

Company of Sixty

Newsletter Summer 2011



Welcome to the Summer 2011 Newsletter. Lots to get through so read on.....

WARNING - Sweaty Bikers spoil our fun

Just forget going down to the woods on Sunday August 14th. The A244 will be effectively closed for a cycle race to take place as a warm up for the Olympic cycling events. Make up some new arrows instead.

Teenager's Bedroom

The container no longer looks like a teenager's bedroom after the purchase and installation of two shelving units. These are now supporting the marshalling kit, tools, and the cleaning/catering/hygiene supplies which the club has managed to obtain at a bargain price (just above manufacturer's cost price) through JP's good offices. The teenage bedroom disease seems to have spread back to the club hut though. If it looks a mess, don't be afraid to straighten things out in there, put the tables and chairs out, give surfaces a wipe, and take home any bin bags which have got any rubbish in or old targets – just pop them alongside your own trash and the council will magic them away for us.

As if by magic....

Thanks to Barry N for the safety barriers. We think these will come in handy. We love it that you worry about us.

Thanks too to Barry for the length of pipe to act as a base for the club's *MASSIVE* umbrella. JPryke has a cunning plan to sleeve it to fit the umbrella post so we can sink in the ground and take tiffin in the shade. Cucumber sandwich anyone...

We could do with half a dozen or so lengths of scaffolding pole (any diameter) together with matching connectors to finish the 3D shelving in the container and make up some supports for backstop netting. Again contact NC, John Pryke or Mike Hobbs if you can help.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled for some walkway grating – preferably with good underfoot grip – we would like to improve the ditch and stream crossings. Talk to NC, JP or MH.

First Club Day : 16th July

Thanks to Sylvia and Freda Marshall who got the inaugural Club Day underway. Sylvia reports:

Despite the sudden shift to an English monsoon season we had quite a good turn out of around 16 people.

A hardy trio had managed to shoot one half of the course early in the morning. Most of us sat on the veranda drinking tea & coffee and then we gave in and ate our sandwiches, whilst we waited for the weather to improve. Which it did.

Our shooting group spent quite a bit of time hunting for a missing arrow in the 100 yard field only to find it actually in the elephant!
General feedback is to continue with Club days. The idea being to hold them after each Open so maybe have the next one in the September.

We agree – we have pencilled in Sunday 25th September for the next Club day. Anyone want to ‘host’ it ?

Archery Golf - Do yourselves a favour and don't miss out on this it's a rare treat

A group of us tried this last year. Its great fun – a bit like roving marks – and virtually impossible to get the chance to experience these days. And its all for a good cause – a fund to help those diagnosed with kidney cancer which was established by one of our club members. This are the details we received through a website contact:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you and invite you and your club members to our second Annual Archery Golf Tournament in aid of The James Whale Fund for Kidney Cancer that takes place on **Sunday 18th September 2011** at the Grove Golf Club, Porthcawl, South Wales

For your information James Whale is the well-known broadcaster who started the charity after surviving kidney cancer with the aim of raising awareness and supporting kidney cancer patients and their carers. He is an avid archer and came up with the idea of an archery golf tournament that takes place in Wales, specifically Porthcawl as this was the home of his Mother. The event will be in its second year. It is the hope of James that the event will develop where archers and golfers will compete together. The second year will see the event grow with club members taking part from clubs throughout the UK. Due to the tournament taking place on a golf course we can only invite Long Bow, Traditional Long Bow and Recurve classifications to take part.

You can view last year's tournament in action on You Tube or by visiting the James Whale Fund website, or the Archer's Review website. It was a great day and we would welcome your entry to the second tournament competing against James Whale himself for the title in your class!

The agenda is as follows:

1.00pm Arrival at the Golf Club, bacon roll, tea & coffee served and rules provided to the tournament

2.00pm Practice

2.30pm Tournament starts

5.30pm Tournament ends

6.00pm Evening Meal

7.00pm Presentation and Raffle/Auction

7.30pm Close

The entry fee is £30 per person and includes entry to the tournament, bacon roll, tea/coffee on arrival and a curry meal after the tournament. (Vegetarian option available) Please email me to request a booking form or you can also book on line by visiting the events page on the James Whale Fund website.

BOOKING CONTACT jp@jameswhalefund.org

Don't – its rude...

We have been asked to point out that foliage in front of targets is often left there by the course layer to fox archers, and to ask those with a blade mentality to try please to refrain from cutting stuff down particularly just before Opens/friendlies. Your own garden needs you more...

New members

Welcome to the ranks Geoff Taylor and his wife, Philip and Germaine Plunkett, and Trevor Simons. We have firm indications from another six that the cheques are in the post...yeah yeah, try that one on Paul Chenery....

