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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, and good shooting in the new Century. This is the time of year when we are slightly less busy, but only slightly, and now that the festivities are over there is quite a lot happening both inside and outside the Club.

Clout

Back at the end of October we had our regular Clout Shoot. This is an event which takes place twice a year and does rather exclude compound archers and longbows who find it difficult to make the distance. A really damp and depressing start to the day did not encourage a good turn out, although in actual fact it was not too soggy (except underfoot), but the wind was tricky out over the field. Our winners get to keep their trophies until the next Club Clout Shoot in the spring.

First Gentleman	Colin Madelin	61
First Lady	Pauline Pringle	11
Juniors	None	-

County Field Shoot

This was held on the first Sunday in November, and this year so many Club members entered that the scheduled Frostbite shoot was postponed for a week. Three members from Woking were able to assist in the setting up of the course on the Saturday and their help was most appreciated by the County Organiser. Thirteen of us shot on the Sunday and if the smiles were anything to go by we really enjoyed the challenging course (very uphill and downhill compared with what we are able to provide in the Club but with a better field of fire), and as a Club we definitely did OK.

Freestyle, 1st County Lady	Candy Schofield
Barebow, 1st County Gent	Terry Sandford
Longbow, 1st County Lady	Julia Madelin

And Liz beat Andrew, albeit on a different bow type.

Brenda has already put this shoot in the Club programme for next year, so let's all go again.

Frostbite

So far we have had massive turnouts for this shoot which takes place on the first Sunday of the month (apart from November and March). What a pity we could not get such numbers for the regular Club shoots during the summer months. This is a County Postal Competition, so it is worth coming.

County Indoor Championships

This was held at the end of November at Woking Leisure Centre and WAC are responsible for the organisation. It was therefore rather nice to see our Club do so splendidly on the medal front. Pauline Pringle was Lady Paramount and thoroughly enjoyed handing out the awards.

1st County Gent, Recurve	Mark Preston
2nd County Lady, Compound	Georgina Baglow
1st County Gent, Compound	Paul Hood
2nd County Gent, Compound	Bob Stables
1st County Lady, Longbow	Julia Madelin
2nd County Lady, Longbow	Pauline Pringle
1st County Gent, Longbow	Tony Down
2nd County Gent, Longbow	Andrew Down
3rd County Gent, Longbow	Colin Madelin
1st County Junior Gent, Longbow	Andrew Down
2nd H/C award Gent 26-41 Group UN-rewarded	Andrew Beech
1st H/C award Gent 66-100 Group UN-rewarded	Glyn Gorringe
Team award Compound	Bob Stables, Paul Hood, John Wilkins
1st Junior Girl Session award Session "B"	Georgina Dearman

Booze Shoot

Never were the hot mulled wine, hot mince pies and sausage rolls so appreciated. Overnight snow and a hard frost made the field look ever so pretty in the sparkling sunshine - and we froze. Mixed up scoring on the targets appeared to favour longbows, but all bows came in the top five.

Colin Madelin (Longbow)	180
Paul Hood (Compound)	172
Julia Madelin (Longbow)	162
Andrew Beech (Recurve)	149
Mike Piper (Compound)	148

Annual Dinner

Yet again we gathered at the Red Lion in Horsell on the first Friday in January for our annual nosh, organised for us by Peter Gray. Their menu offers a most imaginative choice, and the food comes beautifully prepared and presented. There was quite a good attendance and we certainly had a very good time.

Longbow Handicap and Classification Scheme

As most of you know GNAS are introducing longbow classifications as from the 1st April.

This is long overdue, but GNAS in their wisdom are definitely not making it easy for those of us who are interested in traditional archery. The general opinion is that standards have been set unrealistically high. However GNAS are requesting that should any longbow archers attend competitions where there is reasonable longbow participation they should encourage the organisers of those competitions to send the results sheets up to the GNAS Handicap officer, c/o the GNAS office. Hopefully in time the classification levels will be adjusted downwards to be more realistic.

Outside Shoot Results

Hampshire Indoor (Portsmouth)	1st Visiting Lady, Longbow	Pauline Pringle
Spelthorne Open (Portsmouth)	1st Gent, Compound	Bob Stables
Spelthorne Open (Portsmouth)	1st Lady, Longbow	Julia Madelin
Spelthorne Open (Portsmouth)	3rd Gent, Longbow	Colin Madelin
Spelthorne Open (Portsmouth)	2nd Junior Girl, Recurve	Georgina Dearman
Guildford FITA 25	2nd Junior Girl, Recurve	Georgina Dearman
Guildford FITA 25	Session Medal	Candy Schofield

Indoor Shooting 1999-2000

I'm sorry to be a pain on this subject but members of the Club who take part in the indoor Shooting at Apps throughout the winter agree to pay for the privilege, whether they take part or not.

The arrangement with Quicks is for six months at a fixed cost, so if people let us down the deficit has to come from Club funds, which indirectly affects everyone.

I must confess that most people don't cause us a problem, but it only takes one or two to upset the whole arrangement.

Obviously those members who cannot attend should inform us and find someone to take their place - then payment would be continued.

At present we could be as much as £422 short at the end of March 2000.

We will have to modify the financial arrangements for next year and those who let us down this year will have to pay the complete sum for next year's season up front.

Hopefully this problem will resolve itself and my complaint will be unfounded but at this moment in time I'm not very happy.

Peter Champion