

Newsletter no.83 January 2003

Although this is a relatively quiet time of the year there's still some news for this newsletter. We include reports on county shoots as well as Club shoots and try to keep these in a more or less chronological order.

October Clout

The small piece of paper with the results written went astray when preparing the last newsletter, so here are the results.

Sue Cooles and Pauline Pringle tied for 1st place	32 points
John Scott 1st Gent	61 points
Philip Biggs 1st Junior Boy	44 points
No Junior girls	-

County Field Championships

With the increase of interest from our club for this style of shooting, we now put it in with the regular calendar and make sure that no club event can clash with it, as a result of this we put in a massive entry of 18 Woking archers, John Pettett, the tournament organiser says that he sacrifices a goat for good weather on the day, this year it must have been rather small one, as just after we had got going the heavens opened, the thunder and lightning crashed all around and we got wet instantly. After that it cleared up and apart from being a bit slippery underfoot, and having to watch out for the wasps' nest at target 2, we had a very good day.

Candy Schofield	1st County Lady Freestyle
Liz Beech	1st County Lady Compound U/L
Julia Madelin	1st County Lady Longbow
Jamie Adams	1st County Gent Compound U/L
Terry Sandford	1st County Gent Traditional
Peter Champion	2nd County Gent Traditional
Luke Fairbairn	1st County Junior Gent Freestyle under 12

November Frostbite

There was a slight drizzle, but otherwise shooting conditions were OK at this point we would like to remind you that once you have started this series of shoots it is worth trying to shoot at least 4, but preferably five of the days, to be eligible for in-club medals and trophies which are awarded at the AGM in April, however, don't change your bow-type!

Knockout Final

As you may remember this was rescheduled to 17th November, and unfortunately it was a soggy miserable morning with very few people at the field. Equally unfortunately three out

of the four semi-finalists did not log scores during the final month, so Mike Piper won the competition by default. However a medal is also awarded to the runner up, it is proposed to reschedule the shoot yet again, so that the three semi finalist can shoot for this medal. There are also h/c medals to be won.

We have still not found a really ideal date, but would suggest 30th March as we had planned to shoot an American / St. Nicholas on that day. We must really hold this shoot soon, as the medals have been engraved with 2002 on them.

Surrey Indoor Championships

Again a very good entry went in from our club, but of course we are also involved in running the shot, which takes place at Woking Leisure Centre. Pauline Pringle was our lady paramount and James Taylor did wonders with the wholly computerised results system. It was very fast and most impressive.

Candy Schofield	2nd County Lady Recurve
Jamie Adams	1st County Gent Recurve
Terry Hunt	1st County Junior Gent Recurve
John Wilkins	1st County Gent Compound
Bob Stables	3rd County Gent Compound
Elaine Self	1st County Junior Lady Compound
Jonathon Down	1st County Junior Gent Compound
Julia Madelin	1st County Lady Longbow
Pauline Pringle	3rd County Lady Longbow
Colin Madelin	1st County Gent Longbow
Tony Down	3rd County Gent Longbow
Terry Sandford	1st County Gent Barebow
Mark Preston	1st County Gent Recurve, Double Portsmouth
Alan Wood	2nd County Gent Recurve, Double Portsmouth
Candy Schofield	1st County Lady Recurve, Double Portsmouth
Rachel Barnard	2nd County Lady Recurve Double Portsmouth
Sue Cooles	3rd County Lady Recurve, Double Portsmouth
Andrew Beech	Highest unrewarded County Recurve (Cecil Rhodes Trophy)
Candy Schofield Jamie Adams Andrew Beech	County Team Award Recurve
Colin Madelin	Session Award, A, Longbow
Richard Tully	Session Award, C, Longbow

That was pretty impressive, wasn't it?

December Field Shoot

This should have been held in October, but the weather was dangerously windy, so had to be fit only remaining gap in the calendar - so it was rather miserable and damp instead of windy. The course was reported to be quite challenging and was enjoyed by all.

Booze Shoot

The weather still had not improved very much, and we just shot a fairly normal round instead of some of Peter's tricky targets. However we had to do something to fill in the time on a soggy morning, as we knew quite a lot of people would be turning up later in time for the mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. Cards were exchanged, great piles of them, and it was a very jolly morning in spite of the weather.

January Frostbite

Cold and very muddy underfoot, so muddy in fact that the curly and wheely bows shot from of the road. The longbows just trudged around in the mud as they were shooting the longer distance.

Club Annual Dinner

We have been going to the Red Lion in Horsell for some years now, and apart from being a bit restricted on space their menus were getting more expensive and the supplements on some items were getting a bit irksome too. Sue Butterfield had suggested that this year we tried the Cricketers, also in Horsell and it was very nice indeed. We had a lovely room to ourselves, quite a bit more space, and the food was excellent otherwise nothing had changed, we were very noisy and had a good battle with the party poppers. What a lovely evening.

Summer Shooting

We know you all like to make the most of summer evenings, and we must remind you that Tuesday is our official beginners' evening. This coming year club members, who wish to shoot on Tuesdays, must keep well clear of the beginners line. Coaching of our more experienced archers will not take place near the beginners.

A map will be produced at the start of the summer season to remind you all about the field layout.

We will also need more people prepared to teach our beginners, as we are a bit stretched for help this is not a particularly difficult task and mainly focusses upon the safety aspects of the sport as well as being prepared to answer all sorts of questions. After all we want our beginners to enjoy what they are doing and feel supported and encouraged by our general club members.

Thursday is our general club evening, but of course the field is for use at all times, and there seem to be people there most evenings of the week.

And now for some special comments from Brenda and Peter:-

As the club gets even bigger and bigger and bigger, we have become a product of own success, but this turns administration and maintenance into a nightmare when to keep everything running smoothly.

If anyone wishes to help with any aspect of club life, please talk to Peter or Brenda they would be pleased to listen.

There are also moves afoot to modify the requirements for teaching young children. At the moment we know very little about this but will keep you informed as soon as we know more.