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*The Newsletter for Guildford Archery Club
Spring 2003 Edition*



Sighters

Welcome to your new look Gold and a big thank you to Val Smith for her sterling efforts over the last year. Any newsletter is only as good as the contributions offered, so it is up to you, the members, to make this worthwhile.

Contributions may be handed to any committee member, or by e-mail to editor.gold@btopenworld.com

Please contribute your news and views on any subject, not just archery. You may also advertise items for sale or wanted, again not just archery equipment. This is a free service but your Club would appreciate a donation from the sale.

Follow Through

AGM

17 members braved icy conditions to attend the Annual General Meeting held on 31st January 2003. Heather Brown has prepared the minutes of the AGM, if you have not received your copy please let Heather know.

Minor amendments were made to the Constitution for ease of administration and revised copies will be sent to all members.

Your elected committee for 2003 is as follows:-

Hon. Chairman

Mike Ney

Hon. Secretary

Heather Brown

Hon. Treasurer

Colin Ellsley

Tournament Organiser

Mick Brown

Records Secretary

Gavin Jones

Armourer

Steve Lingwood

Tournament Secretary

Pat Lingwood

Social Secretary

Clare Kinsey

Public Relations Officer

Philippa Davies

Ordinary Members

Pat Lingwood

Jeff Bayton

If you have any comments or queries about the way in which your Club is run, or if you are not receiving shooting diaries please contact Mike Ney or Heather Brown. Please advise Heather of any changes of address.

In summary, 2002 was a successful year for the Club. The move to Normandy was extremely well executed and thanks are due to Steve Lingwood for masterminding this operation. Beginners courses have been well attended and membership has increased.

The feedback from archers who attended the Acorn shoot in August was very positive despite the uneven ground and extremely cold Bank Holiday weather.

New Members

The Club would like to welcome the following new members:-

Nikki Stolarski

Tim Carter

Gordon Fraser

Heather Hampton

Peter Hampton

Len Howard

Ground Force

Volunteers are needed to spend a Saturday morning knee deep in mud. The trench for the electricity cable has settled and backfilled due to adverse weather conditions. The Electricity Board insists it must be 18" deep before they will connect the hut to the mains. So hunt out your shovel and join the fun on 22nd March 2003 – it will get you in trim for the gardening season!

Please keep your eyes open for stones on the field and the bank, if you see one throw it into the ditch to avoid the risk of damage or injury once mowing commences.

Guildford Lions Show

Volunteers are needed to man the "Have A Go" stand at the Lions Show in Shalford on Monday 21st April. In addition to coaches, people are needed to take money, hand out information, observe or just talk about archery! Please let Mick Brown know if you can help.

Social Engagements

Hi everyone.

Last year we had 4 social events (Quiz Night, Fun Shoot and buffet tea, Skittles Night and Christmas Dinner). This year I am considering a trip to London to see a show, possibly a Saturday matinee performance of We Will Rock You (Queen Musical) or Our House (Madness Musical). We could always go for a show at the

Yvonne Arnold (Guildford) or Woking Theatre. Please let me know if you are interested in these events.

Other ideas we've had so far are Ten Pin Bowling, Walk (with stop off at pub!) and a horse race night (not real horses but you can make real bets!). We will do a fun shoot, skittles night and Christmas Dinner as normal as these have always proved popular in the past.

I'd really like to know what you think of my ideas so far and what you fancy doing as a social event. You can contact me using the link on our website social@guildfordarcheryclub.co.uk or you can catch up with me at the field. Failing that, jot your ideas/thoughts down and pass it on to any member of the committee.

I hope to hear from or see you soon.

Clare Kinsey

On Target

Awards

Awards for 2002 were presented at the Christmas meal on 14th December.

Thanks to Clare Kinsey for organising this event, Gavin Jones for keeping the records and to Mike Ney for making the presentations. Please see attached sheet for the full list of awards.

