

Newsletters No.73 July 2000

A lot has been going on since the last newsletter came out in mid-April, but then that is what is expected of what is properly the busiest Club in the County, if not the Region

Field Shoot

This regular shoot in our calendar was again held at the end of April and fortunately we were blessed with good weather after one of the wettest Aprils since records began. The field was very slithery, especially round the ditches where the water level was extremely high. Mike Piper is rumoured to have slipped in and subsequently slipped away from the field. Our sympathy, Mike, that was really bad luck. We are not sure whether Club records exist for this shoot, but, if so, they were well and truly shattered. Contrary to usual practise the results are kept secret because of the end-of-year awards.

Surrey Longbow Championships

As most of you know this competition is held twice a year on our ground. It was another lovely day and, apart from John Bridger and James Taylor turning up to play with their "curly bows" and being disappointed, all went very smoothly. Field layout was done by Lawrence assisted by Colin, and the rest of the Club longbow archers made a wonderful field party. Our thanks are also due to Paula Butcher who took charge of the teas, aided and abetted by Maggie G and Carolyn H. Penny helped with the scoring/results at the end and Pauline Pringle, our Lady Paramount, kept us in order. As a Club we definitely did OK.

Pauline Pringle	1st County Lady
Julia Madelin	2nd county Lady
Tony Down	1st County Gentleman
Sarah Hunt	1st County Junior Lady
Jonathan Down	1st County Junior Gentleman

Let's keep this up in September and aim to get all the County Longbow trophies in the Club... or is that a foolish wish? At a recent Club Committee meeting a team trophy for this event was suggested by Peter C and has been donated by Julia and Colin to the County (they thought it was a good idea too), so as from September there will be an Open Team competition to take place in both May and September of each year. This should also help to encourage those Clubs who support us faithfully from outside the County.

May Club Shoot

We had quite a good turn-out apart from some longbow archers who were helping Tony Beecher with the have-a-go archery at the Basingstoke Canal's event down at Mytchett. Attendance at this shoot gives entry to the Club summer knock-out tournament, whereby your first round each month (on the same bow type) determines whether you stay in the competition, or are knocked-out. With the lovely weather some very good rounds were shot and a lot of handicaps were seriously damaged.

1st O/All senior Recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All junior Recurve	Rebecca Jennings
1st O/All Compound	Paul Hood
1st O/All gent Longbow	Colin Madelin
1st O/All lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st lady Recurve on H/C	Carolyn Hunt
1st gent Recurve on H/C	Andrew Jennings
1st junior on H/C	Terry Hunt
1st gent Compound on H/C	Mike Piper
1st Longbow on H/C	Julia Madelin
1st Black Badge	Rebecca Jennings
2nd Black Badge	Candy Schofield
3rd Black Badge	John Kendal
4th Black Badge	Sarah Hunt
5th Black Badge	John Hunt
Wooden Spoon	James Taylor

June Club Shoot

Again we had a good turn-out and it was very nice to see four juniors (of which two longbows) on the line.

1st O/All senior Recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All junior Recurve	Rebecca Jennings
1st O/All Compound	Paul Hood
1st O/All gent Longbow	Tony Down
1st O/All lady Longbow	Penny Buttenshaw
1st lady Recurve on H/C	Maggie Gorringe
1st gent Recurve on H/C	John Hunt
1st junior on H/C	Terry Hunt
1st gent Compound on H/C	Mike Piper
1st Longbow on H/C	Sarah Hunt
1st Black Badge	Rebecca Jennings
2nd Black Badge	Jonathan Down
3rd Black Badge	Andrew Jennings
Wooden Spoon	Glynn Gorringe

RNLI

We didn't get such a good attendance as in some previous years, but John Bridger and

Peter C were absolutely merciless with fines on the field, and the money extracted on the day reached a new record of over £158. We enjoyed good weather and were very encouraged by the cooking activities in the background. Tony Beecher had offered to put on a pig roast and had constructed a vast oven out of oil drums, giving much more controllable heat with less fuel than the spit roast we enjoyed last summer. Families and friends joined us towards the end of shooting. There was a raffle (raising £73), prize giving and then we could enjoy the tender pork with Maggie G's home-baked bread and a variety of salads. Many thanks to everybody who lent a hand, it was a lovely event.

