

# SACS SYNDICATES, CLUBS AND GROUPS

# **SACS**

Established in 1994 as the Scottish Association for Country Sports, by demand SACS has grown to be a UK-wide shooting and fieldsports advocacy body. Non-commercial and strictly not-for-profit, SACS is a membership association that exists to protect and promote our members' interests and those of the wider shooting and country sports community.

Traditional in values and work ethic and fresh and dynamic in vision, we are renowned for our strong and broad shooting and fieldsports liability insurance, effective member representation, firearms licensing support and standing up for the rights of shooters, anglers and hunters UK-wide.

SACS is a shooting and country sports association as it should be - member-led and member-focused, we are your committed and hard-working UK-wide representative body.

# SYNDICATE AND CLUB MEMBERSHIP

SACS has a large number of syndicates, clubs and groups within its UK-wide membership. These cover a wide variety of interests from game shooting, stalking, clay shooting, pest control, angling to rifle shooting and even some internet forums and national association affiliations. Many have been with us from when SACS began in the 1990s.

Essentially, we offer discounted SACS membership to groups on the basis that joining and renewing as one means less work for the SACS office; we simply pass that saving back to you.

### **INSURANCE**

In a world of claim, counter-claim and liability - some actual, many just nasty or spurious, shooting and country sports insurance is absolutely necessary. It is particularly important for all members of a group to have insurance cover and equally important for all group members to have the same insurer, which helps to avoid a lengthy legal battle in the event of a claim, and claims do occur.

Please remember that, even if an insurance claim against you is false, SACS still covers 100% of the associated legal costs for you. A claimant has up to three years to continue to make claims so the legal bill can run into many thousands of pounds, never mind the cost of any settlement should a claim be approved. Aside from all the other things we do for members, for £40 each a year SACS group membership is excellent value for money and there's no excess to pay - just your membership fee.

All UK-resident members of the Scottish Association for Country Sports are covered worldwide (USA and Canada by prior notification) for up to £10m public liability and £10m employer's liability for the following Insurer-endorsed recreational activities:

- Driven shooting, Walked-up shooting, Rough Shooting, Wildfowling (including punt gunning)
- Clay pigeon shooting & Archery
- Target shooting including indoor ranges & competitions
- Deer Stalking, Vermin & Pest Control
- Falconry & Ferreting
- Fishing & Angling, including Sea Fishing from shoreline only
- Gun dog handling including competitive gun dog trials / tests / field trials
- Lurcher, whippet & terrier work including racing & dog shows

- Exercising hounds (excluding amongst livestock), hound trailing and hunting within the Law
- Conservation activities (excluding professional work)
- Homeloading of ammunition and filling of airgun compressed gas cylinders
- Roadside humane dispatch of wildlife (under police direction)

All members are also covered for gain or reward from recreational (non-professional capacity) shooting or country sports activities of up to £5,000 per annum.

Please refer to website for further information.

## FREE GUEST COVER

SACS provides free cover for syndicate and club guests taking part in one of your group's days or activities. All we need is prior notice of the first and last name of the guest(s) by email or voicemail with SACS, even at the last minute.

# SYNDICATE AND CLUB ANNUAL FEES

Current syndicate and club membership fees are just:

- £44 for persons between the ages of 18 and 60 years
- £42 for persons over the age of 60 years
- £25 for persons under the age of 18 years

Group fees can be paid via cheque, credit or debit card or bank transfer.

#### **SYNDICATE REP SUPPORT**

At SACS we know from personal experience that running syndicates and clubs can be challenging. Some of our group reps compare collecting fees and renewals as akin to herding cats!

SACS is here to help, guide and support syndicate and club reps as best we can. That can be through shooting lease guidance, firearms or wildlife legislative or licensing guidance for the group or its individual members or even just support at renewal time when you are struggling to get names and subscriptions in on time. If a renewal looks to be late, just let us know and we can automatically renew until we hear from you in due course.

And, if your syndicate members joining SACS have their own insurance at different expiry dates we can run the first year's SACS membership pro-rata, to bring all your members to the same renewal date next year. Anyone extra joining within the group membership year will be at a pro-rata rate too.

How about that for bespoke service? We work this hard and competently simply because we are run by members for members and we care.

### WHATWE NEED FROM YOU

Each Syndicate/Club must have a representative member (rep) who agrees to gather all Syndicate/Club related information, including organising renewals and membership fees.

We will give you a simple spreadsheet for your members' details - please complete and return.

If you have any other questions, please call us on 01350 724228 or email us on info@sacs.org.uk