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What an incredibly busy summer it has been! Not only has the Club had a marvelously varied and busy programme, but there has been plenty going on in the wider world outside. Quite a few of us took the opportunity to shoot competitions in Surrey and the surrounding Counties, and I'm sure we all had a very good time. But now the outdoor season is just about over, however remember to check your programmes regularly, there is still plenty going on the Club on Sunday mornings down the field.

David Mond Memorial Shoot

The weather was grey at times, but on the whole it was a very nice day, staying decently dry. As many of you know this shoot is held in memory of David Mond, Brenda's first husband. As Peter will tell you, he was never more than a middling archer but really enjoyed his sport, and as the Hereford was his favorite round this is what we shoot. The very pretty main trophy is presented to the archer who achieves half the top score of the day.

1st O/All Recurve, Lantern Trophy	Andrew Beech
1st O/All Compound, Lantern Trophy	Mike Piper
1st O/All Longbow, Lantern Trophy	Terry Cramp
Mond Trophy - Half O/All Score	Ruth Miles
Nearest to David's last Hereford	Euan Cooles
1st Bowman Class - Unrewarded	Andrew Beech
1st First Class - Unrewarded	Robert Smith
1st Second Class - Unrewarded	Peter Champion
1st Third Class - Unrewarded	Brian Fairbairn
1st U/C - Unrewarded	Sue Smith
Best Gold - Arrow on stand - Recurve	Andrew Beech
Most Golds L/B - Monster figure - Longbow	Terry Cramp

August Club Shoot

Is was again a lovely bright hot day.

1st O/All Senior Gent Recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All Senior Lady Recurve	Lynne Stephenson
1st O/All Junior Recurve Over 9	Terry Hunt
1st O/All Junior Recurve Under 9	Harry Taylor
1st O/All Gent Compound	John Wilkins
1st O/All Lady Compound	Georgina Baglow
1st O/All Junior Compound	Jon Down
1st O/All Gent Longbow	Shane Kelly
1st O/All Lady Longbow	Pauline Pringle
1st O/All Barebow	David Moore
1st Lady Recurve on H/C	Mary Tapley
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	John Scott

1st Junior Recurve over 9 on H/C	Harry McNamee
1st Junior Recurve Under 9 on H/C	Harry Taylor
1st Gent Compound on H/C	Mike Piper
1st Longbow on H/C	Pauline Pringle
1st Black Badge (Unrewarded)	Richard Tapley
2nd Black Badge	Sue Smith
3rd Black Badge	John Kendall
4th Black Badge	Luke Fairbairn
5th Black Badge	Peter Champion
Wooden Spoon (Lowest on H/C)	Terry Cramp and John Hunt

Novelty Shoot

Of course this had to be the hottest day of this year, with an all time record broken at Heathrow So quite understandably there was not a massive turnout. However those of us who did brave the elements, enjoyed a superb BBQ before settling down to shoot the 19 targets. These were some old favorites and quite a lot of new ones. Terry Sandford brought out his his coconut shy again, and the Hunt's treasure hunt was also in evidence - but who did find the treasure chest??

A large tub of water and wet towels were behind the line and although some of the juniors had to be reminded to remove their quivers and arrows when indulging in horseplay, water went all over the place which kept us sane and a little cooler, not a luxury on such a hot day.

The results took a lot of working out but here they are

1st Tony Down	369
2nd Lesley Biggs	315
3rd Peter Champion	306
Alex Hopkins	300
Terry Sandford	369
Tim Hopkins	254
Peter Gray	242
Julia Madelin	225
Harry McNamee	189
Shane Biggs	171
Lynne Stephenson	157
David Moore	156
Terry (Don't know)	135
Richard Tapley	131
Helen Gough	115
Phillip Biggs	110
Mary Tapley	95

Atkins Friendly

This short shoot, usually a long National, is held alternately at Atkins ground in Epsom and our field. This year it was our turn to host the event, so we enjoyed our traditional BBQ and

had a very pleasant friendly competition. This year we managed to win overall (for a change), though their Longbows beat our Longbows (this was also a change).

Woking	3919
Atkins	3589

Yes, we did it by 333 points

One Day Knock out

We had lovely clear weather and it was a whole lot cooler than was the case in the middle of the month. There were about 20 people on the senior line plus 2 targets of juniors (one under 9 and 1 over), By the time we were down to the semi finals all the seniors Archers were on the Recurve (Shane Biggs, Andrew Jennings, Andrew Beech and Sue Cooles) leading to an exciting final dozen between Andrew Beech and Sue Cooles. The Junior competitions were merely on handicap, as there were not enough entries to operate a proper knockout. It was a most enjoyable shoot and out congratulations go to.

