

Company of Sixty Field Archers

Welcome to the Company of Sixty Newsletter, August 2006

Shoot dates for 2006

Note that since the accepted proposal at the AGM, there will be a Club medal / patch prize for club members taking part in every Open Shoot. Club members' scores will be compared to other members in the same class, and a gold medal will be awarded to the club member who is victorious in each class. Additionally, a Master Hunter Badge will be awarded in all classes to those club members who achieve a score above a pre-set level for their class. These score levels will be announced at the shoot. Members will receive a gold medal or patch, but not both. It is possible that the member winning the gold medal will not reach the required score level, and in this event no patches will be awarded. It is also possible that several people will receive patches in each class. If this occurs the class score level may be raised for the next Open shoot. It is hoped that this will encourage ever better shooting by club members.

<u>Day Date</u>	<u>Event & Remarks</u>
Sat 19th Aug	Friendly
Sun 10th Sept	Open
Sat 23rd Sept	Friendly
Fri 27th Oct	Coon Shoot
Sun 19th Nov	SPTA Venison Shoot (date offered to SPTA)
Sun 3rd Dec	Open
Sun 17 th Dec	Mince Pie Shoot
Sun 31st Dec	Friendly
Sun 7th Jan 07	Friendly

Found at the shoot ground

A Company of Sixty gate key, with a leather fob, has been found and handed in at the last Open shoot. If it is yours, please contact Carol to get it back. Remember that you have paid a deposit for it!

Club Sweatshirts now available

Carol has called me to say that the Club sweatshirts have arrived for those who have ordered them. The final price is £18. There are a few extra shirts printed too, and these will be on sale on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact Carol for more details.

EGM minutes

The following are a quick set of EGM minutes.

The EGM was held at the Company of Sixty shooting ground at Oxshott in Surrey, on the evening of Wednesday 5th July 2006.

The meeting was eventually called to order at 7.55pm by Jim Edwards. The main order of business was the election of a new Treasurer, as due to various reasons, Sharon could no longer maintain the post. Three people had put themselves forward for election – Paul Chenery, John Macintosh, and Barry Newman. In the end, Paul Chenery was proposed for the post by Carol Edwards, and seconded by Jim Edwards. The vote for Paul was unanimous, in his absence, but with his approval. Many thanks to John and Barry for putting themselves forward as alternative candidates.

As she stepped down, Sharon made it clear that there had to be better financial control within the club, and that the current state of the accounts was very poor. She said that she had been struggling to correlate the books with many unofficial slips recording various payments in and out of the club account. Sharon also pointed out the need for the completion of the signing over of the account to the new counter-signatories, as this had not been finalized during her short tenure as Treasurer.

Following a lot of discussion, it was also agreed that in future, the counter-signatories for the club account would be elected at the AGM, and their names would be published in the Newsletter to ensure clarity to all members.

Other business at the EGM

Carol Edwards announced her intention to step down at the Club's Company Secretary (for Company of Sixty Field Archers Ltd). She will remain in the post until the AGM in January 2007, but if anyone would like to be considered for the post, please let Lucy (Club Secretary) know in good time, before the AGM date.

Terry Cramp reported that he had been hearing a great many complaints from other clubs regarding booking-in arrangements at our Open Shoots. He further suggested that we should change to a strictly pre-book and pre-pay system as used by other clubs. This has been gaining popularity in the NFAS for many reasons. After a good deal more discussion the following points were agreed upon:

- max limit of 150 archers at any Open Shoot, including club members
- first come, first served entry
- pre-book and pre-pay entry only, for both club members and visiting archers
- no postal acknowledgement of accepted entries
- revised shoot prices: £6 for non members, £2 for members, £2 for all Juniors, and free for all cubs.
- Friendly shoots will continue to run on the current pay as you shoot basis.
- Open Shoot reports to be compiled and sent to the NFAS for publishing (Bob will do this if the scores are recorded and handed over – please!).
- A generic Open Shoot entry form will be created, and circulated for comments. This form will be available for download from the Company of Sixty website, and will be available in paper

form at all club shoots. It will be the only accepted form of entry for Open Shoots, beginning with the December Open.

Rex Oakes asked when the constitution of the club had changed to include compound bows. No-one was able to answer this question authoritatively, as the club Constitution has had only a minor revision following the last AGM. In any case, no constitutional changes should be made at an EGM, without prior notice to all members, but the question should be properly raised in writing to Lucy the Club Secretary, prior to the January 2007 AGM.

The meeting was closed by Jim Edwards at 21:00.

First Proposal received for the January 2007 AGM

Following the EGM, Rex Oakes has sent in a written proposal to Lucie, in her position as Club Secretary. The full text of the proposal follows:

“Over thirty years ago when I founded the ‘Company of Sixty’, seven archer friends and myself hammered out a constitution for the club. One of the most important tenets of this was to cater for and promote traditional/instinctive field archery only.

