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February 2009 **NEWSLETTER** by Lynn Bostock

Congratulations to those very brave archers who have turned out to shoot over the last few weekends, despite the severe cold weather conditions. The freezing weather also took its toll on the vicinities water pipes as it froze not only the toilet wash basin taps in the public toilets but also our archery store's water tap, even the residue water left in the kettle was solid. This of course was devastating news as we were left with no way of making ourselves a brew. Luckily we had a hero in our presence that saved the day by producing a large bottle of spring water, which we could use to boil, so all could warm up with a hot drink and eat a few more mince pies left over from Christmas.

Harry took the picture below on Saturday 10th Jan, when the field looked like the film set from Narnia after a night of freezing fog. Still those hardy archers carried on regardless.



Picture below taken by Lynn 10th January



Picture Gallery



Young George seen here pointing set a challenge to see who could get their arrow nearest to the flag!



Beat that! Martin one of our newer members, managed to do just as George requested. As you can see from the picture, he couldn't get any nearer to the flag if he had tried. Whether it skill or luck we think he deserved a few more points on his scorecard.



Action Longbows



Compound Corner

Two Pictures taken by Robin 10th January

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2009 Diary Dates

Yes it's time to make a note of the new 2009 fixtures in our diaries to ensure we have a good turn out of members representing the club this year. The dates are as follows:

- 19th April **St Georges Shoot**
2nd August **Birthday/Handicap Shoot**
6th September **Siege Shoot**
4th October **Club Champs**

Other Events and Dates of Interest

New 'Gemini' World Record status double FITA 720 Shoot.

On Sunday 31st May 2009 at Andover's Foxcote Park.

Check out the website for further details at www.andoverarchers.co.uk

AGM information

AGM went ahead on the 10th February 09. It was a good turn out as many members attended and participated in the proceedings.

As many of you may already know Robin Foster is stepping down from being both Chairman and Editor for the OBA. He has done a tremendous job and we all want to thank him for his hard work and wish him well and time to enjoy a more relaxed happy shooting from now on.

Elected Members:

Chairman: Julian Ricketts

Secretary: Ian Boreham

Treasurer: Steve Learwood

Records Officer: Debbie Campbell

C.P. Officers Andrew Hutchison & Lynn Bostock
(as understudy)

Newsletter Editor: Lynn Bostock

Equipment Officer: Geoff McCann

Beginners Coordinator: Andrew Hutchison

HAA Liaison: Geoff Machin

ANDOBA Liaison: Iain Fletcher

Parish Liaison: Su Elliot

Newsletter Editor: Lynn Bostock

It is vital to include the following piece of information also discussed at the AGM From Geoff Machin:

In Brief: There is an **urgent** need for OBA members to go along to the Executive meeting at the HAA (Hampshire Archery Association) to represent our club and to become more involved. If our club does not provide good representation at this meeting then people will not be elected to help organise important future events. Resulting in all areas of Archery being affected in the future – this in turn may have a detrimental impact on us all. They also need volunteers to participate, get elected etc. **So please find the time to go if you can.**

The meeting will on the 5th March at 20:00h Hedge End.

Check out the full details in the separate attachment to this newsletter. (Hard copy) available – please see the notice board in equipment hut.

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I am hoping to incorporate in this new style of newsletter a regular slot for members to have a column, where you can add information, event results, articles of interest and photo's etc. It's an opportunity to have your say, share your stories, facts, jokes, gardening tips or other articles of interest.

I am happy to include anything from those yummy recipes we have had the pleasure of tasting and still yet to taste. To those ideas for the latest 'all weather' fashion design and accessories for the up and coming archer.

I will also have a page for stories to be submitted by members that maybe 'unrelated' to Archery but still an interesting read.

A cheeky joke - from Lynn

Three women, one engaged, one married and one a mistress decide to treat their men by wearing black leather bras, pants and mask. Engaged woman says "My man and I made love twice", the mistress adds "We had wild uninhibited sex all night" – the married woman sighs... My Husband came home, took one look at me and said.... What's for dinner Batman?

And finally.... should anyone have a comment about my first newsletter, then just make sure my bow and arrow is packed away before you tell me! 😊 Lynn

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Dave Stiles

Congratulations

Our hearty congratulations must be given to two of our juniors for making the *2008 Junior National Rankings* (see Archery UK Winter 2008). Even more remarkable is that they are from the same family!

First 'atta-boy' goes to **Richard Hutchinson** who was ranked **No. 1** in the country for *Junior Gentleman Longbow*. Congratulations must also be extended to sister **Rachael** for being ranked **No.6** for the *Junior Ladies Recurve*.

You have both made OBA very proud of your achievements. Well done! (Mind you, Dad's a bit useful too; just watch him shoot his longbow! It must be in the Genes!)

Joke Corner

A woman is standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment."

The husband replies, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

.... And that's when the fight started

Dave Stiles