

WOODCOCK ON BUTE/WIGTOWN END OF SEASON  
2014-NEW SEASON EXPECTATION'S 2015 - NEW GROUND IN  
ANGELSEY NORTH WALES



### Another wet windy season

We have had a mixed year warm weather high winds and torrential rain conditions, not exactly ideal woodcock weather, on the continent we hoped the conditions in Russia, Scandinavia, Finland would get colder but like us they had warmer than usual weather.this will affect numbers of migratory birds.

None the less we had good levels of well fed Woodcock up to 30th of December then numbers fell to 25 lifts a day after new year period on the 2nd we lifted 30 plus per day, poor levels of Snipe on the shoreline they are here but on the shoreline mainly.While the Mandrino party were here on the 27th of November one of my dogs was killed in a

horrendous accident on a public right of way, she was crushed by a farmer in a loader not paying attention or on purpose as he is a strange character & as he never apologised and refused to give me his details or insurance we assume done on purpose this is subject to a court writ being issued. Sadly this affected my ability to run groups on the island of Bute and I moved two groups of 5 and 6 respectively to Wigtown where I had assistance and extra dogs and the hunting at Wigtown was top drawer better than Bute, but like Bute in the middle of January the birds were not there in big numbers, they moved south to 'Wales' or Ireland.



ABOVE MR MANDRINOS PARTY AT THE START OF HUNTERS GLEN FIRST SMALL GULLY PROVIDED 11 LIFTS ON LEFT ARNOLD MELTERS GROUP LAST DAY 130 BIRDS FOR 5 DAYS PLUS DUCK PHEASANT AT WIGTOWN ARNOLD MELCHER SAID ONE OF THE BEST HUNTING WEEKS HE'S HAD IN SCOTLAND IN PAST 20 YEARS.

### NEW WOODCOCK & SNIPE SHOOT

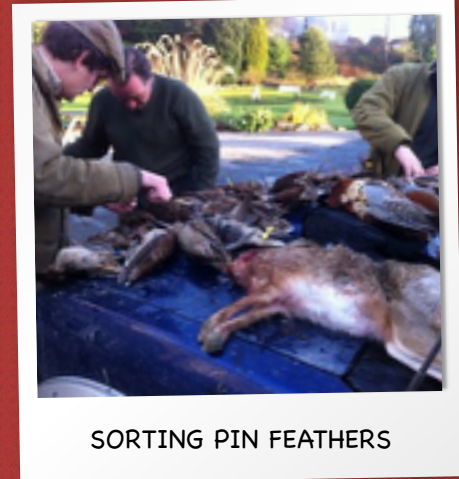
I have a new shoot for 2015 on Anglesey which is simply as good as it gets with daily 40-70 woodcock lifts, 100-200 snipe lifts add over a 100 duck ponds canals and water courses and we have duck to water your eyes, add resident Greylags and Canada geese and we have a rounded great wild bird shoot its over 3000 acres so we can get 3 days in GROUSE MOOR LOCALLY add a 4000 acre grouse moor and we can do 4 days hunting with pointers or springers.Telephone 07795-214934 for Anglesey brochure or email :- [enquiries@woodcock-hunting.com](mailto:enquiries@woodcock-hunting.com)



ONE DRIVE WIGTOWN



MANDRINO PARTY KAI



SORTING PIN FEATHERS

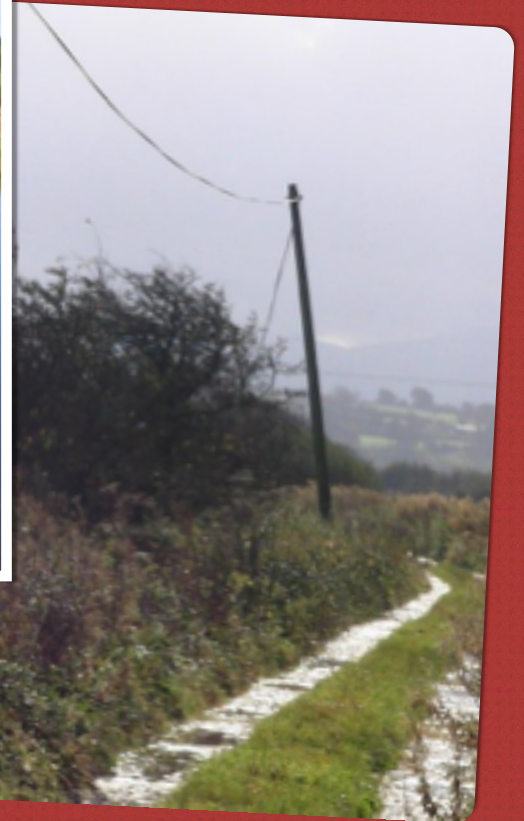
# WIGTOWN 2014



FROM TOP DOWN - MR JOSEF MELCHER, THE BAG 3RD DAY, IN THE WOOD SHED AT CREE BRIDGE HOTEL, 4TH DAY BAG LESS SOME EATEN WOODCOCK I THINK A DOZEN EATEN!! DAYS BAG, AFTER PUTTING GUNS OUT FOR NIGHT FLIGHT, DAYS BAG DAY 2, STUNNING SUNRISES FROM MY COTTAGE.



