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NOTE:-
Trip to Agincourt have you booked!!!!
W.A.C. to celebration as we are 40 years
old this year. and W.A.C. Open is 25.

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Woking Archery Club

News Letter

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Welcome

After a Indoor season which has ranged from fun to hard work it is now almost over, We are now about to start shooting outdoors again (yippee I here some of you cry)

Sunday 14th October - Trial Frostbite

The Frostbite season kicks off again with a trial round at 30m 3 dozen arrows at the 80cm face. A reasonable turnout as usual with again some new club members some impressive scores for a first effort.

Sunday 28th October - Field Shoot

The round for the day was a field shoot; the field was set by Peter Champion assisted by David Moore, James and Harry Taylor - thanks to them. The 15 targets were set with differing degrees of difficulty ranging from the “tricky” to the “are you kidding?” How come you could spend most of the day aiming at a branch about 10mm thick and never hit but always get a deflection when you least want one? Unfortunately, it rained for some of the shoot but fun was had by those who attended. Some of the target faces suffered with the rain and turned into papier-mâché and had to be replaced half way through the day. One of the targets shooting position was under a tree and various methods were tried to get a stable and comfortable position from which to shoot from. Richard Tapley came up with the idea of just plain sitting down on the ground.

This shoot has no results as the club runs a year long completion based on the 4 field shoots throughout the year and to qualify you must shoot at least 3 (with the same type of bow). If you shoot all 4 then your best 3 scores count, the results will be announced at the Club AGM in April.

Sunday 4th November

No fireworks at the field just a wonderful day for shooting - bright and little wind. Peter Champion was trying his hand at barebow at 90m then 70m, 50m and 30m with some success. Most of the club members were also trying their hands at metric rounds from long metrics to half metrics. It makes a change form week in week out national rounds.

Sunday 18th November - Frostbite

We finally got round to completing the first of the frostbite rounds for the BA competition after being delayed by the Surrey Field Champs and lack of numbers the following week. The shoot went well with a good turnout and some very good scores.

Sunday 25th November - CSAA Indoor Championships

A good turn out for this shoot once again with all three sessions almost full. The day went smoothly with Woking claiming some medals at the end of the day, but not quite as many as in previous years. Woking winners are listed below.

Fay Bound	2 nd County Junior Lady
Catlin Critchley	3 rd County Junior Lady
Pauline Pringle	3 rd County Compound Lady
John Southcott	1 st County Barebow
Stephen Mills	2 nd Male Handicap Award 42-65 Group
Mark Preston	3 rd Male Double Recurve
Sue Cooles	3 rd Female Double Recurve
Pauline Pringle	2 nd Female Double Compound

Sunday 16th December - Novelty shoot / Booze Shoot

We all gathered down the field not knowing what Peter Champion had in store for the day (not entirely sure that had an idea either). The shoot for the day was a multi-faced target of which people picked one and added their name to it. The “round” was 3 dozen arrows at you own face, which sounds quite simple, with the added bonus that any stray arrows from any other archers (of which there were a lot) on your particular face also scored for you. So you could have a score without even hitting your own named face! Fun was had by all and after the “round” was complete Christmas cards were handed out along with punch, sausage rolls and mince pies. Thanks to Brenda for that.

Sunday 6th January - Clout Shoot (by John Scott)

Clout shooting is surprisingly different from target shooting in a number of ways. It simulates the ancient battles of Crecy and Agincourt (as the longbow users regularly remind us) in that you have to lean back and fire your arrows up into the sky to have a chance of reaching the target away in the distance. The target in this case is a small flag 180yds away. Somehow it is always obscured by the bow riser or limb so aiming under these circumstances is a matter of lining up the bow using a point on a tree or suchlike object on the edge of the field (clouds are NOT helpful here). Since you can't tell easily where the arrows are landing, it takes a few ends before a suitable tree limb has been selected and arrows land in the scoring zone. Actually, now I have shot a few clout rounds on our field, I know roughly which tree to aim at, so I can get an early start in the scoring, and this (along with a small sighting pin clipped to my stabiliser rod) has helped me win the round more than once.

