

Company of Sixty Field Archers

Welcome to the Company of Sixty Newsletter, February 2005

Shoot dates for 2005

Note that since the proposal at the AGM (see minutes to follow), each Friendly shoot following an Open shoot will be a club medal shoot. That is, for paid-up club members only, medals will be awarded in each class.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event & Remarks</u>
Sat	29 Jan	Friendly
Sat	19 Feb	Friendly
Sun	27 Feb	Club Champs + Three Club Challenge (Cloth of Gold, Havering NALGO)
Sat	5 Mar	Friendly
Sun	20 Mar	Open
Mon	28 Mar	Friendly + Club Medal (Easter Mon)
Sat	16 Apr	Friendly
Sat	23 Apr	St Georges Day Celebrity Shoot
Sat	14 May	Friendly
Sat	25 Jun	Open (2 day shoot with Magna Carta)
Sun	26 Jun	Magna Carta Shoot
Sat	13 Aug	Friendly + Club Medal
Sun	11 Sep	Open
Sat	1 Oct	Friendly + Club Medal
Sat	22 Oct	Friendly
Fri	28 Oct	'Coon' Shoot
Sat	12 Nov	Friendly
Sun	4 Dec	Open (Ron Pavitt Memorial)
Sun	18 Dec	Mince Pie Shoot + Club Medal
Sat	31 Dec	Friendly
Sat	7 Jan	Friendly

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.

Club Champs and Three Club Challenge

These events will be run at the same shoot. Only fully paid up members of the Company of Sixty will be eligible to enter the Club Champs. The Three Club Challenge will take part between members of the Company of Sixty, the Cloth of Gold, and Havering NALGO archery clubs. All archers shooting on the day will be entered for this shoot, each club's score being taken as the sum of the middle six scores of each club's

archers. The victorious club will buy the teas for all (only kidding!). We came third out of three last year, but not by a large margin. Lets hope we can do better this year!!

AGM Minutes

The Annual General Meeting of the Company of Sixty Field Archers took place at 8:00pm on Thursday 20th January 2005, at The Old Bear pub, Cobham, Surrey. A buffet was provided.

The meeting was called to order by Jim Edwards, and the Agenda agreed. The minutes of the previous AGM, held on the 15th January 2004, were agreed as an accurate record.

Each of the existing committee members gave a short report of their actions during the past year, and stood down from their posts. All were unanimously re-elected to their previous posts, with the exception of John Pryke, Secretary, who retired and was replaced by Lucie Cramp. Lucie was proposed by Carol, and seconded by Jim Edwards. John was thanked for his sterling work, and Mike Hobbs proposed that John be made a life member, from the next membership year. This was seconded by John Way, and unanimously agreed.

Some points from the committee's reports:

- Membership for 2004 reached 137 members with 17 disabled members. 86 members had already re-joined by the AGM date.
- Two new toilets have now been built at the shooting ground, many thanks to Barry Newman and Mike Hobbs for their hard work.
- The Club became a limited company during 2004, paperwork done by Andy Welling. This limits the Club's liability to £5 per member in the event of any troubles.
- Attendance numbers improved at all shoots - improved facilities have helped.
- New courses to be laid :
 - March 20th by John P/ John W/ Mike Hobbs
 - September by Linda Bennet
 - December by Carol Edwards.

(New volunteers to lay courses and plan new courses still needed.)

- Geoff reported that the club is in a strong financial position and has a healthy fund situation. More 3D targets will be bought.
- All Club newsletters, and any shoot reports compiled are now available on the internet.
- Donations of direction signs and red/white/blue shooting pegs would be gladly accepted. Bob Teasdale volunteered to provide some direction signs.

