



GOLD

GAC NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the new style Gold newsletter. I have, for some time, been struggling for editorial and therefore, rather than give up completely a compromise would seem to be a pared down version in the form of a periodical newsletter. This will be issued on a fairly ad hoc basis as and when there is something to say. I am happy to include any contributions so if any of you go to away matches and want to comment on the day, or have something to say about the club, please send me a piece to include next time.

CLUB CHAMPS



On 13th September 2009 we held our annual Club Championship. For the first time an entry list and target list was available prior to the day so that everyone knew which target they were shooting on. We had a record number of entries, some 35 club members took part. 17 shot the York, 7 the Hereford, 9 shot a Bristol II and 2 a Bristol IV. It was good to see so many new faces taking part.

The weather was cold, overcast and blowy and while some started the day in shorts, by lunchtime extra layers were being donned.

Robin did the field captain duties and many said that his whistle blowing reached new heights of perfection! People prepared for the day differently. Steve stayed up late

and drank into the small hours, using his grandson's birthday as an excuse, while Colin started to attack the gold juice right from the off, both with varying degrees of success.



After shooting was complete we all had a BBQ thanks to Jenny and Heather, while the rest of the beer was handed round by Colin and Steve.

Hope everyone enjoyed the day and will be back for more this year on 19th September.

AGINCOURT (END OF SEASON)

Our traditional end of season trophy and house shoot on 4th October again attracted record numbers in cold overcast and increasingly blustery conditions, especially after lunch.

It was great to see some newer members having a go at the longer rounds and it was especially nice to see a whole target of longbow archers shooting, despite the traditional rowdy drunken antics that longbow archers get up to!

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPS

The increase in members shooting continued with our indoor Club Champs on 1st

November. With nearly a full house (there was only 1 spare space on a target), it was the first chance to wear our new club colours and great to see so many taking this opportunity to look so smart.

AWARDS NIGHT

Our 2009 Christmas dinner and awards nights held at Normandy Cricket Club was, once again, a huge success.



A record number of members and guests enjoyed a lovely meal and fun packed evening with entertainment from Rodney and Jeff. Thanks must go to all those responsible for making it a night to remember, in particular, Rodney, Steve T and Richard.

INDOOR HOUSE LEAGUE

This was the 6th year the indoor house league has been run. Consisting of 8 legs shot over various indoor rounds during the winter season, it was designed to try to make winter sessions a little more interesting and encourage new members to take part. This year hard fought competition's results were:

- 1st place – Taylor 14060
- 2nd place – Bruce 11759
- 3rd place – Wotton 11694
- 4th place – Church 9156

CLUBHOUSE OPENING



On Sunday 28th March, we officially opened our new Clubhouse. Although the forecast was for rain we were blessed with dry, albeit a little chilly, weather. The building has been named after a former (sadly now deceased) club chairman who was paramount in securing the site at Manor Fruit Farm. Martyn's daughter Alison, kindly agreed to be guest of honor and 'cut the ribbon'. We started the day with a National round shoot, then a fun shoot followed by a BBQ and opening ceremony. Approximately 120 members and guests attended a very enjoyable and memorable event.



OPENING SHOOT



Sunday 4th April saw a cool but dry day for our shoot. 21

archers shot an Albion round and 3 a Windsor.

CHAIRMAN

It must be said that when Mike Ney resigned as Chairmen of GAC last year, he left a large pair of shoes to be filled. Mike served on the committee from January 2001 until July 2009 and will be missed for his unbiased views and calming presence. Thanks Mike for all the hard work. Mick Brown gamely took over the role whilst a new Chairman could be found and voted in. Thanks Mick for keeping the seat warm. Our new Chairman, Steve Tully, was voted into the position at the AGM and his enthusiasm and innovative ideas will surely heighten the club's profile. There are contact details for all committee members on our web site.

MICK'S 'TAKE A BREAK'

Don't forget to let Mick Brown know if you want to take part in his shoot on 9th June. It's a St George/Albion/Windsor so something for everyone. Always a relaxed, fun shoot and a good chance to catch up with friends from other clubs.

WHITELEAF – 9th May

More success for Guildford AC. For the first time ever, we have won the Whiteleaf invitation team event, beating Reading Archers in the final dozen to take the recurve trophy. Our team consisted of; Clare Kinsey, Val Smith, Mike Hayward, Neil Bentley and Gary Readings.



HOW DID IT GET CALLED THAT? by Steve Hill

A little over 30 years ago, there were two Guildford archers, John Burgess and Steve Hill. These two young guys were very competitive. Whether at

club shoots or open tournaments, they would fiercely contest every end, even to the extent of checking each other's scores by looking through binoculars, whilst the other was shooting! They liked shooting the new style FITA round because it allowed them to match their scores more closely, thus increasing their competitiveness with each other. At that time GAC did not feature a FITA shoot in its calendar, so John and Steve decided to get some small trophies and donate them to the club to be competed for annually. This also coincided with Steve leaving the club to follow another calling. It was thought that this trophy would be called the Guildford Archery Club FITA Trophy, but the club committee of the day decided otherwise, and it became popularly known as the Burgess and Hill Trophy.

Whatever happened to these two archers? Well, John stayed with the club a little longer and became the club's first compound archer and I rejoined the club again in November '08. It's a little weird competing in a tournament that has your name on the trophy, but I thoroughly enjoyed it, and hope that all the other members competing did also.

FACE BOOK

For those of you who like to chat and catch up on Face Book, Bibiana has set up a 'Guildford Archery Club' site. If you are not already a member of this network you will need to log onto Face Book and create an account, possibly keeping your personal details to a minimum ie no address and a fictitious d.o.b.

WHAT'S ON?

We have several parties/have a goes coming up. Please contact Nikki Stolarski if you are available to help 4th/11th June (eve), 13th June (am), 19th June (am) **need lots of tutors**, 4th July (eve).

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