

Notice of the Company of Sixty Annual General Meeting, January 2007

# **AGM Date and Venue**

The Annual General Meeting of the Company of Sixty FA will take place at Oxshott Village Hall, Oxshott, Surrey, on the evening of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2007. The actual location can be seen as the object marked "Hall", at the junction of Steels Lane and Holtwood Road (please ignore the arrow on the diagram).



The meeting will commence at 19:30, so please arrive by 19:00 if at all possible.

# Catering

Limited catering will be available, with tea and coffee provided. If you would be interested in ordering a fish and chip supper, please contact Carol as soon as possible – her number is at the end of this notice.

Note that only fully paid up members of the club will be able to vote on any proposals that will be presented during the AGM. Club membership falls due on 1st January 2007. All committee positions are open for election, but any members wishing to stand for committee positions must propose themselves, or have themselves proposed by another member; and also be seconded by a further member. All propositions for the

AGM, including election to committee posts must be received by Lucy, the Club Secretary no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2006. Lucy's contact details are at the end of this document. In order for proposals to be discussed and voted upon, the proposer, seconder or both need to be present at the AGM.

#### AGM Agenda

- 1. Reports from Committee members, including Treasurer's Report
- 2. Current committee stand down
- 3. Election of new committee
- 4. Identification and agreement of shoot dates for 2007.
- 5. Discussion and voting of formal proposals
- 6. Any Other Business

A copy of the minutes of last year's AGM follow at the end of this document.

### Club news items

# Work Party – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006

There is to be a work party at the club shooting ground on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, the day before the winter Open Shoot. This is necessary in order to:

- clear up the grounds.
- reface the targets.
- re-peg some of the targets for better clearance in case of overshoots
- ditch clearance to improve drainage in some areas.

If you can spare some time, and put some effort back into the club, there will be committee members available to direct the required work. No catering will be available, so please bring food and drink with you.

#### Reporting course irregularities

If, during any shoot, you notice any problems with the course layout, please report them to a member of the 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.

# **New Company of Sixty Website**

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

- 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 their work on the Club's website.

# Members not renewing in 2007

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

# Minutes of the Company of Sixty AGM 2006.

The AGM was held at the Oxshott Village Hall, Oxshott, Surrey, on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006. Approximately 30 members attended, including most of the Committee.

Lucy, the Club Secretary, called the meeting to order at 8:00pm

Apologies were received from Janet Collis, Salvatore Fazia, Rex and Myrtle Oaks, Simon Ridgeon, and Hilary Greenland.

# Reports from the committee members

Each committee member gave a short report of their actions and any important facts from the club's 2005 year.

# Lucy - Club Secretary

Nothing major to report, except that we will use the Oxshott Village Hall for future AGMs and any other club meetings as necessary, and as available.

# Carol - Membership Secretary

Carol reported that the club was in a good position with regard to the number of members and general finances. There were several new members already joined up, which is always good news. The Club reached a peak of 137 memberships during 2005. By the date of the AGM, 70 members had already rejoined for 2006, with a further 12 members paying subs for 2006 at the AGM itself.

Carol pointed out

- that subscriptions are not taxable
- the Club would be continuing our company registration
- the Club's overall income / turnover is too low to be reported to the Tax Office
- the Club now has 17x 3D targets, and no more would be bought unless someone else was willing to help Barry in their retrieval at the end of Open shoots.

The Club Champs will take place on Sunday 12th February, at the Club ground. Guest archers are welcome, but cannot take a scoring part in the Champs unless they become members.

During Carol's report some complaints were received about the entrance gate to the shooting ground being blocked by builder's vans etc during the week. This is illegal parking because it prevents access to emergency service vehicles, and of course that access is required to the shooting ground at all times. Suggestions were received from the members, the best being that a sign should be put onto the gate to the effect of "FIRE ACCESS - DO NOT BLOCK". Terry Cramp volunteered to look into making and fixing the sign at the gate. In the event that the gates are blocked by parked builder's vans, Carol suggested that either she or Janet should be contacted, and they will contact the Crown Estates in turn to get the vehicles moved on.

