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Stourbridge Company of Archers Newsletter

Autumn 2012



Well winter is fast approaching, but despite this, it's been really good in recent weeks to see the level of enthusiasm amongst Club members, both young and old, with really good numbers turning out both at our indoor sessions at Waseley and outdoors at the Somers field (including an excellent turnout at our recent "Frostbite" postal). Let's hope we can keep the momentum going through the winter and in the meantime, here's an update on what's going on around the Club

Annual General Meeting

As most of you will be aware, the Club held its Annual General Meeting on Monday 1 October 2012 and for those that didn't manage to get along, it was good to see the overall theme running through the various Officers' Reports was that the Club appears to be flourishing. Our membership is increasing and during the past twelve months, a number of our members have taken part quite successfully in open competitions, both locally, at County level and in the case of our GB Junior, Luke Pennell, internationally. Stourbridge archers have attained a number of County records and there have been some noted performances in the postal leagues and some good placings in Archery GB's January Challenge. Our Club shoots have been well attended and we have held a number of open tournaments that have generated significant monies for the Club's funds. The Club is in very good shape financially and we're lucky to have a friendly enthusiastic bunch of people who are willing to give up their time and help out for the good of the Club. Thanks to all those who have taken part in Club activities over the last twelve months. Hopefully, we can continue to build upon what has been a very successful and enjoyable year.

The AGM also saw a number of changes to the Club's Officers for the coming twelve months, with Tony Carter taking over as Records Officer from Dave Johnson who decided to stand down at this year's AGM; Colin Dewis taking over from Tony as the Club's Away Shoots Officer and Becky Simonds taking over as Junior Section Leader from Janice Cross who, like Dave, decided to stand down at this year's AGM. Both Dave and Janice have been loyal servants of the Club for many years and the Club owes them both a great debt for all of their hard work and dedication over the years. Thank you.

As a result of these changes, the **SCOA Committee** for the coming twelve months is as follows:-

- **Hon President:** Bob Hanson
- **Chairman:** Martin Woodhouse
- **Secretary:** Michelle Hall
- **Treasurer:** Alan Brown
- **Records Officer:** Tony Carter
- **Club Captain:** Bob Hanson
- **Coaching Officer:** Margaret Hanson
- **Tournaments Officer:** Peter Langmaid
- **Equipment Officer:** Roger Hanson
- **Away Shoots Officer:** Colin Dewis
- **Junior Section Leader:** Becky Simonds
- **Worcs County Rep:** Clive Freeman
- **Membership Secretary:** Steve Knight
- **Child Protection, Safety & Welfare Officer:** Jeremy Wakefield

There were also two minor amendments to the Club's Constitution which were ratified at the AGM:-

- The first amends the wording of the Constitution so that the number of Full Active Members in the Club shall not exceed 100, rather than the previous figure of 80. This amendment was necessary as we were getting dangerously close to the previous figure. Our facilities are more than adequate to cater for this increased number of members, so it shouldn't have any detrimental effect on existing members' enjoyment of the Club.
- The second amendment clarifies the position regarding visitors, effectively limiting the number of times that a Visitor may shoot at the Club to a maximum of six occasions during a calendar year, providing the Visitor's Fee is paid on each occasion. It also limits the amount of times that payment of the Visitor's Fee may be waived at the discretion of a Committee Member to only once. (Please remember if you do introduce a visitor to the Club, you must always get them to enter their details (including GNAS Number) in the Visitors Book in the Clubhouse).

An amended copy of the Constitution, together with a copy of the Minutes of the AGM, will be circulated to all Club Members in due course.

Archery GB 2012-2013 Membership Cards

We are aware that some Clubs have had problems with receipt of their Archery GB membership cards. Hopefully, this does not apply to us and you have all safely received your new membership cards, but if this is not the case, please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Steve Knight, as soon as possible. Steve can be contacted on s.h.knight@hotmail.co.uk or 01384 860611.

