

NESTON COMPANY OF ARCHERS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013

It's been a quiet couple of months for members of the club, though I have been enjoying getting to know everyone who has joined over the last year.

We've successfully transitioned back indoors at Pensby, which is good with the recent weather. Each year we take part in the Cheshire Winter League, this involves a team of 4 archers who submit Bray round scores monthly and ranked against other teams. If you are interested in

shooting a round talk to another archer and send them to Steve Povey monthly. To shoot a Bray round use the smaller face with 2 and a half dozen arrows using metric scoring (i.e. 1-10).

A note for your diaries, we have a date and venue for the Christmas Social Friday 13th December. More details at the end of the newsletter. This will be followed by the Christmas Fun Shoot on Sunday 16th December. I hope to see you all at one of these events.

A message from Carol of thanks for the kind wishes and support she has received before, during and after her recovery which enabled her to keep shooting.



Looking forward to seeing you at the hall!

SECRETARY UPDATE

Firstly thank you to all archers who completed their annual renewal of membership before the deadline. This meant I could get the information to Archery GB early to ensure members got their membership cards at the beginning of the season. If you haven't received your card from Archery GB please let me know.

The updated membership numbers are:

Senior: 49

Disabled: 3

Junior: 14

We have now formally been accepted on the On Target programme with Archery GB. This scheme offers a range of support including small and large grants, Club development, workshops and competitions. If you have any ideas for items such as equipment that we should apply for a grant for

please let me know. Once I have reviewed all the information I will be developing a Club Development Plan for discussion at the next committee meeting in December.

As you will have seen from previous newsletters we have reviewed the security of the container. All key holders have been informed that the padlock will be changed on the weekend of 2nd/3rd November.

We would like to increase the number of archers who regularly shoot on the field in Club sessions who have had first aid training. There is a course in Middlewich on 10th December. If you are interested please let me know. The Club will pay for the course and for mileage costs.

All members should have received a letter from

Archery GB regarding their plans for the future and a number of meetings. If any archers attend please feed back via the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who has put their names forward for selection for the Chester indoor Portsmouth competition in February. Can all those who did please ensure that they let Steve Povey have any round scores as these will be used to determine handicaps to aid selection into teams. It looks like we will enter 2 compound and 1 recurve teams.

Helen



WHAT HAVE OUR MEMBERS BEEN UP TO?

It has been a quiet couple of months for our members. In 2013 Graeme Steele achieved his Master Bowman award and finished rank 36 in the Nationals at the end of the season. Graeme also attended the Lancashire Archery Association Indoor Tournament on 3 November winning the Gents Compound. Helen Porter also attended the LAA Indoor representing the club in the Ladies Compound.

Batman was also found fighting off crime last week at the club shoot but unfortunately only shot a

Robin.

Phil has been struggling for a while transitioning from shooting right handed to left due to a shoulder injury. Whilst struggling with this to begin he is now seeing a great improvement and I think we will all agree this is a huge achievement for a member who has supported many a new archer.



Phil shooting at Pensby



Graeme shooting at LAA indoor



JUNIOR SECRETARY REPORT

Attention juniors northern county's is running a postal league based on a Portsmouth round. Each month you need to get your scores to me before the 8th of the next month for them to be submitted. To be eligible for an award you would need to enter scores for at least 3 of the months, November-March. Along with your score i would need the following:

- Name
- G.N.A.S. number
- male/female
- Date of birth
- Score
- Hits
- Golds

Write these on the back of your score sheets so its



easy to keep track of who's is who's. Let me know if you've got any questions. Happy shooting and good luck.

I should have the new order form for the clothing sorted soon once next years range has been released by our suppliers so I'll send you a copy for the web site.

Scott Gibson

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES - A DATE FOR THE DIARY

And now for the event of the year that everyone has been waiting for. The Christmas Social evening. As club Social Secretary it is with delight that I announce the Christmas Social evening will be Friday 13 December at the Wirral RUFC club house starting at 7.30pm. I am finalising the price and will let people know as soon as possible but a buffet meal will be provided. Entertainment including a quiz, the annual bean bag competition will be included. Family and friends are more than welcome. Please watch out for the final details in the next week or so.

Following this excitement we will be doing the Christmas Shoot on Sunday 15 December at Pensby High. Starting at 12pm. There will be Christmas themed targets to shoot at and prizes to be won. Please bring along a donation to the raffle. I will be issuing a sign up sheet at the end of November being of December to understand numbers interested. Normally we all bring along some food to enjoy together as the afternoon progresses and the results are calculated. A mix of savoury and sweet, again I will sort out a sign up sheet for people so we don't get too much of the same.

I hope you will all take part as these are fun get to know each other events.

*Alli Mawhinney
Social Secretary*

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT

and to end a tale from holidays...

Jim Streets: My wife and I recently enjoyed a pleasant week on the lovely island of Malta. During our vacation my wife and I travelled by ferry to another island called gozo, as we passed many fruits growing by the road side, lemons limes oranges and grapes, all these lovely fruits were within touching distance, but we resisted the temptation to take and eat. However we were very surprised to also see growing and rather large pomegranites, yes pomegranites. Just for information if you cut your pomegranate in half and tap with a large spoon all the red bits will drop out so easy. While visiting another area we noticed a rather large and colourful berry type things growing on cactus like plants, quite big as well these

turned out to be prickly pears which actually grow wild, I was offered one to eat and when it was cut open, it had lots of juice and when I tasted it reminded me of melon, rather nice considering the plant was really wild and a weed, it tasted lovely but it was not able to be grown for sale or market, shame. Well a lovely visit and well worth seeing the lovely island with no language barriers wherever you went.

Also on holiday Graeme managed to find his next bow, picture curtesy of Helen.

