



NEWSLETTER MARCH/APRIL 2018

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1. General Update

As I write this the snow lies outside, we have cancelled today's junior session and tomorrow's Clout! We have just March left in the indoor shooting season so let's hope the weather sorts itself out pretty quickly. As most other clubs our indoor shooting will come to an end on the last Tuesday in March and then from the first Tuesday in April we will be back outside at the field. It will mean, as in previous years, that for the first weeks we might need to start shooting earlier to get a round in before it gets too dark. At that time there will also be a Thursday session that also gets under way.

As usual moving back to all outdoor shooting is likely to mean a few bits of work around the field and club house. We have not yet scheduled any work party dates, but when we do I will make sure that we give everyone as much notice as possible.

We have shot in the BA indoor leagues throughout the winter as well as the WMAS/CWAA winter leagues. I'm sure Bryan will continue to push all those interested to join the various shoots outdoors through the summer months so that the club does well in the various outdoor leagues that we will be entering.

The Warwickshire county AGM will take place at the Old Leamingtonian rugby club ground on Thursday 22nd March commencing at 8pm. We do usually see about half a dozen members from the club going along to lend their support to the county. It is our county and the only way we are going to bring about any changes we might feel important is to attend the AGM and voice our opinions. I'm sure that there will be some from the club attending so if you are interested in popping along then please speak to one of the committee about it.

We are planning on holding our usual 'Open' day on the 2nd June this year. This is later than previous years but the early dates on the beginners' courses are already filling up and so hopefully the 'warmer' weather will bring them out and help to fill the later courses! As previously any offers of help for that day will be met with grateful joy. We don't tend to drag the day out, but it can be very busy for the few hours we are open and so all help is most welcome.

We are also talking to the scouts about a major event that they are holding at Bramcote that could bring some funds into the club but at the moment we are not able to confirm anything. As soon as we can we will do so as potentially we will be needing as much help as possible across a Saturday and Sunday.

2. The 'Open' Day Saturday 2nd June 2018

We have confirmed that this year we will push the annual 'Open' Day back slightly. There are several reasons for this involving other commitments and weather but hopefully we will have a good day with many people attending and with luck, some signing up for beginner's courses. As usual for these types of events every one that is able to help will be found something to do! To make the day run well the more help the merrier and so please put the date in your diary now and come along and help out.

2. The 'club' Open competition **Saturday 25th August 2018**

Following on from last year's very successful competition we intend using the same format of the Windsor Round to encourage those with less experience to enter. It is not restricted to just those with less experience and indeed any member is more than welcome to enter, but we will also need plenty of help on the day to ensure it works well and is a success.

Running a shoot is a reasonable simple thing to do, especially if there are lots of people willing to give up their time to keep the day running smoothly.

Two few people and it can become manic and does not give a good impression of the club. It doesn't matter what experience you have with the club or archery, there will always be something that you can do to help.

If you are not thinking of entering then please put the date in your diary now so that you are available to come and help.

This year we will be looking to identify volunteers for specific roles, providing a good briefing well before the shoot and hopefully also having sufficient cover to enable people to take breaks!

3.GDPR

You can join most of us if you don't know what 'GDPR' is!

It is of course, as I have been told by Archery GB the 'General Data Protection Regulation. I am told it is already in force and we have until the 25th May 2018 to ensure that we comply.

In a nut shell we have to make sure that all the information we have on our members is current, safe and only used for the purpose for which it was obtained.

Looking through the various aspects I believe that we do comply, our records are not freely available, are all password protected and only used for club purposes. We remove details of past members etc and only ask for 'relevant' information.

The one area we have had to change is on the membership/renewal form, where we have added a piece about the fact that we do share your information with Archery GB. We also currently share the same information with the county and region but this year will be asking why that is necessary and what they do with the information.

In a nut shell that is about it for GDPR. I'm sure there will be others that will use it to seek information, deny information etc as they currently do with all Data protection! We will undergo the online test put there by Archery GB and see how we fair. If it changes again, we will let you know!

Request from the author.....If you have any photos that would 'liven' up the newsletter then please email them through to me and I will drop them into the newsletter over the coming months.

Also, if there is anyone that would like to enter a piece as the 'Guest Correspondent' then please send me an article on any subject you think the members might like) and it will be used as and when appropriate.