1st Recurve, trophy and pen		Andrea Gales	
1st Compound, trophy and pen		Paul Hood	
1st Longbow, trophy and pen		Colin Madelin	
1st Bowman class, trophy and pen		Paul Hood	
1st First class, trophy		John Bridger	
1st Second class, trophy		Colin Madelin	
1st Third class, trophy		Sarah Hunt	
1st Unclassified, trophy		Robert Mills	
1st Not Classified, trophy		Carolyn Hunt	
Most Blues - Harbour trophy		Sara Hutchins	
Colour prizes - a.m.		p.m.	
Gold	Candy Schofield	Gold	Paul Hood
Red	Colin Madelin	Red	Andrea Gales
Blue	Shane Kelly	Blue	Candy Schofield
Black	Julia Madelin	Black	Liz Beech
White	Sara Hutchins	White	Penny Buttenshaw
Green	Caroline Beecher	Green	Sarah Hunt

Clare Butterfield Memorial Shoot

Although we are all complaining about the often grey summer, this event was held on yet another lovely day. The shoot is mainly for longbow archers as the longbow was Clare's last weapon. Sue and Martin and children were present and it was lovely to see the latest addition to the family.

1st Longbow, trophy and gold medal	Pauline Pringle
2nd Longbow, silver medal	Sarah Hunt
3rd Longbow, bronze medal	Shane Kelly
1st female on H/C recurve and compound trophy and Gold medal	Candy Schofield
2nd female on H/C recurve and compound Silver Medal	Carol Bridger
1st male on H/C recurve and compound trophy and Gold medal	John Hunt

2nd male on H/C recurve and compound Silver medal	John Wilkins
3rd male on H/C recurve and compound Bronze medal	Mike Piper
Half O/All score (hidden), trophy	Sarah Hunt

One Day Knockout

Yet again we had a lovely day. The weather was a bit overcast, but very pleasant for shooting the relatively short distance Windsor round. Each year Peter C has to explain how the shoot works, we always get confused. Some juniors were present, but not enough to be able to run a proper knock-out system for, so their winner had to be decided on handicap. For the seniors it was very exciting. At the semi-final stage we had a longbow, a recurve and two compound archers, and the final was between John Wilkins and Paul Hood, both on compounds, and both with impressively low handicaps. They shot superbly with perfect final dozens and John Wilkins carried off the trophy by one point. Rebecca Jennings clinched the Junior award and wrecked her handicap yet again. Due to the difficulty in splitting the seniors this year it was suggested that next year we shoot a Metric round with 10-zone scoring, which might make it easier for Peter and Brenda.

John Wilkins 121	Paul Hood 120
Rebecca Jennings 1508	-

July Club Shoot

With the summer holidays fast approaching, and the weather not exactly improving, we had quite a decent turn-out. Certainly this year has seen these monthly shoots better attended than was the case last year, which is a very positive upturn.

1st O/All senior Recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All junior Recurve	Rebecca Jennings
1st O/All Compound	Liz Beech
1st O/All gent Longbow	Tony Down
1st O/All lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st lady Recurve on H/C	Maggie Gorringer
1st gent Recurve on H/C	Andrew Beech
1st junior on H/C	Rebecca Jennings
1st Longbow on H/C	Tony Down
1st Black Badge	John Scott
2nd Black Badge	Colin Madelin
3rd Black Badge	Shane Kelly
4th Black Badge	Penny Buttenshaw

Wooden Spoon	Matthew Scott
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Winter Postal Events

At the Surrey Target Championships the trophies for the County winter postal competition were awarded

Woking "A" team came first in division "B" Recurve
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Those of you who shot indoors on Wednesday nights might have been aware that the Club also entered a team for the British Long-Bow Society's Winter Postal. To be honest it is difficult to see whether they will have placed teams either on hits, followed by score and then on golds as it is traditional in longbow archery, or merely on the basis of hits and score. Anyway we won't know for sure what system they have adopted until the year book comes out in January 2001, but there is a distinct hope that Woking may have come third out of 16 indoor teams competing. We also entered individually as well as selecting four of our best (as they shot in November) and placings are as follows.

Colin Madelin	10th out of 63
Tony Down	21st
Shane Kelly	36th
Peter Champion	37th
Lawrence Braithwaite	42nd
Tony Beecher	45th
Julia Madelin	5th out of 26
Penny Buttenshaw	19th

Outside Shoot Results

Again quite a few of us have been active outside the Club. Candy Schofield gave you all a list of recommended outside shoots at the beginning of the season, and believe me, there is a lot of enjoyment to be had out there.

Royal Richmond Pagoda Shoot

Pauline Pringle	1 Lady Longbow
Julia Madelin	2nd Lady Longbow
Colin Madelin	1st Gent Longbow
Georgina Dearman	1st Junior Lady Recurve

Colin was also formally presented with his target number (11). Placed right under the boss he had hit it fair and square on three occasions, plus nicked the edge. Whether this goes under the category of wanton vandalism to RRAC property is not known, but they didn't seem to have much further use for it.

