

# Old Basing Archers NEWSLETTER November 2007

## • Club Champs

A quiet, mild, overcast and virtually windless day, greeted this year's competitors for the Club Championships. No excuses of 'poor weather' for low scores today I'm afraid! We saw one of the best turnouts in number of competitors for several years. With perfect shooting conditions we had a feeling that there would be some good scores returned and we were not disappointed.

Ammie's mum, Sharon, did magnificent work on the club barbeque and we are most grateful to her for her efforts. Sharon's bacon butties were especially appreciated by those who had stumbled out of bed too late to grab breakfast.

In the club tradition, York, Hereford and Bristol rounds were shot, although members were free to shoot a shorter distance than their category – but not eligible for the Club Championship. Under the watchful eye of field captain Julian, shooting progressed smoothly with short breaks at 3, 6 and 10 dozen.

Dave W probably stole the day with the Gents Compound Club Record for the York, plus a P.B. of 1174 – of course he dare not beat the score of, 'er indoors'! Our Steff, as usual, returned a super score of 1219 for the Hereford to take the Ladies Compound trophy – yet again!

We saw a new name among the 'pots and gongs' this year – Chris W. Chris who has only taken up archery for a short while, has made rapid progress in the Gents Recurve, and is chasing his 1<sup>st</sup> Class (he may have made it already?) Many congratulations Chris.

Of the Juniors, we have our incomparable Rachael. Once again this brilliant young lady archer took the Junior Recurve with a magnificent 1041 for the Bristol II. In less than two years, Rachael will be stepping up to the Ladies group competitions. Methinks that our senior ladies will have quite a job keeping up with this young lady?

Craziest shot of the day must go to young David F with a perfect arrow through the centre of the target flag. David says he will repeat this trick shot if he can find a volunteer to support an apple on you know where?



'Vandal' of the shoot must go to the junior longbow young man, shooting with Sue and myself, on target No. 6. He completely destroyed this target number – twice. I lost count the number of times I pulled his arrows from that 6inch square. Had we put that square across the Gold - he would have 'walked the championships'. To save this young man's embarrassment we will not reveal his name, but the bill for the damage Andrew, is in the post!

and a good day was had by one and all.

See you all again next year.

**Dave S**

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## • Results

### Ladies Recurve

1 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie	819
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret	490
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Helen	440

### Gents Recurve

Phil	856
Geoff McCann	831
Chris W	647

### Ladies Compound

1 <sup>st</sup>	Steffie	1210*
2 <sup>nd</sup>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>		

### Gents Compound

David W	1174*
Steve	1097
Ian F	1069

\*Club Record

### Junior Recurve

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rachael	1014
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Martin	588
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David F	570

### Longbow

Most Hits	Richard H	93
Highest Score	Su	206
Most Golds	Andrew H	2

**Rosebowl** Recurve, highest score at longest distance  
Rachael H

**Captain of Arrow** Compound, first arrow in the centre circle, any distance  
Julian Ricketts

### Colour Prizes

	Junior	Senior
Gold	Greg	Robin
Red	-	Steve
Blue	Martin	Dave S
Black	Andrew B	Andrew H
Green	Andrew B	Terry

## • News From North-of-the-Border

George writes, "I'm sitting writing this in our garden on the "bridge" which links the lounge to the garden. Listening to the news of all the flooding down south and hope you're all missing it. We have had a few heavy downpours over the last couple of weeks but we are 450 feet up in the Ochil Hills, and generally it's been dry and sunny. Which has given us a bit of a problem, obviously having just moved in there's a lot to sort out but it's a shame to miss the sun, so we've done a fair bit of gardening. Knowing Scotland and the winter I'm sure we'll have plenty of time for working indoors later.

We have a few problems with the house and the furniture. On the house front there are missing slates which the seller said he would get done, he's now willing to pay us to get it done. The cooker and hob were not working properly and after a technician's visit it looks like about £350 to repair. The central heating control falls into the back of the cabling when ever I try to program it and that looks like about £150. Needless to say we are chasing things up with the solicitor. Why do people live with things that don't work??

No archery yet as I have not contacted a local cub and I'm not sure I could pull a bow at the moment. I'm sleeping well but am shattered with; moving boxes, and picking up grandsons. I did manage a shoot during a Baltic cruise when we called into Tallinn. One of our friends was wandering round town and he said there was archery at the castle and took me to investigate. It was 5 euros for 5 arrows with three people shooting at a time. Two Americans were there waiting for a third to join, so I volunteered. It was a nice looking bow, and it took me a couple of arrows to get the range, but I managed to hit with three and they were quite good. (Terry, note the good high elbow). We had to dress in these tabards, which were made for all sizes, from 7 foot tall down, so I had about 2 foot lying round my ankles, and it weighed a ton. Apparently my score won me a prize, a small bottle of the local liqueur, Via Tallinn. We are not supposed to bring back alcohol onto the ship but it was only a small bottle so I risked being thrown in the brig and smuggled it passed security on the way in. We had the same friends round for drinks before dinner that night. We all tried it. Surprisingly it was good, a cherry type liqueur and it's pretty much all gone. Mind I think our archery club would be very pleased if we could charge 5 euros for 5 arrows at the 'have a goes'!

That all for now, hope you're all keeping well.

**George**

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**George demonstrates his prize-winning shooting form in Tallinn. Note the admiring glances from the ladies in the background!**



## • The Arrow

I was the arrow  
that was made and drawn,  
I was the arrow  
that was cut and sawn.

I was the arrow  
that was nocked and piled,  
I was going to be the arrow  
that other arrows reviled.

I was the arrow  
that was fletched and crested,  
I was the arrow  
into which time and money had been invested.

I was the arrow  
that was going to the top,  
for, I was the arrow  
that would hit the centre of the spot.

But I was the arrow  
that wasn't straight or true,  
I was the arrow  
when shot, scored blue.

I was the arrow  
that was shot time and time again,  
I was the arrow  
that gave my master such pain.

I was the arrow  
that ended life in the garden,  
I was the arrow  
whose metal did harden.

For I was the arrow  
who did its best and tried,  
but alas, I was the arrow  
who was put away....and filed.

**'Old Bloke' from Archery Interchange forum**  
<http://www.archery-interchange.com/>

## • Club Shirts

Club polo shirts, embroidered with the club logo, can be ordered from Steve Learwood. Unfortunately the club cannot hold a stock due to variants in sizes and colours. The cost is £12.75 each, however if people want to supply their own shirts, the cost for embroidery only is £4.75.

To order your shirt, Steve will need to know the following details:

- 1) Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
- 2) Colour (Green or White)
- 3) Left or Right handed archer (this is the hand that holds the string)
- 4) Type of shirt (Polo or T-shirt)

If there is any other type of garment that you would like, such as sweat-shirts, Steve will be pleased to investigate.

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