



RIVERNOOK BOWMEN NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

Welcome to the Outdoor season

Boy what a relief to finally get outdoors, it's only been a few weeks but it already feels good, for those of us that are actually shooting of course!

Membership

Would any members who have not already paid their membership fees for the year and intend to re-join can you please get in touch with Celia to let her know your intentions.

For those of you that shoot in outside competitions you need to make sure that you have GNAS membership otherwise you will not be covered by insurance and you will not be able to participate. These fees are due by the 1st September, so please give your money to Celia. It is in your best interest to join; otherwise you will only be able to shoot at Rivernook.

I will be updating our records over the coming weeks. For some of you, I have all of your details and for some there is only partial info, so I will be mingling amongst you and badgering you via email for your latest contact information. Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.

It has also been asked by a few club members if membership cards can be visible or worn at all times when shooting at the club. Not everyone has a current card so I will liaise with Celia for member's names and get you all current membership cards as soon as possible: please bear with me in the meantime as my laminator will be on overdrive.

IMPORTANT:

Please remember that only Rivernook members can bring guests to the range for shooting (a donation of £2 per guest would be appreciated). However an Associate member can only bring a guest with prior permission from the Club Secretary (again a £2 donation towards the club per guest would be appreciated).

It has been mentioned and noted that some members are driving fairly fast from the gate to the range. Please can you make sure that you adhere to the 5mph speed limit as cars are getting chipped from stones being thrown up. The last thing we need is to upset the Landowner or anyone else that lives or has a business on the farm.

Club Championship

The Rivernook Club Championship will be held on Sunday 6th September at 10am. It looks like this is the most convenient weekend when there aren't many external shoots booked. Round to be announced. Soup, Chilli and cakes to follow – Hoorah!

News

We have now had the AGM for 2009 and the committee has been elected, please see below:

President/Chairman	Andy White
Club Secretary	Jane Lawrence-Tuck
Treasurer	Celia Boyle
Records Officer	Terry Saldana
Development Officer	John Green
Shoot Organizers/Clothing	Sandie and Phil Warnes
CPO Officer	Andrea Dyos
Club Secretary's Secretary	Saheed Awan

If you are not sure who they are then please ask at the club.

[Looking ahead...](#)

Rivernook World Record Status Fita 70 and Olympic Head to Head

Our 3rd World Record Status shoot is coming up and it is with great thanks from all of the committee for your offers of help. Andy will be contacting you, and jobs will be shared out. The shoot will be over 2 days and will finish with an Olympic Head to Head. We are getting booked up very fast so if you speak to other archers and they want to enter – they better be quick.

Opening shoot in March 2010

We are looking to put on an opening shoot for the last week in March to try and bring in some additional revenue for the club. It will be a simple and short round like a National or an American (TBC) and will start around mid morning. It will be held at the club so 10 targets are looking to be set out. The price will be around £5 which will include tea, coffee, squash and muffins baked by my fair hands – Mike, you may like to prepare Joyce for a nice batch of Banana muffins as well (pretty please)? Rivernook archers will be invited after the closing date of the shoot, depending on places, however to keep the revenue coming in, for either new targets or the ground rent, we would still ask for you to contribute the £4.50 entry fee. Prizes will be given.

With all of this in mind, we would like volunteers to help put the range together on the Saturday afternoon, and then have a few volunteers for a working party on the day, there should be no reason why you can't shoot and help out at the same time. However we will need a full time drinks and cakes monitor for the breaks and a scorer for after the shoot please.

External Competitions

Sandie and Phil have their trusty Rivernook file with any and all up and coming external outdoor competitions, if you would like to enter anything please ask them and they will be more than happy to assist. They will either, give you an entry form, email you one or point you in the direction of getting one. When the outdoor season is over, of course they will then start all over again with indoor entry forms.

Christmas Party

The Rivernook Christmas party will be on Friday 18th December at the Greek Vine in Claygate. Menu's and prices will be sent out and an early deposit will be required. Please have a serious think about going. It should be a great evening with smashing plates, good food and Greek dancing. I'm sure copious amounts of alcohol will be involved as well. For more info please see Andy White.

