

Old Basing Archers NEWSLETTER February 2005

The Chairman's Bit

Well, spring may be in the air but this is still the quietest time in the year for archery, with most of us making a quick dash out for a few dozen arrows on a Saturday or Sunday morning. However I hope we will see you at the AGM on the 21st of Feb. The AGM is your chance to tell the committee what you like (and don't like) about the club and how it is run. It would also be nice to see some new members on the committee, there will be some vacancies and it is important for any club to have a healthy turn over of committee members, to keep in tune with member's needs and new ideas.

Last year was very active with a good selection of shoots, and also a couple of the opportunities to be involved in demonstrating archery to the general public. This has made the club more successful in attracting and retaining members, and again I would like to talk about that at the AGM.

One of the activities we engage in every year is the Basingstoke / Alençon sporting exchange. We shoot against the Alençon archers over the May Bank holiday, and is held in UK or France on alternate years. In 2004 Alençon was due here, but a last minute hitch prevented them coming over so our newer members will not have had the chance to meet them. This year it's our turn to travel to them. My wife and I have been over there three times and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We stay with a host family and the French always have several hospitality events. Our only complaint was we needed a week's holiday to recover. Basingstoke council held it's first meeting on Monday to judge interest; they usually give some limited financial support. I went as club rep, it's usually Leslie Clark but as you know she's not been too well (but responding to her treatment and hopes to be fit by May). I now need some idea of the level of interest in the club, so again I would like to discuss at the AGM, but please if you want more details and are interested contact me anytime.

George

GNAS Website

GNAS are in the process of re-vamping their web-site and the site has been down since the beginning of the year. They plan that the site should grow with more information for members. The address is www.gnas.org; check it out when it's back on-line.

Editor

Members In The News

The Basingstoke Gazette had a feature at the end of December about the hospital's ultrasound unit which is 25 years old. OBA member Margaret Holt was prominently featured as superintendent radiographer. As Margaret said, "the babies I scanned 25 years ago are having babies themselves"

Editor

AGM

Don't forget the AGM on Monday, 21st February at 8:00 pm in the Pavilion Committee Room. This is THE most important meeting of the club and your chance to express your views and contribute to the continued successful running for your club.

Christmas Fun Shoot

Continuing the tradition of the past couple of years, we held a 'fun' shoot at the village hall on 15th Dec. Seven faces were available to test our skills. Three conventional Portsmouth faces, but with different scoring. "Reverse" where 1 = 10, 2 = 9, etc, "odds" (an arrow in an even number ring counts as a miss) and "evens" (odd scoring rings count as misses). Noughts and Crosses with the usual rules and darts playing for 101. Finally two interesting faces that had been produced by Richard. "Santa stuck in a chimney" and "Snowmen" each had a variety of different scoring zones. The festive mood was continued with mince-pies and mulled wine courtesy of Andrew

Results

Highest Score	Steve
Noughts and Crosses	Andrew
Darts	Robin

(see the Colour Supplement on the notice board for pictures)

Editor

New Members

Welcome to Steve Stokes, an experienced archer and former member of the county compound team.

Also to Stephanie who is changing sides and joining the Old Basing Archers From The Dark Side! It's great to have our first lady compound archer (but then, I'm a bit biased!)

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Word Search

This grid contains 32 archery related words or phrases. How many can you find? The words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and forward or backwards. No prizes, but you will be able to wear a smug grin if you find all the words!

Answers in the next newsletter!

Editor

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