Club Clothing

As you will be aware, the following items of Club clothing are available:-

- Sweatshirts (White or Green with SCOA logo on sleeve) – £17.00 each
- Polo Shirts (White or Green with SCOA logo on sleeve) – £15.00 each
- T-Shirts (White or Green with SCOA logo on sleeve) – £12.00 each

Sizes: Generally, Small, Medium, Large (sorry, unable to give dimensions, but there's no obligation to buy if the garment doesn't fit, we'll just re-order and keep the unsuitable item in stock).

Bob & Mags will be placing an order shortly, so if you wish to purchase any of the above items, please let Mags know by Friday 16 November 2012. Mags can be contacted on 0121 453 7793 or robert.hanson1@mypostoffice.co.uk.

We also have Club badges available for purchase, either cloth badges that can be attached to clothing, quivers, bags etc. or metal pin badges. If you wish to purchase either of these items, please let Michelle know. Cost is £2.50 each. (New members please note that you will be given a cloth badge free of charge when you have submitted three rounds to the Records Officer).

Saturday Shooting

Having had the use of the Somers field for archery every Saturday during October, the field will not be available on any of the Saturdays in November 2012 as the footballers have a run of home games. Michelle will keep you posted of future dates when the field can be used for shooting in due course, but in the meantime, please do not attempt to use the field on Saturdays other than those advised, as our use of the field on Saturdays is dependent on the goodwill of the footballers.

Indoor Shooting

As most of you will be aware, we have commenced our indoor practice sessions at Waseley Hills High School & Sixth Form Centre, School Road, Rubery, Birmingham B45 9EL. Shooting takes place between 7.30pm and 10.00pm on Friday evenings and there is a fee of £3.00 per archer (Seniors) and £1.50 per archer (Juniors – Under 18) to cover the hire of the Hall.

For the benefit of our newer members who may wonder what this indoor shooting is all about – during the winter months, we hold a weekly indoor session where we shoot at smaller targets at shorter distances which equate to shooting at longer distances outdoors. This not only gives some guaranteed practice time when weather conditions may be too poor for outdoor shooting, but it also opens the door for those who wish to take part in indoor competitions run by various Clubs throughout the winter season.



Indoor Shooting at Waseley

Whilst ideally we all like to shoot outdoors, shooting indoors does have its advantages in that we are not at the mercy of the elements – there being no wind or rain to worry about and of course, you don't get cold!! Our indoor venue, Waseley, has good lighting, heating and toilet facilities – so what are you waiting for – why not give it a go!

We have had a really good turnout in recent weeks including some of our newer members and juniors. Don't be put off if you haven't yet given it a try or haven't shot indoors for a while, you'll soon get the hang of it and there will be plenty of people on hand who will be happy to help you.

We are also continuing our Friday "Junior Nights" at the indoor sessions and our new Junior Section Leader, Becky Simonds, has some fun evenings planned for the juniors going forward!

Please remember that we have the use of the indoor facilities until 10.00 pm and if you wish to leave before the end of the session, please put your own target away (unless someone else is still shooting on it!), causing as little disruption as possible to archers who are still shooting. As long as there are a couple of people who have volunteered to make sure everything is put away, there is no need for archers to stay until the end of the session, unless they wish to do so.

For the benefit of our newer members (or even existing members!), details of the most popular indoor rounds are shown below:-

Round / Distance	No. of Arrows	Score	Face Size
Portsmouth (20 yds)	60 arrows (5 dozen)	Maximum score 600	60 cm face
Worcester (20 yds)	60 arrows (Shot in ends of 5 arrows, i.e. 12 x 5 arrows)	Maximum score 300	Black and White special Worcester face
Bray 1 (20 yds)	30 arrows (2.5 dozen)	Maximum score 300	40 cm face
FITA 18 (18 m)	60 arrows (5 dozen)	Maximum score 600	40 cm face (Full size or triple faces)
FITA 25 (25 m)	60 arrows (5 dozen)	Maximum score 600	60 cm face (Full size or triple faces)
Stafford (30 m)	72 arrows (6 dozen)	Maximum score 720	80 cm face

All of these indoor rounds use ten zone scoring, with the exception of the Worcester where the white scores 5 and then the radiating rings score 4, 3, 2, 1.

