

Write on Target!

Stourbridge Company of Archers Newsletter

January 2013



May we take the opportunity to wish all SCOA archers a very **Happy New Year!**

Now that the Christmas festivities are over, why not take the opportunity to come down to the Somers field and burn off some of those excess calories, although be warned, the field is very wet at the moment and so it would be advisable to bring some wellies or waterproof footwear. Nevertheless once you've braved the immediate area surrounding the Clubhouse, the field itself isn't too bad – we had a good turnout for last Sunday's "Frostbite" postal round, so the conditions couldn't have been too off-putting! Also, it's not too cold for the time of year – fingers crossed that it stays that way (although having seen the latest weather forecast, it isn't looking too promising)!

Alternatively, if you don't fancy braving the elements, you could always come along to our **Friday evening indoor sessions** which recommence **this Friday, 11 January 2013 at Waseley Hills High School, 7.30 pm onwards.**

We would also like to take the opportunity to welcome a number of new members to the Club. We hope they will have a long and happy association with SCOA.

Handicap Improvement



Congratulations to Dave Johnson who is the winner of the Club's Handicap Improvement Trophy for 2012. Dave (pictured on the left receiving the trophy from Club Captain Bob Hanson) improved his outdoor compound handicap by 8 points from 57 to 49 during the period 1 January to 31 December 2012. Well done, Dave!

The Handicap Improvement Trophy is loaned to the Club by GNAS (Archery GB) and we are therefore bound by criteria set down by them in terms of its award. Those eligible must have submitted a minimum of 8 rounds during the course of the year, been a member of the Club for at least six months prior to the start of the year and must have had a handicap as of 1 January. Therefore, newer members and those without a handicap as of 1 January 2012 were not eligible for this year's trophy.

In fact, one of our juniors, Luke Cutler, actually improved his outdoor handicap by 11 points during the course of 2012 (from 77 to 66). However, Luke had not submitted the 8 rounds stipulated by GNAS rules and so unfortunately, was not eligible for this year's trophy. This just goes to show the importance of shooting some rounds and putting them in to the Records Officer!

Other SCOA archers who improved their outdoor handicaps during the period and were eligible for this year's trophy were:-

Name	Year Start Handicap	Running Handicap as of 31.12.12	Improvement
Dave Johnson (Compound)	57	49	8
Lisa Falaschi (Barebow)	64	57	7
Alyson Smith (Longbow)	69	62	7
Michelle Hall (Compound)	28	24	4
Tony Carter (Compound)	13	10	3
Spencer Falaschi (Longbow)	71	69	2
Colin Dewis (Recurve)	44	43	1
Clive Freeman (Compound)	38	37	1
Bob Hanson (Compound)	29	28	1
Roger Hanson (Recurve)	35	34	1

Indoor Season Ticket

Our indoor sessions at Waseley recommence this Friday 11 January 2013 and as previously advised, we will be trialling an indoor season ticket, whereby archers who use the indoor facilities regularly can pay up front at a reduced rate for the remainder of this season's indoor sessions.

A season ticket for the remainder of the season, i.e. to cover the period Friday 11 January to Friday 22 March 2013 inclusive (a total of 11 weeks), will be £27.50 which equates to 11 weeks at £2.50, rather than the usual weekly adult fee of £3.00. Payment is required in advance and if you haven't already done so, please let Michelle know if you intend to purchase a ticket (michelle@eitmail.co.uk). Payment will be required on Friday evening and can be made by cash or cheque made payable to "Stourbridge Company of Archers".

Those that purchase a virtual season ticket will be blanked off the weekly collection list and will not be approached for weekly fees for the rest of this season.

Please try to support this initiative if you would like to see it continue. (Hopefully, if it were to be run over the full indoor season in future, there would be more of an overall saving).

For those of you who use the facilities at Waseley regularly, apart from the potential cost savings of purchasing a season ticket in advance, you also dispense with the need to have cash available every week to pay your subs and of course, it means less hassle for those collecting the money each week!

Please note that a season ticket is merely an option for regular indoor shooters who want to take advantage of it; those that just want to carry on paying the weekly fee of £3.00 per session can continue to do so.