Thank you

Geoff

AS A GENTLE REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, WE RUN OUR SESSIONS WITH ALL THREE CLUBS SHOOTING TOGETHER. THAT MEANS THAT OUR BEHAVIOUR, LANGUAGE AND DRESS HAS TO BE SUITABLE FOR ALL MEMBERS AT ALL TIMES. WE ALSO OPERATE A 'NO SMOKING' POLICY (This includes 'E' cigarettes) ON THE SHOOTING FIELD, IN THE CLUB HOUSE, AT THE SCHOOL ETC AND SMOKING AREAS ARE LIMITED TO THE PARKING AREA AT THE FIELD, AND NO WHERE AT THE SCHOOL.

PLEASE BEAR THIS IN MIND WHEN AT THE CLUB, SCHOOL ETC

A gentle reminder is always the best way of dealing with these issues, but action can and will be taken by the committee for those that either fail to regulate themselves or just wish to ignore the club rules.

The 'Guest' Correspondence page The Treasurer 'Ellen'

Hi All

I know that by collecting the membership fees etc I get to see many of you and so it probably isn't much of a surprise to find that I am the Treasurer of the club! I actually act as Treasurer for all three clubs so that we have a view across all the funds and issues. We did previously try to have separate treasurers for the different clubs but found that it didn't work too well and so moved back to a single one doing the finance across all the clubs.

We have been asked in the past why we continue to run as three clubs within one and the reason for this is simple, it can often open up more funding opportunities. As the criteria for funding moves having 3 clubs with their own constitutions and bank accounts means that we can apply using which ever club best meets the funding criteria.

My goal was to steadily build up a good reserve so that any 'unforeseen' issues could be dealt with without impacting on the day to day running of the club.

I wanted to achieve this without the need to raise membership fees etc and ever since the move to the field we have been moving in that direction. Of course this has been possible because many of our funding applications have been successful and that has meant we can spend funded money instead of the money we collect from membership and beginners course fees.

During the winter of 2017/18 we had to make a decision about the mower. It was due a major overhaul and service. We always knew it would be expensive and that there were issues that needed to be resolved. We examined the options of buying a 'newer' one (a 'new' one being just over 50K!) putting the grass cutting out to a third party or having the work done on our mower. In the end the committee believed that the only realistic option was to have the work done to ensure that over the coming years the mower is able to keep the grass at the right height.

As an archery club we were aware of the importance of having the ground look good and the grass at the correct height to make finding 'lost' arrows much easier. We all have stories of clubs that have no control over their grass cutting schedule and the issues that come with it.

Since moving to the field Chris has worked hard to ensure that the field is always displayed in the best manner possible and that is something that we wanted to continue.

The down side of this work is that it has cost the majority of the 'reserves' that had been put aside. Yes of course they were put there for exactly that reason, but it still causes a sharp intake of breath when the money has been spent!!

The coaches will be working hard during the coming outdoor season to bring some more funds back into the reserves. The kit status is currently good. We have funds to ensure that most of the things we would want to be doing over the coming 12 months can still go ahead so all I would ask is that if things are perhaps slightly slower in happening than normal it might be that I am ensuring that the reserves are once again being steadily increased and need to keep a check on expenditure in the best interests of sustainability.

I believe we remain healthy and in current language, 'fit for purpose' so enjoy your summers shooting and make the most of the long, dry, hot summer days and evenings (I think that bit might be wishful thinking though!)

The junior page

Not much in the way of coaching or development at the moment due to the cold weather. Hopefully soon the warmer weather will be with us and we can resume some coaching on a Tuesday evening and Saturday morning.

I would like to work through the issues of bow stabilisation, clickers and finger or bows slings as we move into the warmer months.

We will also try to get all those still using the simple plastic arrow rest across onto the more complex metal ones, with a pressure button!

Remember that the 'Junior club person of the Year' runs throughout the year and points are available for attending club sessions, improving and submitting scores for the 252 scheme or Portsmouths etc. It is all very close at the moment with 4 or 5 leading the way. The remainder needn't worry though because there are still plenty of opportunities to gain points.

I would like to run an 'Egg' shoot on Saturday 31st March but haven't sorted the format yet. It will test your shooting ability but will be a relaxed and informal shoot. Prizes for winners and something for all those that take part.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 22 ND MARCH	COUNTY AGM – LEAMINGTON
SATURDAY 2 ND JUNE	CLUB OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 10 TH OR 24 TH JUNE	XBOW COMPETITION NCF
SUNDAY 5 TH AUGUST	XBOW COMPETITION NCF
SATURDAY 25 TH AUGUST	CLUB OPEN COMPETITION
THURSDAY 11 TH OCTOBER	CLUB AGM CHESTNUTS CLUB
SATURDAY 24 TH NOVEMBER	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY