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# OLD BASING ARCHERS' NEWSLETTER

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## The Secretary's Letter

No chairman's letter this time, he's on holiday (again!). Since he retired he seems to have been busier than ever, so you'll have to suffer my ramblings instead.

Since the last newsletter so much seems to have happened, but I don't have many pictures to prove it. This newsletter is going to seem rather wordy, especially as I don't have the time to write a concise one.

The GNAS paperwork is sitting on my desk waiting to be done, as usual I'm disappointed to see how many regulars have dropped out this year, but we have some keen newcomers to compensate for them. More worrying are the handful of beginners who signed up after the course but didn't get into the habit of turning up. If you are one of our strays, then please consider putting archery into your winter schedule. Perhaps the indoor sessions on a Wednesday evening would fit into your busy lives. Don't be shy, we will be glad to see you and happy to reprise the basic technique with you.

Cheers *Andrew*

## Club Championships

This will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday in October as usual. The rounds will be York, Hereford and Bristols. This is not a handicap tournament, so to win a medal or trophy you must compete at your full competition distances. Improvers can shoot any suitable round for the experience, or join us in the afternoon (1pm) for the final 6 dozen as a National.

Setting up the field commences at 9.15; assembly will be at 9:45 with sighters at 10am. The pavilion will be available for refreshments and the closing ceremony. We intend to award all of the trophies and medals on the day, together with medals for other events during the year. Food and wine will feature in the now traditional manner for OBA. Contributions of buffet food to eat before and during the medal presentation are sought. We would also appreciate some help from partners or parents in cooking the bacon for the morning's rolls.

## Membership

With apologies to anyone who has slipped through the net, we have welcomed the following to our ranks over the summer:

Felicity Scott, Joe Ford and Robert Stokes.

New GNAS labels are available for your membership cards, collect them in the clubhouse. New members will get theirs in a couple of months.

## Club Diary

Indoor sessions start - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> October, 20:30  
Club Championships - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> October, 09:15  
First Frostbite Shoot - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> November, 09:30

Andover Club Ch. & BBQ - Sun 19<sup>th</sup> October, 09:30

## Andover FITA

The committee once again extends its thanks to all who helped over the weekend. The weather may not have been as good as in previous years, but the visiting archers still enjoyed the experience and it maintained the highest of standards in both shooting and organisation.

## Tournament Achievements

More junior success for OBA:

Guildford Acorn - Rachael Hutchison won the Girls Bristol 4 with a new personal best of 1036.

Hampshire Championships September 28<sup>th</sup> - Late arrangements and poor communications meant that very few archers were able to go. Our junior champions were both keen to defend their titles, and were successful. Richard Ayling retaining the Boys, U18 Recurve title and Rachael Hutchison the Girls, U13 Recurve. Richard was able to claim a Hampshire Star award for his 1100+ performance.

The Hampshire Championships started with a minute's silence for Christopher Sherwood who died unexpectedly the Wednesday before, at the age of 21. Christopher was part of an archery family, a very successful junior in his time, and popular as a coach. His mother Penny was part of the organisation of the shoot and, determined it should go ahead, was there on the day to play her part.

## Indoor Shooting

This commences on the first Wednesday in October, falling this year on the 1<sup>st</sup>. We shoot at 20:30 in Old Basing Village Hall for about 2 hours. We have a 20yd or 20m range, usually onto 60cm faces. It is challenging and good practice to maintain concentration and technique for 5 dozen arrows. The charges for each term will be reviewed when the numbers shooting are known, it is currently expected to be £30 for the term or £4 per session.

From November the first Wednesday of each month is competition night, for the club indoor Portsmouth trophy. This tournament relies on handicaps to determine the winner, so get down and shoot some rounds to establish an indoor handicap and then improve on it.

Some club members are shooting as visitors at Andover during the day, their scores will also qualify for the competition and our postal team results.

## Club Birthday Shoot

We had a terrific day in mid August for this shoot, it was well attended and closely contested.

As the handicap system favours our rapidly improving youngsters you will not be surprised to see the three medal winners. You may not be surprised, but young Christopher Wannell certainly was, seeming not to recognise his own name when called. His delight was evident when he collected the trophy from George (see below).

The Wand competition followed, and Rachael Hutchison won with 5 hits in 18 arrows.



## Ladder Handicap Rule Change

The committee decided that the rules are too restrictive by limiting challenges to those on equal or one higher position. With immediate effect the challenge can be issued to anyone on equal or higher score.

Looking at the current position I see a small number of archers in a keenly contested competition, next year they might find it harder to pull away from the rest and we can spread the challenges wider.

## Siege Shoot

Another excellent day at the recreation ground, with the threatened showers holding off all day. It was even better supported this year with 5 visiting clubs, a total of 23 visiting archers. Our own numbers were good, with 20 members shooting and some others dropping by to lend their support.

The winning team was Andover, comprising Reg Press, Pete Hudson, Helen Press and Dave Greenslade with a score of 4035. OBA were second, Burleigh 3rd.

Colour prizes went to:

Gold: Michelle Worthington, Crowthorne  
Red: Sheila Stone, OBA  
Blue: Colin Hasler, OBA  
Black: Colin Foreman, Velmead  
White: Barry Walker, Burleigh  
Green: Frank Bell, OBA

Best Gold: Steve Buesden, Burleigh

## Andover Invitation

Our friends at Andover have invited us to be part of their club championship on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Shooting commences at 10am, but please arrive by at least 9:30. The round to be shot is a National (with junior rounds as well). It will be followed by a BBQ to which we are also invited.

Please let me know if you will be attending so we can give Reg & Helen some idea of numbers.