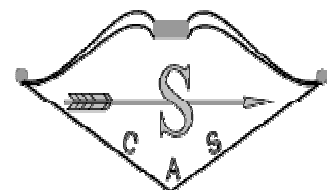




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Welcome

The outdoor season is underway and we can now look forward to some warm, balmy days, beautiful sunsets and perhaps a few unfriendly mosquitos. Good shooting to all in 2009.

WAC NEWS

A.G.M.

The WAC A.G.M. was held on 26th April at Quicks, Apps Court and a new committee has been selected for 2009/10:

Role	Name
Chairman	Peter Champion
Secretary	Brenda Champion
Treasurer	Lesley Biggs
Armourer	Michael Murray
Maintenance	David Moore
Records Officer	James Taylor
Competition/Tournament Secretary	Brenda Champion
Training Officer	Peter Champion
Communication Officer	Ruth Miles
Social Secretary	Shane Biggs

Candy Schofield stood down as Treasurer after many years of service on the Committee Thanks were given to Candy for her hard work in bringing the club's finances under control.

Full minutes of the meeting are available from Brenda.

Subscriptions

A reminder that 2009/10 subscriptions were due on 1st April 2009; Seniors £83.50 and Juniors £48.25. If you have not already paid your subscriptions, please make your cheques payable to 'Woking Archery Club' and send them to Brenda Champion. If you do not wish to re-join, please let Brenda know as soon as possible.

2008/2009 Awards

In addition to the Indoor season and Frostbite results detailed below, the following awards were presented at the AGM:

AWARDS 2008/2009

Handicap Improvement Medal	Andrew Steel went from	69 - 60
Best Improved Junior: WING TROPHY Must have a H/C on 1st January (Trophy & Medal)	Andrew Steel went from	69 - 60
Best Improved Longbow Archer: FOSTER TROPHY Must have a H/C on 1st January	Lawrence Braithwaite went from	53 - 51
Best Improved Pair: (1 LADY & 1 GENT) RECURVE ARCHER UNREWARDED GLASS TROPHY Must have a H/C on 1st January	Angus Wilson went from Candy Schofield went from	36 - 33 35 - 34
Best Improved Compound Archer: W.A.C. TROPHY Must have a H/C on 1st January	Paul Hood went from	21 - 19
JAWS AWARD (DIPLOMA & BADGE)	Harry Taylor	Joint 35th

Vicki Pinhorn

As many of you will know, we have been greatly saddened that Vicki Pinhorn lost her fight against cancer on 30th January 2009.

Vicki joined Woking Archery Club when her son, Jake, was doing archery as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award programme. Vicki loved archery right from the start and soon began to participate in competitions both within and outside the club. She made many friends amongst the club members and had a strong commitment to WAC. She was a 'natural' at archery and quickly progressed to first class. Vicki still holds no less than four WAC records. Vicki had a great sense of humour, a positive attitude in all things and was always a pleasure to shoot with. Her joy in life and love of all things living meant that we would often spot her tiptoeing through the buttercups to avoid damaging them. Vicki is greatly missed by all of us who knew her.

Woking Archery Club has made a donation of £200 to the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher who looked after Vicki so well in her last weeks. This includes £1 for every club member.

The club will remember Vicki at the re-named 'Memorial Shoot' which will be held on 26th July this year and there will also be a permanent trophy in Vicki's name at the RNLI shoot; this will be the 'Most Blues' trophy which was Vicki's favourite trophy when she won it.

Field News

Thanks to David Smith for white-lining the field. This year, Wisley RHS has asked us to use a weed-killer that does not destroy the roots of plants, which may mean that the moles no longer get a clear run under the lines!

Please always check that you have not left any rubbish on the field after you have been shooting.

Training

Carolyn Hunt will be supervising the new starters on Tuesday nights. Peter Champion will also be available to provide help and advice for new starters and club members at the same time.

Handicaps and Club Records

Do you have a handicap? It's easy to get one. Just hand you completed score sheets in and when you have scored 3 rounds you will receive a handicap and a classification, e.g. 3rd class, 2nd class, 1st class, Bowman, etc. Once you have a handicap you will be eligible to receive club awards and you will also notice how much you are improving as the weeks go by.

