

# Old Basing Archers NEWSLETTER February 2006

## Visit to Stylist Bows

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December (one of the wettest nights in living memory), a small but select group of OBA members aquaplaned their way to Farnborough to the Stylist workshop to see how recurve limbs are made.

Stylist occupies a dusty corner of the joinery company owned by Steve Lingwood and has access to a variety of machine tools and equipment.

We were first shown the basic elements of limbs in their "raw" state i.e. thin strips of fibre glass, carbon fibre, solid foam, maple and bamboo in various thicknesses which are combined to give the draw weight and other properties of the finished limbs. Once the required combination is selected for both the upper and lower limbs, each strip is coated with a 2 part flexible Araldite and carefully assembled together with the machined wedge (the thicker part which fits into the limb pocket of the riser). The whole assembly is then clamped onto a heavyweight wooden former and placed into a low temperature "oven" to cure the adhesive – usually overnight.

The next step was to mill the slot for the limb bolts, taking care to ensure that the slot was absolutely accurately centralised. Next, a few heart stopping moments when Steve shaped the nock end of the limbs freehand on a circular saw (afterwards, I counted his fingers twice just to be sure that all were still attached) and then sanded most of the edges to produce a smooth finish. The limbs were then bolted onto a very solid precision built riser jig sitting on a flat glass plate. This was used to precisely align the limbs with the use of a neat little scriber tool. The limbs were then also clamped to the jig and the holes drilled for the alignment pin to be added. Finally the string grooves and nocks are filed on the limb ends (all free hand) and then sanded smooth to avoid string wear. The limbs are fitted to a riser and the actual finished draw weight is tested on a simple scale; the limbs are numbered and the details recorded into a ledger so that at any time in the future it would be possible to identify when and how the limbs were produced.

A very interesting evening, I picked up lots of information which will be useful at bow tuning sessions.

The coffee, cheese and biscuits afterwards weren't bad either!

TC

## Quivering Competition

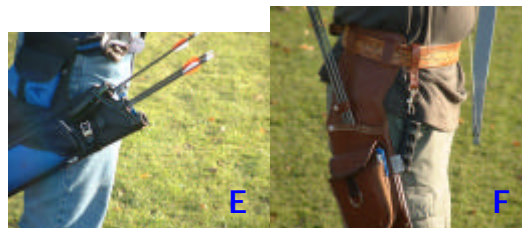
Dave S has discretely taken these 8 pictures at a recent shoot. "Can anyone recognise all 8 archers, mainly from their quivers?" asks Dave.

"I will present a bottle of wine at the AGM for the 1<sup>st</sup> person to correctly identify (on paper or email), the 8 archers below. Failing *all* the names, the most correct."

Dave requests that all entries be sent to the editor.

"Can the OBA archers recognise their 'elbows from their ar\*\*\*\*s', sorry rear ends?"

This is just intended to be a bit of fun, so the editor is the judge and his decision is final!



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## AGM

Don't forget that the club AGM is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 8:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. You can find the Meeting Room in the pavilion, the door to the right-hand side and up the stairs. Find out if you have won Dave's Quivering Competition!

## Junior Awards

Talking of the AGM, the committee have decided to present a new Junior Award at the AGM.

"I think that everyone in the club is proud of our juniors and would want to encourage them", commented one committee member.

Another committee member was reported to have said "Some of us with long memories can even remember the support that we received in our youthful archery years!"

I'm not so sure that the memories of committee members are that long, but mindful of the sentiment, and after much deliberation, it was decided that the new award will be for most scores submitted during the year. The Records Officer has promised that the data will be scrutinised meticulously to ensure complete fairness!

Finally, there will be additional Junior Awards at the Club Champs with awards in each classification category. All juniors will now have a good chance of a 'gong'.

## Winter Competitions

December

Portsmouth

Name	Score	Points
Dave Westbrook	1552	5 + 1 = 6
Geoff McCann	1459	4 + 4 = 8
Phil Lamb	1442	3 + 3 = 6
Geoff Machin	1438	2
Debbie Campbell	1431	1

Frostbite

Jonathan Youll	376	5
Ken Denyer	365	4
Pete Hebdidge	361	3
Debbie Campbell	357	2
Phil Lamb	356	1 + 1 = 2

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## Boxing Day Shoot

Although it was a dull, over-cast day with occasional drizzle, more than twenty turned out to have a go at the challenges that TC had planned. (Or maybe it was a mass escape from assorted visitors and in-laws).

Targets were placed at 30 metres and adorned with assorted fluffy Santa Claus, Snow-men and glittering Christmas wreaths. Another target consisted of a moose with his heart marked with a wreath. Before the start, TC explained the rules. Everyone was responsible for their own score which were marked as FSC (fluffy Santa Claus), MH (Moose heart), etc. Then for the cunning bit; nobody knew the value of any of the hits! The scoring values were contained in a sealed envelope having been defined by Connie (Mrs. El Presidente).

Shooting ends of three arrows, a dozen arrows were shot at each target before moving on to the next. After the first dozen, liquid refreshments were served by Phil. This was especially noble as Phil had a stinking cold and was unable to shoot.

After the four dozen, balloons were shot prior to TC opening his envelope to discover the awful truth; some targets actually carried a negative score! Amid various laughs and groans, total scores were calculated and TC announced the results.

First Ian

Second Debbie

Many thanks to TC for giving us a bit of fun (and to escape from assorted visitors and in-laws)

*Pictures of the event are in the Newsletter Colour Supplement on the club notice board*

## New Members

It is a pleasure to welcome to our ranks, Rod Denness and Steven Denness. They both have their GNAS membership through Andover Archers but we hope they will enjoy their forays to Old Basing. Also greetings to Genni Thompson who has been out of the sport for a little while and had previously shot at Birmingham University.

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