

Old Basing Archers NEWSLETTER October 2006

• Message From The Chair

2006 has not been the best of years so far. Earlier on the weather was atrocious and in the last couple of months trying to conform to GNAS safety regulations when there has been cricket on the rec. has been a nightmare. Communication problems have compounded the situation and resulted in members not knowing when they can shoot, frustration, meetings with the recreation committee.....and so it goes!
HOWEVER tact, diplomacy and perseverance on the part of the committee (yes, it is possible) have achieved a result.

We now know where we are!

The recreation ground committee have been very sympathetic to our cause and the cricket club has been very accommodating (read on). We now also have an open invitation to use their bar when it's open, a bonus if the shooting is rubbish.

The shooting times, as posted on our website, stand for the rest of the year. If there is cricket the boundary will be moved (if necessary) so that we can get in the 25yard safety distance between the last target and the rope.

THE 25 YARD GAP BETWEEN THE LAST TARGET AND THE ROPE IS MANDATORY WHENEVER WE SHOOT.

The new warning sandwich boards must also be put out. However, I don't want to get into a situation where our rope extends over the cricket boundary when we don't need the extra space.

SO...

Please arrive 30 minutes before sighters and sign up for your preferred distance. There may be occasions when we can't all shoot our round of choice because there isn't enough safety margin but I'm afraid that's how it has to be from now on. If you turn up ten minutes before sighters, it's too late to put out or re-arrange targets.

Life should be easier in the winter when no-one else wants to be on the rec but we still have to stick to the new rules.

Looking ahead, we have the Siege shoot and the club championships in the not too distant future so start getting sight marks while the weather is half way decent!

Su

• North Hants Shield

Another successful shoot: good weather, friends from several clubs and it was good to have so many juniors on the line, including Amy who has only recently joined the club. Not only did she get through nine dozen arrows but got a medal as well. A good start!

Our recurve team came second, the team being Geoff McC, Iain, Phil and Pete H. Unfortunately, the trophy for second place has been missing for years so nothing to place in the clubhouse.

Our junior team of Maizie and Amy came second.

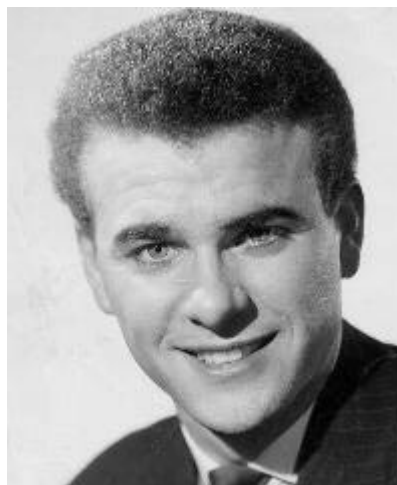
The longbow men, Ian B and Dave brought home the first prize with a combined score of 1017 but TC and Simon B had a combined score greater than the second team so we longbow people must be improving! Steffi and Julian from the dark side came second.

Thank yous to Dave Westbrook who organised everything and Margaret Holt for coming along to cook the bacon!

Su

• Is He A Young Kray or Ronnie Caro!

Harry recently came across this picture of a certain well known OBA personality. Do you know who it is? Clue, it was taken more than a couple of years ago.



Answer in the next issue.

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- **Old Basing Carnival 'Have a go'**

The weather was fine and as usual the archery was a star attraction. We raised £120.00 but it was very hard work and we could have done with more volunteers. Thanks to Ian Boreham, T.C., Phil Lamb, Geoff Machin, Geoff McCann and Nigel Veitch.

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- **Club Shirts**

Some of our newer members have enquired about the club shirts proudly sported by some members. These can be purchased from a local company, Harlequin Clothing, 2A Homesteads Road, Basingstoke, RG22 5LP Tel: 01256-811168 Email: sales@harlequinclothing.co.uk



The sharp-eyed among you will have spotted that this design is different from the official club badge that is on our website etc. The design above was selected by club members for use on shirts as the simple, two colour design is much more economical to produce than the five colour, official version. It also has the added benefit of including the club name!