However, the recent clout shoot was a bit different. The problem was basically ... fog, Not only could we not see the flag, we could not even see the trees behind the flag. Not even a slight shadow of a tree. The view from the shooting line was just an even grey, with the Ladies 120yd line faintly visible on the left, and the permanent fixed foam target looming dimly on the right. This was going to be even more interesting than usual! We drew our bows pointing in what seems to be about the usual position, and loosed our arrows wildly into the murk, amid a few comments about what a pleasant change it was when there was no need to bother about minor details such as aiming. All we needed now to complete the sense of unreality was for the voice of Alec Guinness as Obe Wan Kanobe to echo out of the mist saying “Use the Force, Luke...”. Mind you, Richard WAS using the force. He had a 65 lb draw-weight flat bow, which I couldn't even get to full draw.

Actually, after a couple of arrows, I noticed that from where I was standing, the fixed target on the right was lined up near to the middle of my right-hand stabiliser bar, so I made a point of lining up that way, and fired off the rest of my arrows. That first end, I was well off target, about 50yds to the left. Next end, I moved my reference point on the V-bar and got a bit closer to the flag, and by the third end I had a 6 ft diameter group with five arrows in the scoring zone! This was better than I would expect on a clear day when I could see what I was doing! I think that this was probably the weirdest shooting experience I have had so far, just firing off arrows into the fog. To find any of the arrows in the scoring zone at the end of the round was really the icing on the cake, and made this an event that I will remember for some time.

Sunday 27th January - Field Shoot

What is field shooting all about some say it is about instinctive shooting i.e. not knowing what distance the targets have been set at or for that matter what size the animals are. Some club members were trying their hand at shooting a different bow to their normal target bow, so a mixture of one piece recurve bows and normal target bows with their sights removed. The day could not be better for a field shoot despite still being very soft under foot from the recent rain. A good turnout again, and with the 3-D targets making an appearance again. PS has anybody got a “new” bridge (a joke for those that were at the shoot?)

Sunday 3rd February - Frostbite (4th of 5)

Yet another frostbite round shoot all scores were good despite the gusty wind.

Sunday 9th March - Clout

A clout shoot was the order of the day which is a lot about feel of the shoot rather than direct aiming as the distances involved are much greater than you normally shoot namely 180yds for Gents and 140 yards for Ladies and even 80yds for the smallest members of the club. Their was some good shooting all round and a close finish in the gents results listed below

Gents	Score
Angus Wilson	60
Shane Kelly	58
Paul Hood	45
Jon Southcott	25
John Scott	25
Roger Tapley	19
Peter Bound	17
Richard Tapley	10
James Taylor	9
Matthew Tuck	7
Lawrence Braithwaite	7
Jim Mercer-Chalmers	4
Dave Jarrett	2

Ladies	Score
Vicki Pinhorn	24
Dawn Winsor	36

Junior Boys	Score
Scott Wigmore	51
Sam Cackett	23
Sid Jarrett	13
Hewell finden-Browne	12

Junior Girls	Score
Sophie Lee-Perkins	49
Amber Mercer-Chalmers	8

Scoring for this round is based on a circle round a central post
 Scoring 5, 4,3,2,1 based on the “gold” being 3 feet in diameter and the rest of the circles being 3 feet bigger each turn.

Some notes for relatively new archers (and a reminder to others)

Club Shoot

We have now begun shooting the monthly Club competition namely the “Club Shoot” this based on the National round (6 dozen across 2 distances 4 dozen and then 2 dozen).

The Club shoot is normally held on the first Sunday of the month and prizes are awarded for best score at you own age and also handicap scores. Please try and come along as it is also the competition that last all year long, the “knock-out” you have to be in it to win it.

This is the only place that you can win a converted Club “Black Badge” these are awarded to archers breaking or shooting very well on handicap but not wining any of the major prizes that month.

