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**Grampian Region**

*Sporting Auction 2023*

7.15pm Thursday 20th April at Lochter, Oldmeldrum, AB51 0DZ



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# CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Where has the time gone? It certainly doesn't feel like a year since we got together here at Lochter for our last auction, but we're delighted to be back with a big variety of excellent live lots and another fantastic spread of food!

It has been another year of uncertainty following the emergence from the ravages of Covid. Just as we were thinking the worst was behind us, we were hit with Avian Flu and then vast areas of land being planted with trees and shooting lost. However, the ingenuity of some has enabled us to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Estates are going back to self-reared birds and local game farms to ensure their own estates have stock with excess being used to supply others, thus cutting down on foreign imports of eggs/chicks.

If this was not enough disruption and uncertainty to our countryside and activities, we have pending legislative changes to Working Dogs and of course Lead/Steel shot. Fortunately, key organisations and in particular GWCT, are addressing these matters in a factual and documented manner, enabling a voice supported by fact to advise and object against the organisations that would simply ignore our way of life. There is so much ignorance in relation to the Countryside and its activities that is used to ill advise some that are easily misled. GWCT fights our case and causes at all levels from local issues to Government legislation and our opinions and factual contributions are appreciated by all (well maybe not all!) concerned when key matters arise. The funds raised allow GWCT to pursue science-based fact on many matters - recently Woodcock studies have thrown new light on resident populations and migratory enhancement. The GWCT Scottish Demonstration Farm at Auchnerran continues to provide evidence on wader populations and predator activities that is accurate unbiased and appropriate. Studies on sea trout in the West Country are a useful contribution to support UK issues for both salmon and sea trout, again all funded by GWCT supporting educated and science-based fact.

On behalf of the GWCT Grampian Region I would like to thank our sponsors, Strutt & Parker and A-Plan as well as all lot contributors, bidders, helpers and committee members that make our Auction evening such a huge success and favourite annual event for so many. The catering and buffet is complimentary and we ask all attending to dig deep to buy a raffle ticket or win an auction lot. As detailed above, the funds raised are essential to the good work carried out by GWCT.

Thank you

**Enjoy the evening.**

Andrew Wright



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Purchasers must take the Lot being offered on the dates stated or subsequently agreed otherwise they will forfeit the purchased Lot. All shooting, fishing and stalking will be 2023/24 SEASON unless otherwise stated. Rollovers into subsequent years/Seasons are not permitted unless otherwise stated.

2. The highest bidder shall be the buyer. If any dispute arises the GWCT Grampian Chairman shall have the absolute discretion to settle it and to put any disputed lot up again. The auctioneer acts as agent only. He shall have full discretion to refuse any bidding, to divide any lot, to combine any two or more lots and to withdraw any lot or lots from the sale with appropriate agreement from GWCT Grampian Chairman. Both parties need give no reason for their decision or decisions.

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6. Purchasers of shooting days are asked to ensure that any person who takes part in the shoot is a safe and experienced shot and is fully covered by Third Party Insurance. The providers reserve the right to see evidence of insurance cover and to ask anyone who shoots dangerously to leave the shooting field immediately. We feel sure that prospective purchasers will appreciate the sense of this condition.

7. All guns must possess up to date Firearm Certificates or Shotgun Certificates and be insured. Unless the Estate that offers said Lot utilises its guest certification and use of gun in the presence of the Estates nominated responsible person.