Also, **compound archers need to remember when shooting indoors that the compound 10 ring is the innermost 10 only and both the inner gold and outer gold should be scored as 9's**; whereas the innermost 10 and the inner gold both score as 10's for recurves, with only the outer gold lowering to a 9. There are no X's for indoor rounds and only 10's (not 9's) count as golds for all disciplines.

Rifle Shooting

On Tuesday 14 August 2012, a party of SCOA members had a go at rifle shooting at Somers Rifle & Pistol Club, one of our fellow sports clubs at Somers.

It was a very enjoyable evening and the gun club were a friendly bunch who made us very welcome.

We shot a variety of rifles – ranging from semi-automatic rifles with telescopic sights to single action .22 rifles, one of which was over 100 years old. Being a compound shooter, I made a beeline for one of the rifles with telescopic sights for my first two sessions, only realising on my third go that the rifles with simple open sights were a lot lighter and easier to hold steady!

For some of us, it was our first experience of rifle shooting, although there were a few “ringers” in the party who had obviously done it before!

Due to the number of archers who wanted to take part, Somers Rifle & Pistol Club kindly agreed to run a second session for us on Tuesday 4 September 2012 which again was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We will be running an archery session for some of the gun club members when the nights start getting lighter next year and hopefully, we will be able to extend as warm a welcome to them as they did to us.

Michelle

Help Wanted!

As you will see from elsewhere in this Newsletter, SCOA are holding two open competitions over the coming months and we need your help!

Next **Sunday, 18 November 2012**, we will be holding our **Annual Open Worcester Tournament** at **Waseley Hills High School** and **we need help setting out the targets between 9.00 and 10.00 am**. Please let Bob or Peter know, if you are able to help.

Then on **Sunday 13 January 2012**, we will be holding our **Annual 25m FITA Tournament** at **Waseley** and again, **we will need help setting out the targets etc**. We have applied for UK Record Status for this tournament and so it will be more important than ever to have sufficient volunteers available on the day. Again, if you are able to help, please let Bob or Peter know.

These open competitions are a good source of revenue for the Club which help to keep membership fees down for all of us, so please try to help if you can and of course, you can always enter!

Derek Peacock Memorial Shoot



Conrad "William Wallace" Lowe

On Sunday 23 September 2012, we held our annual Derek Peacock Memorial Shoot. This annual longbow shoot has become a permanent fixture on the calendar in memory of our former Records Officer, Derek Peacock who sadly passed away a couple of years ago.

Despite the heavy rain, we had a good turnout with sixteen archers taking part – all of whom seemed in remarkably good spirits bearing in mind the weather.

Several members took the trouble to enter into the spirit of the occasion by donning historic costume – Conrad Lowe making a fairly intimidating William Wallace – good job we all know he's a big softie, although we never did get to find out what a Scotsman wears under his kilt! Kay and Bernie Jeffs, Hutch and Brian Webster also braved the elements in costume.

We shot a two way Western with all archers shooting longbows – Hutch very kindly procuring spare bows for those that didn't have their own. The Western was then followed by a fun shoot – again, Hutch very kindly producing a castle and accompanying surroundings to shoot at, the aim being that those whose arrows were nearest specific pre-determined points would get one of Hutch's special prizes. However, he didn't divulge what we were aiming at until everyone had shot their arrows!

Conrad Lowe was initially awarded third place medal based on score, but then relegated to fourth place when it was decided to use BLBS rules and base first place on most hits, second place on highest score and third place on most golds. (I'll never understand the vagaries of longbow scoring!) It, of course, came as no surprise that Keith Raybould took first place, having both most hits and overall highest score; Brian Webster was second with the next highest score and next highest number of hits and third place was awarded to Dave Johnson based on most golds (excluding Keith and Brian). Being a devout compound shooter, I somehow managed to take the ladies first place medal – still trying to work out how I managed that!

