

Company of Sixty Field Archers

Welcome to the Company of Sixty Newsletter, June 2005

Shoot dates for 2005

Note that since the proposal at the AGM, 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 contested.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event & Remarks</u>
Sat	25 Jun	Open (2 day shoot with Magna Carta)
Sun	26 Jun	Magna Carta Shoot (2 day shoot with Magna Carta)
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

Company of Sixty on the Internet!

As you may or may not be aware, the Company of Sixty has a presence on the internet. John Pryke maintains a website at:

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

..upon which he details the history of the club, picture galleries, membership application forms etc. The website is also used for publishing messages to members. I maintain a small webpage, which is linked from John's pages, to maintain web copies of these newsletters, AGM Minutes, shoot results and shoot reports (if anyone writes some, that is!). My webpage can be seen at:

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

Also, David Sinfield has setup a **Company of Sixty MSN Group**. This is a very useful forum for members to discuss matters that affect the club, swap photos etc etc. We can also use this forum for notifying each other of any changes to shoot dates, closed shooting periods due to course laying and the like. You need to join the forum in order to use the messaging or to share your photos, but it is quite straightforward, and either David or myself will give you access upon request. Obviously, the more members that join the forum, the more useful it will become. So, point your computer's internet browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, Firefox etc) to our MSN Group at:

<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. 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 Forum. 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/>

Company of Sixty members at the 3D Champs

Well done to all who made the trip down to Somerset! I think we all had a great weekend, well, if you discount my score anyway :o). The following members were in the results as published on the NFAS website:

Class	Position	Name	Score
Mens AFB	39	Robert Dysart	776
Mens B/H	2	Ian Christie	1590
	10	Alan Christie	1436
Junior Boys B/H	6	Alex Christie	1118
Mens HT	12	J K Macintosh	1272
	41	Stephen Batchelar	1114
Ladies HT	4	Yvonne Morley	1084
	6	J Macintosh	1062
	16	Alayne d'Attoma	944
Mens LB	4	M Baily	1264
	11	Roger Collis	1158
	14	Terry Cramp	1106
	36	Paul Provins	858
Ladies LB	3	Janet Collis	976
	5	Lucie Cramp	902
	10	Helene Holloway	784

Well done again!

Safety Issues

It has come to the attention of the committee that some people are walking out of the course along non-approved routes, or even backwards around the course. This is **very** dangerous, and **must not** be done at any shoot, or even at any practice sessions. If you happen into the airspace required by an overshot arrow, you will come off the worst every time. Also, please think of the poor archer who has just unintentionally shot you.

If during a shoot at any course, you find a dangerous situation of any kind, it is your duty as an NFAS member to inform the shoot organiser as soon as is safe. This will lead to the shot being changed or closed to other archers. How scoring will be evened out is up to the organising club, but this rule must be obeyed for the safety of all archers. If in any doubt, always report any such danger you find. Safety is the first rule for all archers, in order to protect ourselves, our friends, and our sport.

Proposed rules for new course laying

I (Bob) propose that we should have some strict club rules for course laying. Rules that must be adhered to in all cases. Usually this sort of thing should be brought up at the AGM, but that is only once a year, in January.

I suggest the following, and please lets dicuss it on the MSN group!

1. confirmed dates for work parties in advance, and in the newsletter. I didnt realise that work parties always precede open shoots, for example.
2. clearly identified course layer, and work party leader. Mobile numbers need to be published within the club for this reason.
3. that no work party should take place until a new course has been marked out first. Or, in other words, the course should be marked at least a few days in advance of any work party.
4. A fixed start and end time for volunteers - people can stay longer if they want
5. the shooting ground is closed for practice until the new course is ready - there were several groups of people practising while course changes were still being made! The reason for this is safety, of course!

There must be the opportunity for us to discuss this first, and then implement the rules when we have a consensus. Please make your thoughts and views known via the Company of Sixty MSN group.

No Practice on the Cof60 Course, Thurs 23rd / Fri 24th June

The current course is being altered for the summer season, and there will be people re-arranging the targets and pegs, so please don't come along for practice on the course, on these days. The only exception will be that the practice butts by the tea-hut will be available for use. Do not go onto the course itself during this period.

Raffle prizes needed

As you will already know, having read thus far, there is a combined two-day shoot, organised by the Company of Sixty and the Magna Carta club over the weekend of 25th/26th June. To keep our end up (over), the committee need your spare/unwanted gifts etc as raffle prizes for our shoot. Please take them along to Carol, or to a committee member, or get them down to the shoot ground on the day (you *are* coming, aren't you?).

Budding artists required!

Carol has informed me that we now have sufficient target foam to make our own cut-outs. The problem is that we need some paper target faces to place upon them. If you or your family are budding artists, and could donate some suitably sized colour pictures, Carol would be very pleased to receive them, and we will make them up into targets. The more varied and colourful the better!

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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