

Newsletter No.63 January 1998

Happy New Year! Just because we are still in the depths of winter don't kid yourselves there is nothing going on - this winter is busier than ever before. However first a few comments on events since the last newsletter was published in October.

The Knock-Out Final.

Held on the 1st Sunday in October. As you know, this competition runs throughout the summer from May onwards and your first shoot of the month determines whether you stay in the competition or are knocked out. Our finalists this year were Lesley Foster on Longbow and James Taylor on Recurve. They shot the traditional American round face to face on their own personal target (separated from the rest of the hoi polloi by a nifty line of red flags - this is not a comment on the accuracy, or otherwise, of the archery). Peter C stated at the start of proceedings that kindly banter/heckling/encouragement would be allowed, but he was the only person on the field permitted to be really rotten to them! It was a very good competition, Lesley telling James he needed a few more 6-gold ends, and James telling Lesley she needed a few more arrows actually on the target, and buying each other many cups of tea. In the end they both damaged their handicaps (which is what it's basically all about), but James came out top having shot very well indeed. Congratulations to both. On the side handicap medals were awarded to all classifications and we had a thoroughly good day.

Clout.

A lovely clear, still, Autumn day with a frosty start. Not a very good turn-out, possibly due to it being half term, but it was nice to see a few members attending who had not previously shot Clout, also some inveterate compound gentlemen with shiny recurve field bows! As usual the round was over far too quickly and we were promised a double-clout on the schedule next year.

1st Gent	David Moore	75
1st Lady	Julia Madelin	33
1st Junior Boy	Matthew Scott	23

Surrey County Field Shoot.

Now that we have started staging our own field shoots we thought it would be interesting to give people an idea of what goes on in the County. In November Julia M took the plunge and attended the Field Shoot in a very beautiful forest up on Box Hill. After our WAC field shoots it was extremely difficult, being on hilly terrain, added to which we only got two shots per target, per round, from two different pegs. We made two circuits of the course but changes were made at lunch time so it *felt* different. It would be wonderful to have more WAC archers there this year - it's friendly and one hell of an experience. (JM admits to coming 2nd longbow out of 2 and bottom of the entire field).

Woking Leisure Centre 21st Anniversary.

For part of the 21st Birthday Celebrations for Woking Leisure Centre, we were asked to put on a display of archery for 30 minutes, as we've always been one of the organisations who regularly use the facilities, whether it was for our own indoor shooting (in the old days) or for the Surrey Indoor Championships, as at present.

In company with Don Bradley , John Sperling and Rebecca Gales from W.A.M.S.A.D., Peter and Brenda helped to show off longbows, hunters, recurve and compound bows to all those who assembled. We demonstrated that archery can be done by people standing and in wheelchairs, and that it could be fun because the demonstration was to burst 50 balloons - it looked impressive and we all enjoyed ourselves.

The leisure centre were happy with the demonstration and we met a Councillor of Woking who could be useful to us in future.

Surrey Indoor County Championships.

On Sunday 23rd November Brenda once again ran the Surrey Indoor County Championships at Woking Leisure Centre. As you know, this is a 'heavy' day for those who help and a 'heavy' few weeks for Brenda with the target list and results sheets that most people take for granted.

Most of the heavy stuff before and after the shoot was undertaken by Don Bradley, Peter Champion and John Bridger, whilst Mark Preston, David Moore, Andrew Beech, Don Bradley and Terry Sandford sorted out the layout on the day, with Candy Schofield and others helping Brenda throughout the day.

Julia Madelin (our Lady Paramount) kept everyone in order throughout the day and then took great pleasure in presenting the awards at the end of the day, mainly to her own club (see below).

1st County Lady	Recurve	Andrea Gales
3rd County Lady	Recurve	Candy Schofield
1st County Gent	Recurve	Mark Preston
2nd County Lady	Compound	Katrina Bramall
1st County Jnr Boy	Compound	Jonathan Greenfield
1st County Lady	Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st County Gent	Longbow	John Sperling

Plus, first place to our recurve team of Mark Preston, Andrea Gales and Paul Hood.

Together with those listed, Woking members picked up some handicap awards which probably made this shoot the best indoor tournament that we've ever done. I think you should all be very happy with Woking's efforts on this day. Well done.

Booze Shoot.

The years seem to pass faster and faster, but the traditional booze shoot was enjoyed by members old and new. Peter C produced yet another set of his challenging target faces, as at last year hitting the criss-crossed brown tape wiped out your score for that end, and the final arrow either doubled or zeroed the final score.

Congratulations to our winners:

Compound	Paul Hood
Recurve	Martin Butterfield
Longbow	Shane Kelly

WAC Christmas Dinner.

It is the time of the year for indulging ourselves and we returned to the Red Lion in Horsell for another splendid spread of good food. It was a very good evening; noisy and enjoyable, and below is a special message from Peter Champion:

"As most of you will know if you were at the Christmas party, Brenda and I were ambushed by Terry Sandford and Don Bradley after the battle of the party poppers. You will also be aware that it takes a great deal to stop me talking, so it's not what I said, but more what I didn't say on the night that counts. The 'what I didn't say' is:

Brenda and I wish to thank all who contributed to this hamper full of goodies and for the good wishes expressed by Don and Terry on the night. If we don't arrive one Sunday morning you will know that we have sampled more than our fair share of the bottled contents.

Thanks very much once again."

Peter and Brenda.

Other Outside Shoot Results.

Old Basing Longbow Shoot	3rd Gent	John Sperling
Laleham Albion	3rd Gent Longbow	John Sperling
Spelthorne Indoor (Portsmouth)	3rd Gent Recurve	Martin Butterfield
Spelthorne Indoor (Portsmouth)	1st Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin

Forthcoming Events.

As stated in the opening paragraph, we do have some fun events left in our winter calendar.

15th February.

Our first try at a wand shoot. The target is 4 inches across, about 6 feet high and at maximum distance - 100 yards for gentlemen, 80 yards for ladies and less for juniors. Come try your luck!

1st March.

Final round of the Frostbite, plus Balti Shoot. After shooting we enjoy hot curry and naan bread.

22nd March.

Clout Shoot. I hope we don't have to describe what goes on yet again - if in doubt, come along and find out! It's different and fun.

Most important of all, on Thursday, 2nd April is the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held at Quicks' range at Apps Court Farm, starting at 7:30pm. If you want to be comfortable, bring your own chairs, but DO attend - all members really should know what is going on in the Club and results of our winter indoor and outdoor activities will be published, medals handed out, etc., etc. Please let us have a record attendance this year - too many people don't bother to come.

Summer Season.

Although all this information is in your programme, we'd like to remind you that the first Sunday in April is our Club Shoot and beginners/junior and club nights down at the field start the following week.