Hutch's special prizes for the Ladies went to me (nice bottle of wine which made standing outside in the pouring rain all afternoon almost worthwhile!), Becky and Kay and the Gents' prizes went to Dave, Bernie and Brian.



Kav & Bernie Jeffs

I don't think we had any arrows "robin hooded" during the course of the afternoon – not in the target at least – although I did manage to "spear" one of Bob Graham's arrows that had been lost earlier in the grass!

All in all, an enjoyable afternoon, despite the weather and an opportunity for those who knew Derek to remember him and reflect on the many happy times they had spent together.

Thanks to all those who took part including those that made the effort to dress up and those that helped set out the field and particularly, Hutch, for sorting out spare longbows and arranging the fun shoot and special prizes.

Full results below.

		Hits	Score	Golds	Award
1	Keith Raybould	88	484	12	1st
2	Brian Webster	76	374	9	2nd
3	Dave Johnson	45	197	5	3rd
4	Conrad Lowe	60	238	3	
5	Tony Carter	55	189	2	
6	Philip Carter	48	152	2	
7	Michelle Hall	37	109	2	1st Lady
8	Arvon Hutchinson	35	151	1	
9	Bernie Jeffs	35	119	0	
10	Bob Graham	31	111	3	
11	Spencer Falaschi	28	82	1	
12	Kay Jeffs	21	79	1	
13	Becky Simonds	12	42	1	
14	Dominic Lester	12	28	0	
15	Margaret Hanson	11	45	0	
16	Peter Langmaid	7	15	0	

Michelle

“Team Stourbridge”

Stourbridge Annual Albion – Sunday 12 August 2012

On Sunday 12 August 2012, we held our Annual Albion open tournament at Somers. Numbers were slightly up on last year, with 34 archers taking part (although we never get as good an attendance as the Rat's Ashes and Sheriff's Western at this one due to it being a long distance round). After an initial downpour which coincided almost to the minute with our 12.00 noon start, the sun came out and it was quite a pleasant afternoon. Tony Carter won the Gents Compound trophy (although unfortunately, this had not been returned by last year's winner – although its whereabouts were a little uncertain – as there was some doubt as to whether it had actually been awarded to the winner last year either!). Steve Lines also did well to take second place medal in the Gents Compound. Keith Raybould once again had the measure of his fellow longbow competitors and had a convincing win in the Gents Longbow, with Colin Dewis taking the second place medal. As always, Bruce Turley did a sterling job manning the refreshments stand – thank you Bruce and thanks also to everyone else who helped out on the day.

35th Annual Redditch Open Windsor – Sunday 19 August 2012

Eight Stourbridge archers (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Peter Langmaid, Steve Lines, Simon Perfitt and Alyson Smith) took part in the Redditch Open Windsor on Sunday 19 August 2012 and for once, the weather was quite kind! For one of the very few times this year, we actually shot a competition where there was no rain and only a very light breeze – the only downside being that it was very hot and humid and it was perhaps for this reason and the possible threat of a thunderstorm that we shot what must have been one of the quickest Windsors in history – we were back at the Somers Club enjoying a beer before 4.00 pm! Tony narrowly missed out on the Bronze medal in the Gents Compound and Michelle took the Silver medal in the Ladies Compound. Our Compound team of Michelle, Tony and Steve also won the Team Compound trophy and not to be outdone, Colin came away with a couple of bottles of wine from the raffle! New members Allen Allsop and Simon Perfitt made their debut in open competition after having been shooting only a few weeks and both acquitted themselves well. Well done, guys!

Mick West Memorial Longbow Shoot – Saturday 1 September 2012

On a bright autumnal day, three Stourbridge longbow archers (Colin Dewis, Dave Johnson and Keith Raybould) took part in the Mick West Memorial Longbow Shoot hosted by Redditch Company of Archers. Colin came third with most golds (and also first with most petticoats – what does that tell you!), whilst Keith Raybould had the best reverse score.