Shoots

Well the indoor season was pretty interesting. It proved very successful in arranging a 1st and 2nd sitting for the Friday night shoots; shame there was no 1st or 2nd helpings of spotted dick and custard though!! Anyway for those that came along, it saw a steady progress of Portsmouth scores hitting the high notes. Congratulations to those that had their Portsmouth badges handed out:

550 Badges: Terry Saldana
Andy Ruaux
Derek Dwyer
Kevin Purcell
Matthew Tuck
Lee Beresford

500 Badges: Mike Allinson
Grant Soper.Morris
Mike Allinson
Bernie Price
Phil Warnes
Jane Lawrence-Tuck

A few members have asked if we can have a change from doing Portsmouth shoots all the time during the indoor season. We could propose a mini indoor competition with shooting a Portsmouth, a Worcester and a Fita 18 round alternatively over the weeks. The top 3 or 5 scores over the indoor season would be calculated and a little prize given for each round and each category that would be kept for a year. So what do you think?

Frostbite

We did really well over the winter with the Frostbite, and yes it was cold, frosty, and horrid but at least we had a good amount of scores handed in. Congratulations to those of you that received your reward badges.

300 Badges Bernie Price
Andy Ruaux
Mark Goodman
Matthew Tuck
Derek Dwyer
Mike Allinson
Jane Lawrence-Tuck

Classification Badges

Very well done to those of you that have put in your scores and have reached a classification. The following classification badges were handed out over the last season:

Bowman Sandie Warnes
Phil Warnes
Matthew Tuck

1st Class Derek Dwyer

2nd Class Mike Allinson
Kevin Purcell

2nd Class Jnr Amelia Kirkbride

3rd Class Lee Beresford

(Please remember that the classification, Portsmouth and Frostbite badges are on loan from the club so you will need to return them when you receive a higher award)

Club Shoots

Phil's 50th Birthday Shoot proved a massive success with a fabulous Satellite shoot as designed by Nick, Cheating was in abundance, and we will name no names, but the culprit on my target knows who he is!!?? Many thanks to Sandie and Nick for a great entertaining shoot, and of course for embarrassing Phil with his photographs of yesteryear, the cake was fab by the way.

Halloween Shoot The very thought of my husband with a Mohican and sunglasses is still filling me with dread, Terry wore a fetching vampires outfit and goodness knows what else was being worn, so not your average Sunday shoot, however once again the good ol' folk from Rivernook did us proud and stood there on the line, freezing and shooting! Fancy dress and cold weather was not going to stop us from having fun, well I think we did anyway!

St Nicholas Christmas Shoot – A very cold day was had by all but the hot food was a very good distraction. I'm not sure if anyone cared about how cold it was or about the archery – I just think that everyone was pleased to get out of the house and away from the turkey or nut roast leftovers!

Spelthorne Archers Vs Rivernook Bowman

An interclub shoot was organised between ourselves and Spelthorne Archers at Spelthorne. A Worcester round was shot for Compound and Recurve teams. I am unhappy to report that Spelthorne just pipped us on both categories, so it looks like it will be a grudge match for next year. However their hospitality was great and everyone taking part had a great shoot.

New Years Shoot – Blowing away the cobwebs of many a hangover may not be the best thing to engage in bows and arrows, however fun was had by those that ventured out. Bottle of pop went to the overall winner Andy Ruaux.

April Fools Shoot – Thankfully, no snow like last year, but fun and frivolity on the line with added cold and wind – hmmm an archers dream day! Good shooting and wonderful chilli – I think this one was called "Andy's Chernobyl Chilli!"

[Proposed up and coming shoots for the club](#)

Wand Shoot – 16th August.

This is a great fun shoot and really does cause merriment. This is a 3 dozen round and arrows are shot at a wand which is 6foot high and 4" wide, and covered with foam to protect arrows. There will be two; one will be located at 100 yards for the gents, and the other at 80 yards for the ladies and various distances for juniors – if any taking part. There is a point scoring system on the wand and Matthew Tuck has been volunteered by me to build the wands – thank you honey.....! Targets will be put behind the wand s so you shouldn't lose your arrows,

Clout Shoot – 15th November.