Tournaments

The shooting diary is enclosed with this newsletter and includes a chart setting out the different rounds recognised by GNAS. If you would like to shoot in a particular tournament, but feel you don't have the experience to shoot the rounds indicated, please let Mick Brown know. It is possible for you to shoot shorter distances or less arrows. The

important thing is to be out there shooting.

For details of Away Shoots and entry forms please contact Pat Lingwood.

252

Congratulations to the following who have successfully shot 252 rounds.

Kitty McKenzie	20 yds
Robert McKenzie	20 yds
Ricard Gadzekpo	20 yds
Len Howard	20 yds

Moving Targets

No, not for shooting at! If you move a target on the field, please be sure to move the metal peg with it. Mowing will begin shortly and there is a risk of damage or injury should the blades hit a stray peg.

Flying Start

Saturday 8th February 2003 saw the open day at Normandy Village Hall and the Club's stand certainly caught the imagination of many visitors. Mike Ney, Richard Davies, Philippa Davies, Jeff Bayton, Gavin Jones and Steve Cox were kept busy talking about the Club and archery in general. Bows, targets and other equipment were on display and demonstrated. A large number of enquiry leaflets were handed out.

The Frostbite was moved to coincide with the opening and one of the most frequently asked questions was "Can I have a go?"

Thank you to everyone who manned the stand and turned out for the Frostbite, your Club certainly put on an impressive show.

Vogue

Pat Lingwood has a range of club polo shirts on offer for just £10 each. Please contact Pat for further details.

The Whirligig Of Time...

As the Club's archivist, I have recently been researching our origins in preparation for our Golden Jubilee year in 2004. Strictly speaking of course, the Club was actually proposed at a meeting on 11th December 1953 at the Stoke Hotel public house, but a Club as such didn't come into existence until 1954. However, it appears that the practical issues, which currently tax our management Committee, have always been with us...

At our most recent meeting in February 2003, the Committee discussed:

The ability of club funds to cover impending expenses;
Provision of water supply and toilet facilities at the Club Hut, currently provided by transporting jerry cans;
The date of a shooting fixture with the Farnham club;
Supply and design of a club logo and badge and the sale of club apparel;
Stocks of bosses.

The meeting was held at the Browns' house, with the next due to be hosted by the Lingwoods.

Now, have a look at these extracts from the GAC Committee meeting of **3rd March 1954**:

Financial Statement

"The Treasurer summarised the finances of the Club and disclosed that there existed a balance in hand of **£10**, but that an outstanding account of **£7** with Egertons had to be met from this..."

Toilets

Mr Banyon (Treasurer) stated that Mr Bevan (Chairman) had offered to supply one pan and the necessary

labour for the erection of toilets on the Club ground...Mr Bevan was thanked for his kind offer”...

Water Supply

Water would be needed on the Club ground...It was thought a container could be refilled when needed from the (nearby) caravan site supply”...

Season Fixtures

“...It was expected that the Farnham club would wish to arrange a friendly shoot when a further Committee meeting of that club had been held. The Committee agreed that matches with (four clubs) would be sufficient for the 1954 season in view of the fact that it was Guildford Archery Club’s first year”...

Club Badge

“Mr Banyon produced a suggested pattern for a Club badge and said that further suggestions regarding design would be welcomed. It was decided to consider the question of design at the next meeting of the Committee”...

Club Assets

“...Assets included two targets with stands...Mrs Langford-Lloyd (President) offered to provide one extra target and stand for the benefit of the Club. It was noted that... the total number for use during the season would be four”...

Future Meetings

“It was agreed that future meetings would take place... at the houses of the various members of the Committee,...who would supply refreshments during the evening.”

Club membership at that meeting comprised 13 ladies and 11 gentlemen.

I am sure the Committee members will be pleased to know they are continuing a 50-year tradition!

Jeff Bayton

Your End

This is for your letters in future editions.

Cat’s Tails



Dizzy was keen to improve her hunting skills