SCOA Annual Sheriff's Western – Sunday 2 September 2012

We were once again blessed with good weather for SCOA's annual open Sheriff's Western on Sunday 2 September 2012. We had a good turnout with 54 archers taking part including ten Stourbridge members (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Roger Hanson, Steve Knight, Steve Lines, Ian Moss, Simon Perfitt and Keith Raybould).

It was a long afternoon, as we were advised at the start by the Judges that we were shooting in three's, so by the time the awards were presented, it was getting on for 6.40pm – some people were worried that they would get home to find their dinner in the dog!

Stourbridge archers had a reasonably successful afternoon. The Gents Compound was a close fought category with Tony tying for first place and the trophy jointly with Malvern's Dave Martel, as the two of them could not be separated by score or number of golds; Steve Lines also did well to take third place medal in the Gents Compound after having led for part of the competition; Michelle took first place and the trophy in the Ladies Compound and Keith was awarded third place medal in the Gents Longbow.

A number of other Stourbridge archers also deserve a special mention including Steve Knight who was awarded a classification medal in the Gents Recurve, after having only recently returned to shooting recurve after a couple of years shooting longbow and three of our new members, Allen Allsop, Simon Perfitt and Ian Moss who took part despite only having joined us following our Summer beginners courses – this being Ian's first foray into open competition (or any other kind of competition for that matter!) – well done, guys! Allen Allsop was awarded the trophy for best SCOA Novice.

Thanks to Bruce Turley for once again volunteering to man the refreshments stand and to everyone else who helped out on the day.

Meriden Open Windsor – Sunday 7 October 2012

Four Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Steve Lines and Keith Raybould) took part in the Meriden Open Windsor on Sunday 7 October 2012, the last major outdoor tournament of the season.

Keith shot well, as always and won the silver medal in the Gents Longbow and Tony and Steve did well to finish fourth and fifth respectively in a strong Gents Compound field.



Away Shoots

Hello, my name is Colin Dewis and I am your new Away Shoots Officer. This means I am here to encourage you to take part in tournaments at other archery clubs and to represent SCOA.

By entering tournaments, you have a focus for your practice, maintain technique and muscle tone and keep Stourbridge a competitive Club in the local area.

Below is the competition diary for the winter. SCOA tournaments are highlighted in red.

- Sunday 11 November 2012 - Evesham 23rd FITA 18 (World Record Status)
- **Sunday 18 November 2012** - **SCOA Annual Open Worcester Tournament - Waseley**
- Sunday 25 November 2012 - Redditch 30th Open Stafford
- Sunday 9 December 2012 - Droitwich Winter Tournament (Double Worcester)
- **Sunday 13 January 2012** - **SCOA Annual FITA 25m - Waseley**
- Sunday 27 January 2012 - Droitwich Combined FITA (World Record Status)
- Sunday 10 February 2012 - Wyre Forest Open Portsmouth
- Sunday 3 March 2012 - WMAS & CWAA Indoor Archery Championships, Evesham (FITA 18 – World Record Status)
- Sunday 17 March 2012 - Bromyard D's & Down's (Worcester round)

Should you wish to enter any of these tournaments, there are three ways of doing so – write your name on the entry sheets posted on the Clubhouse wall; email me at coldewis@hotmail.co.uk or text or 'phone me on 07906 178973. **(Please note that entries for SCOA tournaments should be entered on the sheet in the Clubhouse or given to Peter Langmaid).**

*Colin Dewis
Away Shoots Officer*

Club Shoots

As well as away shoots and SCOAs open competitions which are open to any GNAS registered archer, we have also held a Club competition (Club members only) since the last newsletter, results as follows:-