The Committee has also discussed ways in which we can better help to introduce new members to the club and field archery. One proposal is to set up a semi-permanent small area with easy targets, backstop netting and easy access for new members or younger or inexperienced new archers to get their first taste of field shooting. Another is for the club to invest in a number of suitable beginner bows and arrows and for these to be available for 'in house' or 'on site' use by potential new members or those teaching them. Any views ?

Evil Genius

Simon W has been experimenting in his lab with rubber models and expanding foam to make up some new style targets to try. Does anyone think that Simon looks like how



Harry Potter would have turned out if he had just given in and worked with Voldemort ?

Art at Co60

I think we have all enjoyed shooting the hessian faces the club bought a couple of years ago. Well, art lovers, we have nurtured a home grown talent. Paul Fearn has already refurbished three 2Ds for us (rabbit, owl and large red deer) and has now turned his considerable talents to hessians. Look out for them, they are superb. Let us know if you have any special requests....:-



A genuine Fern

A genuine Fearn



BORING, BORING Insurance

Some of you will have noted that the NFAS has amended/clarified its insurance in relation to have-gos. It is now possible for people attending have-a-gos to shoot in the woods. BUT there is a catch, and its quite a big one so that our Temp Membership Scheme is still of considerable value. The Have-a –go event has to be just that – an organised group /club event for that purpose. Our Temp membership scheme enables you to bring a friend to try out, the NFAS scheme still does not.

Next Open Shoot – 11th September 2011

Simon W and Dave W have offered to lay this one. If anyone would like to have a go at course designing and help out the gruesome twosome, their contact details are at the end of the newsletter and on the website.

Work parties will be on Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th September

Also please remember we need

(i) Marshals on the day

(ii) Help with catering shifts

(iii) Some delicious home-made cakes to buy and to sell to our visitors

(iv) Help putting away at the end of the day

Can you please contact Dave Winter, Paul Chenery Mike Hobbs to volunteer if you can. If we spread the load, people don't get jaded and good things get done.

Laporte Flying Targets – Fun Day Report

Many on the NFAS forums have recently been expressing the view that we must accept that our world is burdened with rules and regs but try to get back to having fun with our archery – we agree. Bring on the Archery Trap Fun Day...

About forty members and guests (including from the Crown Estate) came to try out the archery clay pigeon machine in the 100Yd meadow. It is, as they say, fantastically addictive. We used Laporte's lightweight bows (22-26lbs) which were very lively and lightweight carbon arrows with FluFlu fletchings. We tried a variety of shots and trajectories. It's certainly not easy, but it is possible. See John Birch's haul on the front cover.





Many thanks to those who turned up early doors to help lay out – Chris Bissell, Paul Chenery, John Pryke, Simon Willard, Pete Taylor, Andy Pancholi, Chris Smith, Brian Penfold and Dave Winter – and a particular thank you to Dave's wife who made the cake above especially for the day (how cool is that) and to Veronique Stucinskiene and Simon's wife for providing less flashy but no less nutritious cakery on the day. Thank you for those who emailed later to say how much they enjoyed the experience. If you missed out, we could doubtless arrange another session. Let us know your views.

MugShots

Brian Fairbairn has taken a full photographic inventory of our (now numbered) 3Ds. As soon as he gets a cd to us with the pics on we will be able to do a rogues gallery in the container to help organisation on work party days. Thank you Mr F.

June 12th Open - Shoot Report

As the ducks, fish and root crops of Surrey rejoiced in the arrival of the rains after a parched May and early June, a hardy band of men and women eschewed the delights of a competing Non-NFAS archery attraction locally to pit their wits against Ron Almond and Rob Traynor's challenging, nay fiendish, course.

Turnout of archers was not bad in the circumstances, but we were very disappointed with the much reduced turnout of dogs on this occasion.

The catering experiment continues and was very successful, bringing in good profits for your club. Now read on

Work Party/Prep : This whole event proceeded from a fantastic work party on preceding Saturdays. The week before Brian Penfold and Richard Stafford had single-handedly made markers for and waymarked the whole 40 targets – incidentally we heard at least

