

Company of Sixty Field Archers

Welcome to the Company of Sixty Newsletter, January 2008

Shoot dates for 2008/9

The following shoot dates are proposed for the AGM in January 2008. These dates should also be published on-line at the Company of Sixty website (thanks Spencer!), the NFAS website, and in print in the NFAS Newsletter.

2008

Sun 17 th Feb	Club champs
Sat 23 rd Feb	Friendly
Sun 16 th Mar	Open 3D+Faces
Mon 24 th Mar	Friendly (Easter Monday)
Sun 27 th April	SPTA St Georges Day? (Offered to Hilary)
Sat 10 th May	Friendly
Sun 22 nd June	Open 3D+Faces
Sat 16 th Aug	Friendly
Sun 14 th Sep	Open
Fri 24 th Oct	Night Raccoon Shoot
Sat 8 th Nov	Friendly
Sun 30 th Nov	SPTA Venison Shoot? (Offered to Hilary)
Sun 7 th Dec	Ron Pavitt Memorial 3D+Faces
Sun 21 st Dec	Mince Pie Shoot (Friendly)

2009

Thurs 1 st Jan	Friendly New Year's Day
Sun 25 th Jan	Friendly

New Club Company Director

Following the untimely death of Jim Edwards, the club has been in urgent need of a new Company Director. Michael Hobbs has very kindly agreed to take on this important role. Michael's contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Change in the Club Rules of Shooting

In order to comply with the latest NFAS insurance regulations, the Club Rules of Shooting will be updated as follows: *For non-NFAS archers wishing to shoot, a charge of £4 per day will be levied, plus a charge of £1 to the NFAS. Also, the name and addresses of any non-NFAS members wishing to shoot will need to be recorded by the club.*

Change in NFAS membership fees for 2008/2009.

Note that the NFAS membership renewal form sent out with the Dec/Jan NFAS Newsletter was not correctly updated following changes at the NFAS AGM. Membership fees have been increased, and of course the NFAS membership year runs from 1st April. The changes in annual fees are as follows:

£20	for individual adult members,
£10	for archers under the age of 16,
£5	for Associate non-shooting members

£40 for a family consisting of two parents/partners and their children under 16 (NB: This does not include grandparents/grandchildren).

Cheques should be made payable to: **NFAS**.

Club members must renew in good time to remain active NFAS members – the current NFAS year ends 31st March 2008. A copy of the renewal form will be included with this newsletter.

New NFAS safety requirement.

As agreed at the 2007 NFAS AGM, it will be an NFAS safety requirement from March 2008 for **all** archers to carry a whistle to use in case of on-course emergencies. Note that some clubs may begin to refuse access to shoots before this date if whistles are not carried.

Course laying note from the Target Officer

Please note that from January 2008, all courses at the Cof60 ground may only be laid by Committee-approved Club members. A list of the named members will be published in the club hut. If you wish to be added to the list, please add your name to the list, and the committee will consider your application. Many thanks to Ron Almond, Carl Sines, and Salvatore Fazia, who have been approved for the list so far.

Club Committee meetings for 2008

The Club Committee will meet on the following dates. If you have any issues you wish to have discussed, please bring them to the attention of the Committee.

Sat 16th February
Sat 12th April
Sat 14th June
Sat 16th August
Sat 18th October
Sat 13th December

Reporting course irregularities

If, during any shoot, you notice any problems with the course layout, please report them to a member of the Club Committee. The Committee will then decide what corrective action is necessary and act to resolve the problem. Please remember that safety is every archer's responsibility.

Company of Sixty Website

Spencer Mitchell, with help from John Pryke, completely revamped and reworked the Club's website during 2007. The website contains a lot of useful information, including the possibility to download the new Open Shoot flyer. See the following web pages:

<http://www.co60.co.uk> - main new website
<http://www.co60.co.uk/flyers/cos-flyer1d.pdf> - the location of the new Open Shoot application form

Many thanks to Spencer and John for all their work.

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>

Members not renewing in 2007

Any archer not renewing their membership is reminded that they should return their site key to Carol at her shop, and in return will receive their £5 deposit back.

Open Shoot registration

As you may have seen on the NFAS website, NFAS Newsletter, and Club e-mailing list, the Club is only allowing **pre-book and pre-pay only** for **visitors** to Open Shoots. This is to improve registration time on the day, and to be able to better forecast numbers of archers attending for catering purposes. This however does not apply to Club members. Club members should always try to pre-book with Linda, but all she needs is a phone call in order to allocate you to a target, and then pay your shoot fees on the day.

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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