Euan Cooles	Over 9
Charlie Critchley	Under 9
Andrew Beech	Senior

Surrey Longbow Championships

This is held twice a year in May and September, again we were lucky with the weather and it was really an very nice afternoon, but the wind was quite variable raging from still to breezy and we also had a couple of short sharp showers. When you are shooting two way, was is the case for this event, the wind is quite a crucial and quite challenging. Many thanks to the usual field party, plus Andrew Beech whose help was much appreciated. Mary Tapley and Brenda did wonders in the kitchen, and they really earned our thanks because our "A" team of helpers was hijacked at the last minute having received invitations to shoot at the Royal Toxophilite Society.

Julia Madelin	1st County Lady
Penny Buttenshaw	3rd County Lady

We lost the Team Trophy to friends from Crothorne who shot very well indeed

September Club Shoot

This was another very pleasant morning with a few aching bodies on the line belonging to those who had been involved with the Longbow Championships the previous day.

1st O/All Senior Gent Recurve	Andrew Beech
1st O/All Senior Lady Recurve	Candy Schofield
1st O/All Junior Recurve Over 9	Robert Smith
1st O/All Junior Recurve Under 9	Charlie Critchley
1st O/All Gent Compound	John Wilkins
1st O/All Lady Compound	Georgina Baglow

1st O/All Gent Longbow	Shane Kelly
1st O/All Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
1st O/All Barebow	David Moore
1st Lady Recurve on H/C	Candy Schofield
1st Gent Recurve on H/C	John Hunt
1st Junior Recurve over 9 on H/C	Robert Smith
1st Junior Recurve Under 9 on H/C	Charlie Critchley
1st Gent Compound on H/C	Mike Piper
1st Longbow on H/C	Lawrence Braithwaite
1st Black Badge (Unrewarded)	Catlin Critchley
2nd Black Badge	David Smith
3rd Black Badge	Richard Tapley
4th Black Badge	Harry Taylor
5th Black Badge	Sue Cooles
Wooden Spoon (Lowest on H/C)	Mary Tapley

At the end not only did we have the draw for the last four into the Knockout (of which three were juniors), we also had presentations of British Archer postal badges for last winter's Frostbite and indoor Portsmouth rounds. We won on three divisions and this year the plates for the Surrey county postal shoot have been engraved with the names of the team archers - so much nicer to have plates than the rather anonymous un-engraved trophies.

British Archer Division 8- Portsmouth League
Andrew Beech, Park Preston, Candy Schofield, Sue Cooles, Jamie Adams, Andrea Gales
British Archer Division 41- Portsmouth League
David Moore, Shane Kelly, Lawrence Braithwaite, Tony Down, Polly Pollard, Moria Kendall
British Archer Division 15 - Frostbite League
Mark Preston, Andrew Beech, Sue Cooles, Candy Schofield, James Taylor, Peter Champion

WAC Open

And the following weekend we had another excellent hot day and quite a good entry from the club, although our top people were away shooting for the county at the Senior Intercounties at Andover. But of course the Hereford/Bristol round does take a long time and we got to the end of the presentations just as the sun was setting. Many thanks to those generous people who contributed to our extremely popular boozy raffle. This is so appreciated by both the Club and the raffle winners, though possibly not by those juniors who were certainly relieved of their prizes by their parents.

1st Lady Longbow	Julia Madelin
2nd Lady Longbow	Carolyn Hunt
3rd Lady Longbow	Penny Buttenshaw
1st Gent Recurve	John Antill
2nd Gent Recurve	Alan Wood
2nd Gent Compound	Mike Piper
3rd Gent Longbow	Shane Kelly
2nd O/All Junior Girl Recurve Bristols	Catlin Critchley
1st O/All Junior Boy Recurve Bristols	Robert Smith

1st Junior Boy Bristol 2	Robert Smith
2nd Junior Boy Bristol 2	Terry Hunt
1st Junior Girl Bristol 5	Catlin Critchley
2nd Junior Boy Bristol 5	Jack Biggs
Classification Awards	
1st Bowman Class on H/C	Alan Wood
2nd 1st Class on H/C	Shane Biggs
3rd 2nd Class on H/C	Lesley Biggs
2nd 3rd Class on H/C	Mary Tapley
3rd 3rd Class on H/C	Mark Critchley
2nd Married Couples Recurve	Shane and Lesley Biggs
Team 3 Longbow Archers Hereford	Julia Madelin, Carolyn Hunt, Shane Kelly
Best Gold Compound Hereford	John Down
Best Gold Longbow Hereford	Shane Kelly

Club Championship Day

September really is a gruelling month, and in spite of putting encouragement to attend in our July Newsletter that Club Championship Day is for everybody, very few of our newer members attended, which was a great pity. The weather was absolutely lovely and we shot very briskly with no time wasting on the line, and were through the 12 dozen arrows by 3.30pm and on our way home just after 4.

