

## Newsletter No 76 April 2001

Somehow we survived one of the most unpleasant winters in many years and the official outdoor season is in full swing - well almost!

We did our full quote of Frostbite shoots, of which the February event had to be postponed for a week due to heavy rain - surprise, surprise! The field was awash yet again. However, before we went home (on the day it was postponed, not the week later) a very special presentation had to be made. Jonathan Down formally received from Brenda the Gold Medal he won at the National Junior Indoor Championships last December - so he's now officially Junior Boy National Longbow Indoor Champion - if we've got the words in the right order. Well done, Jonathan. It was also his birthday so we all got a slice of yucky cream cake and Jonathan was asked if he'd mind doing the same thing again next year, but on his new Compound bow.

### Wand Shoot

In spite of some misgivings about the state of the field, this shoot did go ahead as planned. It is after all the only time in the year that we shoot this discipline. Good fun was had by one and all, though the turnout was a little low, which was hardly surprising after the miseries of mud and wind we have had to endure in recent times, and this particular shoot does clash with the SCAS Indoor Championships at Guildford. If people enjoyed themselves this is the moment to remind you all about the Mole Valley Wand Shoot which will be held on the 1st Sunday in May.

1st Lady Recurve	Carolyn Hunt	3
1st Gent Recurve	John Kendall	3
1st Junior Recurve	Terry Hunt	5
1st Compound	Mike Piper	5

### Frostbite/Balti Shoot

The end of the series, this shoot was held at the start of March. The weather was appropriate with driving snowflakes on the wind. We shot in double-quick time, even the curly bow people managed to do 6-arrow ends. Then came the good bit. Three cauldrons of curry were hubble-bubbling in the kitchen, chicken by Candy, vegetable by Maggie and prawn and vegetable by Julia, eaten with steaming hot naan bread. Peter C commented that this Club does seem to have a food and drink fixation, what with our booze shoot, balti shoot, and the mid-summer pig roast... not to mention the occasional BBQ and endless bacon sarnies.

### Clout

Again we only had a relatively small turnout on a very chilly and breezy morning after yet more heavy rain. Peter and Brenda were away in Florida, soaking up the sun. WE had our own personal "everglades" right on the field. Things were so bad we even parked among the compost heaps. It was quite a good competition and David Moore took charge of the

scoring and Peter Moore hovered on the side working on his video presentation. Trophies were awarded at the AGM, results being as follows.

1st Lady	Carolyn Hunt	50
1st Gent	Shane Kelly	42
1st Junior Girl	Sarah Hunt	6
1st Junior Boy	Terry Hunt	88

### April Club Shoot

The "everglades" are now more like a hippo wallow, i.e. slightly less water but with tenacious mud. Reasonable turnout and Peter and Brenda were proudly displaying their Florida suntans. It was lovely to see them back. It almost rained.... but not quite. Trophies awarded at these Club shoots have to be returned each month until the last shoot in September.

1st O/All Senior Recurve	Mark Preston
1st O/All Junior Recurve	Rebecca Jennings
1st O/All Compound	Bob Stables
1st O/All Gent Longbow	Colin Madelin
1st O/All Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st lady Recurve on H/C	Candy Schofield
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	John Scott
1st Gent Compound on H/C	Bob Stables
1st Longbow on H/C	Shane Kelly
1st Black Badge	Peter Champion
2nd Black Badge	James Taylor
3rd Black Badge	Colin Madelin
Wooden Spoon	Andrew Beech

### Outside Shoot Results

We keep saying it, but if you do well at an outside shoot, and then don't tell us, nothing will be printed in this section. Either way we want to encourage people to enjoy their archery, some want to shoot elsewhere for a change, others don't, but you should all have got your copy of recommended outside shoots compiled by Candy Schofield.

<b>SCAS Indoor (Portsmouth Round)</b>	
Pauline Pringle	1st Lady Longbow
Jonathan Down	3rd Junior Boy Compound
<b>Middlesex Indoor (Portsmouth Round)</b>	
Candy Schofield	3rd Visiting Lady Recurve

Julia Madelin	1st Visiting Lady Longbow
Curt Johnson	2nd Visiting Gent Compound
<b>Whiteleaf Invitation Longbow Shoot (Hereford)</b>	
Julia Madelin	1st Lady
<b>Crystal Palace (York, Hereford, etc.)</b>	
Mark Preston	1st Gent Recurve
Andrea Gales	2nd Lady Recurve
<b>Friars Gate Longbow Shoot</b>	
Julia Madelin	1st Lady

### What a Chuckle

Don Bradley sent us this newspaper cutting which has been wandering round his desk for ages since the Sydney Olympic Games.

"Meanwhile two archers who represent the entire Bhutan Olympic Team are training hard in Sydney. Archery is the national sport of the tiny Bhuddist Himalayan country and team manager karma Dorji is disappointed he couldn't bring a bigger team. The Bhutanese people, he explained, are reluctant to switch from the village version of archery to the Olympic discipline.

"We shoot 145 metres, 50 metres more than in the Olympics," he said. "After you hit the target, there is a lot of dancing, a lot of celebrations, a lot of drinks."

Don is, of course, one of our longbow archers and is delighted to see our English traditions upheld in Bhutan!

### Forthcoming Events

Have you all managed to lose your programmes yet? This is to remind you of the main Club events over the next three months.

Saturday 5th May	Surrey Longbow Championships on our ground.
Sunday 13th May	Club Shoot (this has been planned a week later than usual to avoid the Bank Holiday weekend). If you take part in this shoot you are automatically entered in the Annual Knockout Competition (final in October), if you don't come, you aren't.
Sunday 3rd June	Club Shoot
Sunday 10th June	RNLI Sponsored shoot, This is a long day of fun, we shoot a Double American, so be prepared for 15 dozen arrows. Fines are levied for just about anything, so have a large pocket full of small change - you will need it, and we guarantee your pockets will be emptied at the end of the day. You will also be encouraged to get sponsored for your score you will achieve. The point of the day's activity's is to raise money for the

	Shoreham boat of the RNLI - we have been supporting them for may years
Sunday 17th June	Claire Butterfield Memorial Shoot, This is largely aimed at the longbow brigade however all bow types can take part
Sunday 24th June	One-Day knockout. There is a entry fee for this shoot but it is a very nice event and the engraved glass trophies are to keep
Sunday 1st July	Club Shoot
Sunday 15th July	County of Surrey Archery Association Outdoor Target Championships at Tolworth
Sunday 22nd July	Club Field Shoot

### **Finally**

The RHS have requested that the big wooden Deer proof gate between their trials ground and our field is kept closed at all times. They do understand that when people are all arriving and leaving the gate will be open for a while, but when we are all on the field shooting, the gate must be closed. If deer from the common get into their trials ground they have to be shoot because it is almost impossible to get them out to where they belong. The RHS don't want to have to do that so

### **KEEP THE GATE CLOSED !**

It only takes a few extra seconds to get out of the car when entering and leaving our ground to do this and we all enjoy seeing the deer passing through the neighborhood.