#### Geoff - Treasurer

Unfortunately Geoff was absent, but he had already given notice to quit as Treasurer. This is because he can no longer drive due to a medical condition, and hence cannot attend the club meetings and shoots from his home in Kent. A new Treasurer will be voted in later in the meeting, and Carol has the current financial records to pass on. When the new Treasurer has completed the financial report for 2005, this will be passed on to members.

#### Linda - Shoot Organiser

Linda reported that Open and Friendly shoots had been well attended throughout the year for 2005, with a particularly large crowd turning up at the final friendly shoot. No safety issues had been formally reported during the year. On a continuing safety note, some of the emergency whistles that had been kept at the hut for

handing out during Open shoots had disappeared. Exactly when the whistles disappeared is a mystery, but it is hoped that we can continue to loan them out to shoot groups at Opens.

During Linda's report, Carl suggested that Club members could act as litter collectors, when they go out on Open shoots. This was agreed by all present.

### Bob - Newsletter editor

Bob reported that the Newsletter had been well received in the club. Four Newsletters had been produced during 2005. Fortunately, approximately 50 members had opted to receive their Newsletters via email. This method of delivery has many advantages, especially the saving of club money, smaller print and mailing runs, and speed of distribution.

During Bob's report, Rod made several good suggestions for the Newsletter:

- \* Names and Faces introductions for club members. This will probably begin with identifying the committee members, but members should be encouraged to put forward a short biog and picture.
- If this makes the Newsletter too long (expensive to print), then it maybe a good idea to include these articles as printouts to be displayed in the club hut.
- a "For Sale and/or Swaps" section to be added to the Newsletter.
- \* a suggestions box in the hut to be used for ideas to be presented to the committee.

Bob will try to include some of these ideas in the forthcoming Newsletters.

# Mike Hobbs - Target Officer

Mike reported that the target bosses were standing up well, considering the amount of use they have had. He also asked if any member found a target face shot out or rotted away, that they should replace the face with one from the hut. Retaining pins should be in the boss, or more are available in the hut.

A special vote of thanks from all present was noted for Salvatore's fantastic new target faces. More please!

#### Election of Officers

Following their reports, all members of the Committee stood down. Election of posts was done an a proposal/seconding/vote basis. The results are as follow:

Club Treasurer - Sharon Charman. Proposed by Lucy, seconded by Carol, vote: unanimous Club Membership Sec - Carol Edwards. Proposed by Lucy, seconded by Terry, vote: unanimous Club Newsletter Editor - Bob Dysart. Proposed by Carol, seconded by Linda, vote: unanimous Club Shoots Organiser - Linda Bennet. Proposed by Rod, seconded by Carol, vote: unanimous Club Target Officer - Mike Hobbs. Proposed by John P, seconded by John W, vote: unanimous Club Secretary - Lucy Cramp. Proposed by Roger, seconded by Carol, vote: unanimous Club 3D Handler - Barry Newman. Proposed by Lucy, seconded by Carol, vote: unanimous

#### Proposals from members

Lucy did not receive any formal written proposals from members

#### Any Other Business

Carol - Barry's generator is too noisy when she is working/cooking in the hut. Can anything be done about it? Suggestions received included an extra extension lead (Patrick may have one to try), a screening fence panel, a new generator, or putting the generator in a sunken pit.

Outcome - the only possible things to try initially are the extension lead and screening fence panel.

This will allow the generator to be run further away from the hut, and should hopefully keep the overall noise levels in the hut down.

**Terry** - Suggestion to run a pre-entry raffle, like that at Fleet Ibex shoots. An extra pound would be added to all adult archer's entry fee's. As at Fleet, all archers would submit their second score card for the raffle, with 5 prizes of £10 cash to be drawn out of the "hat".

**Outcome** - this point caused a great deal of discussion. Some were worried that the legal requirements for gaming could be missed or transgressed, some did not want to basically force people into taking part in a raffle. Chris Notley volunteered to check the legal implications, especially as the Club is now a limited company. The final vote decided that a pre-entry raffle would be tried at the next Open Shoot, with feedback to the committee from members and visitors.