Archery GB January Challenge

Whilst on the subject of indoor shooting, Archery GB will once again be running the "January Challenge" postal shoot in 2013, whereby GNAS archers are invited to submit their best Portsmouth score shot during the month of January. Submitted scores will then be compiled into a ranking order based on bow type and experience, i.e. Beginners (started archery in 2012/13), Experienced and Senior (started archery before 1988). Don't forget to shoot some Portsmouth rounds during January and put the scores in to our Records Officer who will do the rest! Our next Portsmouth postal round on 18 January 2013 will obviously be a good opportunity, although any Portsmouth scores shot during January 2013 will be eligible.

SCOA Annual FITA 25m – Sunday 13 January 2013

Just a reminder that we will be holding our annual FITA 25m open competition this coming Sunday 13 January 2013 at Waseley Hills High School, Rubery, Birmingham. If you haven't already entered, why not give it a go? The afternoon session is already fully subscribed, but there are still places available for the morning session (sighters at 10.00 am). The entry fee is £8.50 for Seniors; £7.50 for Juniors and full details can be found on our website (www.scoa.org.uk).

Raffle Prizes

Don't forget if you have anything that you would like to donate or any unwanted gifts that would make suitable raffle prizes for our open competitions, Clive Freeman would like to hear from you.

Saturday Shooting

Please note that **the Somers field will NOT be available for archery** on the following Saturdays:-

- **Saturday 12 January 2013**
- **Saturday 26 January 2013**

The field will be available on Saturday 19 January 2013 – weather permitting, of course!

The above dates may be subject to change, depending on the weather over the next couple of weeks which may affect the football fixtures which are due to take place at Somers. Please note that our use of the field on Saturdays is dependent on the goodwill of the footballers, so please do not attempt to use the field on Saturdays, other than those advised. If there are changes to the football calendar over the coming weeks, I will let you know, as soon as I can.

Michelle

The Junior National Indoor Championships – Saturday 1 December 2012

On 1 December 2012, the GNAS Junior National Indoor Championships were held at The Ricoh Arena, Coventry and our Team GB Junior, Luke Pennell, did well to finish fifth in the Junior Gentlemen Under 18 Compound - only 3 points behind the winner. Luke was also awarded the trophy for the Highest Unrewarded Archer. Well done, Luke!

The National Recurve, Compound and Longbow Indoor Championships – Sunday 2 December 2012

Luke also took part in the Senior Indoor Championships the following day and after the initial qualifying FITA 18 round, Luke was placed a very respectable 19th out of 105 competitors in the Gentlemen Compound section, thus qualifying him for the next head to head stage of the competition. Unfortunately, Luke was unlucky to come up against the eventual winner, Adam Ravenscroft, in the early stages of the elimination rounds, but he reached the final 16 – quite an achievement!

County News

The County of Worcester Archery Association held its AGM on Monday 22 November 2012, at which the results of the **Worcester Summer Trophy** were announced. Malvern were once again the winners, but **Stourbridge did well to take second place**. Well done to all those archers who shot in the various tournaments that form part of the overall competition (Redhill American, Wyre Forest Western, Droitwich Albion, Malvern Nationals, Stourbridge Albion, CWAA Championships and Redditch Windsors). The trophy is awarded based on a combination of team handicap adjusted scores and bonus points awarded for individual placings, so everyone's contribution is important.

As well as the team trophy, trophies were also awarded for points accumulated for **individual placings** during the Worcester Summer Trophy tournaments and **Stourbridge's Tony Carter did well to take the Gentlemen's trophy, with Michelle Hall missing out on the Ladies' trophy by only one point!** Full results below.

CWAA Worcester Summer Trophy - Team Results 2012

1	Malvern	111 Points
2	Stourbridge	98 Points
3	Redhill	77 Points
4	Redditch	74 Points
5	Evesham	34 Points
6	Droitwich	16 Points
7	Wyre Forest	13 Points
8	Saints & Sinners	3 Points

CWAA Worcester Summer Trophy - Individual Results 2012

Ladies

1	Sue Davis	Redditch	18 Points
2	Michelle Hall	Stourbridge	17 Points
3	Hazel Blissett	Malvern	7 Points
3	Betsy Johnson	Redhill	7 Points

Gentlemen

1	Tony Carter	Stourbridge	13 Points
2	Pete Webb	Malvern	12 Points
3	Steve Short	Malvern	11 Points
3	Roger Smith	Redhill	11 Points

Junior Ladies

1	Lizzie Martel	Malvern	7 Points
2	Sally Gilder	Evesham	6 Points
2	Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	6 Points
2	Harriet Fletcher	Redhill	6 Points
2	Emily Fletcher	Redhill	6 Points

Junior Gentlemen

1	Alfie Wilkes	Evesham	11 Points
1	James Webb	Malvern	11 Points
3	Aaron Relf	Malvern	10 Points

There were also awards for those who had represented the County during 2012 and two Stourbridge archers, Michelle Hall and Tony Carter, were awarded County bars for having made the team at County matches during the 2012 outdoor season.

