

Company of Sixty

Newsletter

Winter 2011



Welcome to the Winter 2011 Newsletter. Now you've finished all your Christmas shopping you've got time to settle down with a mince pie, and a glass of mulled wine and have a nice read.....

THOSE NICE PEOPLE AT THE CROWN ESTATE....

The Club has been developing much more constructive relations with the Crown Estate Office in recent times, we think to our mutual benefit. The permission to locate the container opposite the hut is perhaps the most visible example. The Club Sec thought that the assumptions made when the Licence Fee was last renegotiated in 2009 might be reviewed in the light of the current financial situation. The Chief Forester gave us a very sympathetic hearing and kindly agreed to waive the rent escalator that would otherwise have increased our rent over the rest of the Licence period. But more than that he was also persuaded to rebase it back to the original 2009 rental level. Still too big a number for comfort, which means we still have to make the effort to put on good shoots and encourage new members and visitors, but basically the club will be about £500 a year better off than we would have been. What a nice man.

UNFRIENDLY FRIENDLIES

Having heard a great deal (often misinformed) over the past year regarding friendlies, we thought members would find it helpful to have the facts regarding the NFAS' stance on friendlies set out, so that members can understand why the committee believes they are effectively a waste of the club's time to put on. This is the latest position in the light of a detailed chat with an NFAS committee Member last week:-

(i) As per the Nov Dec 2009 NFAS Newsletter:

Any organised shoot that has paying 'guests' from outside your club counts as an open shoot. It does not matter what form the payment takes – shoot fee, donation or contribution: from the perspective of insurance, once a shoot is open to people from outside your club and a payment is made, then it is indeed an open shoot. This applies regardless of whether it is billed as an open shoot, a 'friendly', a league match or anything else. A related question is whether provisional archers can take part in friendlies, league matches etc. Again, the answer is 'no'. The idea behind provisional archers is that they learn the ropes shooting under supervision within a more controlled environment, rather than at competitive shoots. Our rules do not allow provisional archers at open shoots and so a provisional archer will not be insured. Equally, if a provisional archer is involved in an accident also involving a full member at an open shoot, then this could create major problems when it comes to making an insurance claim.

(ii) As per our recent discussions with NFAS Cttee: At ANY shoot which is advertised on the NFAS website/Newsletter as a shoot (whatever it is called) only those with FULL NFAS Membership can attend. PLUS we are not allowed to advertise the event on the

NFAS web-board if archers OTHER THAN Full NFAS Members are attending, even if they would be covered by our own insurance.

As for the Committee's view on these events, we are committed to hold those which were already booked until January 2012, but:-

(a) We do not ask for people to pre-book or pre-pay for friendlies. We therefore have no idea how many will turn up. We nevertheless have to organise at least some marshals on the day to check membership cards and react to any accidents. Even if we put on tea and coffee only, the urns need to be filled regularly and supervised. The Committee has to rely on members in numbers to help plan and, more importantly help out throughout the day. There are limits to the amount of time we, and you, have to devote to this before it becomes a chore. We charge £2 a head. It's not worth it.

(b) The old function of friendlies (to allow new members/archers to come and try out the sport and meet people) is no longer possible because of the change in the NFAS position (NOT your committee's). It's full NFAS members only.

(c) Instead we have put in place the Club's own £5 temporary member visit fee and insurance to allow members to bring such people along and supervise them. We have encouraged members to step up to sponsor member days where guests can be invited, and maybe the 3Ds can be put out. We'd love to have them out for the members to enjoy more often. Only two of members stepped up to supervise one of these days last year, so there is scope for more of these events.

NEW DATES 2012 Open Shoots

We have discussed together and adjusted the calendar slightly to make it, we think, more convenient for members to chip in and help run the Open events in 2012/13 and to make the dates better spaced out and more attractive for visitors.

11th March Open Shoot At least 36 3D+Faces (Full Catering)

20th May Open Shoot At least 36 3D+Faces (Full Catering)

09th September Open Shoot Pre-Nationals At least 36 Faces (Full Catering)

04th November Open Shoot Ron Pavitt Memorial at least 36 3D+Faces (Full Catering)

16th December Mince Pie Shoot 36 Faces (Basic Catering + Mince Pie)

In future we would plan to have an Open shoot in late January too, but there is already a friendly advertised for 22nd Jan 2012, so we will stick with that.