The classes would be L/B, Flat Bow and H/T. Only wooden arrows fletched with feathers would be shot. The original constitution seems to have been changed without any meeting or democratic vote to my knowledge! I therefore would like to propose a meeting is called to reinstate this aim and exclude B/B and compound bows.

Primitive class should also now be included.

Open shoots will of course cater for all classes.

Rex Oakes.”

It is right and proper that proposals to be heard at the AGM are sent in writing in advance of the AGM, to the Club Secretary. Any sent in to Lucie will be recorded, and published in the Newsletter if there is time and a planned Newsletter available before the AGM takes place. Any other will be brought to the AGM. Proposals will only be accepted from full members. Proposers are required to be present at the AGM to present their view, and another club member is required to second the proposal at the meeting. Proposals are then voted upon by the club members present at the meeting.

Current Club Constitution

The current Club Constitution follows. The last change to the constitution, adopted at the January 2006 AGM, is shown in **bold**.

“COMPANY OF SIXTY CONSTITUTION RULES OF SHOOTING, GENERAL INFORMATION AND SAFETY

1) *The name of the Club will be ‘COMPANY OF SIXTY,*

AIMS

- 2) A. *Company of Sixty exists to perpetuate the tradition of instinctive archery, in such a way as to maintain harmony amongst the Company members, by self competition, dedication and, subsequently, to achieve spiritual satisfaction.*
- B. *To promote woodlore and conservation of the environment.*
- C. *To promote instinctive archery to the public through displays and charity work etc.*
- D. *To shoot as a Company at Open Shoots and other such events.*

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

3)

- A. *All members must fill in the Membership/Application form every time they join/rejoin the Club. Fees may change annually.*
- B. *Junior members must join, and shoot with, a participating adult guardian.*
- C. *A Deposit of £5 is required for the gate key.*
- D. *All newcomers, wishing to join the Club, must attend a 'friendly' shoot or club day, with an experienced Company member.*
- E. *Full members will shoot only H/T, L/B, AFB, BB, or B/H as defined by the NFAS. **Primitive is also added as a club shooting class.***
- F. *All members shall contribute to the work involved in the activities of the Company.*
- G. *Membership will be suspended or forfeited by the decision of the committee if deemed necessary.*
- H. *All complaints brought by members against other members must be brought personally, and in writing, to the committee.*
- I. *The Annual General Meeting will be held in the month of January each year, with a quorum minimum of ten members.*

4)

- A. *The committee of the Company of Sixty will consist of more than five persons, to be elected annually, at the Annual General Meeting, Presidents excluded.
The committee will consist of:*

Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Course Officer/s

Events Officer

Publicity Officer

Target Officer

3-D Officer

- B. *The committee will meet bi-monthly to discuss Company affairs.*

5) *Alterations and amendments to this Constitution may only be made by majority vote of the members, including postal votes, either at the AGM or a specially called meeting, apart from the 'Aims', which remain inviolable.*

6) *All members must abide by the Rules of Shooting, General Information, and Safety."*

Company of Sixty at Jim's Jungle Jaunt

Many Club members took part in the 19th JJJ. The weather was incredibly hot, but everyone had fun. The results for Club members was as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>L/G</u>	<u>Position in class</u>	<u>Club member</u>
Hunting Tackle	Ladies	2nd	Yvonne Morley
Longbow	Gents	3rd	Roger Collis
	Ladies	1st	Freda Marshall
		2nd	Lucie Cramp
		3rd	Sylvia Marshall
Primitive	Gents	2nd	Bob Dysart
	Ladies	1st	Helene Holloway

Well done to all.

Company of Sixty on the Internet!

As you may or may not be aware, the Company of Sixty has a couple of presences on the internet. These can be found at:

<http://www.co60.co.uk/>

<http://www.bikerbob.demon.co.uk/archery/cos/newsletter.htm>

<http://groups.msn.com/companyof60>

I also maintain an email distribution list for sending out computer copies of these newsletters, and for emergency notifications, other club news etc. This saves the club money for postage, and the environment. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, and have a working email address, please send an email to me at :

Robert.Dysart@ericsson.com (NB: That is Robert 'dot' Dysart.....)

Finally, there is of course the NFAS Webboard. This is not a Company of Sixty-specific resource, but you may find most of the information and comments on there of interest. Many members of our club post on there regularly. The forum is very easy to join, and I have used it in the past to inform Company of Sixty members of date changes etc. The forum can be found at:

<http://www.nfas.net/webboard>

Lapsed members

Any member not rejoining this year should ensure that their padlock key is returned to Carol. You will then receive your deposit back.

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Company Contacts:

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The **Club Officers** are:

Secretary	Lucie Cramp	0208 642 0384	Events Officer	Linda Bennett	0208 874 6538
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Course Officer	Carol Edwards	01932 865181	3D Officer	Barry Newman	01932 222769
Target Face Officer	Mike Hobbs	01932 860327	Membership Sec.	Carol Edwards	01932 865181

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