To claim a club record:

- 1) The round must be shot whilst at least two people are scoring.
- 2) Scores need to be done on a standard score sheet for the round and signed by archer and witness.
- 3) Score sheet will need to be given to records office, or left somewhere for the Records Officer and should be attached to a small claim form which we will provide.

You can find current Handicap tables and Club Records on the WAC website www.wokingarcheryclub.co.uk

Equipment

Carolyn Hunt will be looking after the equipment this year along with our new Armourer, Michael Murray. Please let Carolyn or Michael know if you have any problems with the club's equipment.

Social Events

Shane Biggs, with help from Lesley, is looking forward to planning the social events for us this year. The first outing will be a Ten Pin Bowling event on Friday 26th June. Please fill in the form at the back of this newsletter if you would like to join in the fun.

Forthcoming WAC Events

Brenda will soon be distributing sponsor forms for the **RNLI shoot** so that you will have time to get sponsorship before the event. This year's RNLI shoot will be held on **14th June** and Peggy Silverson will be coming to represent the RNLI along with two of the crew of the lifeboat at Shoreham who had so much fun last year that they are coming back for more! The RNLI is a much loved shoot - remember to bring along plenty of change for the inevitable fines. Let's see if anyone can outwit Peter Champion this year by wearing something they don't get fined for!

The **One-Day-Knockout** will be on **28th June** - you can get your entry forms from Brenda. The entry fee is £3.

For those of you who are new to the club, we hold a **Knockout Competition** each year which runs from April to October and you will automatically be entered, providing you have shot a National round during April. In subsequent months you will be paired up with another club member (names will be pulled out of the hat at the start of the monthly club shoot - often accompanied by groans by those of us who are paired up with longbow or barebow archers!). In each month, the score from the first National round you shoot (this is usually taken from the Club Shoot, but can be done at any time during the month) is compared with the score made by your 'pair'. The name of the archer who achieves the best score on handicap goes into the hat for the next month. As this competition is based on handicap, it means that everyone has an equal chance of winning as you simply have to shoot to - or beat - your own handicap. The final of the knockout is on 4th October.

REPORTS AND RESULTS

Indoor Season 2008/9

The O/All winners have been compiled from the weekly results, using only your 8 best scores, out of a possible 24 from each archer. Your score cannot be included if you have not completed 8 weeks. The results for the WAC indoor season are:

INDOOR PORTSMOUTH

	Name	Score
1 st O/All Recurve(Tapley Trophy & Gold Medal)	Tim Salisbury	4465
2 nd O/All Recurve(Silver Medal)	Angus Wilson	4434
3 rd O/All Recurve(Bronze Medal)	None	
1 st O/All Junior Recurve (Franklin Trophy & Gold Medal)	Harry Taylor	4480
2 nd O/All Junior Recurve(Silver Medal)	Andrew Steel	4251
3 rd O/All Junior Recurve(Bronze Medal)	None	
1 st O/All Compound (Beech Trophy & Gold Medal)	John Wilkins	4604
1 st O/All Longbow (Pringle Trophy & Gold Medal)	None	
1 st O/All Barebow (Gold Medal)	Peter Champion	3531

H/C INDOOR PORTSMOUTH

1 st on H/C Recurve(Chandler Trophy & Gold Medal)	David Smith	11577
2 nd on H/C Recurve(Silver Medal)	None	
3 rd on H/C Recurve(Bronze Medal)	None	
1 st on H/C Junior Recurve (Champion Trophy & Gold Medal)	Jack Biggs	11844
2 nd on H/C Junior Recurve(Silver Medal)	Andrew Steel	11648
3 rd on H/C Junior Recurve(Bronze Medal)	None	
1 st on H/C Compound (W.A.C. Trophy & Gold Medal)	David Moore	11648
1 st on H/C Longbow (W.A.C. Trophy & Gold Medal)	None	
1 st on H/C Barebow (Gold Medal)	Peter Champion	11817

Frostbite Report

The last two Frostbite rounds took place in February and March and as always were finished off with a nice hot curry - thanks to Brenda and the other cooks!