Rufus 2000 Longbow Tournament (at Beulieu in the New Forest)

Julia Madelin	Third Lady (also won the wand shoot outright on the previous afternoon)
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This was a costume event to celebrate 900 years since the death of King William Rufus - hit by an arrow when out hunting, and was great fun.

Crystal Palace

Andrea Gales	1st Lady Recurve
Mark Preston	2nd Gent Recurve

Newbury Triple (Combined 1 day event - field, clout and target)

Julia Madelin	2nd Lady Longbow
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West Windsor

Pauline Pringle	1st lady Longbow
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British Longbow Society Spring Albion

Pauline Pringle	1st Lady
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Middlesex Open (FITA round on the Sunday)

John Wilkins	2nd Visiting Gent Compound
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Mole Valley Wand Shoot

Shane Kelly	1st Gent Longbow (in bad rain and gale)
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SCAM at Windsor

Three of us attended for Longbow Day and Pauline somehow found the energy to shoot the Double Hereford rounds on the following two days as well. Anyway she covered herself with glory.

Pauline Pringle	3rd Lady on Longbow Day
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	and 1st Lady for the Double Hereford
Julia Madelin	Rhodes Trophy Longbow Day

Derbyshire Archery Club at Kedlestone Hall (Longbow Shoot)

Julia Madelin	2nd Lady
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Burleigh

Pauline Pringle	1st Lady Longbow and 1st O/All Longbow
Shot a new National Record for the Long Western round which still has to be ratified.	

Sussex Open

Pauline Pringle	1st Lady Longbow - FITA round 1st Lady Longbow - Hereford round
John Bridger	H/C award, Hereford round
Carole Bridger	H/C award, Hereford round
John Bridger, Carole Bridger, Pauline Pringle - Visiting Team Trophy	

Royal Richmond Victorian Shoot (for Longbow)

Colin Madelin	2nd Gent
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Newbury 100 (Longbows only 144 arrows at maximum distance, two way shooting)

Julia Madelin	1st Lady
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The following is an article from John Bridger about how he got stuck into field archery

During the summer of 1999 Peter Champion said to me "why don't you come down to the club next Sunday and do the field shoot". "But Peter" I protested, "I've been shooting the field for years, under the target, to the left, to the right, and even over the top of the target!" "No", said Peter, "not that kind of field shooting. Come down at about 8.00am next Sunday".

Sunday dawned, damp and cold. I arrived at the field to find most of the club already there. I concluded they must have all gone made, where was the orderly shooting line, the line of bosses at 80 yards? Obviously some organisation was needed here! Stands were being put up near the ditch, behind trees and along the motorway fence. Then to cap it all, nobody seemed not to notice that the bosses were on the ground and leaning against the stands.

I found Peter and he assured me that everything was fine. We walked around the field pinning pictures of animals on the bosses in the most inaccessible places. We crossed the ditch by the "Madelin" bridge. One target had a 100 year old oak tree between the peg and the boss. I thought I had better mention to Peter that the boss appeared to be in the wrong place, but he assured me it was fine.

Assembly was called, surprise, surprise, no greens or whites! Everyone was dressed for marathon walking or mountaineering. I saw so many different types of bow, that I thought maybe I had misunderstood what the shoot was about and my bow with its sight and stabilisers would not be allowed, but it was OK. I was shooting with three "pros" from the club, Peter Champion, David Moore and Paul Hood. They assured me they would look after me, this was followed by much laughter and remarks about murdered arrows.

The first couple of targets were OK, but then we came to a shot where I could not see the boss. Peter, pointing into an impenetrable thorn bush, said "It's through there". Sure enough, there it was. All shots were taken with much laughter and some surprise when some of the shots were actually good. The whole day carried on like this, with a long break for tea and "full monty" sandwiches from Brenda. The day was brilliant and I did not murder any arrows. Paul Hood seemed to spend all day killing his own arrows though! Peter confided in me later that he was on commission from Quicks for arrow sales. One or two people managed to slip into the ditch. My last shot was a long shot across the ditch to a very cross looking brown bear. I had to kneel for this (very uncomfortable and made my knees hurt, ouch!). I took a good time getting this right. I loosed the arrow, perfect! but not a hit. I looked around puzzled, the three musketeers were in fits of laughter. My arrow was sticking out of a tree branch some 10 feet ahead of me.

