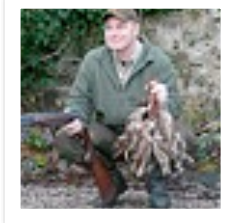
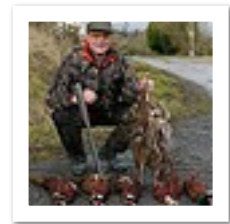


Our Galloway woodcock shoot area 2 of around 1000 acres of open ground with small birch woods and huge gorse banks the reed grass held good numbers of snipe.

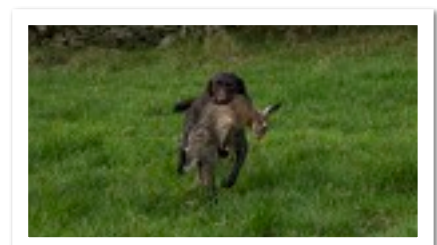


Port Bannatyne from the gorse banks on the Isle-of-Bute the scenery is stunning

Our last group a greek party had an excellent 3 days and all booked to come back



Adonis with a good bag of **woodcock**



Peter McCulloughs pointer brining in a hare on the Isle-of-Bute

Photograph Gallery