FROST BITE O/ALL (HIGHEST OVER 5 SCORES)	Name	Score
O/All Senior Recurve (Plate & Gold Medal)	Mark Preston	1544
O/All Junior Recurve over 12 (Trophy & Gold Medal)	Scott Wigmore	1322
O/All Junior Recurve under 12 (Trophy & Gold Medal)	None	
O/All Compound (Trophy & Gold Medal)	John Wilkins	1703
O/All Longbow (Trophy & Gold Medal)	None	
O/All Barebow (Gold Medal)	Peter Champion	738
FROST BITE H/C		
1 st Senior Recurve (Trophy & Gold Medal)	Tim Salisbury	1526
2 nd Senior Recurve (Silver Medal)	Roy Watts	1480
1 st Junior Recurve over 12 (Trophy & Gold Medal)	Andrew Steel	1485
1 st Junior Recurve under 12 (Trophy & Gold Medal)	None	
1 st Compound (Trophy & Gold Medal)	John Wilkins	1440
1 st Longbow (Trophy & Gold Medal)	None	
1 st Barebow (Gold Medal)	Peter Champion	1463

The Frostbite rounds shot during the winter (November to March) enable us to compete against many other clubs via the British Archer (BA) postal league and County of Surrey Archery Association (CSAA) winter postal league. The results for the CSAA winter postal competition are on the Surrey Web Site under Postal results on <http://www.countysurreyarchery.co.uk/>

The results for the BA league are not yet available.

Wand Shoot - 15th February

A calm day meant that we had half a chance of hitting the target. Of course those who managed to hit their wand did sometimes struggle to retrieve the arrow, unless, like Shane Kelly, they were sensible enough to aim at the edge of the padding. We shot 3 dozen arrows. For the gentlemen at 100 yards, the most hits were scored by Angus Wilson with 9 hits; and for the ladies at 80 yards, Ruth Miles scored 8 hits.

Extract from Newsletter Issue 87:

For those of you who were not there, the (Wand) shoot involves shooting at polystyrene foam fronted posts, 4 inches wide and about 6 feet high. Gentlemen shoot the full 100 yards, ladies 80 yards and juniors 60 yards. Wand shooting is a very ancient tradition going back to the middle ages, and legend would have it that only when the first person actually scored a hit were the archers let off practice and allowed to go to the tavern. We suspect that distances were much greater than they are today.

Clout - 8th March

Congratulations to the winners:

Gents	Angus Wilson
Lady	Helen Barrett
Junior Boy	Lewis Bayly
Junior Girl	Fay Bound

Field Shoot - 26th April

The field was set out by Peter Champion and apparently some people were overheard saying that they thought Peter was "mean..."! Nevertheless it was enjoyed by all and afterwards the word was that it was "hard but fun".

Results of the 2008 Field Shoot Competition are as follows. The field shoot results are for the best 3 out of 4 shoots over the year with the same bow.

2008 Field Shoot Competition
MUST HAVE USED THE SAME BOW FOR ALL
SHOOTS (TAKEN BEST 3)

1st RECURVE WITH NO SIGHT (TROPHY & GOLD MEDAL)	Peter Champion	510
1st LONGBOW O/ALL (TROPHY & GOLD MEDAL)	Shane Kelly	375

Club Shoot - April 2009
 Results as follows

Award	Name
1 st O/All Senior Gent Recurve	Angus Wilson
1 st O/All Senior Lady Recurve	Ruth Miles
1 st O/All Junior Recurve over 9	Miles Vallis
1 st O/All Junior Recurve under 9	Lewis Bayly
1 st O/All Senior Gent Compound	Paul Hood
1 st O/All Gent Longbow	Lawrence Braithwaite
1 st O/All Lady Longbow	Carolyn Hunt
1 st O/All Barebow	Dave Jarrett
1 st Lady Recurve on Handicap	Mary Tapley
1 st Gent Recurve on Handicap	Richard Chandler
1 st Junior Recurve Over 9 on H/C	Miles Vallis
1 st Junior Recurve Under 9 on H/C	Lewis Bayly
1 st Gent Compound on Handicap	Mike Piper
1 st Longbow on Handicap	Carolyn Hunt
1 st Black Badge (unrewarded)	Peter Bound
2 nd Black Badge (unrewarded)	Andrew Steel
3 rd Black Badge (unrewarded)	Kelly Foxtton
4 th Black Badge (unrewarded)	Simon De Kretser
5 th Black Badge (unrewarded)	Fay Bound

Surrey County Longbow Championship Shoot

On Saturday 2nd May '09, we hosted the first "Surrey County Longbow Championship Shoot" of the two events held each year.