**Bob** - pointed out the requirement for all members and visiting archers to present their NFAS cards at home and away shoots.

Outcome - Carol confirmed that all members MUST have their current valid NFAS card and membership card with them while shooting at the ground, at ALL TIMES, INCLUDING PRACTICE SHOOTING. Also the club parking permit MUST be displayed in the member's vehicles while they are parked. For Open shoots, anyone not being able to produce a valid NFAS card will have to pay an extra £10, to ensure their membership on that day. Carol later checks the archer against the national membership database with Pam Hudson, and then if they were a current member on the shoot day, their £10 would be refunded. For missing cards at Friendly shoots, a £1 levy is raised for, and paid to, the NFAS instead.

Members are reminded that it is not allowed to take visitors (shooting or non-shooting) onto the shooting ground at any time, other than friendly shoots, unless they have purchased a Visitor's Day Pass. These passes ensure that the visitor is covered by NFAS and Club insurance in the event of an accident. These passes will be administered by Carol from the workshop, or ordered at shoots. A laminated pass will be issued, which will bear the date and name of the club visitor. Like the club membership card, these passes must be carried all the time a visitor is at the shooting ground. For NFAS members, these day passes are £4, and for visitors who are not NFAS members the price is £5.

**Janet (via Lucy)** - asked that 2 or 3 club meetings should be held each year, for members to discuss Club business, distribute Club information, and/or have a social meet too.

**Outcome** - It is suggested that these meetings are held at the end of Open shoots during the year. These meetings will be announced by the Committee as and when felt necessary.

**Colin** - asked if it would be possible to have more organisation for work parties. He felt that although members were willing to help out, unless the work parties were better organised, little useful work is done.

**Outcome** - Efforts will be made to make Work parties and course laying more efficient. The following process is proposed:

- $1. \ Course \ layers \ will have \ marked \ the \ course \ with \ peg \ and \ boss \ positions, \ and \ target \ numbers \ 2$  weeks before the first Open shoot on their new course.
- 2. Two Saturdays before the Open shoot, a work party will move the bosses, clear undergrowth, tidy up and set up the path markers.

3. The last Saturday before the Open shoot, the course layer(s) will check the final peg positions overshoot areas, setup safety tapes and final check the path markers.

During this two week period there will be no safe marked course, so the only shooting allowed at the ground during this period will be on the practice butts.

The shoot course layers for 2006 will be:

- 1. Spring course (ready for the Open 19th March) Terry and Rod.
- 2. Summer course (ready for the 11th June Open) Mike Hobbs.
- 3. Autumn course (ready for 10th September Open) course will not be re-laid, but there will be a work party, refacing of targets, and clean up.
- 4. Winter course (ready for 3rd December Open) Carol.

Bob - Would it be a good idea to identify first aiders for Open Shoots?

**Outcome** - A notice will be put up, and first aiders in the club will be asked to be available during an Open shoot that they attend at our ground. Their names will be recorded for that shoot only.

**Terry** - suggested a Master Hunters badge/patch for Club archers at Club Open shoots who achieve above a certain score per class contested. Terry suggested that a patch should be made up, based upon the Club insignia.

**Outcome** - Terry to check the costs of the patches, and report back to the committee. The score levels would be set by the committee, based upon average scores per target per class. The score levels would be announced immediately before the Open shoot begins. All archers scoring above the proposed level would receive the prize patch.

**John P** - suggested that the Club Medal shoot should be at the Open shoots run by the Club, and not at the shoot immediately following. This would enable simpler handling of medals etc.

**Outcome** - this will be aggregated with the Master Hunters class awards as mentioned above, and begin at the first Open shoot in 2006.

Carol - suggested that the club hires the shooting ground to the SPTA for their St George's Day and Venison Shoots during 2006.

 $\label{eq:outcome} \textbf{Outcome} \ \text{-} \ \text{unanimously agreed}.$ 

Barry - set forth the proposals outlined for course laying in Colin's point above

Outcome - as previously noted.

This being the final issue to be discussed in Any Other Business, the meeting was closed at 22:00

End of Minutes.

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