three specific compliments on the day about the professionalism of the route-marking. Gentlemen, you did your jobs. On the Saturday before the shoot we had the best work party turnout anyone can remember. Ron and Rob dragged Steve Shepherd out of bed for an 8am start (thus bugging up the new work party system no end, but what can you say...☺) and all three were in turn dragged around by Jim Whyte who is, I kid you not here, old enough to be their dad and was helping to lay out the targets our visitors enjoyed on the Sunday. NC, Chris Bissell, Brian Fairbairn (again!) John Pettet, Roger Collis, Jonathan Gilbride, Mike Hobbs, Dave Highfield and Simon Willard arrived at the correctly designated time (☺), Nicholas Mitchell fashionably late, John Pryke embarrassingly so, but all spent time putting out 3Ds, dressing backstops, erecting netting and (with some helpful input on safety and accessibility issues from Christopher Harwood) doing a thorough risk assessment and final 'tweaking'. This was the first time 'in action' for Ron/Rob's 3D marking system, and since Simon W had managed to finish the numbering before Saturday, the day was very efficiently run as we had a clear list of targets and placements to work from. Banana cake was administered liberally to flagging bodies. Lets take stock: that's 16 people, 18 including the previous Saturday, including 6 hugely experienced course-layers turning out to help put on the shoot. That is a superb effort. The result was one of the best organized and best received events we have put on for years. We thoroughly enjoyed that kind of experience at a work party. Please let's try and keep this up over a busy Autumn/Winter: that sort of response makes ours a club that people want to belong to.

Course: No surprise then that the Course went down a storm. The Heineken Course (reaching the parts of the wood that other courses cant reach) planned by Ron/Rob used loads of new areas, and made full use of the varied advantages of the land we have, including the pond and the 100yd meadow. These imaginative (and not easy to set up) shots were the stars of the show, attracting favourable comment from virtually every archer that came through the tea tent. One visitor, shooting round with Andrew Knott the Gen Sec of the NFAS no less (good day to put out a good one lads) told NC that he'd been to about 50 shoots at Co60 over the years and that target 38 was the best shot he'd seen. Praise indeed (conceptualized by Ron: 3d 'perfectly aligned' by Roger Collis).

Catering Paul and Lorraine Thorn repeated their heroics of May in the catering department. Hot breakfast and T&C were ready to be served to our visitors as they began to arrive from 8.45am (this thanks to Paul spending three hours on Saturday evening pre-cooking and packing bacon and sausages so they were food-safe and ready to eat – he is very happy to let other members in on these secret and specialized techniques if they would be able to help with pre-cooking for the September (or the December) open. We were complimented by more than one visitor on the better meat offerings – burgers, bacon and sausages. As a heads up as winter comes in, we will be

planning to offer chilli and rice, home made soups and other delights – so if you prefer to help with that Patisiers from Paris, Berlin, Vienna and Woking – mainly Woking – presented their home-made cakes to a demanding judging panel of calorie deprived archers.



We were able to put on a really fantastic offering for this shoot: First out of the blocks was Simon W with a tray of cherry fancies courtesy of his wife. Following shortly afterwards was an early deployment of Cheese straws and chocolate drops (not to be eaten together) from Debbie Downer who took the trouble to drop (no pun intended) them off even though she had to be elsewhere. For the less efficient amongst you, how about this: Jan Collis joins as a member at 09.15am; at 09.18am she produces from the back of a car riding low on its rear suspension a classic Victoria sponge, orange and lemon drizzle, classic caraway seed and sultana fruit cakes. Ta dah !! Nice one Jan, thank you very much, for the cake and the help in the hut. NC also managed to persuade his neighbour who has

no interest in archery at all to knock out a banana cake for the day.

Well, they pretty much all sold out amidst some disgraceful scenes reminiscent of the first day of the Harrods sale. So popular indeed was the catering hut today that the moment Lorraine popped out to top up the urns, Linda squeezed a waitresses' cap over her Event Officer's headgear and leapt into position at the serving window to demonstrate her multi-tasking talents (and hats).

In the event we didn't do the shift system as it was p@>>}#g with rain and nice and warm in the hut so no-one wanted to go out – but if the numbers are right we will next time. **If you can help, please offer to do so – it is fun and you can shoot too.**

Seriously, this was a profitable day for the club on the catering front which did much to take up the slack for the lower turnout. Several people who had brought sandwiches told us that they would support our catering in the future – good on 'em. We enjoyed the job today and think we're on the right track. Official Co60 apron with logo anyone ?

Marshalling/Safety: We had six marshals on duty (NC/JP/DW) three shooting (Bob Dysart, Dave Highfield and Simon Willard), and a guest slot from Jan Collis who initially just seemed to want to be seen in the latest day-glo designs, but was later seen to be swotting for the role by reading the Marshal pack. The course was walked several

times and two groups said that they were pleased to see marshals on duty. Marshalling though was perhaps the least encouraging part of planning this shoot. Dave Winter sent out some email requests for people to marshal. No response. Ideally we should be able to appoint marshals in advance and try to meet up at say 8.30 or so – help with set up and organize walk out. If you know you are coming, please send Dave Winter an email (or reply if you get one from him) and offer to be a Marshal. Marshalling is not onerous, the crib sheets (currently being revised/improved) tell you what to do in an emergency and it would take the pressure and worry off Dave’s shoulders a bit. Following a helpful suggestion by Richard Stafford, when it is rewritten we will be posting the details of the marshalling stuff on the website/circulating it to members so people can get familiar with it.