All-Comers' Warwick – Sunday 16 September 2012

	Name	Bow	Round	Score	Hits	Golds	Hcap	Allowance	Adjusted	
Gents										
1	Allen Allsop	Rec	Short Warwick	286	48	6	60	1180	1466	1st
2	Peter Langmaid	Rec	Warwick	358	48	21	42	1090	1448	2nd
3	Dominic Lester	Rec	Junior Warwick	311	48	14	61	1129	1440	3rd
4	Colin Dewis	LB	Junior Warwick	246	46	5	67	1178	1424	
5	Clive Freeman	Cmp	Long Warwick	322	48	10	37	1101	1423	
6	Roger Hanson	Rec	Long Warwick	328	48	13	34	1084	1412	
7	Steve Kelly	Rec	Short Warwick	244	44	8	55	1137	1381	
8=	Tony Carter	LB	Junior Warwick	223	41	5	64	1152	1375	
8=	Keith Raybould	LB	Warwick	240	44	8	49	1135	1375	
10	Simon Perfitt	Rec	Junior Warwick	217	44	6	64	1152	1369	
11	Spencer Falaschi	LB	Junior Warwick	137	34	1	70	1208	1345	
12	Adrian Tuck	LB	Junior Warwick	125	37	1	68	1188	1313	
	David Johnson	Rec	Warwick	Retd						
Ladies										
1	Lisa Falaschi	BB	Junior Warwick	331	47	16	61	1129	1460	1st
2	Becky Simonds	Rec	Short Warwick	271	45	12	58	1162	1433	2nd
3	Margaret Hanson	Cmp	Long Warwick	308	48	9	38	1107	1415	
4	Michelle Hall	Cmp	Long Warwick	358	48	19	24	1044	1402	

Victor Ludorum

The results of the Club's "Victor Ludorum" competition were announced at the AGM. This competition, organised by Clive Freeman and Dave Johnson, comprised a field round, an indoor target round, an outdoor target round and a clout shot at Bowflights on 9 September 2012.

The winner of the trophy was Keith Raybould, with Margaret Hanson in second place and Dave Johnson in third.

Clive advises that he will be starting next year's Victor Ludorum early in the New Year with the field shoot first – watch this space!

Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of other upcoming SCOA events:-

Indoor Portsmouth Postals (7.30pm Waseley Hills High School)

- Friday 7 December 2012
- Friday 18 January 2013
- Friday 1 February 2013
- Friday 8 March 2013

Outdoor "Frostbite Postals" (Somers Field)

- Sunday 16 December 2012 (Christmas Shoot) *
- Sunday 6 January 2013 (Food by Martin)
- Sunday 3 February 2013 (Food by Jeremy)
- Sunday 10 March 2013 (Food by Bob & Mags)

Please note that 16 December 2012 will be our Christmas themed shoot (more details to follow nearer the time).

The last indoor shooting session at Waseley before Christmas will be Friday 14 December 2012 and indoor sessions will recommence on Friday 11 January 2013. The last Friday of the indoor season will be Friday 22 March 2013.

New Club Records

Gents Compound

York	-	Tony Carter	1186
Long National	-	Tony Carter	620
New Warwick	-	Tony Carter	392

Boys Compound Under 18

FITA Gents	-	Luke Pennell	1315
FITA 70	-	Luke Pennell	665
Long Metric Gents	-	Luke Pennell	648

Ladies Compound

Windsor	-	Michelle Hall	950
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Ladies Longbow

Long Western	-	Alyson Smith	175
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Girls Junior Recurve Under 16

Short Junior Warwick	-	Holly Goldman	381
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Boys Junior Recurve Under 14

Short Junior Warwick	-	Jake Jancso	358
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County Records

A number of Stourbridge archers' recent scores have also been confirmed as County records:-

Ladies Compound

Hereford	-	Michelle Hall	1174
Windsor	-	Michelle Hall	950

Ladies Longbow

Albion	-	Alyson Smith	296
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Boys Compound Under 18

FITA Gents	-	Luke Pennell	1315
FITA 70	-	Luke Pennell	665
Long Metric Gents	-	Luke Pennell	648

*Tony Carter
Records Officer*

New Classifications

Congratulations to the following archers who have gained new classifications since the last Newsletter:-

- Colin Dewis First Class (Gents Longbow)
- Conrad Lowe First Class (Gents Longbow)
- Keith Raybould Second Class (Gents Barebow)
- Steve Knight Third Class (Gents Recurve)
- Allen Allsop Third Class (Gents Recurve)

*Tony Carter
Records Officer*

New Members

Congratulations also to the following new members who have submitted three rounds to the Records Officer and gained their first handicap:-

- Allen Allsop
- Simon Perfitt
- Dominic Lester

Don't forget that as an incentive for gaining a handicap, members are given one of the Club's cloth badges free of charge once they have submitted three qualifying rounds.

