



OLD BASING ARCHERS' NEWSLETTER



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Message From Chairman George

As we come to the end of another enjoyable year of archery, it's pleasant to look back over the session. Thanks to the success of the last two years in attracting and keeping new beginners, the club continues to flourish. We have been able to run and support our full range of events and from what I saw, all who attended enjoyed them. Thanks to you for your help in making things run smoothly and so well.

Looking forward to next year, we spent most of the last committee meeting setting the dates for next years shoot etc.; you can see the dates in this newsletter. We are again expecting to run two sets of beginners' classes, for about 20 in total. Beginners are not only the lifeblood of the club; their fees help our funds significantly. There was plenty of support for the classes this year, and I hope you can do the same next year.

Although we are predominantly a recurve club, we have an active, and enthusiastic compound section as Geoff keeps reminding the committee. He has convinced us to sponsor some extra compound trophies for our club shoots. The compounds will miss Colin's contribution as he has now left to live permanently in Spain but I'm sure you all join me in wishing Colin all the best for his future. If anybody is interested in compounds, I'm sure Geoff or Robin would be only too pleased to help you.

It's good to see the overall improvement in scores through the year and I know there will be some competition for the most improved archer; we'll certainly be in good form for some of the away shoots next year.

Merry Xmas and Good Shooting in 2004

George



Annual General Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday, 17th February at 7:30 pm in the up-stairs meeting room of the pavilion at the recreation ground.

It would be great to see all club members there. OBA is your club; this is your opportunity to have a say in what happens in 2004.

If there is anything you would like to see included on the agenda or anyone else to nominate for the committee, notify the Secretary, Andrew before 31st Jan.



Dates

When you are bored of watching too much television over the Christmas, get out that shiny new calendar or diary and fill in the following dates!

January

Wed 7th Indoor shooting re-commences (postal match)
Sat 10th Frostbite (postal match) – Delayed from 3rd.
Tue 27th Equipment Night

February

Tue 17th A.G.M, 19:30.

March

Wed 31st Last indoor shooting session

April

Sun 18th Saxon Shoot, Andover
Sun 25th St.George's Shoot, Old Basing

May

Mon 3rd Old Basing Parish Sports Day

July

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Junior National Champs, Andover.
Sat 24th & Sun 25th OBA & Andover FITA

August

Sun 8th OBA Birthday Handicap Shoot

October

Sun 3rd OBA Club Champs
Wed 6th Indoor shooting starts
Sun 10th TC's Birthday Shoot!

El Gringo
Alias Colin Hasler

Winter Competitions

As most of you are aware, to keep the interest running during the winter months, we run two competitions. The Frostbite is a short, outdoor round (3 dozen at 30 metres) usually shot on the first Saturday of the month *whatever* the weather! The indoor is a Portsmouth round shot on the first Wednesday of the month. To make things fair, the competition is run on handicaps. Here are the results so far for the winter club competitions.

Frostbite.

November			December		
Chris Wannell	373	5 points	Rachael H	379	5 points
Andrew H	371	4	Steve L	376	4
George M	364	3	Frank B	371	3
Debbie C	359	2	Andrew B	369	2
Harry H	357	1	Andrew H	363	1 plus 4 = 5

Indoor

November			December		
Terry C	1454	5	Chris M	1457	5 + 2 = 7
George M	1448	4	Steve L	1446	4
Debbie C	1448	4	George M	1445	3 + 4 = 7
Chris M	1445	2	Robin F	1439	2
Frank B	1438	1	Su E	1436	1

Club Championships

These were keenly contested in the wonderful early autumn sunshine, and how often can OBA say that? Your champions for 2003 were:

Ladies Recurve	Su Elliot
Gents Recurve	Stephen Learwood
Gents Compound	Geoff Machin
Longbow	Andrew Hutchison
Junior	Richard Ayling
Veteran	Sheila Stone

A full summary of scores and positions will be posted in the clubhouse in January.

**Merry
Christmas**