



Phoenix Bowmen Newsletter



JULY 2011

Well, it's now July (gosh isn't the year flying by!), and that can only mean one thing for Phoenix.... Once more looming is our yearly club championships in August! Please read Tim's piece below for more details of this year's shoot; further details will be released in due course. Hope to see you all there.

In the meantime, I hope you are all enjoying the shooting season which is now well underway with warm week-ends galore (long may they continue).

May I also take a moment to remind you that subs are once again due; please forward these on to myself (or Tim/Mick) if you have not done so already.

Bye for now,

Meg Cowley

SECRETARY'S NEWS

Thanks to Tim Mason for this contribution

SUNDAY START TIMES

We're bringing forward the start time on Sundays to 12:30 PM. This gives us time to have a nice morning and a spot of lunch, and means we can shoot for longer if we wish. It'd be nice to shoot eight-dozen rounds rather than six-dozen, especially since the club championships will be Western-family (eight-dozen) rounds. If you're not able to get there for 12:30 that's fine, of course.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club championships are coming up. We haven't finalised the date, but have a provisional date of the 21st of August.

Western-family rounds will be shot. A list will soon be put up in the container, asking who will be shooting and which distances they want to shoot. Please add your name and preferred distances when able.

We'd be grateful if holders of trophies from last year could return them by the 14th of August, please. Medals are yours to keep, of course!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

I should be receiving this year's subscription paperwork from the GNAS shortly. This will be a chance to sort out the missing membership cards and the copies of Archery UK that are not being delivered, providing they get their act together better than last year.

Everyone except the most recent joiners should have received a copy of the Summer 2011 edition of the Archery UK magazine - it has a picture of our very own India on page 13. If you didn't receive it, please let me know.

Please also let me know if you still haven't received your membership card. The Summer 2011 edition of Archery UK gives a clue to what's happened with the membership cards. On page 64 it says: "Some cards were not processed because contractors helping to develop the software deleted membership information". Hmmm. Having worked in software development for 25 years, I can believe it, but am still appalled. I assure you that the club, county and region did their parts correctly - the failings have occurred at GNAS Towers.

The next club subscriptions are due on the 14th of July, so I'll wait till a couple of weeks after that before making the subscription return.

CENTRE@THREEWAYS

Centre@ThreeWays is a social project based at the site of The Ridings school, which was shut down a few years ago. They're aiming to turn the site into a hub of social, sporting and business activities for North Halifax.

The Phoenix Bowmen are involved in this project. We're hoping to get a permanent indoor facility out of it. We will, of course, put something back in exchange, be it money or involvement in other activities.

Things are at an early stage, and there are a lot of dependencies and obstacles, but we're hoping to have an indoor range there by February 2012. I'll keep you posted on progress.

NEW NOVICES

We've now completed the May-June beginners courses. These will probably be the last this year - unless my bow shoulder is still too bad for shooting, in which case I might as well run another! Demand for beginners courses remains high.

A good number of the course graduates will be joining the club, so you'll see some new faces, probably puzzled ones, around. Please make them welcome and help them to integrate into the club.

CONTAINER

The container keeps getting messy. Common problems are ropes being thrown in without being tied up properly, and used target faces being left on the floor. Everyone should know how to tie a rope up - if you don't, please ask me and I'll induct you into the art. And please be aware that there's a black plastic sack to put old target faces in.

MID-WEEK SHOOTING

You may or may not be aware that we often shoot on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. It's not an absolutely regular thing, though - it depends on whether anyone wants to shoot. We shoot at Ovenden Park if dry, otherwise at Range Court. Wayne Evardson is the main man for these nights. If you're interested in shooting on those evenings, please let me know, or make a post on the club's discussion board.

LIMBS FOR SALE

Jake Greenwood is offering for sale a pair of Samick Athlete limbs in very good condition. They have International Limb Fittings and are rated at 38 pounds draw-weight at 28 inches. They cost £140 two years ago when new, but he's asking for £70. Please contact Jake if interested.

Tim

SHOOTING NEWS

Thanks to David King for this contribution

The committee has agreed that the club should take part in the 252 scheme, I will send out an e-mail with the information how this works and also put a copy in the container.

The 2010 - 2011 indoor season as now finished and the new one started, we showed a marked improvement over the season, with one 'C' Class archer and a clutch of good scoring 'D' Class archers and our improvers gaining some good 'E' Class scores. We also had success in the postal league with one of our archers winning his division and another coming 7th; hopefully more archers will take part in the competition this year.

NEW CLUB RECORDS IN JUNE 2011

Mr D, King Senior Gentlemen Long Metric Gents Barebow
Mr I, Glencross Senior Gentlemen Short Junior Warwick RC
Mr D, King Senior Gentlemen FITA 70 Barebow

NEW CLASSIFICATIONS IN JUNE

Mr W, Evardson 1st Class RC
Mr D, King 1st Class BB
Mr M, Greenwood 2nd Class RC
Mr C, Sharp 2nd Class
Mr T, Wilkinson 3rd Class RC

Well done to all the above and to all the members who have improved this month.

D, King

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