There was a bush fire somewhere on Wisley Common which caused us some concern as we didn't know how close it was and a fair amount smoke was coming our way. Fortunately the fire services got it under control (although it did flare up again that night and again on the Monday).

O/All Champion Lady Recurve	
1st - Trophy and Gold Medal	Candy Schofield
2nd - Silver Medal	Sue Cooles
3rd - Bronze Medal	Rachel Barnard
O/All Champion Lady Compound	
1st - Trophy and Gold Medal	None Shott
O/All Champion Lady Longbow	
1st - Trophy and Gold Medal	Julia Madelin
2nd - Silver Medal	Carolyn Hunt
3rd - Bronze Medal	Penny Buttenshaw
O/All Champion Gent Recurve	
1st - Trophy and Gold Medal	Andrew Beech
2nd - Silver Medal	John Antill
3rd - Bronze Medal	Shane Biggs
O/All Champion Gent Compound	
1st - Trophy and Gold Medal	John Wilkins
O/All Champion Gent Longbow	
1st - Trophy and Gold Medal	Shane Kelly
2nd - Silver Medal	Brian Fairbairn

O/All Champion Junior Recurve	
1st - Gold Medal	Robert Smith
2nd - Silver Medal	Terry Hunt
3rd - Bronze Medal	Charlie Critchley
Bristol 2 Junior Boy	
Gold Medal	Robert Smith
Silver Medal	Terry Hunt
Bristol 4 Junior Boy	
Gold Medal	Euan Cooles
Bristol 5 Junior Girl	
Gold Medal	Catlin Critchley
Bristol 5 Junior Boy	
Gold Medal	Charlie Critchley
Bowman Classification	
Gold Medal	Andrew Beech
Silver Medal	Sue Cooles
Bronze Medal	Candy Schofield
1st Class Classification	
Gold Medal	Shane Biggs
Silver Medal	John Antill
Bronze Medal	John Hunt
2nd Class Classification	
Gold Medal	John Scott
Silver Medal	Carolyn Hunt
Bronze Medal	Lesley Biggs
3rd Class Classification	
Gold Medal	Brian Fairbairn
Silver Medal	Mark Critchley
U/C Class Classification	
Gold Medal	Penny Buttenshaw
N/C Class Classification	
Gold Medal	Alexa Bisson
O/All Married Couple	Clive and Rachel Barnard
Best Gold Recurve	Terry Hunt
Best Gold Compound	John Wilkins
Best Gold Longbow	Carolyn Hunt

Knock our Final

The first weekend of October traditionally sees our knockout final. To our great delight two of our smaller archer got through the preliminaries and, well, it was very exciting. Never have two under 9s shot for the final in the Knock Out before, so well done Charlie and Harry, and also well done to everybody else!!

1st Gray Trophy and Present	Charlie Critchley
2nd Boxed Medal	Harry Taylor
And the following results were all calculated on H/C with the exception of the N/C category	

1st Bowman Class	Andrew Beech
2nd Bowman Class	Sue Cooles
3rd Bowman Class	Jon Down
1st 1st Class	James Taylor
2nd 1st Class	Carol Bridger
3rd 1st Class	John Hunt
1st 2nd Class	John Scott
2nd 2nd Class	Terry Cramp
3rd 2nd Class	Ruth Miles
1st 3rd Class	Sue Smith
2nd 3rd Class	Tony Down
3rd 3rd Class	Lawrence Braithwaite
1st N/C Class	Peter Turner
2nd N/C Class	Tallia Smith

October Clout Shoot

And we had yet another lovely, if short, morning down at the field. We have really been amazingly lucky with the weather this year, even if it did get a bit warm at times.

1st Gent	Shane Biggs
1st Lady	Sue Cooles
1st Junior Boy	Terry Hunt
1st Junior Girl	Catlin Critchley

WE ARE NOT A CRECHE

Juniors must not be left unattended. At Club Championship Day an attempt was made by a parent to drive off, assuming that we would be able to supervise the child. Close supervision by experienced club archers is only possible during our Beginners' courses, but after that time it is simply not feasible but don't let that inhibit you from seeking advice at any time, that it what the Club is all about.

Well obviously, on that particular day we were all shooting, and in retrospect if the local bush fire had gone badly out of control and we'd had to evacuate the field, what would we have done with that child?

We may mostly have mobile phones these days, but if they go wrong, or are switched off, or roads get closed, where do we stand?

It is a very serious matter, GNAS are bringing in guidelines dealing with juniors and it must be stressed that they are there to protect Clubs just as much as the children. We don't want to spoil anybody's enjoyment, and we do understand that parents are always going to be tempted to pop over to Wisley gardens rather than sit or stand around while their children shoot, but juniors cannot be left unsupervised, and it is the parents who are ultimately responsible.