- **Compound Shooting**

The Club has purchased a Compound training bow so that we will now be able to offer Members the opportunity of trying Compound with a bow that can be adjusted to suit a variety of draw lengths and peak bow weights.

However, the bow can only be tried under the supervision of one of our experienced compound shooters. If there is sufficient interest we can arrange a seminar where the basics can be explained.

Individual use of the bow will be on a first come first served basis.

If interested put your name on the list which will be on the Clubhouse notice board.

Julian is our instructor with a special interest in compounds.

Terry

- **Archery Exercises**

Steffie has benefited from being a member of the Hampshire Team and she offers these archery training exercises and hopes that other club members will benefit.

“As you should all be aware, general fitness is an important factor in shooting well. The following exercise is particularly suitable for our senior archers (TC et al) but can benefit all and builds muscle strength in the arms and shoulders.

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5 lb potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 10 lb potato sacks.

When you have mastered this, progress onto 50 lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100 lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute.

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.”

Stephie

- **Dave S's Corner**

I have been invited to set up piece called 'Dave's (S) Corner'. Here I hope to include, jokes (clean of course), puzzles, antidote stories, a little philosophy, and anything that I think might be slightly entertaining and amusing. Stuff on archery I'll leave to the more qualified in the club – unless I come across something that is going to re-write the archery book! Some of it will be very much, 'tongue in cheek' (you know me?) so please – no offence intended. I hope it will give you as much pleasure in reading it as it does this old fella' in writing it – enjoy!

Back To School

Do you remember the 11-plus? It no longer exists in many parts of Britain, but for most of us, pass or fail, it was a milestone in our lives. To remind you what a hurdle it was, have a go at this typical 11-plus problem set in the days of 'real money' and long division, and remember, as the exam paper warned: “All working must be shown”. (Definitely no calculators)

Q. For The Oldies

“A dealer bought 14 sacks of potatoes each containing 1cwt and was paid 9s 6d per sack for them. He wasted 2lb out of each sack when selling them at 7lb for 11d.”

What was his total profit?

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Q. For The Juniors

Metric Version

"A shop bought 14 sacks of potatoes each weighing 50kg and was charged £25 per sack. After cleaning and sorting they wasted 2kg out of each sack. They re-packed them in 2kg bags and sold them for £1.25 per bag."

Q.2 What was the shop's total profit?

1st correct answer(s) for the 'oldies' and the juniors to robin – a small prize. remember, all workings to be shown

Smiles for the Oldies

Shu-s-s-h in Church

An elderly couple was attending church services. Halfway through she leans over and says, " I just quietly passed wind, what do you think I should do?" He replies "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."

Living

Will

While I was watching football on the 'box' last weekend, my wife and I got into a conversation about life and death, and the need for living wills. During the course of the conversation, I told her that I never wanted to exist in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and taking fluids from a bottle. She got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all my beer.

Man, sometimes it's tough being married to a smart woman!

Irish Poker

Six retired business men were playing poker in O'Leary's apartment when Paddy loses £500 on a single hand, clutches his chest and drops dead at the table.

Showing respect for their fallen brother, the other five continue playing standing up. Michael O'Conner looks round and asks,

"Oh me boys, some has got to tell Paddy's wife,. Who will it be? They Draw Straws. Paul Gallagher draws the short one. They tell him to be discrete and gentle, don't make a bad situation worse.

"Discrete??? I'm the most discrete Irishman you will ever meet. Discretion is me middle name. Leave it to me."

Gallagher goes over to Murphy's house and knocks on the door. Mrs Murphy wants to know what he wants.

Gallagher declares,

" Your husband just lost £500 playing poker and is afraid to come home"

"Tell his to drop dead", says Murphy's wife.

"I'll go tell him", says Gallagher.

Dave S.

- **Wanted**

Club members have benefited from the healthy second-hand equipment sales within OBA. When someone has finished with a set of arrows or a bow, it can be advantageous to sell to another club member.

Jonathan Philip joined us this year from a beginners course and now wants to buy his first bow. Jonathan can be contacted at the club or telephone, 01256-473836