



Phoenix Bowmen Newsletter



MAY 2011

Following a warm, dry April, members have sprung forth, bows in hand to begin the season properly with great enthusiasm. Hopefully this is a sign of a good season to come. As such, April was a relatively quiet month as we were all too busy putting arrows in targets!

Evening sessions will now be beginning on Wednesday nights at 7pm which will be the main session, although all weekday nights are available for us to shoot as the Rugby Club training doesn't start until July. Weekend sessions are still running unchanged, and the indoor facility is still available.

That's really all for now! Have a good month.

Bye for now,

Meg Cowley

SECRETARY'S NEWS

Thanks to Tim Mason for this contribution

OUTDOOR SHOOTING IN THE EVENINGS

Phoenix will begin shooting outdoors in the evenings during week commencing the 2nd of May. The main evening will be Wednesdays, from 7:00 PM, starting on Wednesday the 4th of May.

The rugby club has advised us that there will be no weekday evening training until late July, so basically all evenings till then are available. We can shoot pretty much any evening that a key holder is available and at least two people are going to be present - our insurance cover (and common sense) precludes shooting alone. So if Wednesdays are not good for you, please say so and we'll try to arrange an additional evening that's more suitable for you.

Hope to see plenty of people there!

BEGINNERS COURSES AND NEW RECRUITS

The Saturday group of our March-April beginners course has now completed. John Lingard has joined the club from this course, and we hope to see others too. Please make them welcome, and remember how you felt after your beginners course!

The Sunday group will finish on the 15th of May.

After that, we'll be starting two more courses - one on Saturdays from the 21st of May, and another on Wednesday evenings from the 18th of May. I may have occasional difficulty getting to the Wednesday sessions on time, so would be grateful if people could get the beginners started if I'm not there.

Currently I'm not planning to run any courses after that until 2012, but we'll see.

NOTE FROM GRAHAME

I am reading "Longbow a social and military history by Robert Hardy".

Page 143 & 144 say "longbow archery was allowed under the Protectorate as a sport, though it had its awkward moments. The finest shooter in the North of England was John King of Hipperholme, near Halifax, Yorkshire".... One of Dave and Andy's ancestors??

Grahame

SHOOTING NEWS

Now that the weather has changed for the better here's a list of the classifications gained by the membership so far this year. If the classification below supersedes your present classification you are entitled to wear the relevant badge upgrade from the stated date. If you hold a higher classification than the one below then you will be able to hold the higher one until 1st Jan 2012.

Mr. B, Sawicki 1st Class LB (30th Jan)
Mr. S, Berriff 1st Class RC (27th Feb)
Mr. A, Thomas 1st Class RC (17th April)
Mr. D, King 2nd Class BB (29th Jan)
Mr. D, King 2nd Class RC (27th Feb)
Mr. A, King 2nd Class BB (30th Jan)
Mr. A, Thomas 2nd Class (20th Feb)
Mr. W, Evardson 2nd Class RC (6th Mar)
Mr. P, Johnson 2nd Class LB (10th April)
Mr. J, Greenwood 2nd Class RC (3rd April)
Mr. B, Sawicki 3rd Class RC (9th April)
Mr. A, Wilkinson 3rd Class RC (20th Mar)
Mr. M, Greenwood 3rd Class RC (27th Mar)
Mr. S, Brooksbank 3rd Class LB (24th April)
Mr. I, Glencross 3rd Class RC (24th April)
Mr. N, Lloyd 3rd Class RC (24th April)
Miss M, Cowley 2nd Class RC (23rd April)
Mr J, Greenwood 1st Class RC (30th April)
Mr I, Johnson 3rd Class RC (30th April)

NEW CLUB RECORDS IN 2011

Mr T, Mason F/Bite BB 1st Jan 2011
Mr D, King FITA 70 BB 23rd Jan 2011
Mr A, King National BB 30th Jan 2011
Mr S, Berriff FITA 60 Recurve 27th Feb 2011
Mr S, Berriff American Recurve 10th April 2011
Mr B, Sawicki FITA 70m Longbow 16th April 2011
Miss. I, Law J/Ladies SJ/National RC 27th March 2011
Miss. M, Cowley S/Warwick RC 23rd April 2011.

Congratulations to all the above, and don't forget to have your class or handicap recognized by the club.

Please hand in your scores within one month of shooting them.

D, King RO.