This is another fun shoot. It consists of shooting 3 dozen arrows, 6 at a time, at 1 foot peg in the ground. There is a 12ft piece of rope which is then attached to the peg and has corresponding colours of Gold, Red, Blue, Black and White. Depending where your arrow comes in relation to this rope, that will be your score of arrows. The distance needs to be worked out from our field, but it will start from the corner by the container and reduce from 160 yards (gents) to 140 yards (ladies) to 100 yards (juniors). It will be a cracker so please come along and enjoy yourself. Andy Ruaux has asked if it can be fancy dress; however I will leave it up to you! Little prize for the overall winner.

If both of these are a success then maybe we can do another couple through the year, let us know what you think about the events?

External Competitions

There was a constant stream of competitions over the indoor season and resulted in many a medal being won, be it individual or Team. Well done, to everyone taking part, but particularly to those below that came home with the goodies! A very big thank you to Sandie and Phil for whipping everyone into shape with handing out the competition entry forms, and also by organising the clothing orders to make sure we all looked smart.

Stag Hill Indoor		25/10/2008	Fita 18	
Gold	Sandie Warnes	Ladies Recurve	498	
Forest of Bere Shoot		02/11/2008	Portsmouth	
Bronze	Jane & Matt Tuck	Married Couple	874	
Hampshire Indoors		09/11/2008	Portsmouth	
Gold	Sandie Warnes	Ladies Recurve	549	
Bronze	Matthew Tuck	Gents Recurve	543	
Surrey Indoors (County)		30/11/2008	Portsmouth	
Gold	Phil Warnes	Gents Bare Bow	495	
Silver	Sandie Warnes	Ladies Recurve	553	
Bronze	Derek Dwyer	Gents Recurve	558	
Silver	Andrea Dyos	Ladies Recurve	982	Double Portsmouth
Gold	Sandie Warnes	Ladies Recurve	1442	H/C - 31-47 Group
Gold	Mike Allinson	Gents Recurve	1522	H/C - 42-65 Group
Silver	Derek Dwyer	Gents Recurve	1466	H/C - 26-41 Group
Bronze	Saheed Awan	Gents Recurve	1464	H/C - 26-41 Group
Team Gold	Sandie Warnes, Saheed Awan & Derek Dwyer		1665	
Cranford Indoors		07/12/2008	Fita 25	
Silver	Sandie Warnes	Ladies Recurve	525	
Bronze	Saheed Awan	Veteran Gent	522	
Bronze	Jane & Matt Tuck	Married Couple	958	
Team Gold	Sandie Warnes, Saheed Awan, Matthew Tuck & Terry Saldana		2083	
Spelthorne Indoors		3&4/01/2009	Portsmouth	
Team Bronze	Sandie Warnes, Matthew Tuck, Bernie Price & Saheed Awan		2141	
Guildford Indoors		18/01/2009	Fita 25	
Gold	Phil Warnes	Gents Bare Bow	418	
Middlesex Indoors		7&8/02/2009	Portsmouth	
Silver	Sandie Warnes	Ladies Recurve	553	

I'm sure you'll agree we had rather a good indoor season – let's see what we can do for next year?

Any ideas?

Do you have any ideas or thoughts for the club? Would you like to put an article into the Summer/October Newsletter? Do you have an idea that might raise additional funds, or even improve the club? Don't be shy; it's your club, so tell us what you're thinking?

And Finally.....

Rivernook Bake off

Finally, a Newsletter is not a newsletter unless the unsung heroes are mentioned in dispatches. A very big thank you to the ladies that got their baking hats on and produced hibernating food over the winter.

Many thanks to Sandie, Andrea, Celia, Joyce, Pauline and of course little ol' me. And huge thanks of course to Andy and Celia for the Chernobyl Chilli and Butternut squash soup.

Good shooting for the outdoor season and remember it's just a sport so do it for fun!

Kind regards

**Jane Lawrence-Tuck
Club Secretary**