We have had three new course layers working on planning courses over the last year with great success, aided by our more experienced members. If you would like to help plan and lay one of the courses for the 2012 Opens, let us know, the Club can only benefit from more members acquiring these skills.

Also we wonder what members think about re-naming our Winter Open – presently the Ron Pavitt. Our inquiries have uncovered no information about him and no-one who has any information about him. We don't have any strong views on this but we are putting out for discussion whether his memory has now been duly honoured and whether we might now respectfully re-style it our Winter shoot, or Mushroom shoot, or to re-dedicate the event to a more recent member of the Club or servant of archery whose memory may have greater meaning for members. What do members think ?

CATERING – WHY WE KEEP ASKING FOR HELP

At our most recent Open – the Ron Pavitt on 4th December – we had fantastic help with the catering. James C, Nick Cox and Naomi Sellars manned the hut for most of the day. Paul Chenery made his usual early start to get the gas on site (hopefully not a run he will need to make for much longer – see Gas Cage – below) and help set up, and materialised at the end to help the clear away. John Pryke created a massive casserole of home-made chilli, Naomi produced two enormous tureens of home-made leek and potato soup. We rejoiced in (too few, ah, too few) melt-in-the-mouth pure Scottish beef burgers from James C, and three dozen eggs provided by Chicken-tickler Lorraine Thorn. We also had cakes donated by Melinda Whale, Justin Wells, Debbie Downer and Naomi Sellars. They all sold like...er.....

But saying thank you is not the only point of this news item. We thought members would like to know why we keep nagging you to have a go and help out with this aspect of our shoots:-

First, good food attracts visitors: anecdotal reports suggest that word is now getting round about the efforts we are making, and the Club's last Open shoot was fully booked.

But what you may not appreciate is how profitable it can be for the club. **The catering generated profits equivalent to over half of the shoot fees.** On a full shoot that is a tidy sum. Put another way, if club members continue to do their bit and we can continue to attract visitor numbers we can put on five Open shoots a year, and generate as much profit as used to be generated over seven or eight. Every penny goes to securing the club's future and improving our facilities and keeping membership fees down. That's why we keep nagging..... At the moment it is proving too difficult for us to get members to step up and offer to help out in the hut on shoots (Matt Chiari and Maddy Broadbridge you need read no further). It takes time to change the way things get done but we have been doing this for a year now. It is not fair for the same people to give up their time,

every time to do this. The result will not be that they keep doing the same thing. Rather the Club will put on the number of events they can do. That means fewer and fewer shoots (one or two a year) or expend effort putting on more events which generate little revenue to pay for the facilities we all enjoy. Let us know what you need from us to get you to help and we will do it.

MEMBERSHIP

In an earlier Newsletter we indicated that we thought we were on target for membership numbers for this year. We thought members would like to know that the Club already has the highest number of members it has ever had - 155.

That's great news given the difficult economic situation we are in at present.

The Temporary Membership Scheme is really working well. Thank you, all of you who have taken the trouble to make it work and send in Temp Membership Fees. Credit needs to go to Carol who insisted last year that the Club should continue to charge when everyone else thought it wouldn't work. And a big thank you to Yvonne Morley who has paid in upwards of £150 for her many student visitors this past year (and very nice they were too – if you meet them say hello) and Debbie Downer who has also brought in a lot. That's a third of our annual requirement of brand new target butts paid for right there.

BUT that time of year is rapidly approaching.....We will send out reminders about annual membership renewals (sorry !) in the New Year with details of how we will arrange it for 2012/13 and co-ordinate the gate key changeover.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: MUST GET A GAS CAGE

For various excellent reasons Pete Taylor has not been able to arrange to complete the build of the gas cage. ETA is now January.

ARCHERY EVENT OF TYRWHITT HOUSE VETERANS

Tyrwhitt House remain keen on this but a change in personnel meant that the plan was put back. We will now pick it up again and plan for an event or two after the Spring.