In the **CWAA Summer Postal League 2012**, **Stourbridge finished fifth out of seven**, although a number of our archers got a mention in the listings for highest made scores and top handicap adjusted scores during the course of the season. Final results and positions after the fourth round shot in September 2012 below:-

Club	Cum Total b/fwd	Made Score	H/c Adjust Score	Total	Cum Total
Malvern	25542	2337	5816	8153	33695
Redhill	25032	2189	5949	8138	33170
Wyre Forest	24587	2129	5950	8079	32666
Saints & Sinners	24859	2001	5739	7740	32599
Stourbridge	24157	2051	5753	7804	31961
Droitwich	23781	1917	6061	7978	31759
Redditch	22054	2162	5777	7939	29993

“Team Stourbridge”

Evesham Archery Club – 23rd FITA 18 Tournament - Sunday 11 November 2012

On Sunday 11 November 2012, four Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall and Steve Lines) made the journey to Evesham for their FITA 18. Being World Record Status, this tournament traditionally attracts some of the best archers in the country and this year was no exception, with many of the country's top ranked compound and recurve shooters taking part. In fact, this year's field was stronger than ever, as with the Archery GB National Indoor Championships at The Ricoh Arena at the beginning of December, many of the top archers appeared to be using Evesham as a dry run! However, despite being in such illustrious company, we didn't disgrace ourselves and all four Stourbridge archers shot well. Whilst the top placings were occupied by an array of International and Olympic archers, Stourbridge archers did well in their respective categories, with Steve and Michelle top of their classes - Steve being awarded the Gents Compound C Class medal and Michelle, the Ladies Compound C Class medal. Tony narrowly missed out on the Gents Compound B Class medal and Colin shot a respectable Gents Recurve score. Steve and Michelle were also able to claim FITA Target Awards for their scores; Tony having already claimed the relevant award for his score at a previous FITA 18.

SCOA Annual Worcester – Sunday 18 November 2012

Team Stourbridge were out in force at our Annual Worcester on Sunday 18 November 2012, with nine Stourbridge archers taking part (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Zach Jewkes, Dave Johnson, Steve Lines, Jeremy Wakefield and Martin Woodhouse). Whilst we didn't manage to secure any of the trophies, Tony did well to take the second place medal in the Gents Compound and Martin was awarded the E Class Medal in the Gents Recurve. A special mention must also go to Zach who took part despite having only been shooting for a few weeks – well done Zach! Let's hope this is the first of many competitions for you! *(See later in this Newsletter for Zach's experience of his first competition!).*

The Tony Greenwell Memorial Stafford, Redditch COA – Sunday 25 November 2012

Six Stourbridge archers (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Dave Johnson and Peter Langmaid) took part in the Redditch Stafford on Sunday 25 November 2012, where the competition for the Gents compound trophy was extremely close with the top three places separated by only one point! GB archer Eric Thomas took the trophy with 673 points, closely followed by Tony in second place with 672 points. (Had Tony equalled Eric's score with one more point, he would have taken the trophy on golds – if only he hadn't shot an 8 on his last arrow!). In the event, Tony had to settle for the second place medal, with both he and Droitwich's Chris Price tied on 272 points - Tony taking second place with most golds! Michelle took the third place medal in the Ladies Compound (despite never fully recovering from going up to shoot her sighters with part of her sight missing!) and Dave Johnson was awarded the E Class Medal in the Gents Compound.

Droitwich Archery Society Winter Worcester – Sunday 9 December 2012

Team Stourbridge had a reasonably successful day at Droitwich's Double Worcester Tournament on Sunday 9 December 2012. Four Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall and Peter Langmaid) took part, with Michelle picking up the second place medal in the Ladies Compound; Tony, third place medal in the Gents Compound and our compound team of Tony and Michelle also secured the Compound Team Trophy. Although not coming away with any silverware, Colin and Peter also put in respectable scores in the Gents Recurve.