This event used to be organised by Julia and Colin Madelin until they left the club to join "Rivernook" A.C., so it's now organised and run by "Malden Bowmen" on behalf of Surrey County, on our ground, using our equipment, as their facilities are not suitable.

The round shot is a Western (4 Dozen Arrows at 60yds & 4 Dozen Arrows at 50yds shot in 2 directions - up and back - so you take your bow with you when you do the scoring and then shoot back the other way - very creepy!

The shoot starts at 1 o'clock with a glass of sherry (banned substance, but traditional) when about 100 Archers from all over the South East of England and a few from beyond start the competition (shooting across our field instead of up and down).

After 4 dozen arrows there is a break for tea while the field shooting lines are moved for 50yds and we shoot to a climax and a prize giving.

Brenda and Mandy worked in the Kitchen during the afternoon, serving tea and cakes whilst some of us from Woking (both Senior and Junior) took part. This year the weather was good, so we had little to complain about except our scores - but we would have done that anyway, because we are Archers.

Having said that, we are all going to do the second shoot in September, so we have to enter now, in order to get a place - it's a very popular shoot.

As well as each shoot having its own awards on the day, the results are brought together, in order to find out the best overall Surrey Archers, who get awards at the Surrey A.G.M. in February each year.

By the way, a Longbow Event is generally very laid back, as Archers shoot in their own time, with very few whistles, except to start and stop after the distances - you just finish scoring and turn to shoot back the other way when its clear to do so.

Nice bunch of people, and a very busy afternoon - I do enjoy it.
Peter C.

Previously at Woking Archery Club

We thought you might like to be reminded of past events. Here is an extract from WAC Newsletter Issue 64, April 1998:

“For the second time running Peter C failed to produce the eerie, misty conditions of our first field shoot, held a year ago. Instead it was clear, dry and with a sharp, wintry wind. As usual we split up into groups and tackled the various animal targets at unmarked distances around the field. Everybody had a thoroughly good time, but comments were barely printable, but as they're in the printed version of this newsletter, we'll go ahead anyway!

1. The politicians' shooting position - astride the fence.
2. Shooting out of the gorse bush and feeling a right prick.
3. "My nuts are frozen - I can hardly walk" - was this due to no.1?

Arrows were lost, broken and found (well, some of them were), but it was a grand event and the ditches were really full of water making our usual crossing points a bit dodgy for some. Obviously there were not a lot of leaves on the bushes and trees, but all the twigs and branches were quite brittle and utterly unforgiving. This year we had more in the way of downhill shots which are quite tricky. Many thanks to those stalwarts who came to the field early to set it all up... and Brenda for her sandwedgies and endless hot drinks... now they were really needed.”

You can find back issues of newsletters going back to Issue 60 (April 1997) on the WAC website www.wokingarcheryclub.co.uk.

And finally....Overheard on the archery field

(On a blustery day - spoken to the neighbouring person on the line)

“It's good to have someone breaking the wind in front of me!”

WOKING ARCHERY CLUB SOCIAL EVENT

TEN PIN BOWLING

at

Guildford Spectrum

on

Friday 26th June 2009 - meet 7pm to bowl at 7.30pm

Price for 2 games includes shoe hire

Adults £10.50

Children £8.50

Wheelchair user £9.00

Cheques made payable to W.A.C. or cash to Shane & Lesley Biggs or
Brenda Champion by 1.06.09.

First come first served to those who have paid.

Please complete and return slip below with payment.

Please reserve me

.....adult @ £10.50

.....children@£8.50

.....wheelchair users @£9.00.

Bowling places at Guildford Spectrum on Friday 26th June 2009

Name.....

Amount enclosed £.....

Cheques made payable to Woking Archery Club (W.A.C)