COURSE NEWS

New Merlin Faces

Mike Hobbs had grown tired of looking at the same old faces. But rather than seeking solace in the bottom of a glass he phoned up Merlin Archery and ordered some of their new Hi Definition paper target faces. We think they are absolutely stunning with bright vivid colours and great images. Certainly a change.

Reaction has been universally positive from those we have spoken to. If you haven't seen them, come and have a look, and let us know what you think. Here's a few to be getting on with....



Hessians New and Old

Paul Fearn continues to be busy with his paintbrush again, and we are delighted that Terry Cramp is back on painting form again.

Paul has painted a superb Peacock and a nasty wolf, both of which were out at the Ron Pavitt Shoot, and Terry has reprised his artistic triumph with a new face for the Long range Elephant (just how big IS his lounge ?) and a beautifully refurbished large bedded Tiger. Mick Eddolls has revealed his hidden talents as a Banksy by giving a new lease of life to the 2D Cheetah, which completed an Eddolls/Cramp/Cramp jungle on the Fan shot at the shoot – which you can still enjoy. Nick Cox repainted and re-pasted Pauls lovely Red Deer 2D.

Thanks also to Jan Collis for the superb Hessian Knight discovered in the container. He's a must see so you must see him. And



Brrr!!!!

Sylvia and Freda Marshal captured this beast and its brother in their office just begging to be included in a Winter Shoot.

And did you notice that all the backstops have been camo-sprayed to blend in ? Of course you didn't: they blend in.

Course laying: - 3Ds bagged and tagged

We have now finished numbering all of the 3Ds and with a bit of photographic help from Brian Fairburn we now have a crib list of all of the 3D Targets with sizes and identification numbers against photographs.



The new Gatling Compound makes its debut at CO60

We have also uploaded onto the committee area a detailed map of the course, a pro-forma target list and a pro-forma ‘Jobs to do’ List for Open Shoots.

What this means is that course layers can easily keep a rough map of their target locations when they are planning the course, then later, either on site or at home, mark on the map and produce a list of the shots and the appropriate 3Ds to be placed on each target.

These can then be copied and taken down to the Woods for Work Parties so helpers can easily see what goes where, be able to find the quickest way to take 3Ds to the shots and have jobs allocated to them. A map also helps Dave W to plan efficient walk outs to targets on the day, and is useful in the case of an emergency.

Thanks to Ron Almond and Rob Traynor for the inspiration for this.

Tidy up – thanks White Van Man

The huge pile of, how shall we put this..... which had accumulated behind the Hut over the last 50 years has finally gone.

Thanks to Brian Penfold who kindly drove up from Kent for us to use his van and some muscle from Nick Cox and Chris Smith, it is now the concern of Mole Valley Recycling officials. And no charge !

Marshalling Pack - Now on the website

Thanks to Richard Stafford for this idea. We have now posted the marshalling information on the Website so members can see the idea and what’s involved (in short not very much) in advance of offering to help out. Marshals shoot for nowt!

Back on the Chain Gang

Thanks to the chain gang who rallied at five days notice to move, by hand, about nine tons of planings from the Mickleham By-Pass which the club had been given to help fill in the growing ruts on the tracks. That billiard table surface we now ride on is thanks to Richard Stafford, Nick Cox, Simon Willard,



Landy, Dave Highfield, Chris Smith, Chris Bissell, Duncan Spring Mike Hobbs, Geoff and Jill Taylor, Paul Fearn, John Pettett.....

Rubbish

Members can really help make the woods a decent place to be in two everyday ways.

- (i) Take a black bin bag home with you if you see one full in the hut, or bag up and remove wet/shot out targets lying around.
- (ii) If you have cardboard for target face backing, don't leave it outside – its gets wet and becomes useless and messy. Just tell Mike Hobbs you have some to bring.