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LOT	DONOR	DESCRIPTION	GUIDE PRICE
1	Roe Buck Stalking Malcolm Hay	An opportunity to stalk a potential medal winning head at Edinglassie Estate, Donside near Huntly. Gun will be accompanied by keeper and possibility of Estate gun being used.	£350
2	Roe Buck Stalking Peter Robinson	Visit the beautiful Glenbuchat Estate, for an opportunity to take a medal winning head. Gun will be accompanied and must be fit as terrain is challenging.	£350
3	Hind Stalking Mark Nicolson	Fantastic opportunity to shoot a hind/hinds on the spectacular Upper Deeside Estate of Mar. Gun will be accompanied by experienced Keeper.	£400
4	Salmon Fishing Lawrence Ross	Wonderful chance for two rods over two days to fish the renowned beats of Invery/Tilquhillie and Lower Blackhall/Banchory on the beautiful River Dee. Both beats have well appointed facilities and the shared use of an experienced Ghillie is included.	£400
5	Driven Game Shooting Brian Carnegie	One day for 2 x Guns on the renowned Partridge shoot at Fettercairn Estate in October 2023 (300 x Bird Day). Full and generous hospitality offered throughout the day, with a meal for all guns after the shoot.	£5,000
6	Driven Game Shooting Brian Carnegie	One day for 2 x Guns on the renowned Partridge shoot at Fettercairn Estate in October 2023 (300 x Bird Day). Full and generous hospitality offered throughout the day, with a meal for all guns after the shoot. (second day offered)	£5,000

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7	Mixed Day Shooting Andrew Farquharson	Now the renowned McHedge is offered again, it will consist of a day with Hedgie Shand, Head Keeper on the beautiful Deeside/Feughside Estate in October 2023. Bag will include Pheasants/Pigeons/Rabbits on a day spent exploring this shoot under the expert guidance of the keeper. Lot to be taken in November 2023 only, and not carried forward.	£500
8	Simulated Game Day Hal Salvesson	Local simulated Game/Clay Shoot at Findrack offered by Findrack Sporting. Full days shooting for up to 10 x Guns, hospitality and transport included. Gun Hire can be provided. Variety of testing drives for all levels of shooter. Day must be taken in 2023.	£3,000
9	Shooting Sticks Bushwear Ltd. (Ali Troup)	1 x Set of Viper Flex Pro Shooting Sticks. The ideal aid to any stalker, can be utilised in a variety of shooting positions. The four legged support offers maximum stability in the field, with fitting for binocular mounting if required. Lot to be taken in 2023	£350
10	Hind Stalking Sir Andrew Walker-Okeover	1 x Days Hind stalking and two nights accommodation in either the Antlers or Garden Cottage on Glenmuick Estate near Ballater, Royal Deeside. Both can sleep up to four guests. The Gun will be accompanied by an experienced Stalker and may get an opportunity for more than one Hind during the day.	£650
11	Hind Stalking Alf Sorensen	1 x Days Hind Stalking in Aberdeenshire/Angus Region day must be taken before Christmas 2023. Fully accompanied day with experienced Stalker. A variety of Estates available to insure a perfect day for the winning bidder. Lot to be taken before Christmas 2023, or forfeited.	£400

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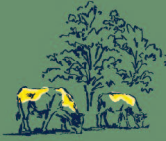
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12	Sea Fishing Harold Napier	A day at sea for up to 10 x Rods with Harold Napier in the Moray Firth, a variety of fish would be expected and certainly plentiful stocks so lots for the deep freeze. Tackle can be hired from this experienced skipper.	£500
13	Accommodation Peter Walker	Two nights for two at the prestigious Hotel, The Maryculter House Hotel, Deeside. Offer includes Dinner on the first night, and High Tea the second day. Enjoy two quiet days of luxury at this beautiful location.	£300
14	Sea Trout and Salmon Fishing Sarah Cruickshank	A day fly fishing for 3 x Rods on the River Deveron, near Turriff. Fishing Upper Netherdale/Laithers/or Carnousie and Ardmiddle Beats. Day to be taken between now and the end of April 2024.	£300
15	Grouse over Pointers Luise Janniche	A unique chance to spend a day in the hills for 3 x (fit) Guns, walking up Grouse over Pointers in Grampian/Angus area. Location to be firmed up depending on Grouse stocks. Potential 5 x Brace. Lot to be taken 2023 Season.	£1,250
16	Salmon and Sea Trout Fishing John Shields	A weeks fishing for 5 x Rods at Avochie on the River Deveron, including self-catered accommodation (two Double Bedrooms, one twin) in the newly refurbished Chalmers Cottage. Chalmers is part of Avochie's old stable block, and sits just yards from the river. The Deveron ranks fifth in Scotland in number of fish caught annually, and holds the record for the UK's heaviest fly-caught Salmon: 61lb by Mrs Clementina (Tiny) Morison in 1924. The Deveron rises in the Cabrach and joins the Moray Firth at Banff. Avochie lies about halfway up the river, just upstream from Milltown of Rothiemay. There are 24 named pools on the Avochie Beat, which is approximately two and a half miles of river, all double-bank fishing. The Beats are for the most part excellent fly water, with good variations of pools and rapids. The River Isla joins the Deveron at one of the best pools at Avochie, the Junction Pool. To be taken in 2023 Season.	£3,000

