

WHY, WHAT, & WHO



Clay&Game Shotshell Reloaders Catalogue

Why; in this modern computerised age produce a downloadable and printable catalogue? Because there still is a few reloaders that do not access to computers and have a friend or relation to download and print it for them. This provides them with prices for components and equipment. Also the cost of printing a colour catalogue from the net is about 25p. To have one printed in Black & White is about £2.00 plus delivery 0.98p.

This is the 22th issue to be produced since starting in 1986 and contains up to date product information. Some stock items continue to be difficult to obtain, therefore availability on some items may fluctuate. Where possible, prices will be maintained, however, as some items are imported, and due to fluctuations in the strength of the £ against other currencies, it may become necessary to adjust the price structure.

What; is my object in going to all the effort of producing the Only downloadable catalogue of its type in this part of the world? Quite simply, its to help those wishing to achieve consistent and high standards by reloading their own shot cartridges. By giving reloaders the opportunity to buy modern components, propellants and equipment, they are able to reload a cartridge to a standard that is far beyond all commercial loading companies dreams. This may appear to be a bold statement, however I can prove it beyond all reasonable doubt with volumes of statistics.

Shotshell reloaders are in the minority of the shooting fraternity, this gives me the opportunity to keep in personal contact with most of my customers. This is something many dealers find difficult or, for reasons of their

own don't bother. Regardless, to you being a new customer, or a well established one, information regarding shotshell reloading is only a telephone call away.

Do to certain constraints, reloading data formulas can no longer be given over the telephone. The reason being is, that the information may be misinterpreted or incorrectly recorded by word and may lead to some mishap. Reloading data is now only supplied on a CD in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format. Because of the high costs now related to proof testing cartridges with new types of non-toxic shot, data formula sheets now have to be laminated and are therefore charged for. e.g. A new proofed loading formula for a 10 gauge ITM shot load can cost over £160.00, and all you see is just one line added to a file. To give an example - for producing 19 new nontoxic formulas for CSB0 powder in 28, 20, 12, 12-3½", & 10 bore the cost exceeded £1360.00.

Who; my name is Ian Charlton a self employed private trader who started in business in 1970. Clay&Game Reloaders is the continuation of the Fotosound Gun Company formed in Boston, Lincolnshire in 1970. In 1986 the name was changed to Clay&Game Gun Imports, at which period they started to import MEC reloading equipment. On retirement in 1990 and, to continue an interest in shotshell reloading, Clay&Game Reloaders was formed to supply the much needed, hard to acquire components. Being a one man business having to fetch & carry, bag & weigh, label & dispatch, I am not always glued to my seat in the office.

As to my life; it has been varied and interesting. I was born in a pub down a fen road in

Lincolnshire, grafted on the land as a youth. Moved into Boston in 1959 taking a job as a press, and then industrial photographer before starting my own business in 1970. My first air rifle was given to me on my 10th birthday, and a .410 when I was 16, acquire an FAC at 18, and a .22 Rim fire rifle. Loaded my first 12ga cartridges in 1968 on a Savage 630 press, then gave up until 1986, but still have the press. Joined WAGBI in 1962, was a marsh warden for the Welland Wildfowl Group 1964 to 1966, and still have a card to prove it. In the early 1980's I shot DTL and OT, later changing to the ISU skeet discipline. In 1963 I gained my private pilots license, and in 1971 my Twin engine rating. From 1979 I flew for a number of different agricultural and industrial companies. After 33 years of flying, medical reasons stopped me from continuing in 1996.

I still hold an amateur radio license G1EBZ, but have not operated for a number of years. I'm still married to the same young girl, and after 45 years she still has to be reminded of our wedding anniversary date. We also have two married daughters and two grandchildren.

My hobby is caravanning with my wife. We've been from the Algarve Portugal in the South, to the Arctic Circle in Finland and Sweden in the North, to Slovenia, Croatia, Czech Republic, and just about all the counties in between.

This catalogue is compiled and produced by Ian Charlton, Clay&Game Shotshell Reloaders, so all grammatical errors, cock-ups, and omissions must be looked upon as my best effort, after having tried to eliminate them!