Tuesday Club nights

These are also the nights that the beginner’s courses are run. So the club requires the use of one half of the field to run this, so if you are down early then please set up your own target the other end of the field past the RED marked posts. Any archer venturing down the beginners end on Tuesday will be asked to help so do not interrupt unless you are willing to assist.

Thursday Club Night

This is an open club night and the requirement to shoot at the fare end of the field does not apply, but please bear in mind that targets do not set themselves up on their own so please assist whenever you can. Try to set up near each other honestly we don’t bite.

R.N.L.I Sponsored shoot Sunday 8th June

The aim of the day is to raise some money for the Shoreham Lifeboat, by way of relieving you of all or most of the small change that you have been collecting over the past year by way of fines for anything that Peter sees as a good reason at that moment. Examples - holding a bow in your hand 10p fine, or for wearing green or white a 5p fine, getting an arrow in the red 5p per arrow - get the idea. Bring you penny jars and donate to a worthy cause.

Atkins friendly shoot Sunday 17th August

This is a shoot against a fellow Surrey club we host it alternately with them and this year it is their turn so a trip up to Epsom is required and food is provided afterwards. Brenda will need to know in advance who will be going.

Novelty Shoot scheduled for 24th August

This is a fun shoot with the morning spent setting up all sorts of strange targets. It would be great for some new ideas to come forward for targets, they don't have to be serious in fact the opposite is what we want. In the past we have had a catapult that fired mars bars back at you when you set it off. Another was based on a coconut shy with coconuts made from foam on sticks. One favourite is the cycle tyres behind a wind break so you could not even see what you are "aiming" at they are placed near to the wind break and this makes it very hard indeed, yet it is possible.

There are various other shoots throughout the year - please see your program if you do not have one then it is downloadable from the Club Web-Site www.wokingarcheryclub.co.uk

BA Winter Postal League Competition

We have entered into the BA (British Archery) winter postal competition which is a national competition based on the Portsmouth round indoor and also the Frostbite round outdoor.

So far we have completed 3 months of scores we have not done too badly winning some and losing others. We have been slightly let down on some divisions by archers not being able to complete a round that week.

It would be greatly appreciated that where possible please try and complete a round when it is the BA postal league indoors and, when stated, the Frostbite round outdoors. These are normally the first full week or Sunday in the case of the frostbite. The more archers that complete a round the greater choice of scores we have.

The teams are not fixed at any point in the competition so do not think that because you have missed one you are no longer required to shoot. The team is the top 5 scores for that month so one month you may be in one division the next month you will be in another division.

	Portsmouth			Frostbite	
	Win	Loss		Win	Loss
November	2	4	November	4	1
December	4	2	December	1	4
January	3	3	January	3	2
February	3	3	February	4	1
March			March	1	

Individual Division Best Scores November

Frostbite Recurve Division 5

Best Lady - Candy Schofield 324

Best Gent - Mark Preston 336

Frostbite Division 1

Best Junior Girl - Sophie Lee-Perkins 285

Best Junior Boy - Max Winsor 310

Surrey Winter Postal Competition

This is similar to the BA Winter Postal League but across clubs in Surrey only and is based on the frostbite round only, so again we need all the scores that we can get as it seems a great shame to lose some of the division we have entered due to not being able to field a full team.

Help Wanted

Brenda and Peter want to get people learning the rolls that they do within the club. So anybody wanting to learn any of the functions listed below the please get in touch.

- WAC open tournament organizer
- Beginner's course organizer
- Preparing club program of events
- Indoor shooting organizer (at Quicks during the winter season)
- Club Secretary (maintaining database of member's details)
- Help in the kitchen (Sunday mornings)

News

Congratulations to Andrea Gales on being ranked 2nd in the GNAS rankings, also to Pauline Pringle for getting 33rd both shooting compound.

Some Woking archers have successfully claimed new County Records during the summer and winter seasons well done to them all. Come on the rest of you let's try and get even more in Woking's name. Please see www.countysurreyarchery.co.uk for more info and a full list of current records.

Now available at Quicks

Bow tuning and coaching by Olympic level archer please contact Quicks (Apps Court Walton on Thames for more details)

More excuses for your books.