Forthcoming AGM – March 2012

Many members have work and family commitments. A number have mentioned to us that they find it difficult to make it to an AGM because (in the past) they have been held early in the evening on a weekday. This year we will be exploring the practicalities of holding the AGM on a weekend followed by, in effect, a Club Day shoot round with a few 3Ds out and some tea and coffee on the go. We know a lot of members are only interested in going to woods and shooting – so are we really – but AGMs are important opportunities to raise issues and express views. They should be as well attended and representative of the membership as possible. Hopefully this will mean members can both shoot and have their say.

Sept 9th Open Shoot

Weather was OK, but the forecast was crap so turnout for this one was not bad but could have been better – about seventy or so. People enjoyed themselves and we had one application to join as a result.

Work Party/Prep : Thanks Ron Almond, Steve Shepherd, Rob Traynor and Jim, Andy Pancholi, Stan Brown, Geoff and Jill Taylor, Paul Chenery, John Pettett and Jeremy Hopes, John Pryke and Nick Cox for helping get this course laid and the hut fit for food. Good turn out again.

Course: First time course laying for Simon Willard. Good use of some rarely used areas of the wood, lots of happy campers on the day, and some fulsome praise for the course on the NFAS website. An excellent debut for the young pretender. He's only a young player with a lot to learn but this was a confident start for a rising young star.

Catering : Thank you Lorraine T for eggs and help in the hut and Maddy Broadbridge (as above but no eggs). Both were able to shoot a bit too. Ron Almond and Janet Collis provided us with copious cakery. As a result of his efforts Paul Chenery is believed to have received approaches to appear in Nigella Lawson's Christmas Special.

Planning/Marshalling/Safety: Linda swept in with a completely organised shoot in a little bag. How does this happen? Thanks to Matt Chiari, Simon W, Ron Almond and John Pettett who helped out with marshalling duties (and so shot for nowt)

Patches : Congratulations to:

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

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 STEVENSON	WOODSTOCK	598	14.95
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

Ron Pavitt Open Shoot : December 4th

Weather was good save for a chilly shower right at the last knockings. We were fully booked for this event and there wasn't a bad word about the course: once again we had some excellent reviews on the NFAS website, including from one visitor from Devon who reckoned it was worth the trip and would encourage fellow south westerners to make the effort, and another who thought it the best shoot he had ever been to at Co60. Nice.. Work Party/Prep : Long list here, Mike Hobbs, J Pryke , NC, Simon and his Landy, Dave Highfield, Mick and Geoff Court and Phil Leonard (new members – welcome guys – who helped out at the work party and also turned up early doors on the shoot day to clear away the area around the Container) Geoff Taylor, Mark Swaddle (cheers Mark) Chris Smith, Ron Almond, Rob Traynor and Jim, John Holland, and last but not least Yvonne Morley and her student archers who did no work at all but didn't get in the way and produced a fat cheque for the club for Temp Membership fees. This on any view was a bloody good showing. Thanks all.

Course: Basically Ron Almond's fiendish suggestions for adaptations of Simon's earlier course allowed NC and John Pettett with Ron's help to get the course planned and pegged out in 2 hours. And (see above) well regarded it was too.

Catering : See the section on catering for the contributions – a mention in despatches for Shane R who stepped in with some emergency bread and butter slathering when strains appeared during the breakfast rush hour. Some visitors missed out on their choice of food late on. Sorry to those disappointed. However this was due to a couple of large

groups apparently taking a 45 minute lunch break (thus holding up groups behind them so we got a late runs) and having multiple helpings of food (so planning the cooking and quantities was tricky). We like you to eat a lot people, but get it down you and get a move on !

Planning/Marshalling/Safety: Linda. Sameenough said. We had a really good turn out of marshals, probably our best yet: Dave Winter shepherded Andy Pancholi, Geoff Taylor, Chris Bissell, Duncan Spring, Simon W, Lorraine Thorn, Chris Smith – we could go on...Importantly enough of these guys stuck around to help put the kit away at the end – a very important thin often overlooked as people want to get home. Thanks Ron Almond for doing duty on Monday morning following to get the faces replaced.

Results

See table below.

