

COMPANY OF SIXTY UPDATES

Hi folks.

New Temporary Membership Arrangements

Some of you may have heard the problems we've had with the insurance from the NFAS and having to turn away several prospective members at the friendly shoot last November.

To remedy this problem and enable the Club to attract new members the committee have negotiated with the brokers for our club insurance for a special extension to provide civil liability cover for 'Taster Sessions' for beginners on the practice butts, and for competent beginners and visitors from other societies around the course subject to certain strict conditions.

A copy of the new Club Rules relating to Temporary members is attached to this Newsletter and will be posted in the Hut. Please read them. The main points are:

1. Temporary Members must be accompanied by an experienced archer who is also a club member AT ALL TIMES. A Member may accompany a maximum of 4 Temporary Members. Any Temporary Member who is shooting a bow must be under ONE TO ONE supervision by the experienced member while he is doing so. (Only one temporary member at a time on the shooting peg).
2. If you bring a beginner, he must demonstrate to your satisfaction as supervising member basic safe practices and competence with a bow at the practice butts before being permitted to leave the vicinity of the Club Hut in possession of a bow to use the woods. You are responsible for that judgment. Be satisfied that the Temporary Member is ready and **safe** to tackle the course. Please remember that others will be using the woods! The committee recommends that complete novices should have at least basic familiarity with shooting before using the butts.
3. A person may attend as a Temporary Member on no more the THREE OCCASIONS. Thereafter that person must join Co of 60 as a full member and the NFAS before they are permitted to be present on the land again. The requirement to be a member of the NFAS is a condition of our Lease.
4. The sponsoring Member and each temporary member must, ON EACH OCCASION SIGN IN and PAY THE FEE.

Each Temporary Member must provide his name, address, date and confirmation that he has been shown and understood the Safety and shooting Rules in the Hut. This is important. It is a condition of the insurance that this is done and records kept for three years.

The COST IS £5 per Temporary Member per visit.

At the moment there are FORMS IN THE CLUB HUT, and one at the end of this newsletter which you can copy. Please fill in and carry the completed forms with you when accompanying visitors. At the end of your round please post the form to me (Membership Sec.) with the fee. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CO OF 60.

In due course there will be a printed carbon 'receipt' book in the Hut to fill in when you arrive with your visitors, and, hopefully, a method of registration and payment via the website.

6. The committee is aware that some members have taken friends to the woods in the past, PLEASE NOTE: even if they are already NFAS members your member is **NOT INSURED** unless

he has complied with the above requirements. This means that if there is an accident and they harm themselves, you or a third party (i) he/she will be sued personally and have to meet any damages from personal resources. It happens – you lose the lot: (ii) you will not have the benefit of Club Insurance cover either and risk personal liability too (iii) if there is a claim against the Club's own policy there is a good chance that the Club will be unable to obtain any, or affordable Insurance in the future.

This is a marvellous opportunity for the Club. Please be responsible

(Many thanks to Nic Cox for sorting out the insurance and writing the above for the club.)



RENEWALS

Your membership form is enclosed with this letter, along with an updated constitution and rules, to cover the new insurance.

Please fill in and return to me ASAP. The latest you should send your form and cheque/s in is **1st March** 2010. After 31st March you will be deemed a non member and will be requested to hand your key back, and have its deposit refunded.

I have only enclosed one copy of the form, please photo copy for other members of your family. I need one form for every member **EVEN IF YOU HAVE FILLED ONE IN BEFORE.**

I would also suggest that you keep a copy for yourself.

Your NFAS form is in your NFAS newsletter. You may send the completed form to me with your cheque to NFAS and your club form and fee to Co of 60.

NB. I can't fill your forms in for you!!!!



THEFT

The fees have not gone up this year, but may well need to next year as five of our medium sized 3ds have been stolen. Approx £2,000, that's **Two Thousand Pounds**. Enough to have bought five extra targets instead of replacing those some miserable **thief** (yes **THIEF**) has helped themselves to. We will have to see if there is enough money in the kitty, after the rent and insurance has been put aside, to see if we can afford to replace them.

