

Old Basing Archers

Newsletter

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NEWS

After prolonged and intense negotiations it has finally been agreed with the Recreation Ground Committee that the club may continue to shoot on Saturday mornings. The Junior football team had requested the use of the main pitch for their home games and this would have been a new revenue stream for the Recreation committee. In order to secure the Saturday mornings the club has had to agree to pay £350 to the recreation Committee on top of our normal costs. This may mean an increase in the club membership fees next year, this is on top of the Recreation Committee's decision to increase the levy for non residents from £5 to £10 pa.

The only way the club can offset these increases in cost is to raise funds through the corporate/taster sessions and beginners courses and volunteers are always welcome.

The Sunday morning football team has requested to book the large pitch for up to 16 matches this winter, with perhaps as little as 5 days notice, so as soon as we get notification we will e-mail everyone to try to avoid wasted journeys.

From The Chair.

THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday 4th September!

Now that our agreement regarding the use of the recreation ground has been finalised and the dates we can shoot on a Saturday are fixed we should look forward to our Championships and we ask that everyone who can supports it.

Those that can are going to shoot a York – 144 arrows @ 100, 80, 60 yards but we want everyone to join in some how and compete at something for some period. The most important thing is to have an enjoyable day. Rumour has it that the redoubtable longbow Champion extant is not going to be there and neither will our esteemed President so we may get a chance for glory and a bit of peace at the same time :)

It is an all-day affair and so at our previous events we have sustained our archers by a contribution picnic where we all bring something and share.

Please lets all give it our best and make an effort.

Denise Fotheringham has asked our permission to take pictures for an exhibition in the museum (Willis?) to celebrate local sports people. You can contact her individually on lovebasingstoke@googlemail.com but I thought she might get a few of us if we invited her to our club championships on 4th September and perhaps on a Wednesday for more chat and a coffee. If I don't hear any objections I will ask her to come along.

Regards

Steve M

Test Event at Lords Cricket Ground.

The London Classic Archery Tournament is the test event for the London Olympics in 2012 and is being held at Lords Cricket Ground, London from Tuesday 4 to Monday 10 October.

Archery GB has been allocated tickets for all days of the competition. Members can obtain free tickets for themselves, their friends and family using a reply form, which should be returned to Membership Services together with a stamp addressed DL (22cm by 11cm) envelope (SAE). Each member can order up to 10 tickets in total.

See the following web site for full details.

<http://www.archerygb.org/ArcheryGB/index.cfm/performance/2012/latest-news/tickets-for-test-event/>

Frostbite.

As a result of the Sunday mornings being taken from us by the football club this winter it has been suggested that the club no longer competes in the postal Frostbite Competition. It has been difficult to find enough people to make a full team every month and with the loss of some shooting on Sunday's it is likely to be harder to accumulate enough scores. So unless there is a strong desire from the club members the club will not compete this year. If you would like to compete in the Frostbite competition, e-mail sec@oldbasingarchers.co.uk. (For newer members the Frostbite competition is shot once a month at a distance of 30M on a smaller target face using the metric scoring system.)

Basingstoke Inter Varsity Club taster session.

On the 9th July the Basingstoke IVC came to the club for a taster session, 15 members of the IVC enjoyed a mornings session under the tuition of some of the club coaches and helpers, the experience was so good that they would like to come again so some of their members who were away can come as well. They were also able to get a write up and picture into the Basingstoke Observer, a copy of the article has been in the Equipment Store for a few weeks.