Stop Press – Mince Pie Shoot

News just in – Mince Pie shoot went down well ! Large turn out – seventy or eighty or thereabouts during the day. Thanks Paul Chenery for riding to the rescue during the breakfast rush while Lorraine was held up behind a traffic accident on the way in. Lorraine then manned the fort for the day on her todd (feeling guilty anyone ?....). We think we netted upwards of about £220 on catering on the day on top of shoot fees. So on this occasion it was a friendly which was worth it, but organising people to help was a nightmare for Paul and Dave W, both of whom (along with NC) altered Christmas plans to make sure we could put this shoot on.

Help ! Help !

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 events officer, no events.** Simples. Can you help please?

Rumours

No, no-one has received legal letters or been banned from the Club.

No, Linda has not left. She is still Events Officer (but we need to give her some time off to concentrate on matters professional and domestic and to enjoy her shooting – can you thank her by offering to help – see above)

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

Ron Pavitt Results

Class	Category	Position	Name	Club	Score	No of Targets	Target AVG
						38	
AFB	GENTS	1	DENNIS ALSTON	IND	608		16.00
		2	MIKE BAILEY	Longbow Heritage	574		15.11
		3	MARK HITCHMAN	WINDRUSH	558		14.68
AFB	LADIES	1	SARA PARKER	FLEET IBEX	550		14.47
		2	JUNE CRONK	FLEET IBEX	466		12.26
		3	REBECCA MOBEY	WINDRUSH	448		11.79
LB	GENTS	1	BEN KNIGHT	WORTHING	558		14.68
		2	GARY THOMPSON	HNA	512		13.47
		3	MARK BRADBURY	WINDRUSH	486		12.79
LB	LADIES	1	KAREN FREEMAN	WESTCOTT	398		10.47
		2	GEORGINATHOMPSON	HNA	142		3.74
HT	GENTS	1	RICHARD DIXON	RAT PAGX	604		15.89
		2	STEVE RAND	INVICTA	592		15.58
		3	ANDREW GILFRIN	INVICTA	568		14.95
HT	LADIES	1	ANHA GIBSON	ARMS OF OLD	458		12.05
		2	CHRISTINE HUNG	LONDON	296		7.79
		3	ALISON PERRIS	BROTHERS IN ARMS	178		4.68
HT	JUNIOR	1	JAMES CLARE	IND	382		10.05
BB	GENTS	1	STUART OLDMAN	FLEET IBEX	618		16.26
		2	ERIK MHITARIAN	LONDON	612		16.11
		3	DAVE ANDREWS	AQUARIUS	598		15.74
BH	LADIES	1	KARAN HAWLEY	ORION	568		14.95
BH	GENTS	1	PHIL MAHER	IND	564		14.84
FS	GENTS	1	ADRIAN BRYANT	WESTCOTT	676		17.79
		2	GLENN MARTIN	BISLEY	672		17.68
		3	TERRY WENTWORTH	WESTCOTT	606		15.95
CL	GENTS	1	DARREN SALMON	LONDON	636		16.74
		2	BARRY HARDY	LONDON	624		16.42
CUL	GENTS	1	PHIL AXFORD	GUERNSEY+CPB	702		18.47
		2	NIGEL THOMSPSON	FLEET IBEX	692		18.21
		3	NIGEL SHEFFIELD	WELLINGTON	670		17.63
CUL	LADIES	1	VICCI FLACK	CRYSTAL PALACE	696		18.32
PV	GENTS	1	IAN WATKINS	WINDRUSH	506		13.32
		2	MARTIN WARD	WINDRUSH	474		12.47
		3	DAVID BARNETT	IND	450		11.84
PV	LADIES	1	SUE BLUNSDON	WINDRUSH	456		12.00
PV	JUNIOR	1	KIERAN LEWIS	WINDRUSH	150		3.95

Weather : Cloudy/Dry

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AFB			KEN JONES		610		16.05
LB			DAVID HIGHFIELD		536		14.11
CL			DUNCAN SPRING		652		17.16

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 1st January	Friendly (tea and coffee only)
Sunday 22nd January	Friendly (basic catering only)

Bye for now, Happy Christmas and as prosperous a New Year as it is possible to expect.
happy shooting....

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