

Old Basing Archers NEWSLETTER

• Newly Joined Members

The regulars on the shooting-line will have noticed that we have some new members fresh from the beginner's courses. These mustard-keen novices now need to be nurtured and guided in the ways of archery and Old Basing Archers. While the coaches will do their best, there will be times when they look to others for help and guidance. Please remember to make them welcome, visit them on the outside targets and offer words of encouragement whenever possible. Talk to them about equipment, show them what you are shooting, and discuss with them the merits of different bow types or arrows. Practice at the shorter distances with them and, when they are shooting well, encourage them to try longer distances or to record a full round.

The new members, in return, are expected to make friends by sharing a little about themselves to break the ice. They can also earn respect by arriving promptly to the sessions and getting stuck in when setting up and taking down the field. They should distinguish practice sessions from the serious sessions, when people are striving to improve their scores, and pick the best time to ask for advice. They should wait patiently for the return of the long-distance archers, while resisting the temptation to pick up their bows and practice their draw. It can be embarrassing to dive through the hedge when the bow didn't have an arrow on it!

New members can also perform a valuable service by buying those last-season bows from us, with advice from the coaches, and on the strict understanding that they don't immediately shoot it better than we did! New members spending a fortune on the latest gear will be greeted with consternation, tinged with envy, as we know how many fall out of the sport within a season or two. It also serves to keep the second hand price depressed for the rest of us thinking of upgrading.

Finally, seasoned or novice, if you want the help of a coach then please ask. We may not have all the answers, but we can observe and comment, hopefully helping you to find the improvement you are looking for.

Andrew

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• SoCo Shoot

The archery forum, Archery Interchange UK (<http://www.archery-interchange.com/>) continues to gain popularity with membership growing every month. As well as being a 'virtual' community, AIUK also holds actual shoots. I attended the Southern Counties Classic (SoCo) shoot which was held at Reading on 19th May. The GNAS dress rules were strictly adhered to as the picture shows. NOT!



The rounds were Westerns and you could choose flavours of New, Long or plain vanilla.

The venue was Crosfields School in Reading which enjoys an elevated position looking down onto the wind turbine. Although the weather just about managed to stay dry, the wind was 'challenging'. I didn't realise how often a wind turbine changes direction! On arrival, we were issued with a purple name badge which showed our on-line name. It was fascinating to see people in the flesh rather than their on-line avatar. We all brought a contribution to the communal food table which was devoured (the food, not the table!) at the change of distance.

AIUK members had travelled from all parts to attend the SoCo shoot, one couple travelled for 4 hours from Yorkshire; such is the attraction of an AIUK shoot!

Before the (most impressive) medals were awarded, a raffle was held which raised a magnificent total of £50 for the 'Bright Sparks' children's charity. This was a very relaxed and friendly shoot.

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- **New Members**

As mentioned by Andrew, we have are most pleased to have new members on the shooting line. It is a great pleasure to welcome:

George Fletcher (Iains Son)
Alex Duggan (jnr)
Peter and Kathleen Bramhall
Martin Anderton (jnr)
Francesca Cliff (Bob Hughes daughter).
Minesh Tank,
Michael and Ben Edwards
Tomask Rolie
Ian Bicknell

- **Friendly v Bowmen of Burleigh**

For those of you unable to attend on 3rd June, you missed an excellent shoot (provided that you ignore the scores!). The sun shone, the club barbeque had its inaugural outing and a pleasant and relaxing time was enjoyed by all. With York, Hereford, and Bristols available, there was a round to suit every. The annual exchange with Burleigh has been held for several years and it was good to renew acquaintances once again. Just a pity that the OBA scores left us trailing Burleigh by an embarrassing margin! Thanks to Sue for doing the cooking.

- **Club House Roof**

As anyone who has been in the club house after a heavy down-pore will know, our roof has seen better days. The committee has obtained estimates for the replacement of the roof and the work will be done this summer before the bad weather sets in. However, we will have to empty everything out of the club house and move it to the storage container at the other end of the field. This will involve lot of manual labour to move everything to the container and then return it to the club house when the new roof is place. If you are able to help, please be ready to role up your sleeves and assist. This will naturally result to some disruption to our shooting routine so please be patient. Watch your e-mail and the club notice-board for information up-dates.

- **Westerns**

To satisfy member's requests to shoot slightly longer rounds, the committee have decided that the following dates should be allotted to shooting Western rounds.

Sunday 24th June
Sunday 22nd July
Sunday 26th August
Sunday 23rd September.

We have a wonderful engraved glass trophy, the "7.2K Western" award for the highest scoring 5 Westerns on handicap. (5 x 1440 = 7,200). Everyone has a chance!

- **Dave S. Corner**

Junior Member's Internet Research Quiz

When I was at school, information/research took hours or even days in the local library. Today, a couple of clicks with the 'mouse' on the Internet – problem solved! Ah, the magic of modern technology.

So, to all our young archers, here is your challenge. Just how quickly & accurately can you get the answers to the following archery questions, back to Robin?

There will be a nice prize for the winner.

One tip! The answers can be sourced from many places however, I used a couple of the biggest and most popular 'search engines' to set the questions – and I'm no computer expert I can assure you. All the answers are of one, two or three words at most.

Oh, and by the way – 'Honest Indian', *no help from the adults please*.

P.S. The Editor's decision is final.

Junior Members Archery Research Quiz

- 1 In what year was Old Basing Archers, formed?
- 2 What is the name of archery given to; 'shooting at artificial birds arranged on a tall mast, using [blunts](#)'?
- 3 The bending of the arrow upon release, around the shooting line of the bow, and then returning to the proper line of flight, is called what?
- 4 The shooting of an arrow at a flag placed close to the ground from a distance of 140yds to 180yds is called what?
- 5 Who is the Old Basing Archers - Chairman?
- 6 What is the Old Basing Archers Motto?
- 7 Who is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors for G.N.A.S?
- 8 Above which eye was King Harold shot at the Battle of Hastings in 1066?
- 9 Who was King of England at the time of the Battle of Crecy ?
- 10 Who was the King of France at the time of the Battle of Crecy?
- 11 Who led the 25,000 French armoured cavalry against Henry V 6000 archers at The Battle of Agincourt in 1415?
- 12 Where precisely in London (the venue) will the 2012 Olympic Archery Championships take place?