If you haven't yet gained a handicap, why not shoot a couple of rounds and get one – not only will it enable you to gauge how well you are shooting and track any improvement, but it will also enable you to compete in handicap adjusted competitions, if you wish to do so. If you then want to take things further, you can get a classification and this will enable you to compete for class medals in open competition - you never know, you could end up Grand Master Bowman one day!

Don't forget, we don't all hibernate during the winter, you'll still find members shooting at the field on Sunday afternoons (weather permitting), as well as on Tuesday and Friday afternoons in the case of those with more free time. There are also our indoor sessions at Waseley on Friday evenings. If you haven't shot for a while, why not give it another try – we sometimes get some quite pleasant days in the winter and it's not always cold – honest!!

Centre Shot

If you've purchased equipment from Centreshot at Malvern since we registered for their new Club Bonus Scheme in January 2012, you should have been given a voucher by Michelle in respect of your bonus points (1 point for every £10.00 spent) which can be redeemed against future purchases. If you have purchased goods from Centreshot and haven't been given a voucher, please let Michelle know or contact Centreshot on 01684 579109. Due to some teething problems with the new system, Centreshot are willing to add the points in respect of any invoice from the last year that may have been missed. However, please note that if you purchase goods from them in the future, you will need to make sure that you remember to tell them that you have a Club Bonus Scheme card and the number or that you belong to SCOA - otherwise you will miss out on your bonus points and so will the Club. Further details of the scheme can be found on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse. If you don't have a Club Bonus Scheme card and would like one, please let Michelle know.

Also, does anyone know of a "Cooper Bull" or anyone with a name remotely like that – if so, let Michelle know – it could be in your interests to do so!

Housekeeping

Our Equipment Officer has noted that some of the distance flags appear to have gone missing and he has had to replace them. Please make sure when packing up the field that **all** equipment is safely returned to the Clubhouse. The distance flags should be deposited in the wooden rack next to the target stands in the holes provided. The plain coloured flags should be returned to the bucket on the floor by the target stands.

Also, please do not leave food (or empty wrappers) in the Clubhouse. We once again have a problem with unwanted guests (mice!) and as well as being somewhere warm and dry, we don't want to make the Clubhouse even more attractive to them by providing a ready food supply!

Somers Sports & Social Club

Please note that if you wish to join the Somers Sports & Social Club, you need to be signed in as a guest of an existing member on a couple of occasions before you can do so. This can easily be arranged as Club members regularly pop into the Club for some liquid refreshment after an afternoon at the field (or on the way back from Waseley on Friday evenings).

Raffle Prizes

We are once again running low on raffle prizes for our forthcoming open tournaments. If you would like to donate a prize or have any unwanted gifts that would make suitable raffle prizes, Clive Freeman would like to hear from you.

Classified Ads

- Merlin Excalibur 37" Compound Bow for sale

Excellent Condition – New String & Cables - £350.00 ono
Contact: Tony Carter on 07971 616822

- Epsom Compatible Ink Jet Cartridges for sale

(compatible with T0611 Black, T0612 Cyan, T0613 Magenta and T0614 Yellow)
4 Black and 2 each of the others - £1.00 each
Contact: Alan Brown on 0121 422 9796

Thoughts from the shooting line

What happened when Robin Hood said his name? He got arrested by the police!

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Well that's it for now folks – don't forget if you have anything that you would like to see included in future newsletters, please let Michelle know, either in person at the Club or by emailing michelle@eitmail.co.uk.