- I'm not doing to bad, its just that I peaked five years ago
- My arrow unexpectedly went where I aimed it
- You have to use the complete target!! not only the yellow
- Damn Newton. that gravity thing again... too much of it
- I suffer from Fast-Flite embolism..... I have a clot on the string

Thanks

To all the people who have helped out during the past few months either in the kitchen with Brenda or with the indoor beginners courses and general setting up in mornings.

An archery joke

Once upon a time there was an archery contest.

The first archer, wearing a long cape covering his face, lines up in position...
He takes a deep breath and fires an arrow which finds the centre of the target.
Then he takes off his cape and screams: I AM..... ROBIN HOOD!!! The crowd cheers!

The second archer with a cape lines up in position.
He fires his arrow which hits the centre and cuts Robin Hood's arrow into two!!!
He takes off his cape and screams: I AM..... WILLIAM TELL!!! The crowd cheers!!

Finally, a third man in cape lines up in position... He fires his arrow but it goes all wrong!!!
It flies past the crowd and kills the king!!!
Then the man takes off his cape and screams: I AM..... SORRY!!!

Forthcoming Events

First Club Shoot Sunday 6th April - (*you must be in it to win it*) *start of Knockout again you must be at the first one to take part in this competition*)

Sunday 27th April - Field Shoot

Saturday 3rd May Surrey Longbow Shoot (not a club event but held on our ground)

Sunday 8th June R.N.L.I. Sponsored Shoot (*get those coins saved now so Peter can relieve you of them on the day*)

Sunday 29th June - one day knockout

Sunday 24th August Novelty Shoot *get thinking of ideas for new and interesting targets*

Saturday 6th September Surrey Longbow Shoot (not a club event but held on our ground)

Sunday 14th September Woking's Open Tournament (raffle prizes wanted)

Sunday 21st September WAC's Club championship day

A Puzzle for You

W	R	R	E	O	Z	L	V	B	E	O	D	D	A	P	H	M	A	N	R	ARROW
L	A	D	N	U	O	P	M	O	C	N	V	C	M	W	E	K	Z	E	F	BOSS
O	E	N	A	G	V	T	A	S	U	D	J	O	S	S	C	B	V	Z	N	BOWSTAND
N	A	V	D	W	F	P	O	S	A	O	C	A	N	J	E	I	U	E	M	CLOUT
H	D	D	R	G	E	H	X	M	G	R	E	S	T	A	U	B	K	C	O	COMPOUND
A	H	N	J	U	M	F	J	O	G	G	M	E	N	Q	V	G	L	S	W	FACE
T	N	O	D	M	C	O	N	Z	P	N	H	Y	M	K	N	Y	I	D	P	FLETCHING
S	N	C	I	K	E	E	W	F	A	O	J	C	T	K	W	O	E	W	S	HANDICAP
Q	I	L	F	N	T	K	R	E	C	L	Z	H	E	H	O	S	C	R	E	LONGBOW
B	O	B	S	T	R	I	N	G	I	D	E	V	G	O	G	R	R	K	R	LONGROD
O	J	A	R	R	O	G	V	N	D	K	N	Y	R	A	B	A	U	Q	H	NOCK
N	G	W	O	B	G	N	O	L	N	A	W	A	A	L	M	L	W	U	L	QUIVER
M	I	Y	B	C	I	E	W	V	A	M	E	N	T	L	I	L	R	N	J	RECURVE
G	N	I	H	C	T	E	L	F	H	C	J	V	B	S	H	W	A	K	D	REST
O	Z	T	A	B	L	W	A	R	M	R	K	E	D	O	W	O	R	R	A	STRING
Y	W	E	F	A	C	E	D	F	O	V	E	S	P	F	S	O	Q	O	V	TAB
U	E	T	I	C	D	S	Z	A	H	E	J	Z	E	H	K	U	B	Y	J	TARGET
L	G	H	T	U	O	L	C	G	G	O	E	E	P	A	M	S	F	G	O	WAND