

Newsletter No.80 April 2002

Before we bring you up to date on our activities over the past few months, there are a couple of rather important points we would like to bring to your attention

The metal hooks used for the anchoring the target stands really should not be carried to and from the shed hooked over the stands. It is so easy for them to drop off and get lost in the grass where they could easily damage the mower blades when the RHS come and mow our grass. Over the winter something in the region of 20 went missing and we only noticed this because we had enough when putting out the field for the Surrey Longbow shoot in September, and found that we had to make a lot more in a hurry when preparing for the May Longbow shoot. Please when you bring the equipment back to the shed after shooting put the hooks in the trays provided and do not leave them anywhere else.

When setting up the field on Sunday mornings (unless there is a special shoot on the calendar) after you have put up targets at 100, 80 and 60 yards, please remember our juniors and add a target at 50, 40, and 30 yards as well. Your help in this will be appreciated.

And now for news of our activities. Club membership is booming with really good turnout for all out winter, and now, early summer activities.

Field Shoot

Actually there have been two field shoots since our last newsletter came out. The one at the end of January was held in heavy drizzle clearing up towards the end of the round, and the weather at the end of April was not a lot better. We do not publish results in the newsletter for these shoots. These are held over until the end of the year when overall winners for the whole series are declared and trophies and medals awarded at the AGM. However this is a reminder that once you start the series it is better not to change your bow type if you want to be in the competition.

Wand Shoot

This is another of our special events, even though some of our more traditional archers may have been slightly put out by Paul Hood hitting the wand (using a compound bow) with far more regularity than might have been considered decent.

O/All Gentlemen 100 yds	Paul Hood
O/All Lady 80 yds	Carolyn Hunt
O/All Junior 50 yds	Terry Hunt

A few of our archers missed this shoot as it clashed with the SCAS Indoor Championships down at Guildford.

By the time this newsletter gets to you the Mole Valley Wand Shoot will be over. It is a lovely friendly competition and we don't mind Paul doing well at our shoot because he would not have been able to shoot at Mole Valley, compounds being considered

untraditional! Wand shooting is part of the traditions of mediaeval archery when practice was compulsory on Sundays. Those shooting had to shoot away until at last hit the wand, and then could all go to a tavern/ale house..... but I think they had to shoot a much greater distance than we do today.

SCAS Indoor

This is the last year that this shoot is being organized by George Potts (known to all who attend competitions outside the Club), so some of us did go to see him off. There was a very mixed bag of results and Woking do not do awfully well, unlike our performance at the Surrey Indoor back in November.

Colin Madelin came 4th Gent Longbow, only 6 points behind a Lintman Archer and Julia Madelin came 1st Lady Longbow, but was the only competitor in her class.

Clout

A very strong head wind made this shoot quite a challenge. Conditions were not frightfully pleasant so the planned double round was shortened to a single clout.

1st Gentlemen	Andrew Beech
1st Lady	Sue Cooles
1st Junior Girl	Gemma Cooles
1st Junior Boy	Jonathan Down

Frostbite/Balti Shoot

We've seen some really excellent attendances at all our Frostbite Shoots this winter and this special end-of-season shoot was no exception. Not everybody could stay on and enjoy our traditional bowls of curry and naan bread provided by Maggie Gorrings, Julia Madelin and Moria Kendall and this year we had savory rice too, courtesy of Sarah Corvi, mother of one of our juniors. In spite of the numbers crowding round the kitchen some of us managed to get "seconds" and it was very sociable moment to end the most pleasant morning.

April Club Shoot

For those who are relatively new to the Club our Club Shoots are held at the beginning of each month, April through September, and trophies and black badges are awarded. The trophies, both for overall and handicap adjusted scores, are held for one month only, the black badges are on handicap only and are to keep. The wind was really quite troublesome and affected some scores, but by no means all, and there were quite a few pleasant surprises.

1st O/All Senior Recurve	Lynne Stephenson
1st O/All Junior Recurve over 9	Gemma Cooles
1st O/All Junior Recurve Under 9	Nicolas Corvi

1st O/All Senior Compound	John Wilkins
1st O/All Junior Compound	Jonathan Down
1st O/All Gent Longbow	Shane Kelly
1st O/All Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st Lady Recurve on H/C	Mary Tapley
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	Richard Tapley
1st Junior Recurve over 9 on H/C	Gemma Cooles
1st Junior Recurve under 9 on H/C	Jack Day
1st Gent Compound on H/C	John Wilkins
1st Longbow on H/C	Helen Barrett
1st Black Badge	Rachel Barnard
2nd Black Badge	Andrew Jennings
3rd Black Badge	Sue Cooles
4th Black Badge	Moria Kendall
5th Black Badge	Lynne Stephenson
Wooden Spoon	John Kendall

County Of Surrey Longbow Championships

This competition is held twice a year and hosted by our Club. Over the past five years it has more than doubled in size with the growth in popularity of shooting in the longbow, to the extent that we had to turn away more than 30 hopeful archers, having reached our maximum possible entry of 90. Without the wonderful help given by members of this Club putting on this shoot would simply not be possible. Lawrence Braithwaite took charge of field layout assisted by Colin Madelin, and on the day we were indebted to Shane, Tony and Jon, Richard, Terry and Lucie, Brian, Penny and Pauline, and not forgetting Lynne and Andrea who were wonderful in the kitchen keeping us stoked up with tea and cakes. If I have forgotten anybody please forgive me. This time Brenda came along and was allowed to watch, but was banned from doing anything more onerous which must have been quite a shock to her system!

Shooting conditions on the Saturday were fairly challenging, with a blustery wind rolling in over the motorway embankment and causing all sorts of problems for the two-way shoot.

1st County lady	Julia Madelin
3rd County Lady	Penny Buttenshaw
2nd County Gent	Shane Kelly
1st County Junior Boy	Jonathan Down

May Club Shoot

This was not held on the first Sunday of the month, which would have been the day after the County Longbow shoot, but was held over until the 2nd Sunday. This was due to the

clash with an Intercounties Three Way Friendly match and a number of our archers were away shooting for the County Team. The May Club shoot are entered. Your first round of each month determines whether you are knocked out, or stay in the draw, but this must be on the same bow type as that used at the May Club Shoot. The final is on the first Sunday in October.

1st O/All Senior Recurve	Candy Schofield
1st O/All Junior Recurve over 9	Terry Hunt
1st O/All Junior Recurve Under 9	Nicolas Corvi
1st O/All Senior Compound	Georgina Baglow
1st O/All Junior Compound	None
1st O/All Gent Longbow	Shane Kelly
1st O/All Lady Longbow	Penny Buttenshaw
1st O/All Junior Longbow	None
1st Lady Recurve on H/C	Mary Tapley
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	Richard Tapley
1st Junior Recurve over 9 on H/C	Terry Hunt
1st Junior Recurve under 9 on H/C	Harry MacNamee
1st Gent Compound on H/C	Mike Piper
1st Longbow on H/C	Richard Tully
1st Longbow Most Greens	Helen Barrett
1st Black Badge	Mark Critchley
2nd Black Badge	David Moore
3rd Black Badge	Gemma Cooles
4th Black Badge	Georgina Baglow
5th Black Badge	Penny Buttenshaw
Wooden Spoon	John Hunt

Brenda said she would like to apologise about the mistake made in the O/All Junior Recurve under 9 award. The winner was Nicolas Corvi, and not Harry MacNamee.