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BOWMEN OF GLEN ARCHERY SOCIETY



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TOURNAMENTS

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help at the two open tournaments back in September. We received some excellent comments from the attending archers as sampled below:

I would like to thank you for all your hard work this weekend at the tournament, I had an excellent time (although your bosses did keep ducking and jumping just as my longbow arrows got to them causing me to aerate your grass a bit too much, may be next year you will have to double-turf the grass behind my boss in case I wear it out!!)

I think they were both excellently run events, I had a great time and will be booking in for next year (if you will have me!). Your field party did well, and the juniors that were collecting the running slips, teacups etc. were a credit to you all.

I would also like to thank Richard for helping me with my extra request on both days for a quick getaway parking place so that I could get to the hospital to see my mother.

And

Just a quick email to say thank you for another well run shoot; I always look forward to my trips to Bowmen of Glen because of the crisp organisation and the welcoming family atmosphere.

Thanks to everyone who helped out, it couldn't happen without you!

CLUB CALENDAR

Please find attached to this newsletter the 1st (published) version of the club calendar for 2012. As you'll see, the first shoot of the year is the clout which takes place on the 1st January, starting at midday. Using the clubs training bows, it's a challenge to try and drop arrows as close to a pole in the ground as possible. Just bring your arrows, arm guards, and probably your gloves.

You'll notice most of the Club Shoots have no Field Captains assigned – just pick someone from the archers there and away you go!

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

We have a number of positions which need filling on the committee – the position of Social Officer remains vacant following this year's AGM. Also joining the list are Tournament Organiser and Coaching Organiser as Chris Hennessy and Richard Hennessy have now stepped down from these roles – thanks to both for all their hard work these past few years.

Richie Price has also decided to step down from the role of Honorary Secretary at the next AGM. He has been excellent for the last 2 years and if anyone feels they can take over from him it would be much appreciated.

As you can see, we have a number of roles to fill, and people need to be found to enable the club to continue to run, so please volunteer if you feel you have a little to spare!

CLUB AWARDS

Also attached to this newsletter are the club awards for 2010. Congratulations to everyone who took an award or got a new record. What are you going to try for next year?

FROSTBITES

The start of winter (kind of, it was a bit too warm if you ask me!) saw a series of Frostbite shoots taking place on Saturday mornings, the results of which are also attached to this newsletter. If you're hard enough a similar set of shoots will take place during the 2nd half of winter.

FIELD SHOOTS

Another option for those who like the great outdoors (even when it's cold) are the Field Shoots. Some have already taken place, but the 2012 list is as follows:

January - 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

February - 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

March - 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th

The field shoots take place at a wood in Wistow starting at 11am on the Sundays listed above. Please note you may only use wooden arrows at these shoots.

Please see Kevan Pownall for any further details.

CHOCOLATE SHOOTS

Ian Warner was kind enough to send me some reports on the Chocolate Shoots as follows:

Junior Chocolate Shoot at Phoenix Archers, Smeeton Westerby Saturday 10th September 2011

This was a day of first experiences for new junior member James Warner, having only joined Bowmen of Glen this month after completing his introductory training at LAOFAC. Having never been scored before, this was his first ever competition. James was shooting with BOGLETS Lucy Colledge and Adam McLaughan, another new member. Despite some periods of strong wind, James shooting 20/10 managed to come first in Junior Boys Recurve with a score of 574, also bagging the prize for closest to the 'X' overall in the process. Adam also shooting 20/10 came third with 452, and Lucy shooting 30/20 was first in Junior Ladies Recurve with 498. A good result for the BOGLETS.

But it was the Chocolate shoot at the end that put a smile on James Warner's face. Despite being given a smaller compound target to shoot at James still managed to bag a maximum with arrows to spare each time. And yes by the time the photo was taken he had already eaten some of the chocolate. James friends nick name him "Jam", I can see why!



Junior Chocolate Shoot at LAOFAC, Countesthorpe Saturday 24th September 2011

Two weeks on and it Was Lucy Colledge, James Warner and Adam McLaughan again shooting for the BOGLETS. This was Lucy's day coming first in Junior Ladies Recurve with a score of 532. As well as a medal, Lucy was presented with a hand made trophy to keep for a year, see photo.

James was suffering from a lack of sleep having just got back from a school trip, but as he started to eat his way through the chocolate shoot his accuracy improved.

Fun and archery games followed in the afternoon with the final event being 4 junior teams and a team of Dads all using club equipment. Despite the Dads not having a chance to practice all the challenges, we did manage a respectable second place.



That's it for this time,

Have a great Christmas everyone!

Mark