



OLD BASING ARCHERS' NEWSLETTER

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The Chairman's Letter

Today is the 27th Oct and I'm making good use of the extra hour, writing this letter in my conservatory while the wind howls round outside. NOT a good day for Archery, so different to the Club Champs!

As those of you who were there will remember, it was a glorious end-of-summer day. Just right for shooting; with good company, bacon sandwiches and wine - what more could you ask for? Earlier in the year the committee had decided to dedicate the flagpole to the memory of Richard Shilling, one of our members, who died at an early age last year. As this was the first formal shoot since the pole was properly fitted, I was pleased to take the opportunity to formally dedicate it to him.

After the assembly, the day went well and speaking personally, I enjoyed watching the close competition between Trevor and Geoff for the gents recurve. It went right down to the last arrow, well done Trevor! The full results are in this newsletter. Thanks to everybody who brought food for munching throughout the day and at the end-of-shoot buffet. Also, I'm sure you'll all join me in asking Andrew to pass on a particular thank you to Chris for his efforts in the catering line. Perhaps one day we'll convince him to return to the shooting line.

Finally the other feature of the clocks going back today is that we definitely move to our winter schedule. It's a pity to lose the summer but we can't complain after ending with such an enjoyable shoot. See you at the "Frostbites".

George

Membership

We continue to welcome new members, and our membership now stands at 50. This has made it an exceptional year for the club, with membership increasing by 11. I'm also collecting lots of names for next year's beginner's course, so another busy year to come!

Latest to arrive are the father and son teams of: Patrick & Alex Flynn and Frank & Andrew Bell. Please remember to encourage them as the winter weather sets in.

GNAS cards or updated stickers are now available for all members, ask me if you have still to receive yours.

Sunday Shooting

The following dates have a home football match on Sunday, so no afternoon session for OBA. Please ensure that the line is taken in after the morning session and where necessary the corner markings are redone.

3rd November, 17th November, 24th November, 8th December, 5th January, 12th January.

Siege Shoot

It seems so long ago now, but on September 1st we invited the members of local clubs to enjoy our hospitality and to shoot a Hereford with us.

The Bowmen of Burleigh, Cody Archers, Andover, Guildford and one young lady from Crowthorne made up the contingent of 23 visitors. There were 13 of our members shooting on another glorious late summer's day. It was mostly for fun, but we did reward a team of four from Burleigh for their winning scores with a bottle of wine each. We ran a small raffle to recover most of our catering expenses, with thanks to everyone who donated a prize or some food for the day.

A special mention for Mike Ayling for being field captain and to Babs Matthews & Chris Hutchison for excellent work on the catering.





Arrow Decals

It's a requirement at external competitions to have your arrows marked and numbered, usually done by applying individual transfers near the fletchings. An alternative system is now available which promises to be a neater solution and could include the club logo if required. Visit <http://www.arrow-decals.co.uk/> for details.

Congratulations

Our juniors have been in good form again, taking trophies and medals at the recent Hampshire Championship. Frances Ayling, Richard Ayling and Rachael Hutchison as a team took the silver medal. Richard won the U18 title and Rachael the U13.

The club was also represented in the adult competitions, but we struggled in a strong field.

Club Championships

The winning results (score, hits, golds) were:

Gents:	Trevor Burgess	851	135	29
	Geoff Machin	845	135	30
	Andrew Hutchison	844	138	34
Ladies:	Denise Burgess	940	144	39
	Su Elliot	924	142	36
	Sheila Stone	739	133	18
Junior:	Richard Ayling	1045	143	51
	Frances Ayling	891	143	28
	Rachael Hutchison	836	144	28
Comp:	Robin Foster	876	138	34
	Ken Denyer	837	133	30
	Colin Hasler	646	122	21

Other awards:

- Veterans: Geoff Machin
- Hanley Salver (highest score not winning a medal): Harry Holt.
- Bunkle Rose Bowl (Highest dozen at longest distance): Richard Ayling with a score of 86.

- Selman Tankard (Hidden score): Stephanie Westbrook.
- Brookes Trophy (Improvement on Handicap): Stephanie Westbrook.
- Best Gold: Frances Ayling.

Photos:



George opens the shoot.

More Club Championship photos:



Denise gets her 6 gold end.



Stephanie wins the striking Brookes Trophy.

Indoor Shooting

This is underway on Wednesday evenings, 8:30 – 10:00, in the village hall. The fee is £25 for the term (11 weeks) or £4 per night for occasional visits.

The first Wednesday of each month is the crucial one, the club indoor Portsmouth round competition is shot then. This tournament relies on handicaps to determine the winner, so get

down and shoot some rounds to establish an indoor handicap and then improve on it.

Frostbite Competition

As the weather closes in we still like to see some activity at the recreation ground. Therefore the first Saturday of each month is designated for the Frostbite round. There is a club competition and the best scores are entered for a postal league. We shoot in almost any conditions (except howling gales), so get your wellies and waterproofs ready.

A Frostbite round comprises 3 dozen arrows, 3 each end, at 30 meters onto the smaller (80cm) target face. Scoring is metric (10 zone) i.e. inner gold is 10, outer 9, inner red 8 etc.

Lost Property

Hanging in the clubhouse are two jackets, unclaimed for many months. Do either of these sound familiar?

- Cape Horn yellow & green waterproof.
- Peter Storm grey sleeveless fleece.

Dates for your diaries:

Sat. 2nd November 9:30 – First Frostbite Shoot

Wed. 6th November 20:30 – First Portsmouth indoor

Thur. 26th December 10:30 – Boxing Day Shoot.