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Stourbridge Company of Archers Newsletter

Autumn 2013



We haven't had a Newsletter since the start of the Summer, as with the weather being so good, there's been more time for shooting! Sadly, autumn is now upon us (with a vengeance!) and winter won't be far behind, but at least for the first time in ages, we can look back and say that we've had a good summer, some of the highlights of which can be found in the following pages, along with Club news and information!

Welcome!

The summer months saw an influx of new members to the Club, mainly as a result of our own beginners courses, although we did pick up one or two members who had done their beginners courses elsewhere, as well as a number of people returning to archery or moving from other Clubs. May we take this opportunity to welcome all new members - we wish you a long and happy association with SCOA.

SCOA Open Tournaments

SCOA holds three outdoor open tournaments during the summer months, the first and biggest of which is the **Rat's Ashes**. This year's Rat's was certainly no exception, with eighty archers shooting on a hot and sunny July afternoon (see pictures below). Temperatures soared and if it hadn't been for Bruce's ice making machine, we may well have had some casualties due to heat stroke and dehydration!

Our own Tony Carter was the joint winner of the Gents Compound trophy, sharing first place with Scott Potter of Wyre Forest (who is also an Associate member of SCOA) and SCOA longbow archer, Steve Knight, was awarded third place medal in the Gents Longbow.

SCOA Junior, James Johnson, also did well to take third place medal in the Junior Boy Recurve.



The second of our outdoor open tournaments, our **Annual Albion**, was held on Sunday 11 August 2013 and once again, we were blessed with excellent weather (although thankfully, not quite as hot as the Rat's Ashes!). Being a longer distance round, we traditionally get a smaller turnout for this competition which is a round of the Worcester Cup. However, this year, we managed to attract a healthy number with over forty archers taking part including six SCOA members, all of whom shot well.



Tony Carter was the winner of the Gents Compound trophy (although this was in name only, as the trophy hadn't been returned by a previous year's winner); Michelle Hall was second in the Ladies Compound (missing out on first place by three points) and Phil Carter and Keith Raybould were second and third respectively in the Gents Longbow.

Zach Jewkes was the Junior Recurve Winner (Juniors shooting the Junior Windsor round) and is pictured left with the trophy.

Our final open tournament of the summer was the **Sheriff's Western** which was held on Sunday 1 September 2013 and once again, we had a really good turnout – the best our Tournaments Officer can remember! Sixty archers (including eleven SCOA) shot the Western round, again in fine conditions.

Tony Carter made it a clean sweep of this year's SCOA open competitions by once again winning the Gents Compound trophy; Michelle Hall won the Ladies Compound trophy; Paul Clay was awarded a second class medal in the Gents Recurve; James Johnson was the winner of the Junior Recurve (Short Junior Western round) and Luke Cutler was awarded a medal for first place Junior Longbow (Western round).

It was also good to see newcomer Terry Foley making his debut in open competition at the Sheriff's Western and his efforts paid off, as he was awarded the SCOA Novice trophy.

Thanks to all of those who helped out at our open competitions during the summer – and a special thank you to Bruce Turley who once again did a sterling job manning the refreshments counter at all three of our open shoots.

Our next two open tournaments will be indoors – our Annual Worcester on Sunday 17 November 2013 and our Annual FITA 25m which will be held on Sunday 12 January 2014. Both of these will be held at Waseley Hills High School and we will need volunteers to help set out and put away the targets. Of course, if you wish to take part in either of these competitions, then please let our Tournaments Officer, Peter Langmaid, know.

Well done, Luke!

Congratulations to our GB archer, Luke Pennell, who travelled to Terni in Italy as part of the GB team to take part in the European Field Archery Championships. Luke and fellow junior men's team members Patrick Huston and Craig McCreery returned home with bronze medals after a tense shoot-off with Sweden – well done, Luke!

Archery GB 2013-2014 Membership Cards

Hopefully, you have all safely received your new Archery GB membership cards. However, if this is not the case, please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Steve Knight, as soon as possible.

