



NESTON COMPANY OF ARCHERS NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013



It has been a busy couple of months with the Outdoor season and a number of our members taking part in various competitions. A bumper year on our beginners course and welcome to those new to the club I hope you enjoy reading the newsletters; we also had our annual Club Championships in July and our fields again hosting the annual Tri Clout over the bank holiday weekend.

Andy Mara, a very involved member has recently left the club to work abroad for a few years, we wish

him well and thanks for all his years as Junior secretary and coach for the club.

A note for your diaries, we are planning to do the annual Christmas "fun shoot" on 15 December, more details will be forthcoming in the next couple of months. Also the annual Christmas social is being organised and I will let you know more information when we have sorted a potential venue.

We also hosted the Cheshire Annual Tri Clout and a

special thanks to Malcolm for co-ordinating and to those who helped out over the weekend.

Check us out on Facebook as the Neston Archers page is active again and post your achievements and archery pictures up.

I am certainly hoping for a few more weeks of good weather to end the outdoor season and hope to see you all at the field!

REMINDER: Any archers who have shot rounds at the field or in competition could they please send the details to Steve Povey (stevepovey@sky.com) including round shot, date, hits, misses, and golds.

SECRETARY UPDATE

Since the last newsletter we have further increased our membership which shows we are a thriving club.

Seniors 55 Juniors 15 Disabled 4

To further continue the club's development we have applied to Archery GB for 'On Target'. Details available on the Archery GB website. Once this has been approved we will then start the Club Mark application process.

I am pleased to announce that Jason is the first member to be awarded the Neston 252 scheme award. He has achieved his white award and will receive his badge in early September. Stuart Milne has also achieved the red award after shooting at 60 yards. At least 3 others are attempting the award, if you are interested there are score sheets in the blue file in the container (this file has all other relevant forms).

We aim to start the new 15 minute practical sessions to-

ETTIQUETTE: It has been brought to our attention that offensive language has been heard on and near the shooting line and to remind members to moderate due to the numbers of juniors present and our of respect to other members.

As a group we are requesting that members take any litter home that they bring to the field, instead of depositing it in the bins that are sited near the containers which will be removed shortly.

wards the end of September to coincide with new members coming off the beginners course. Volunteers are required from senior archers to run the sessions and send any ideas for what novice archers need to me.

All annual membership renewals (fees and forms) need to be with me by the end of August please.

Archery GB has just produced a guidebook for beginners. The club will be purchasing a number of these. If you are a new archer and wish to borrow a copy please let me know.

Following the review of key security there will be a 'handover date' published soon on the website where key holders who wish to retain access to the container will need to come to the field to get a new key. Due to security reasons we won't be posting them. Key holders will be contacted with the date and a key holder responsibility form which they will need to sign.

Details of two competitions are available on the website.

One is for CCB's field championships in October. The other one is on 29th September, the Angela Swain Novice Shoot) and this is aimed at archers with less than 2 years experience.

One last point, I have been informed that an archer has raised concerns that the compound archers always shoot apart from the others. For clarification, due to the Archery GB rules of shooting which we must adhere to, compound archers are required to have a certain overshoot and therefore can only shoot at the right hand of the field (to the right of the large tree at the end of the field). There is nothing to stop other archers (recurve and longbow) to shoot with them but unfortunately they cant shoot on the left side.

The indoor season is fast approaching us and we will move indoors to Pensby on 6th October.

Helen Porter

WHAT HAVE OUR MEMBERS BEEN UP TO?

In June at the Staffordshire Junior Archery Outdoor FITA Graeme Steele placed 2nd in the senior gents compound and Helen Porter placed 3rd in the senior ladies compound doing very well on the day.

In July we had a team attend the annual 7 clubs competition again this year with Jason Black, Carol Morris-Lewis, Mark Bathgate and Keith Grey representing the club and winning the trophy. So well done all!

Graeme Steele has done well recently at the Cheshire weekend, winning the Gents FITA and the highest scoring Cheshire Archer Trophy. The shoot went right down to the wire

between the top three finishers in a very close match, but in the end Graeme managed to bring the trophy home for the county at its annual tournament. On the Sunday Graeme managed 2nd place Cheshire archer despite some technical problems on the day.

Graeme's good performance continued at the Cheshire County Clout where he shot a county record to become Cheshire champion.

Steve Povey also shot at the Cheshire County Double Clout managing to get records for both the single clout and double clout on the Saturday.

Graham Gibson took part in all three days of the Tri Clout and achieved his black award on the GNAS tournament day for the Barebow.

Over the Cheshire weekend Helen Porter placed 3rd compound lady in the Saturday FITA shoot and 2nd lady for Cheshire, Steve Povey placed 13th in the Gents FITA Compound. On the Sunday Helen was 2nd in the Hereford Lady compound, and Steve Povey placed 10th in the York Gents compound, and Graham Gibson was 3rd in the York Gents Barebow.



Helen presenting Chloe with the most improved archer over the indoor season

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS JULY 2013

The Club Championships were a little late again this year due to some awful weather on our originally booked weekend and the the Claire House fair taking place on our back up weekend. We finally had them at the end of July and had quite a reasonable day for the shoot, but unfortunately a few weren't able to attend due to holidays and other commitments.

This year we shot a Double Warwick with two sets of 4 dozen arrows split at 2 distances. In the under 12's boys

recurve Jason Black won with Jamie Fells 2nd; Jamie won the petticoat trophy on the day. Thomas Fells won the under 14's boys compound. For the seniors Alli Mawhinney won the ladies recurve and Helen Porter the ladies compound. There was a little more competition in the gents recurve with Len Cresswell winning and Keith Gardner runner up. In the gents compound Mark Bathgate winning, Steve Povey 2nd, Anthony Beattie 3rd, Keith Grey 4th, Jim Streets 5th, and Stuart Milne 6th. Jim was the 1st placed veteran on the day. Graham Gibson was 1st placed gents barebow.

We had a really good day with a lovely barbeque, and thanks to Graeme Steele for volunteering to be master cook for the day and providing a good mix of music to keep us entertained. Thanks to Malcolm for organising us on the day. Thanks to Les Cresswell for taking lots of pictures on the day and for everyone who came and supported!

I hope you enjoy the few pictures I have picked out on the next page.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS JULY 2013 - PHOTOS



*Graham pleased with a great end with his barebow! (Above left)
Jim very happy to have found the gold... (Above right)*



*Targets (Top) Jim and Steve (Middle)
Graeme and Ric as master chefs
(Bottom)*



*Our winners: Tommy, Len, Stuart,
Alli, Jim, Mark, Helen, Jamie and
Jason*



*And the
rain came
down ...*