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17	Salmon and Sea Trout Fishing Guy Macpherson-Grant	Again a marvellous opportunity for 2 x Days Fishing for Two Rods on the River Avon upstream of the Famous Junction Pool at Ballindalloch on the River Spey. Steve Brand the Ballindalloch Head Ghillie will be available to help and advise. Days must be taken together and during 2023 season.	£600
18	Duck Flight Dinnet and West Tillypronie Syndicate	An evening duck flight for 3 x Guns on ponds that are fed and Keepered, with anticipated good bag of Mallard, Teal, and some Widgeon and Geese possible too. The ponds are on the Dinnet and West Tillypronie Syndicate shoot, a keeper will be on hand to organise the guns into appropriate hides. To be taken between Sept 2023 - end of Jan 2024 only (cannot be carried forward to 24/25 season).	£450
19	Activity Euan Webster	Half a day for 6 x Guests at Lochter Activity Centre, Nr Oldmeldrum. The Day will include Go Karting, Archery, Trout Fishing and one other activity (Winners Choice).	£600
20	Shooting Hans Depre	Walked up day for 4 x Guns at Clova Estate, Lumsden in January 2024. Bag 40 x Birds and guns should bring their own lunch.	£1,200
21	Holiday Let Cottage Gordon Castle Estate	Three nights at this luxurious and romantic house set in the woods at Gordon Castle in Moray. Quarry Gardens Lodge has been done up to an impeccably high standard. Hidden away along its own approach track, it has one king sized bedroom, two bathrooms, a living room, dining room and kitchen. Impossibly romantic. Fishing on the famous Gordon Castle and Brae Water beats on the River Spey or Roe Stalking may be available by separate arrangement. Timing to be mutually agreed between the successful buyer and donor.	£600

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22	Holiday Let Cottage Balnagowan Estates	Three nights at Balnagowan Estates "Swiss Chalet" in Easter Ross. Located in the heart of the Estate close to Balnagowan Castle, this newly renovated chalet is provided with exclusive facilities of fishing on the Balnagowan River and various lochs on the Estate. The use of bicycles and the gym facilities provided by the Estate is available for the cottage residents. Swiss Chalet is a one bedroom with en-suite upstairs and an open plan kitchen, dinner, sitting room with wood burning stove down stairs. Also a laundry room and spare toilet. Stay agreed between Lot winner and Donor.	£400
23	Roe Buck Stalking Drummuir Estate	Two outings for Roe Bucks on Drummuir Estate (one good head and second a cull buck) in July/August 2024. Additional stalking and accommodation can be arranged with the Estate.	£300
24	Salmon/Sea Trout/ Brown Trout The Brooksbank Family	A days fly fishing for Trout and Salmon on the Upper River Don at Tornashean Beat for two rods. With one mile of double bank fishing there are a number of different pools to fish, whilst enjoying the spectacular Cairngorm scenery in the National Park.	£160
25	Roe Carcass Chris Gordon	Whole Roe Carcass, Gralloched/Skinned.	£50
26	Salmon/Sea Trout/ Brown Trout Cawdor Estate	A rare opportunity to take the fishing on the renowned Cawdor Estates beats on the River Findhorn for 3 x Rods one day. Winner may be able to negotiate accommodation or additional days if required, Lot to be taken 2023 Season.	£300
27	Sika Stag Stalking Dunmaglass Estate	A days Sika Stag Stalking at the renowned Dunmaglass Estate with Head Stalker to assist the winner enjoy a thrilling opportunity to bag a Sika Stag. (2023 season only).	£500

