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Annual General meeting

This was held at Quicks on Tuesday, 1st April 1999 at 7:30pm and it was such a pity that more members did not attend, though timing was possibly bad being the start of a long Easter Weekend. But as the AGM is traditionally held right at the start of April, what could we do.

It was not just a dull administration meeting - trophies and medals were awarded for our Winter competitions and as some of these were on handicap, rather than outright scores, a good cross-section of all our archers were rewarded. This year marks a milestone in the Club history as Peter Gray stood down as Chairman after 21 years in the hot seat. Peter Champion gave a very good speech of thanks and recounted the history of the Club, many milestones in which directly involved Peter Gray. Peter Gray as then presented with a most handsome Stuart Crystal decanter, engraved with the badge of the Club, and both he and Mary assured us that it would get regular use.

You will all receive the minutes and copies of reports and then you can see what you missed.

So now we return to an account of events since the last newsletter

Field Shoot

On Sunday, 31st January, We once again picked up bows of all shapes and sizes to take part in the first field shoot of the year. The field had been set up by some of us the week before, but it still needed a lot of work on the day - so Peter would like to thank David Moore, Andrew Beech, Tony Beecher and James Taylor for their time and effort. Unfortunately we only had a small turn out but those who did take part thought it was one of our better shoots.

We had a number of broken arrows some got stuck in trees and "Andrew Philcox" who tried to show that he hadn't lost his primitive expertise by climbing trees, only to be followed by his Tarzan impression whilst trying to throw Rebecca into a ditch. Liz Beech ended up with a fat lip when being advised by three men who thought they knew what they were doing and then she decided that swimming the ditch might be preferential to the moving bridge...

Those who turned up had a lot of fun, sustained by tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches from Brenda. It was a marvellous morning of good fun, and the results follow.

	Recurve (With sights)	Recurve (No sights)	Longbow	Compound (No sights)	AFB
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Andrew Philcox	475	-	-	-	-
Peter Champion	-	320	-	-	-
John Wilkins	-	-	-	320	-

Terry Sandford	-	235	-	-	-
Andrew Jennings		205	-	-	-
Shane Kelly	-	-	195	-	-
Andrew Beech	-	-	-	-	185
Tony Beecher	-	-	180	-	-
James Taylor	-	155	-	-	-
Julia Madelin	-	-	135	-	-
Georgina Baglow	-	-	130	-	-
Colin Madelin	-	-	-	130	-
Rebecca Jennings	125	-	-	-	-
Liz Beech	70	-	-	-	-

It has been decided to award trophies and/or medals annually for this shoot and these will be on the basis that all three shoots have been shot without a change in bow type. At the AGM presentation of medals for the field shoot that took place in 1998 was a great surprise and we hope, was greatly appreciated. However we do wish that some of our newer archers would come along and have a go too. the rules are simple and it is a fun social day as well as a competition. Just remember that ABSOLUTELY EVERYTHING WE Do IN THE CLUB IS FOR EVERYONE!!!

Wand Shoot

We Attempted this type of shoot for the first time last year and again turn-out seemed restricted to the regular brigade (mostly men, three ladies an 2 juniors) This shoot involved trying to hit a tall 4 inch wide faced faced with thick polystyrene at maximum distance for the respective genders and age groups - So men shoot at 100 yards, ladies at 20 and juniors at 60 yards. Apparently in the Middle ages when archery practice was an obligatory part of village life, men shot at a wand until one of them hit it - at which point they could knock off for a pint of ale? Actually our shoot was jolly good fun, even with the strong gusty cross-wind component - and without the beer! We hoot 5 dozen arrows and people were enjoying themselves so much that they opted to do an extra half dozen at the end for luck. Scores give some indication of the difficulty involved, but never mind it was most enjoyable.

100 yards (Gentlemen)	Paul Hood	9
80 yards (Ladies)	Sue Butterfield	3

Balti Shoot

Although in the programme it is called a "New Shoot", it was actually the fifth year we have done this. Doesn't time fly? This marks the end of the Winter Frostbite Competition. We shot our round in the gently drizzling rain and then retired to the "Patio" to stuff ourselves with bowls of curry and widges of hot nann bread. Curries were courtesy of Candy, Lesley and Julia, and we felt sorry for those souls who positively dislike the stuff. Never mind it

was warming and cheerful and "On The House". A good end to the winter season - so we can look forward to being wet and cold all summer too....

Clout

We had rather mixed weather with a couple of showers, but at least the wind was not too troublesome. 16 archers attended, recurves and longbows, however people whizzed off home rather fast at the end so in the absence of Peter and Brenda it was decided that the trophies would be presented at the AGM.

1st Lady	Julia Madelin	45 scored
1st Gentleman	Shane Kelly	39 scored
No Juniors	-	-

April Club Shoot

For our newer members, the Club shoot is normally held on the first Sunday of each month, during the summer season - trophies and badges are awarded (the trophies being held for the month), and as these are on overall and handicap basis, absolutely everyone is in with a chance to get rewarded - no way is this competition only for the established archers in the Club. This month we were blessed with fine, if cool, weather and results were as follows

1st O/All senior recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All compound	Paul Hood
1st O/All gent longbow	Andrew Down
1st O/All lady longbow	Georgina Baglow
1st lady recurve on H/C	Carol Bridger
1st gent recurve on H/C	John Kendal
1st gent compound on H/C	Bob Stables
1st longbow on H/C	Andrew Down
1st Black Badge	Tony Beecher
2nd Black Badge	Georgina Baglow
3rd Black Badge	Andrew Beech
4th Black Badge	Bob Stables
Wooden Spoon	James Taylor

Outside Shoots results

There has been rather limited participation by members generally in outside shoots over the winter season. With the summer season ahead of us there is a lot going on and Sue Butterfield has produced her list of recommended friendly (not Serious) shoots, otherwise keep your ears to the ground - there are always entry forms up on the wall at Quicks or

consult the adverts in Archery UK and the Glade. It is good to meet a wider circle of people.

Middlesex Indoor Portsmouth 1st Lady longbow - visitor	Julia Madelin
SCAS Indoor Portsmouth 1st Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
Newbury Triple (Field, Clout, Target) 1st Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin

and in the summer when more of you are out and about, if you win anything - please let me know!

This is the moment for a general reminder....in order that our summer shoots can start at 10am it is necessary to be there a bit beforehand. The field does have to be laid out, and if as many people as possible can help with that, and tidying up at the end, life is more pleasant for everybody. It so often happens that week in , week out, just the same people bear the burden (Literally) of the field preparation.