

# Company of Sixty Field Archers



Welcome to the Company of Sixty Newsletter, December 2004

Hello to all members! If you have any articles, news or feedback that you would like to share with the other members of the COS, please let me know. I can be contacted by phone on 01483 305182 (work hours), or by email to [robert.dysart@ericsson.com](mailto:robert.dysart@ericsson.com)

Happy shooting!

Bob.

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Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all. This year the club has gone from strength to strength.

### **NFAS National Champs (Carol's comments)**

Carol won the Devon Challenge and with it the Victor Ludorum as overall winner. The Longbow team of Mick Bailey, Terry Cramp, Paul Provins and Carol won the NFAS champs ( the trophy is huge!). Mick Bailey came third individual and Carol first ladies longbow. Lucy Cramp and Janet Collis have done really well with ladies longbow. We have a newcomer in Yvonne Morley who is doing great things for ladies H/T. We have had LOADS of new members this year and we hope they have enjoyed belonging to the club.

### **Annual Three Club Challenge**

Cloth of Gold issued us a challenge early in the year. Along with Havering Nalgo and Cloth of Gold we had a three club challenge. Havering and COG had most of their members turn up, Co Of 60 had ... 8. The scores from the middle six archers were used to get an average. We lost..... In 2005 we will be holding the challenge at our woods so do come and support the club. Date to be announced, but I think it will be March.

### **Work Parties**

Thanks to the hard work of the members we have tidied most of the woods, although another work party will be called soon. Do turn up. It gives you a chance to see how the club runs and to meet the other members. Tea and donuts are usually available! Both Barry Newman and Mike Hobbs have worked like mad on the hut and the NEW LOOS! We also now have lots of new shelving in the hut which means more space to sit around and gossip. Roger Collis has made an off the ground BBQ, its great for cooking

chestnuts! Please make sure you clear any rubbish when you leave the woods, including broken arrows.

### AGM

The committee have received the following four proposals plus a retirement:

- 1) The club should introduce a primitive class. For bows used with wooden arrows and feather fletch, that are not covered by the longbow, flatbow and H/T recurve classes. Proposer: Yvonne Morley, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Carol
- 2) That the club starts a 'charity' bank account to help its own members, into which the profit from raffles and any donations be put. Proposer: Paul Chenery, 2<sup>nd</sup> : Carol
- 3) That John Birch be made a life member. This has already been passed by the committee and a life membership card sent to John. Proposer: Carol. 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Pryke
- 4) That the club has medals shoots for members a few times a year, not just the Champs. Proposer: Lots of members. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Yvonne Morley
- 5) We have also had a message from our club secretary, John Pryke, that he needs to retire due to work commitments, and so we are now looking for a new secretary who has time, during weekdays, to help.

The other committee members are happy to be re-elected, or does any one else want a go?

We need volunteer designers for the next three open shoots. Any offers? Carol said she'd do the December one again. Dates to be announced.

The committee have also received some suggestions to be discussed in 'any other business'.

- 1) That if the club want to buy more 3ds that we buy another trailer to keep them in. (at the moment Carol has them all and has ended up doing what she did not want to do, do the food AND put the 3ds out, and not even shoot!!!)
- 2) This will mean someone else will have to keep the trailer at their home, as Carol can't have two trailers to take to the woods.
- 3) It also means that several members are needed to put them out AND take them in at the end!!!!
- 4) This also means the person keeping the trailer will need to turn up at all the shoots or make sure someone else can stand in.

**The AGM will be held on Thursday 20th January 8pm. The usual venue is the Old Bear in Cobham.** It is situated at the river end of Cobham High Street. There will be the usual buffet.

### Annual Subs Now Due

Subs are now due for the club and NFAS, forms enclosed. If you want to shoot on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of January you will need to be members of the NFAS. You may bring your forms with you to the shoot on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, so that the NFAS at least is handed over, if you haven't already sent it. The money is needed for our ground rent and insurance. The rent

of £2,350 was paid to the Crown Estates to run from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2004 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2005.

The Club Champs will be held in February. To shoot you MUST be a paid up member. Date TBA. Will this years winners dust off the trophies ready to win them again in 2005.

Which brings us to the only 'whinge'! The committee were approached by several visiting clubs after the last open shoot all asking why Co of 60 members took several of the medals. Please Note: If you belong to Co of 60 of course you may shoot round if you are not needed to help with the running of the shoot BUT, as the host club we DO NOT enter the competition.

### **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.

That's all for now folks! See you at the AGM.

### **Company of Sixty Field Archers, registered as a company 2/4/2004**

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