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28	Hind Stalking Dunmaglass Estate	Another opportunity to spend a day at Dunmaglass Estate this time stalking Red Deer Hinds (Several possible). Head Stalker will take you on a day of beautiful scenery and a chance of several Hinds (2034/24 season only).	£350
29	Hotel/Golf/Meal Meldrum Hotel	Once again an opportunity for four golfers to enjoy the Meldrum Hotel golf course and supper in the Hotel after the round. The facilities and course are exclusive and first class so a very special day for all concerned.	£600
30	Driven Pheasant/Partridge The Howarth Family	Two Guns on the prestigious Littlewood Estate shoot with an expected bag of 150 x Birds. The Lot is donated by the Howarth Family and will likely be the back end of the 2023/24 season shooting with the family and friends.	£1,600
31	Roe Stalking The Howarth Family	A Morning or Evening Roe Buck from the Littlewood Estate under the expert guidance of the Head Keeper. (taken in 2023 season only).	£200
32	Driven Partridge Shooting Mr David Carnegie Mr Alan Carnegie	300 x Bird Day for two guns in the spectacular and scenic Angus Glens. Colmeallie is a famous well established Partridge Shoot, offering excellent high sporting birds and a day including refreshments and meal for the guns in the renovated farmhouse steading. Lot must be taken in 23/24 season.	£4,200
33	A day's ferreting and rabbit shooting for 3 Provided by GWCT	A chance for three guns to help manage the rabbit population at the GWCT's demonstration farm at Auchnerran, Aberdeenshire. The day is available between September-March 2022/23. Elevenes and a warm sit down lunch will be provided, and gundogs and non-shooting members are welcome on the day. We encourage guns who visit Auchnerran to complete our short test to become an accredited Game Shot. Details of where and how to complete the accreditation will be included in the voucher provided to the winning bidder. Exact date by arrangement.	£500

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34	An evening's duck flight for 3 guns Provided by GWCT	An evening's duck flighting at the Game & Wildlife Scottish Demonstration Farm at Auchnerran to be taken between November and December 2023 on a mutually agreed date. Drinks will be provided before and after the event.	£180
35	Gun Service Andy Coull, Osbourne Guns	A gift voucher of £150 towards the service of your Shotgun by expert local gunsmith business Osbourne Guns.	£150
36	McNab Provided by Birse Estate	A very rare opportunity to achieve the sports pinnacle and attempt a McNab on the Forest of Birse Estate (Birse Estate) by arrangement between 6th October – 15th October 2023. The lucky winner will be accompanied by the Head Keeper and Ghillie for Birse probably starting with an early morning attempt at catching a Salmon. Thereafter up the Hill for the Stag and Brace of Grouse. You will return to the river if the mornings Salmon attempt fails and keep at it until light fails. But the Estate is well stocked with all the necessary game to achieve your McNab so very positive of the outcome.	£1,800
37	Golf for 4 at Castle Stuart Golf Links Provided by Moray Estates	A superb round of golf for four at Castle Stuart Golf Links by Inverness. This Championship Par 72 Links course, home to the 2016 Scottish Open, overlooks the Moray Firth with several holes literally on the sea and others atop a sea cliff with a stunning panorama. The course, which is open from 25th March until 19th November 2023, has attracted international acclaim for its design, location and ability to be playable yet challenging for both professionals and amateurs. Date by arrangement.	£400

LOT	DONOR	DESCRIPTION	GUIDE PRICE
38	Cartridge Bag Provided by Philip Carry from Jamieson & Carry	Purdey Gun and Rifle Makers, London made this High Quality Cartridge Bag. Made with tradition and practicality in mind, the classic leather Cartridge Bag is made from vegetable-tanned leather with bridle leather trims for extra strength. Featuring an adjustable strap, solid brass fittings and hinge-over flap for easy access to cartridges. The body of the bag is subtly curved for a neat and comfortable fit at the hip. Will take 100 x 12-gauge cartridges.	£845
39	Roe Buck Stalking Provided by Lord Seafield	Visit the Cullen Estate to stalk for a Roe Buck, accompanied by Head Keeper the Lot winner will have the chance of a medal head.	£250



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