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APRIL, and the summer season is just about under way! We have a massive Club programme planned for this summer - each year it seems to get better and better - and Sue Butterfield is already distributing her list of recommended outside shoots which may be of interest.

Field Shoot.

For the second time running Peter C failed to produce the eerie, misty conditions of our first field shoot, held a year ago. Instead it was clear, dry and with a sharp, wintry wind. As usual we split up into groups and tackled the various animal targets at unmarked distances around the field. Everybody had a thoroughly good time, but comments were barely printable, but as they're in the printed version of this newsletter, we'll go ahead anyway!

1. The politicians' shooting position - astride the fence.
2. Shooting out of the gorse bush and feeling a right prick.
3. "My nuts are frozen - I can hardly walk" - was this due to no.1?

Arrows were lost, broken and found (well, some of them were), but it was a grand event and the ditches were really full of water making our usual crossing points a bit dodgy for some. Obviously there were not a lot of leaves on the bushes and trees, but all the twigs and branches were quite brittle and utterly unforgiving. This year we had more in the way of downhill shots which are quite tricky. Many thanks to those stalwarts who came to the field early to set it all up... and Brenda for her sandwedgies and endless hot drinks... now they were *really* needed.

January Field Shoot Results

<i>Name</i>	<i>Style</i>	<i>Score</i>
Paul Hood	Recurve Barebow	235
John Pettitt	Compound (Sights)	215
Peter Champion	Recurve Barebow	200
Terry Sandford	Recurve (Sights)	190
Andrew Beech	AFB	160
Patrick Schofield	Recurve Barebow	145
James Taylor	Recurve Barebow	135
Shane Kelly	Longbow	125
Colin Madelin	Compound (No Sights)	120
Mike Piper	Compound (Sights)	120
David Moore	Recurve Barebow	120
Ralph Brown	Recurve Barebow	120
Martin Butterfield	Recurve Barebow	115
John Sperling	Longbow	115

Candy Schofield	Recurve Barebow	110
Andrew Philcox	Recurve Barebow	110
Ken Church	Recurve Barebow	110
Penny Buttenshaw	Longbow	110
John Wilkins	Compound (No Sights)	100
John Scott	Recurve Barebow	100
Julia Madelin	Longbow	90
Don Bradley	Recurve Barebow	80
Susan Butterfield	Recurve Barebow	60
Liz Beech	Recurve (Sights)	40
Matthew Scott	Recurve Barebow	20
Linda Brown	Recurve Barebow	10

Wand Shoot.

This was our first ever wand shoot which, for those of us without knowledge, is a six foot high by four inch wide stake, covered in foam pads. Our rules were conspicuous by their absence, so we had six sighters and then shot five dozen arrows at the wands. Gentlemen had their wand at 100 yards, ladies at 80 yards and juniors at 60 yards.

Success was variable, possibly depending on whether one had sights or not, and also on whether one had luck or not...

However, Candy and Penny did all right at the ladies' distance, and Paul, David, Terry and Don covered themselves in glory at the mens distance. Sadly, we didn't have any juniors shooting.

It was a lot of fun and Peter C thinks we will do it again. Many thanks are due to Lawrence Braithwaite for constructing the wands, and they are now available for future use. This is a good moment to remind members that Mole Valley are organising a wand shoot in May (not for compounds) - Julia M. does have a spare entry form if people are interested.

Frostbite - Balti Shoot.

The last Frostbite combines very nicely with our Balti/Curry shoot. Three dozen arrows went by fairly quickly and most of the field retired gleefully to the "refreshment" area to stuff themselves on hot curry and nan bread - many coming back for seconds. The weather was pleasant, even the pot-holed lane had dried out - what more could we want?

Clout.

A grey day to start with, but only a light wind, and by lunchtime the sun was coming out. It was nice to see members who had never done this round before having a go, and we won't say what dire threats were pronounced to encourage them to come onto the line. Peter C. kept the score, so we had little idea of how we were doing, but apparently on the

men's line they were really taking it quite seriously. Brenda presented the trophies and the results are set out below.

Gentlemen (1st equal)	Shane Kelly and Paul Hood	61
Lady	Julia Madelin	36
Junior Boy	Matthew Scott	66

Annual General Meeting.

The Club's AGM was held on Thursday 2nd April, 1998, at Quicks, Apps Court Farm.

We had quite a reasonable turn-out and saw lots of new members there as well as some of the older ones. We started off with the presentations and then went on to the more serious stuff. Members can read all about it in their copies of the minutes which will be distributed by Brenda, however, here are a few of the more important points.

- New handicap tables will shortly be issued by the GNAS. We will let you know when they are available.
- John Sperling, one of our longbow archers and a great character, has moved down to Devon and was very sad to leave us. However, a suggestion was made that he remains an honorary member of the Club, for his services to longbow archery, which is going from strength to strength.
- Another ex-member, Matthew fry, is now back working at Wisley RHS after a couple of years in Finland. He was largely responsible for the white-lining of the field and superb maintenance a couple of years ago. he has always been extremely helpful and so it would be worth our while if the Club paid his subscription as a way of thanking him. This was agreed.
- Don Bradley, who has been co-opted onto the committee, would like to have the names of all those who are interested in helping with various maintenance tasks down at the field; shed-painting, patio work, etc.

April Club Shoot.

Our first Club Shoot of the summer season was held on quite a pleasant day, with a strong, gusty wind just to remind us what month it was! We had quite a good turn out.

1st O/all Senior Recurve	Andrew Philcox
1st O/all Junior Recurve	Matthew Scott
1st O/all Compound	Paul Hood
1st O/all Gent Longbow	Tony Down
1st O/all Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	John Scott
1st Junior on H/C	Matthew Scott
1st Gent Compound on H/C	Bob Staples
1st Longbow on H/C	Shane Kelly

1st Black Badge	Terry Sandford
2nd Black Badge	John Pettitt
3rd Black Badge	Lesley Foster
Wooden Spoon	Peter Champion

Forthcoming Events.

Sue Butterfield has compiled a list of outside shoots, both heavy/serious and plain enjoyable.

Field Shoot, in your calendars for Sunday, 26th April, has been changed to 10th May, to avoid a clash with the Butterfield christening!

Surrey Longbow Championships. Saturday, 2nd May. Entries to Julia please. The competition starts at 2pm, however, we need a work party at the field from 12pm to do lay-out. Any help with catering would also be greatly appreciated (please let Brenda know if you can help). Actually, this is a very fun and relaxed event (for everyone except the organiser!).

Club Shoot - 3rd May - is also the qualifying round for the Summer Knockout Competition - so you must come if you want to be in with a chance.

June is also busy:

- 14th - RNLI sponsored shoot.
- 21st - Clare Butterfield Memorial shoot.
- 28th One-day Knockout - entry fee £2.50.
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Atkins. For many years we have done an afternoon friendly shoot with Atkins Archery Club over in Epsom. Last year they visited us and, sadly, we were greatly outnumbered. Bearing in mind that we are the largest archery club in the country this was rather a sad show. This year we go over to Epsom as it is their turn to be hosts - so let's all make a special effort to be there, and this year they have particularly asked us to send some longbow archers. Put it in your calendar NOW - **Sunday 23rd August.**

Subscriptions.

1998/99 subscriptions are due from 1st April, 1998. Seniors £56.50, Juniors 32.50. If you have already paid your subscriptions - ignore this! If you wish to post them, please make your cheques payable to 'Woking Archery Club' and send them to Brenda Champion. If you do not wish to re-join, please let Brenda know as soon as possible. If you have already paid and have not received your new membership card sticker, please let Brenda know.