Away Shoots

If the foregoing has wetted your appetite for a bit of competitive shooting, dates of forthcoming shoots are as follows:-

- **Sunday 13 January 2013** - **SCOA Annual FITA 25m - Waseley**
- Sunday 27 January 2013 - Droitwich Combined FITA (World Record Status)
- Sunday 27 January 2013 - County of Warwick Archery Association – County Indoor Senior & Junior Championships / West Midlands Indoor Junior Championships and Open Meeting
- Sunday 10 February 2013 - Wyre Forest Open Portsmouth
- Sunday 3 March 2013 - WMAS & CWAA Indoor Archery Championships, Evesham (FITA 18 – World Record Status)
- Sunday 17 March 2013 - 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*

New Club Records

Gents Compound

Stafford - Tony Carter 672

Boys Recurve Under 18

Portsmouth - Luke Cutler 369

Ladies Compound

Warwick - Michelle Hall 418
Portsmouth - Michelle Hall 559

Boys Recurve Under 14

Short Junior
Warwick - Zach Jewkes 360

New Classifications

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

- Steve Knight Second Class (Gents Recurve)
- Zach Jewkes Third Class (Boys Recurve Under 14)

Congratulations also to the following junior archers who have submitted three rounds and gained their first handicap:-

- Seth Faulkner
- Holly Goldman
- Zach Jewkes
- Emma Wakefield

As you may have seen, I am currently in the process of updating the boards in the Clubhouse. The Adult Club Records board has been updated and I am currently in the process of updating the Junior Records board. Also, the Handicap board has been updated with current handicaps, following the automatic computer readjustment as of 1 January 2013. (The computer automatically calculates everyone's starting handicap for the year which is why some of you may notice that you have a different starting handicap to the one you finished with on 31 December 2012. Unfortunately, if the computer lowers (or higher) your handicap as a result of this reassessment, these points are not taken into account when awarding the Handicap Improvement Trophy).

*Tony Carter
Records Officer*

SCOA Juniors

It's really refreshing that the Club currently has an enthusiastic group of junior archers who are all doing really well. The competition between some of them is very close – at our last indoor postal shoot, three of them were separated by only one point! Of course, a healthy junior section can only be good for the Club and special thanks must go to Becky for all of her efforts in keeping the juniors motivated.

One of our juniors, Zach Jewkes has written the following article about his experience of his first archery tournament. Hopefully, this may prompt some of the other juniors (or even some of the adults!) to dip their toe into the water and have a go at a competition (although don't worry if you don't want to take part in competitions, there is no pressure whatsoever to do so – many archers just enjoy shooting their bow at the Club and having a bit of friendly banter with fellow archers).

If you do fancy having a go at a fairly relaxed indoor tournament, Bromyard are holding their D's & Down's tournament on Sunday 17 March 2013 and this would probably be a good one to try as it is only open to archers of D class or below. The round is a Worcester. Alternatively, if you fancy something sooner, Wyre Forest's Portsmouth on 10 February 2013 is another friendly local tournament and of course, there is our 25m FITA at Waseley this coming Sunday - Zach has obviously got a taste for competition, as he is already entered for this!

My First Tournament Experience *(Zach Jewkes, Age 13, Stourbridge Company of Archers)*

I had only been shooting a few weeks, having completed a beginners course in the summer and only been to 3 or 4 Club meets, when some of my Club members had asked if I was entering the Stourbridge Company of Archers Annual Worcester Tournament on the following Sunday (18th November 2012). I hadn't really thought about it, but Bob (SCOA President) and Becky (Junior Coach) were really encouraging me to have a go, so I thought why not?

When I first entered the gym, the first thing that really hit me was the vast amount of people participating. I'd never seen so many people in the same hall where we shoot on a Friday evening. Thankfully, the first faces I saw were the friendly ones from Stourbridge Company of Archers - Bob, Margaret, Dave and Jeremy (Becky arrived later to give me some support). I was really surprised I was the only Junior competing - no pressure! We (me and Dad) settled in the corner of the gym with the other SCOA members, and set up my equipment ready for the competition to start. Jeremy wasn't having a very good day as his arrow rest decided it didn't want to stay on his bow anymore and he was frantically trying to switch to a plastic rest, people everywhere were busy setting up and tuning their bows. I was really nervous, but the rest of the Club members made me feel more at ease with all of their help and advice on how things would go on.