Patches

Congratulations to the following members of the Club who were awarded Master Hunter patches:-

LB GENTS:	DAVID HIGHFIELD	518
BB GENTS:	NEAL GORDON	624
CUL GENTS:	DUNCAN SPRING	684

Special Gold Award - best cub score: HT CUB: ALEX HIGHFIELD 400

Other Results

We should mention that Geoff Taylor (1st in AFB) has now joined us as a member – welcome Geoff – we do love a winner here at Co60. Congratulations.

Class	Category	Position	Name	Club	Score	No of Targets 40	Target AVG
AFB	GENTS	1	GEOFF TAYLOR	CLOTH OF GOLD	540		13.50
		2	DAVID STRUDWICK	FLEET IBEX	488		12.20
		3	KEITH HODGKINSON	LONDON ARCHERS	458		11.45
AFB	LADIES	1	ALEX TYLER	OAKWOOD	448		11.20
		2	SHIELA PROVINS	HARTSPRING	324		8.10
AFB	JUNIOR	1	HARRY STRUDWICK	FLEET IBEX	494		12.35
LB	GENTS	1	ALBERTO MARTINELLI	CLOTH OF GOLD	594		14.85
		2	GORDON WALDIE	IND	310		7.75
HT	GENTS	1	STEVE RAND	INVICTA	602		15.05
		2	ANDREW GILFRIN	INVICTA	598		14.95
		3	STEWART	WOODSTOCK	598		14.95

		STEVENSON				
HT	LADIES	1	PENNY DICKSON	WHITEHORSE	478	11.95
		2	WENDY GILFRIN	INVICTA	412	10.30
		3	DEBBIE COTTER	INVICTA	390	9.75
BB	GENTS	1	ERIK MHAFARIAN (sp?)	LONDON ARCHERS	686	17.15
		2	DAVE ANDREWS	AQUARUIS	566	14.15
		3	PETER HUMPHREY	LONDON ARCHERS	548	13.70
BH	GENTS	1	PHIL MAHER	IND	678	16.95
CL	GENTS	1	ANDREW KNOTT	OAKWOOD	686	17.15
		2	BARRY HARDY	LONDON ARCHERS	676	16.90
		3	IAN DEAN	S.A.C	654	16.35
CUL	GENTS	1	MIKE DAVIDSON	SOUTH WILTS	752	18.80
		2	TREVOR BARKER	SENLAC	638	15.95
		3	TONY WELLS	NOAK HILL	626	15.65
CUL	LADIES	1	SOO COATON	SOUTH WILTS	698	17.45
PV	GENTS	1	LIONEL RODRIGUES	CLOTH OF GOLD	524	13.10
		2	DAVID BARNETT	IND	448	11.20
		3	BOB MILES	DRAGONFLY	366	9.15

Forthcoming Events

Planned Shoot Dates (subject to confirmation)

Saturday 3 rd September	Work Party 10.am
Saturday 10 th September	Work Party 10 am
Sunday 11 th September	Open 3D + Faces
Sunday 23 rd September	Club Day (just turn up – bring own food and drink)
Friday 21 st October	Night Racoon Shoot
Sunday 4 th December	Ron Pavitt Memorial Open 3D + Faces
Sunday 18 th December	Friendly (Mince Pie Shoot)
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Sunday 1st January	Friendly
Sunday 22nd January	Friendly

Next Committee Meeting:

Let us know if you want us to consider anything.

Help ! Help !

We would like each Committee post having a shadow or alternate, so you will have a partner to work with and needn't worry about missing a meeting, or going on holiday etc. We have two offers to help with publicity – Thank you. We are working out how best to divvy up the work.

We would like to find someone to help Linda for a spell with a view to taking over the job of Events Officer. This is a sociable job, needs some organisational flair and an unflappable disposition. It is also vital. No event officer, no events. Simple. Can you help ?

We know life is complicated, we know you can't commit, we know you can't always be relied upon, we know responsibility for anything sounds scary, we know you don't have much spare time. All of these things are OK, the present committee have the same issues. It shouldn't put you off offering to help. We work very well and co-operatively together, and help each other out. We hold four committee meetings a year on Saturdays a fortnight before open shoots so you can plan. In the interim we liaise by email/phone/text as necessary.

If you can help a bit with running the club please contact ncco60@gmail.com.

Bye for now,
happy shooting....

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