Since then I have competed in another strange form of shooting, FITA field. I have had to get used to terms like "oh, it's a 10 metre bunny". My imagination bringing to view a picture of a giant rabbit lumbering through the woods towards us! But no, this is actually a group of small target faces normally at the foot of a sharp slope with either the sun in your eyes, or shooting into the dark. All very enjoyable anyway.

I am now a field shoot junkie. I have, however, quickly come to realise that the many top shoots I have watched and competed with would not be able to cope with the fiendish field setting out of Peter Champion.

thank you Peter for introducing me to another great and enjoyable form of shooting.

If you have never tried field shooting, then come along to the next Club field shoot in July.

John Bridger

At this point it would be appropriate to report that our County President, Miss Pauline Edwards, announced at the Surrey Open that Jonathan Shales had gained a Bronze Medal at the World Field Championships, and Trish Lovell had taken Gold, regaining her World Championship Title.

Now we are prepared to be that that wonderful news never makes the National Press! Incidentally, Julia M was honoured to shoot with both Trish Lovell and Pauline Edwards at the last County Field Shoot, and was fascinated to watch Trish in action. She is so beautifully careful and precise on an unmarked course, and was a joy to watch and good company too.

Royal Toxophilite Society

When our Pauline Pringle went to Royal Tox Spring Albion Longbow Shoot She was 1st Lady also 1st O/ALL, on this shoot the O/ALL is done on Lady Gent alternate years As it was Pauline this year we sneaked a photo in, thought you would like to see it
Well done Pauline

Millennium Pageant at Bisley

Those of you who were down at the field on the first Monday night of the month, would have witnessed a very strange sight. A crowd of uncouth longbow archers, dressed in the garb of the late Middle Ages, were shooting a variety of odd targets at the end of the field, to the accompaniment of much laughter and banter and the tinny tones of music and speech transmitted through a very late 20th century black gadget. It was all very strange and very unlike the usual, fairly decorous, goings on at the field.

This was the dress rehearsal. The following Wednesday, Tony Down (our Sergeant), Young Jonathan Down (the crack archer on the heavy war bow), Lawrence Braithwaite (very elegant in red leather, and looking very young without his glasses), Shane Kelly, Colin Madelin, Tony Beecher (the armour piercing brigade), and Pauline Pringle and Penny Buttenshaw (our huntresses and speed shot experts) went off to Bisley where a big international target shooting competition was taking place. Together with a cohort of Romans, and some chaps who might have fought the Boer War, they provided the historical background to Marksmanship through the Ages, with a ten-minute display of longbow archery covering hunting, armour piercing, demonstration of the heavy war bow, speed shooting and a big volley at the end. Military bands were present and the whole spectacle was very impressive and entertaining. Ted Bradford from The Glade give our squad some support, so read all about it in the next issue. It was very nice to have been asked to put on a show for the NRA at Bisley and it certainly was appreciated. Below is a photo of the gang taken at the dress rehearsal, which Penny B unfortunately could not attend. Many thanks to the squad for all their hard training and time spent putting the show together.

Surrey**Open****Target****Championships**

This big event is organised by Sue and Martin Butterfield from our Club, and the Juniors division is run by Peter and Brenda. Many thanks to them, plus unnamed other from our Club who were able to help with setting up and tidying up at the end. The day itself was unseasonably chilly in the morning, but cleared up in the afternoon... but if you remember that on previous occasions we have fried and suffered in the heat, it is possibly quite unreasonable to complain. And as quite a lot of us competed, the Club had a good day out. Congratulations to the following award winners.

Carol Bridger	Third County Lady, Recurve
Mark Preston	Second County Gent, Recurve
Andrew Beech	Third County Gent, Recurve
Paul Hood	First County Gent, Compound
Pauline Pringle	First County Lady, Longbow
Tony Down	First County Gent, Longbow
Carol Bridger, Andrew Beech, Mark Preston, Andrew Philcox - Recurve Team	
Paul Hood and Bob Stables - Compound Pair	
Sarah Hunt	First County Girl, Longbow, Metric 4
Terry Hunt	First County Boy, Recurve. Metric 4
Jonathan Down	First County Boy, Longbow, Metric 4
Candy Schofield	Third Lady on H/C
John Hunt	First Gent on H/C
Tony Down	Best Gold, Longbow

Barbby at the Champions

We thought it would be a good idea if we had a Bar-B-Q in our garden to have a chat about H/C & classifications, or any questions that anyone wanted to ask about equipment, shooting or whatever.

Well we did this and it went really well everyone brought food and drink with them, and we really had a good afternoon.

I think we ought to do another one, I am sure everyone enjoyed it even if we didn't learn anything we had a real good old chinwag. Well, unbeknown to everyone we took some photos which are on the next page.