# ANGELSEY NEW GROUND



BOB GLYNN'S NEW 3000 ACRE GROUND IN ANGLESEY BOB DESCRIBES IT LIKE THE LOST WORLD. AND HAS NOT BEEN SHOT SERIOUSLY FOR 20 PLUS YEARS IT OFFERS 3 DAYS SHOOTING BACK TO BACK. SNIPE ARE IN ABUNDANCE AS ARE RABBIT DUCK GEESE AND DECENT PHEASANT WHICH ARE MORE OR LESS BREEDING WILD ON THE GROUND - THE WOODCOCK ARE HERE IN GOOD NUMBERS AND 30-40 LIFTS PER DAY CAN BE EXPECTED GIVEN THE CONDITIONS. IF YOU WISH TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT US SOONER THAN LATER FIRST 4 BOOKINGS ARE ALREADY IN FOR 2015-16 AND 10 GROUPS ARE THE LIMIT FOR THE SEASON.

# BUTE 2014



## 2014-15 Woodcock

### WHAT WE ALLOW

1. WORK YOUR OWN DOGS CHECKED OK WITH SHEEP.
2. FULL GUIDING OVER SPRINGERS AND COCKERS OUR DOGS ARE TOP DRAWER WOODCOCK DOGS
3. THERE IS A MINIMUM CHARGE FOR TWO PERSONS.
4. CHOICE OF HOTELS BUT DBB SINGLE ROOM FROM £65-70.00 PER NIGHT.
5. OVERSEAS PERMIT WORK FOR CLIENT SHOTGUNS.
6. NIGHT FLIGHTING MIX DUCK AND WOODCOCK

### PHOTOS ABOVE.

From top left Mr Pierrentoni working 6 pointers for the week. Top right Mr Bertteux again working pointers, Florian and client bottom left with a good 2 day's bag centre is Kate (RIP 27th November 2014). Larry (broken leg) Kai in centre B/W and Teal at the back.

Mr Yarnaud from France with mornings bag from 'Hunters Glen'. all on Bute

### PERSONAL COMMENT

We have seen good numbers of birds but still not the pre -2010 levels I'm 100% sure that during

the big white out over two serious winters the woodcock died in big numbers and they are still recovering, we now have to contend with warm winters and this will no doubt affect birds migrating in normal big numbers. There is an increased rise in hunting them on there breeding grounds in Russia and Scandinavia, the birds are not endangered but pressure has increased ? Anyway lets see what 2015 brings bookings are good already and I expect all areas to be filled quickly.

Bob Glynn.

Managing Director

Woodcock & Snipe hunter

# Woodcock report - Prospects for 2015-16

## Things that will change in the business 2015-16.

Having now invested in the Anglesey shoot, And the Grouse shoot on the Berwyn mountains and already having two other day shoot areas locally near Corwen and in Scotland with new ground we took last season we can cope nicely with the future also the Welsh shoots are 20-45 minutes from my home, much as I loved Bute I'll not miss the costs and journeying back and forth, Groups

of 5 -6 persons can be put either on our land's on Isle - of - Anglesey which offers more variety of species plus top drawer woodcock and Snipe so a more rounded wild shoot. My main objective is to add a further 2000 acres of woodcock and snipe grounds onto the land we currently have. And there is a chance of a further grouse area. Bute we can take 4 guns over cockers only!, unless you have your own dogs, as it would be I guide per group this will not affect pointer operators as we can let you

out on your own to 'free hunt' with your own dog's on a daily allocated area the maximum is 5 days hunting or 6 at a push. On Anglesey we can do 3 days on pointers 4 if we have a day on grouse as well but I'll be personally guiding - *we have in house pointers for hire with guide.* So Bute is still available to book with us. Wigtown can only currently do 2 days with pointers and 5 days with springers and cockers maximum hunt days.

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Top picture -walking to do the evening flight on the Isle-of-Bute, Bob Glynn and Dave Ferguson with the best bag to two guns in 2010 - 1 day!!! a woodcock makes a break for freedom