When we started shooting, I was assigned Target 1A which meant I would be shooting in the first round of archers along with Jeremy. When I looked down the line, most of the other archers seemed really experienced, which did nothing to help my nerves. The other Club members told me to just shut everything out and treat it as any other practice shoot. This helped and I got on with the competition.

As the ends progressed, I had some good and some disappointing ends, but I was more glad of the experience of shooting in a competition and before I realised we had finished shooting all of the ends and it was time to submit the scores. Karen from Wyre Forest was acting as my scorer and although she was from an opposing Club, she was very encouraging and helped me along. Once the scores were handed in all that was left was to wait for the scores to be returned.

The trophy and medal presentations went well and although I left empty handed, I was really happy I had experienced my first competition and am looking forward to my next one. Hopefully, with a bit more practice, and now with a handicap, I may manage to get a placing next time. I am really enjoying my experience of archery and looking forward to improving and enjoying my new sport.

Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of upcoming SCOA events:-

Indoor Portsmouth Postals (7.30pm Waseley Hills High School)

- Friday 18 January 2013
- Friday 1 February 2013
- Friday 8 March 2013

Outdoor "Frostbite" Postals (Somers Field)

- Sunday 3 February 2013 (Food by Martin)
- Sunday 10 March 2013 (Food by Bob & Mags)

Indoor sessions at Waseley recommence this Friday 11 January 2013. The last Friday of the indoor season will be Friday 22 March 2013.

Details of 2013 Club and Open Competitions will be finalised shortly – watch this space!

Update on Postal Leagues

Thanks to all those archers who have taken part in both our indoor and outdoor winter postal shoots. We have had really good turnouts for both the indoor "Portsmouths" and outdoor "Frostbites" and hopefully, you are enjoying seeing the results of these which are circulated by email following the shoot.

The BA Postal League have not yet published any information on standings following the first two rounds shot in November and December 2012 and obviously, not all scores are in yet for the January 2013 round.

However, in the West Midlands Archery Society Winter "Portsmouth" Postal League, after the first round shot in November 2012, SCOA were lying 5th out of 12 in Division 2 and two of our archers had noted scores – Sharon Pennell having the highest made score for Ladies Barebow with a very impressive 540 and Luke Pennell having the highest made score for Junior Gents Compound.

Archery GB Membership Modernisation Consultation

As you will have seen from recent email correspondence, Archery GB currently have a discussion document on their website which contains proposals which could have far-reaching effects on Clubs and Club archers. The document which is entitled "Membership Modernisation Consultation", proposes major changes to the way in which subscriptions / membership are handled. Archery GB are seeking feedback on the document and members (and non-members) are invited to submit an online questionnaire or forward their comments in writing before 31 January 2013.

SCOA would like to encourage all Club members to have a look at the document and submit their feedback to Archery GB. Please don't think "nothing to do with me", as these proposals could have far-reaching effects on your experience as a Club archer.

What would these proposals mean for you, should they be implemented?

- Rather than paying one annual subscription to the Club covering SCOA membership as well as all affiliations (Archery GB, Region and County); **under the proposals, you would have to pay a number of separate subscriptions, i.e. Archery GB membership, Club membership, as well as possibly, Region and County affiliation fees.** This would obviously be more complicated for you.
- Whilst the document contains a vague statement that it is expected that adult fees will remain similar to the current rate, **as Clubs would be required to join Archery GB as Institutions under these proposals, these costs would have to be passed on to their members which could give rise to increases in Club membership fees.**

- The document proposes no single joining date – archers would be able to join Archery GB direct at any time of the year and membership would run from that point for 12 months. There would be no pro-rata fees. Whilst this would no doubt make life easier for the paid employees at Archery GB, it could prove to be an administrative nightmare for Clubs which are run by volunteers. **With archers' Archery GB membership (and consequently, insurance and entitlement to shoot) expiring at different times of year, Clubs would have to regularly check that Archery GB membership fees had been paid and archers were thus insured.** (At present, we at SCOA know that all of our members are insured, as with the exception of a couple of Associate Members, all of their affiliations have been paid via the Club).
- **The proposal that insurance would be split with members covered personally by their individual membership and Public Liability insurance provided as part of Institution (Club) membership could lead to problems in the event of an incident.**
- There would also be implications for students and juniors who would have to join on an individual basis directly to Archery GB. **There would no longer be student and junior club en bloc membership which enables Clubs to keep the cost of student and junior membership down. This could result in increased fees which could deter younger members from taking up archery.**
- **The proposals could also spell the end of Counties and Regions, as there is no mention of how they would fit into these proposals and whether archers would have to also affiliate to these bodies direct.**

