

Newsletter No. 72 April 2000

We had a pretty good turnout for our Annual General Meeting at the beginning of the month. Thanks to those of you who were able to come.

The most enjoyable part of the evening was the awarding of medals and trophies for the winter competitions indoors and also for the Field Shoots which took place last year (thank you John Wilkins, for the beautifully finished "field" trophies).

Under "Any Other Business" Peter Champion brought us up to date on some new proposals from GNAS, and what action the Club should take when votes are being cast (one vote per adult member under the new scheme) for and against any proposals that may be put forward to the grass roots membership. After some discussion it was decided that a notice could be put up on the notice board at the shed in the field re developments, and is up to the individual Club member to let the WAC committee know if they feel strongly about the matter in question. Otherwise the Club Committee will have to put in a block vote as they feel fit. Postage on mailing information to Club members on the sort of thing would wipe out any financial surpluses of reserves we might have. We will keep you all informed on this.

Finally Brenda said a big THANK YOU to everybody for the flowers.

Field Shoot

At the end of January we put on our first Club Field Shoot of the Century! There was a really excellent turnout and lots of juniors joined in the fun too. Although the RHS had cleared out a lot of the hedge surrounding our field, Peter C did his best to see that the shoot was as difficult as possible, so it was still a very tricky course with some very long ballistic shots over the trees. A very good time was had by one and all and Brenda ran out of bread to make her "Sarnies".

Wand Shoot

This took place on the same day as the SCAS Indoor and the weather was very pleasant indeed. The wand is a tall stake faced with polystyrene - four inches wide, and as everybody had to shoot at their maximum distance, it made for quite a challenging round. For those who want to have another "go" this year, we recommend the Mole Valley Wand Shoot near Leatherhead on 21 May.

Compound	Paul Hood	16 hits
Recurve with sight	John Kendall	8 hits
Barebow	Peter Champion	1 hit
Longbow	Lawrence Braithwaite	11 hits

Clout

Getting into March we had a really lovely spring day for this shoot. The weather was virtually perfect and yet again we had a very good turn-out with a fine showing of juniors.

1st gent	Shane Kelly	54 points
1st lady	Julia Madelin	24 points
1st junior boy	Jonathan Down	34 points (on a Longbow)
1st junior girl	Sarah Hunt	22 points (equalling her mum)

The trophies for this shoot have always been awarded regardless of bow type (compounds not generally being permitted to shoot this round) and at the AGM it was decided that it would be nice if longbows also had a chance, it being very difficult to make the distance with a "stick". So trophies will be produced in time for our next Clout Shoot in the autumn. Brian kindly scored for us in the absence of Peter and Brenda.

Balti Shoot / Frostbite

It was wonderful to see Peter and Brenda back from their holiday in the Florida sun and hear all about it. Our last Frostbite shoot of the season is traditionally celebrated with basins of steaming hot curry (supplied by Maggie, Candy and Julia) and slabs of hot naan bread. The flavours get better and better each year and although it was a pleasant sunny morning the warm glow inside felt very nice.

April Club Shoot

It was a very nice morning and yet again we had a good turn out in spite of it being Mothers Day.

1st O/All senior Recurve	Mark Preston
1st O/All junior Recurve	Rebecca Jennings
1st O/All Compound	Paul Hood
1st O/All gent Longbow	Shane Kelly
1st O/All lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st lady Recurve on H/C	None
1st gent Recurve on H/C	Andrew Beech
1st junior on H/C	Rebecca Jennings
1st gent Compound on H/C	John Wilkins
1st Longbow on H/C	Shane Kelly
1st Black Badge	Liz Beech
2nd Black Badge	Lawrence Braithwaite
3rd Black Badge	Tony Down
Wooden Spoon	Terry Sandford

County of Surrey Archery Association - Indoor Postal League

In Division 2, Woking A team came first for recurve archery. Well Done.

Intercounties Friendly

On 6 May 2000 the three-way friendly match between Kent, Sussex and Surrey will be hosted by our County at Warlingham. The selection committee has met, and the following archers from Woking have been selected to be part of the team.

Mark Preston	Recurve
Andrea Gales	Recurve
Paul Hood	Compound
Georgina Baglow	Compound
John Wilkins	Reserve - Compound

Unfortunately this year the date of the Intercounties friendly clashed with the Surrey Longbow Championships, so although a longbow team might have been selected, it was deemed inadvisable.

Outside Shoot Results

As you know some of us do shoot outside the Club - it is a grand way of meeting more people and can be very enjoyable

Middlesex Indoor (Portsmouth)	Julia Madelin	1st Visiting Lady, Longbow
Middlesex Indoor (Portsmouth)	Georgina Baglow	1st Visiting Lady, Compound
Middlesex Indoor (Portsmouth)	Georgina Dearman	1st Visiting Jnr Lady, Recurve
SCAS Indoor (Portsmouth)	Julia Madelin	1st Lady, Longbow
SCAS Indoor (Portsmouth)	Georgina Baglow	2nd Lady, Compound
Malden Bowman Founders Day Shoot	Julia Madelin	1st Visiting Lady, Longbow
Malden Bowman Founders Day Shoot	Colin Madelin	1st Visiting Gent, Longbow
Whitecleaf Bowman Invitation Longbow Shoot (Hereford)	Julia Madelin	1st Lady

and at the Ravens Field Shoot John Bridger achieved his first Arrowhead award. He is now completely obsessed with field archery, so he is now the person to ask if any more of you want information on this form of our sport.

Finally a message from Penny Buttenshaw

Many, many thanks to all of you who so generously sponsored me for my walk across the Sahara for Macmillan Cancer Relief. I made it without needing a camel rescue and only got one blister! We walked through sand storms and in 126 degrees Fahrenheit, for the seven days, had a great time and have raised over £93,000 from our group. Thanks once again.

Penny Buttenshaw