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We had quite a decent turnout at our AGM at the start of April. An impressive number of trophies and medals were distributed to mark the end of the winter season, and last year's field shooting activities.

We would like to remind you at this point to try to turn up well in time for our Sunday shoots this summer i.e. before 10am. We always need help to set out the field for whatever rounds are scheduled and it is not fair when the usual small group of faithfuls get stuck with the job week in week out. Nobody is exempt from pulling their weight in this respect and it is very selfish when people are seen setting up their archery equipment when there are bosses and stands to be shifted.

Yet again we must ask you to **NOT HANG THE STEEL TIE-DOWN HOOKS ON THE BACK OF THE STANDS**. That makes it likely that they will drop off and get lost in the grass. We are indebted to the RHS for the grass mowing, and do not under any circumstances want their machinery to get damaged. We seem to remind you of this at least once a year, and still hooks are found on the stands in the shed.

January Field Shoot

It was fairly miserable to start with, but cleared up later. For those who have just joined the club, we do not give results for our regular field shoots as they happen in the newsletter, the points gained are kept under wraps and trophies and medals are awarded for each complete year, at the AGM the following spring. However once started please do not change bow type if you want to be in with a chance.

February Frost Bite

There was a huge turnout on a bright sunny day but there was a very cold wind from left to right across the field.

February Wand Shoot

This clashed with the SCAS Indoor championships. A few people were seen diligently practising the week before and for those that are unfamiliar with this type of competition, it involves shooting at a stave, four inches wide and about six feet high, set at one's maximum distance i.e. 100 yards for gentlemen, 80 yards for ladies and less for juniors. It is not easy, especially if wind, but great fun. It is somewhat difficult sorting out the results, so we shall let you have them all.

Penny Buttenshaw	Longbow	1
Helen Barrett	Longbow	1
Tony Down	Longbow	1
Shane Kelly	Longbow	1
Charlie Critchley	Junior Recurve	7 1st Recurve

Harry Mcnamee	Junior Recurve	5
John Scott	Recurve	5
Nicholas Corvi	Junior Recurve	4
Andrew Jennings	Recurve	4
Andrew Beech	Recurve	3
Ruaidhri McGee	Junior Recurve	1
Paul Hood	Compound	8 1st Compound
Jon Down	Junior Compound	7
Catlin Critchley	Junior Compound	1
David Moore	Barebow	2 1st Barebow
James Taylor	Barebow	1

For those that enjoyed the competition, Mole Valley Bowmen are holding their annual Wand shoot on 18th May and obviously would like a nice entry from our club, Mediaeval dress may be worn is so wished, in keeping with the spirit of the event.

SCAS Indoor Championships

There was a reasonable turnout from our Club for this competition, which was held at the Spectrum Centre in Guildford. The top places for Compound and Recurve were all incredibly closely contested with only one point between the competitors.

Colin Madelin	1st Gent Longbow, and trophy for top L/B Score
Pauline Pringle	1st Lady Longbow
Julia Madelin	2nd Lady Longbow

March Double Clout

There was an extremely nasty headwind which seemed to knock a good 15 yards off the achievable distance for longbows, although other bow types were less affected. But for all that it was a splendid morning. This is the moment to remind you that there are still a few places open for the County Clout championships hosted by Warlingham on 30th August, so if you find Clouts enjoyable, do go to Warlingham.

1st O/All Lady	Sue Cooles	113
1st O/All Gent	Shane Kelly	76
1st O/All Junior Boy	Terry Hunt	117
1st O/All Junior Girl	Catlin Critchley	26

Frost Bite / Balti Shoot

Our last Frostbite shoot of the winter season is a good excuse to enjoy steaming hot curry and naan bread at the end. Curries were supplied by Richard Tapley and Moira Kendall, and some wonderful rice by Sara Corvi. We are sure everybody enjoyed them!

April Club Shoot

The field was absolutely chock-a-block with members - a really massive turnout requiring the turning of four pounds of bacon, five loaves of bread, three bottles of milk, into sustenance for our starving members. Don't any of them have breakfast before leaving home? Brenda's "full monties" are becoming a legend!!! Unfortunately the beautiful weather on Saturday did not last until Sunday, which was grey and with a sharp wind. Even so some very good scores were put in. This shoot qualifies entrants for the Summer knock-out competition, and from now on your first score on the original bow type will determine whether you stay in the competition or are knocked out. Let us stress that this competition is calculated entirely on handicap, so absolutely anyone is in with a chance.

1st O/All Senior Gent Recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All Senior Lady Recurve	Candy Schofield
1st O/All Junior Recurve Over 9	Terry Hunt
1st O/All Junior Recurve Under 9	Harry Taylor
1st O/All Senior Gent Compound	John Wilkins
1st O/All Senior Lady Compound	-
1st O/All Junior Compound	Jon Down
1st O/All Gent Longbow	Terry Cramp
1st O/All Lady Longbow	Carolyn Hunt
1st O/All Barebow	Terry Sandford
1st Lady Recurve on H/C	Mary Tapley
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	Shane Biggs
1st Junior Recurve over 9 on H/C	Harry McNamee
1st Junior Recurve Under 9 on H/C	Charlie Critchley
1st Compound on H/C	John Wilkins
1st Longbow on H/C	Carolyn Hunt
1st Black Badge (Unrewarded)	Philip Biggs
2nd Black Badge	Brian Fairbairn
3rd Black Badge	John Scott
4th Black Badge	Andrew Jennings
5th Black Badge	Jack Day
Wooden Spoon (Lowest on H/C)	John Hunt