Please note that Archery GB seem to have shifted the emphasis of the wording on their website from that which originally appeared – no doubt having been inundated with negative feedback and concerns that these proposals will be railroaded through, as has apparently been the case with other proposals on which the Clubs and membership were not fully consulted in the past. They have also now made the item more prominent, no doubt following concerns from members that they were attempting to sneak these proposals in through the back door – the Club has not been formally notified of them and they were originally very low key on the Archery GB website – some cynics have even suggested that the time of year at which they appeared could be significant, in that they could have easily been overlooked over the Christmas period!

Please don't be swayed by Archery GB's attempts to make these proposals appear sensible. They will make life more complicated for you as a Club archer in terms of payment of your membership fees; they will make life more complicated for the Clubs in terms of administration and could lead to a loss of members, as some who don't shoot frequently may decide it's not worth the hassle of renewing their membership. The people these proposals will benefit are the administrative staff at Archery GB. If viewed in isolation with no knowledge of the background, the very brief proposals as they appear in the Archery GB questionnaire could appear to be perfectly acceptable, as the questionnaire is no doubt geared to eliciting the response that Archery GB are looking for.

The membership system as it currently stands works and although it has its faults, most of these are down to Archery GB's administration of the system – whilst we appear to have received our membership cards without any problems this year (which is a first!), some other local Clubs were still waiting for theirs at the County AGM at the end of November 2012! This does not bode well for a system where archers could be reliant on being able to present their membership cards in order to shoot!

Obviously, you will make up your own mind as to how you view these proposals, but **the Club would strongly urge you to go on to the Archery GB website before the 31 January 2013 deadline and complete the questionnaire rejecting these proposals.** This needn't take up much of your time – the questionnaire consists of only five questions and if necessary, you could just insert very brief answers.

Classified Ads

- **For Sale - 25" Hoyt Horizon Right Handed Riser in Matt Black with Samick Premium Fibre Limbs (28lbs-68in), plus complete set of archery kit:-**

- Stabiliser and Weight
- Arrows (Platinum Plus 1916 with EP23 Vanes @ 28.5 inch Draw)
- Legend Archery Streamline Back Pack in Black and Red Trim
- Easton Quiver QH 100 Hip and Easton Belt to Match - Black and Silver
- Decut 120 Click Sight
- Plunger
- Finger Sling in Red
- Black Oval Arm Guard
- SF Bow Set
- Stand
- Stringer

Everything a beginner needs and more! This kit is virtually brand new, having only been used on a couple of occasions. **Cost over £500.00, but will sell for circa £375.00.**

Further details on request **Contact Stuart Dunn - sdunn70@hotmail.com.**

- **For Sale - Merlin Excalibur 37" Compound Bow - £350.00 ono**

- Excellent Condition
- New String & Cables

Contact Tony Carter on 07971 616822

The following two sets of archery equipment belong to the Houghtons who were members of SCOA some years ago. They have decided to retire from archery and are therefore selling their equipment. They are prepared to bring the bows and equipment along to the Club, should a prospective purchaser wish to try them. If you are interested, please contact John Houghton on 01562 865575 / 07977 126043 or 07807 012781.

- **For Sale - Matthews Signature Compound Bow (Blue) - £225.00**

40-60lbs adjustable draw weight and arrow length; Scope and Sight (Blue); Short Stabilizer (Blue); Arrow Rest; Carrying Case (Blue); Leather Arm Guard, Release Aid, 11 Matched Arrows; Quiver (Blue and Black)

- **For Sale - Hoyt Compound Bow (Red) - £225.00**

30-50lbs adjustable draw weight and arrow length; Scope and Sight (Red); Short Stabilizer (Black); Arrow Rest; Carrying Case (Red); Leather Arm Guard; Release Aid; 5 Matched Arrows; Quiver (Red and White)

Thoughts from the shooting line

Did you know that in 1457, James II of Scotland banned golf because too many of his subjects were "wasting" time they should have been spending on archery practice!

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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.