The Club committee is now:

Secretary	Lucie Cramp	Membership Officer	Carol Edwards
Events Officer	Linda Bennet	Course Officer	Carol Edwards
Treasurer	Geoff Towers	Publicity Officer	Bob Dysart
Target Face Officer	Mike Hobbs		

Treasurer's Report of Accounts from Geoff

Income from all sources	7847.15
Outgoings:	
Crown estate ground rent	2350.00
Insurance	453.00
Postage	153.19
Faces	242.25
Back stops	187.00

3D targets	435.00
Metal Detector	40.00
Emergency Whistle	12.50
Calor Gas Refill	18.99
Paint for 3Ds	17.50
Key	8.00
Buffet	100.00
Ethafoam	<u>806.00</u>
Total	4843.43
Balance as of 17 Jan 2005	3003.72
Re-paid loan at Ron Pavitt Shoot	<u>500.00</u>
Balance in Lloyds TSB a/c	3503.15
Balance in Nationwide savings a/c	8.44
Petty cash held by Geoff	15.48
Petty cash held by Carol	95.00
Petty cash held by Linda	<u>30.00</u>
total	3652.07

Proposals received

The committee received the following four proposals prior to the AGM. The outcome of each is noted below.

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, 2nd: Carol Edwards.

Carried. *This proposal generated a great deal of discussion, mainly concerning the definition of the equipment that should be allowed in this class. In the end it was agreed that the class would be introduced, and that the exact equipment classifications would be decided later.*

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, 2nd : Carol Edwards.

Rejected. *Although it was felt that this was a reasonable request, to formalise it by opening a separate bank account could leave club funds possibly open to abuse, and difficult questions from the Inland Revenue when the Club's accounts are scrutinised. This point was further discussed in A.O.B (q.v).*

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 Edwards. 2nd: John Pryke.

Carried. *No objections were raised, and since the existing committee had already agreed, this suggestion had been acted upon.*

4. That the Club has medals shoots for members a few times a year, not just the Champs. Proposer: Lots of members. 2nd: Yvonne Morley

Carried. *It was decided that the Friendly Shoot after every Open Shoot would be a Club medal shoot. See the modified list of shoots at the beginning of this newsletter. Only fully paid-up members would be eligible to receive medals, and medals would be awarded in each class contested.*

Any Other Business

Having voted upon all the presented proposals, the meeting went on to “Any Other Business”.

1. Following on from proposal number 2 (see above), there was some discussion around the possibility of the Club providing limited financial assistance to those members identified as suffering hardship. This assistance would be given to enable the member to continue their shooting. It was agreed that the committee would look into suggestions from third parties in cases where financial hardship had been identified, and that arrangements would be made only in the case that there was agreement within the committee. Cases will be handled on a case-by-case basis, with no precedent being set.
2. 3D targets – handling, setting out, storage and transport. Carol pointed out that if we are to invest in further 3Ds, some extra help will be needed in transporting, storing and setting out the 3Ds. Volunteers are always necessary in order to help setting out the targets at the beginning of any shoot, but this will become even more important when more 3Ds are available for use. Barry Newman has kindly offered to transport and store the 3D targets, but he will need help in putting them out. More volunteers are sought – please contact a committee member if you arrive early at a Club shoot, and are willing to help.
3. St Georges Day Celebrity Shoot. Yvonne Morley has suggested setting up a shoot at the Club's ground, at no cost to the Club, to benefit both the Club and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA). Yvonne is Head of the Voice Department at this academy, and will provide full details on a separate booking form to be sent with this newsletter. The date for this shoot is 23rd April (St George's Day). Celebrities from the LAMDA alumni will shoot round with Club members (and archers from other clubs), having gathered sponsorship to do so. So although this will effectively be an open shoot, Club members will benefit from this advance notice and have a chance to book ahead of others. The entry fees for this shoot are £6 for seniors, £3 for juniors, and free for under-12 archers. Trophies will be provided and presented by LAMDA at the end of the shoot. Yvonne can be contacted for further details on her mobile at 07714 661939.
4. Presentation to Carol Edwards. At the end of the formal part of the AGM, Terry Cramp made a presentation to Carol in recognition of all her hard work in the last year on behalf of the Club, and friends. The presentation was the sum of a series of informal collections made by Terry and Lucie over the past few shoots, and it was hoped that the presentation would help Carol following her recent van troubles. A happy Carol passes on her thanks to everyone for the present.

The AGM was then formally closed at approximately 10.00pm, and the buffet opened. Many thanks to all those who attended. We hope more members can make it next year!

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

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