Fortunately we have an accurate day and time when they were taken and have been advised, on enquiry, that CCTV covers the road between Oxshott and the M25.

Obviously we would prefer to have the 3ds returned, anonymously if need be. If anyone knows where they can be found, please let John Pryke know. 07979 851587.

In the light of this we will wait until 1st Feb before reporting this to the Police, and the possibility of civil action.



AGM

The AGM will be held on 11th March at Oxshott Village Hall, off Steels/Blundells Lane Oxshott. 7.30pm for 8pm

Take the A244 between the A3 and the M25. Take the road down hill opposite the petrol station in Oxshott Village (Steels Lane). About 500yds turn right and immediately right again into the hall car park. There is plenty of parking!!

There will be tea and coffee, but this year I am **not** doing the fish and chip run. If you wish you may bring your own.

Any proposals need to be sent to John Pryke ASAP.

Company of Sixty's shoot dates are in the NFAS newsletter, so I won't waste space listing them here.



RUBBISH

I only have one really big winge for you. When I arrived at the club hut for the November friendly I spent 30 minutes, with the help of Ron Almond, clearing up **YOUR** rubbish.

If you take tinnies, sarnies, sweets, broken arrows etc. etc. etc.....to the woods

TAKE THE WRAPPERS/CANS/ BITS OF ARROW Etc., HOME WITH YOU

I have enough to do getting rid of the shoot stuff, without clearing up after YOU!



As most of you will know, not only did we loose our bungalow in a fire in June last year, but Mick had a malignant tumour removed last October, and he is now on chemotherapy and getting the side effects. Due to this I have not worked properly for over seven months.

It has also meant that I have been unable to keep up with the members database, and some of you have not received keys or parking permits.

I hope to sort this out soon, and will hopefully be getting the keys cut next week.

The only reason I've had time to do this letter is I'm at home while a new boiler is fitted in the 'Hovel' the council have housed us in while the bungalow is rebuilt. (Its bl***y freezing and Mick has had to go and stay with friends!) Carol.



COMPANY OF SIXTY TEMPORARY DAY MEMBERSHIP £5

I have read and understood the rules of safety and shooting.

NAME AND ADDRESS of visitor.....
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PHONE No. **DATE**.....

SIGNED visitor **club member.** **No.**

SIGNITURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN for under 16s

HELP AT SHOOTS AND WITH TIDYING UP

The club needs more help to clear up after the shoots. That's both friendly's and opens. This means bringing in the 3ds and making sure there are paper faces replace them. Stacking the 3ds in the open trailer and covering with the tarpaulin. Helping pack the covered trailer with gas/water bottles, urns etc.

I could do with help filling said water bottles. The last couple of shoots Dave H. has helped, but he can't do it every time.

The gents toilet is disgusting at the moment, so don't expect the 'forest fairies' to clean it up.
(If your archery aim is as good as in the loo.....!You must be a crap shot...pun intended.)

The ladies loo isn't too bad, but it could still do with a regular clean up.

If it means getting some rubber gloves and giving both toilets a good clean up then for smells sake do it. The open bottomed black sacks that line the loos also need replacing on a regular basis. They don't come with bottom cut out, you have to do that yourself!! If there are none in the club hut then get some! Please take the used cleaning stuff/used sacks home to throw away, don't leave it for me thanks.

There should be loo rolls in the club hut. If they run out buy some more! A packet of wet wipes wouldn't go amiss either, but don't put used ones down the loo, they don't decompose, put them in the bin.

Because of how the toilets work we need saw-dust to sprinkle down them. This is the best anti-smell there is, so if anyone is doing any wood work.... (Saw-dust not chippings, but fine chain-saw stuff is fine).

If you need to use the Elsan Blue only about 100mls is needed, not half the bottle! The blue costs £15 so don't 'splodge' the bottle-full down each time.

Mike Hobbs is our target face officer. He makes sure there are plenty of paper faces in the hut. If any target faces on the course need replacing then PLEASE do it. Don't wait for those 'forest fairies'.

If you find any rubbish, including broken arrows, out on the course, pick it up and take it home to dispose of.



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