



OLD BASING ARCHERS' NEWSLETTER

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The Chairman's Letter

There is no Chairman's letter in this edition. Instead, appearing for one night only, George will be giving us his thoughts live and uncensored at the AGM. This is an event not to be missed, so put the evening of February 18th in your diary and try to contain your excitement until then.

Special Shooting Arrangements For February 15th and 22nd.

The parish have asked us to accommodate the junior football team by giving up two Saturday mornings. They were after five dates, but we agreed on two. It seems this junior team has been so successful it needs additional matches in a cup competition. So, February 15th and 22nd OBA will have to be an afternoon session. Turn up at 13:30 for 14:00 sighters if you can. I made a big fuss about us needing our regular session, even during the winter, so please make the effort if at all possible.

Indoor Shooting

The Autumn term saw us attract about 10 regular shooters to the Village Hall. They enjoyed a varied programme, shooting Portsmouth, Worcester and fun rounds.

The final session comprised a fun Christmas tournament with 4 different events. There was the snooker round, 'potting' reds and colours for points. Noughts and crosses, played head to head. Darts - best score with 6 arrows and shooting the lights on a Christmas tree completed the rounds. First, second and third places in each discipline earned points to determine the overall winner.

We had time to play two tournaments, stopping for mulled wine and mince pies in between.

Winner of both tournaments was Richard Ayling with Geoff Machin and Andrew Hutchison sharing the second and third places each time.

The Winter term is now underway at a cost of £30 or £4 per visit. It runs from 20:30 to 22:30 in the Village Hall, all members are welcome. The club Portsmouth competition continues on the first Wednesday of each month.

Membership

All quiet on the membership front but the enquiries about lessons continue to come in. We will be setting some dates in April/May/June to run the courses and looking for volunteers to assist us. More details to follow.

Club Diary

Dates for the main club events have now been decided, please make a note of them in your diaries:

AGM - Tuesday 18th February, 19:30, Pavilion Upstairs Room. Agenda accompanies this newsletter.

Practical Session - Tuesday 4th March 19:00 (See below).

St. George - Sunday 13th April (11am Sighters, St. George/Albion/Windsor rounds)

Burleigh Friendly Match - 8th June to be proposed

Andover FITA 26th & 27th July

Club Handicap Tmt. (Birthday shoot) - 17th August

Siege - 7th September (Invitation shoot again)

Club Championships - 5th October

There will be one additional fun event this season to mark a special occasion, probably in late July/early August. More details to follow when known.

Other local events we usually support:

Andover Saxon - 27th April

OB Carnival - 14th June (we think)

North Hants Shield - 6th July (provisional)

Berkshire Championships - 13th July

Alençon Visit - 24th & 25th May

The annual exchange between Basingstoke and Alençon takes us over to France this year. The club there provides us with a warm welcome and impressive hospitality. We even get to shoot for a nice trophy and it's about time we won it for a change.

The visit coincides with the Bank Holiday weekend, so there will be time to recover before returning to work. In previous years Basingstoke have put on affordable coach transport while other members have taken their own cars over. If you would welcome the chance to stay with a French family in this lovely town in Normandy, please let me know.

FITA Target Renovation

The FITA targets had their stuffing knocked out of them again this summer, so the job of repacking them falls to members of Andover and OBA. The foam has been delivered and arrangements are being made with Andover to share out the work. If you are available for a few hours one afternoon or weekend, please let Geoff Machin know. Dates will be posted in the clubhouse when arranged.

Practical Session – Tuesday 4th March, 19:00

Come to the clubhouse and see how to maintain your gear and get ready for the coming outdoor season. Experts will be on hand to guide you through string making, serving, fletching and other essential skills. Get some advice or help others out.

Missing

The club's arrow straightener has gone missing, does anybody have it or remember who might. Apparently it has a cunning combination of rollers and a gauge to fix a bent alloy arrow.

NOTIFICATION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2003

PAVILION COMMITTEE ROOM (UPSTAIRS), 19:30 HRS.

AGENDA

- 1) Matters arising from Minutes of 2002 AGM

(Minutes are displayed in the clubhouse or available on request from the Secretary).

- 2) Adoption of minutes.
- 3) Chairman's Report.
- 4) Secretary's Report.
- 5) Treasurer's Report.
- 6) Record Officer's Report.
- 7) Re election of Officers.

(All of the current committee are willing to stand for another year, but if there are nominations from the club to contest the positions it will be voted on).

- 8) Approval of Club Fees
- 9) Presentation of FITA Accounts
- 10) Social Event
- 11) AOB

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS MUST BE NOTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY, WITH PROPOSER AND SECONDER, BY 4th FEBRUARY 2003.

SUGGESTED AOB AGENDA ITEMS MUST BE NOTIFIED TO THE SECRETARY BY 4th FEBRUARY 2003.

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