

OLD BASING ARCHERS

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CLUB CHAMPS AND SIEGE SHOOT

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The Bowmen of Burleigh joined us for our yearly friendly shoot which took place on the 6th September at the OBA home ground. It was a very good day, a good turn out of people and the weather was favourable. There was a lot of fun with the spot prizes, won on both sides. The bacon butties were fantastic and the mountain of food served for lunch was a sight for sore eyes. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and the company couldn't have been better. See the group picture of the BOB along with a few pictures taken throughout the day.

The club champs shoot was also shot on the same day, so lots of trophies & medals won. Lynn Bostock won

the Club Champ trophy, Rachel Hutchison was runner up. Lynn also won the trophies for the highest scoring end and the Best Weston. Other trophies and medals won by; Iain, Su, Ian B, Terry, Gareth, Steve, Chris, Vic. Apologies if I have missed anyone off the list. A very special "Scratch Prize" was given to our compound archer Richard Ayling, please use imagination as to why this was awarded.

Many thanks to Chris Wilgar and members of the BOB team for supplying photos. Special thanks to all those OBA members who helped to make the club champs and Siege day memorable for so many people. The day went smoothly and like clockwork. Everyone commented on having a really good time.

Great news for OBA though, as we took the trophy with the overall winning scores. Bad luck BOB maybe you'll beat us next year?

Special points of interest:

- The OBA's new flag looks great
- Dave Westbrook came 4th in the Hampshire Champs held at AC Delco—Well done Dave.
- Sunday 4th Oct saw a daylong shoot of 12 dozen arrows with a Hereford round. We all made the most of the great weather.

Alton and Four Marks Open

Several members attended the shoot Recurve: Hits Golds Score
The results are as follows:

<u>Compound:</u>	Hits	Golds	Score
Helen Ricketts	103	31	693
Julian Ricketts	108	94	944

Helen and Julian both won first in the visitors competition

<u>Long Bow:</u>	Hits	Golds	Score
Lynn Bostock	108	47	770
Vic Bostock	106	35	778
James Dudley	106	15	623
Dave Westbrook	87	10	399
Steph Westbrook	37	3	155

General Information

At the last committee meeting it was discussed and acknowledged that a lack of communication between the Committee members and the Club members had understandably upset a few people. Clearly information had not been disseminated properly which left many not knowing what was going on. This was regrettable and not intentional, so please accept an apology to anyone who may have felt upset.



Opposite picture is the Bowmen of Burleigh

Targets and General Maintenance

Targets and general maintenance: Members should be expected to help do the tasks needed to run the club. So when necessary, a list of jobs will be put in the equipment store to ask for a volunteer work party.

Thanks to you all for responding to previous request in asking everyone help set out, & put away the targets & equipment when you come to shoot. I think everyone would agree, it has made such a difference now we all get stuck in.

The Indoor team started their shooting a few weeks ago. Good luck to all who signed up. Watch the paintwork!

Frostbite starts shortly—first weekend in November. Get those thermals out! You'll need them. Brrrrrr

Believe in yourself as you are better than you think you are

New Beginners course Started 10th October—Welcome to all, we hope you enjoy your archery experience. Thanks to the Coaches and all who are helping.

DIARY DATE

AGM meeting at the Cricket Club 22nd February 2010

7-30 for an 8 pm start.



Andrew checking Lynn's best gold and our own gourmet 'Master Geoff' on bacon butties. They were fab!

PICTURE PAGE



Various pictures taken at the combined shoot on 6th September 09



It's a fact that.....

You never see things how they are, but how you are

The Pictures taken from both the Club Champs and Siege



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If you have some news which you would like to share with our members then send me the information and/or pictures and I will find a spot for you in the next newsletter.

Lynn

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Knowledge enables defence

The Fraternity of St George by Steve Meredith

Hello one and all.

The Fraternity of St George is the forerunner of the Honourable Artillery Company. They celebrated their 500 years anniversary by duplicating the March of the Archers from out of Moorgate to shoot the marks in Finsbury fields where now the only bit left are the parade grounds of the HAC off City Road.

Dan Newman and Steve Meredith attended the march, which began after a service at the church of St Lawrence Jewry at the Guild Hall in the company of the Right Honourable Lord Mayor of the City of London, Ian Luder along with several of the great and the good. The service included the St Crispins speech from HVth and then about 250 archers marched with their bows and arrows to the stirring military tunes of a brass band (HAC in disguise because we are not supposed to be an army).

Many thanks Steve for sending this in for the newsletter

At the grounds we had an honour guard in scarlet and gleaming armour of Pike men and an arquebusers . We shot the marks in the morning, had lunch with the HAC and in the after noon was the speed shoot - as many arrows as you can get off in 30 seconds at about 7 different marks. The marks were donated by Livery Companies or influential individuals and it is an honour to bear them and have your name entered on them as a record of your presence.

Apparently Steve Meredith came third in the speed shoot obviously more by luck than judgement!



Steve Meredith in London