“Team Stourbridge”

During the Summer months, Stourbridge Archers took part in all of the Worcester Cup competitions run by Worcestershire Clubs, as well as a number of field, clout and longbow shoots.

Wyre Forest Company of Archers - Open Western – Sunday 2 June 2013

Eight Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Peter Langmaid, Dominic Lester, Conrad Lowe, Keith Raybould and Jeremy Wakefield) took part in the Wyre Forest Western on 2 June 2013 and for once, the weather at Arley was actually quite good! However, things weren't so good on the medal front, with Tony being our sole medal winner – taking the silver medal in the Gents Compound. However, it was nice to see a new addition to our away shoots team with Jeremy making an appearance with his compound.

Droitwich Archery Society Summer Tournament - Sunday 23 June 2013

Four Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Michelle Hall, Peter Langmaid and Keith Raybould) took part in the Droitwich Summer Tournament on 23 June 2013, shooting the Albion round. Despite the blustery conditions, Tony won the Gents Compound trophy and Michelle, the Ladies Compound trophy.

Mick West Memorial Shoot hosted by Redditch Company of Archers – Saturday 13 July 2013

Three of our longbow archers (Phil Carter, Bob Graham and Keith Raybould) had a good day at Redditch's Two-Way Western Longbow shoot on 13 July 2013. As well as enjoying a relaxed afternoon's shooting in brilliant sunshine, they also returned armed with ample supplies of cakes which Redditch very kindly donated for our refreshment stand at the Rat's Ashes the following day. Phil Carter got the award for most petticoats!

Malvern Archers 9th Open Nationals (inc CWAA Novices Championship) – Sunday 21 July 2013

Six Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Paul Clay, Michelle Hall, Zach Jewkes, Peter Langmaid and Dominic Lester) made the journey to Malvern to take part in their Nationals on 21 July 2013. After a delayed start due to traffic problems (always allow plenty of time when traveling to Malvern!), archers enjoyed another sunny afternoon, albeit a little breezy. Tony was the joint top scorer in the Gents Compound, but had to settle for the silver medal, missing out on the trophy on number of golds; Michelle won the Ladies Compound Trophy and Zach was awarded a medal for Boys Recurve Junior National. Dominic shared the prize for Best Backwards score and SCOA were fourth out of eight in the team competition. The CWAA Novices Championship is also run alongside this tournament and Zach collected a second place medal in the Junior Recurve section.

Redditch Company of Archers – 36th Annual Open Windsor – Sunday 28 July 2013

Four Stourbridge archers (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Paul Clay and Michelle Hall) took part in the Redditch Windsors on 28 July 2013 – Tony and Michelle both returning with silver medals for Gents and Ladies Compound respectively.

CWAA County & Open Championships – Sunday 4 August 2013

And then there was one! Tony Carter and Michelle Hall were SCOA's only representatives at the County Champs at Wyre Forest on 4 August 2013 and our number was further depleted when Tony suffered an equipment failure after three dozen! However, despite some atrocious conditions, Michelle managed to finish the twelve dozen round and won the Ladies Compound trophy. Tony on the other hand, spent the day in the Wyre Forest Clubhouse, eating bacon sandwiches and thinking how stupid the rest of us were standing outside in the wind and rain!

Droitwich Annual Field Shoot – Saturday 17 August 2013

Three Stourbridge archers (Phil Carter, Peter Langmaid and Keith Raybould) went along to the Droitwich Field Shoot at Doverdale on 17 August 2013 and Peter secured second place in the Gents Recurve Freestyle.

Sword of Shrewsbury – Saturday 14 September 2013

Five Stourbridge archers (Phil Carter, Bob & Margaret Hanson, Dave Johnson and Steve Knight) made the journey to the Sword of Shrewsbury on 14 September 2013. This annual longbow shoot consists of a clout in the morning, followed by a two-way Western in the afternoon – although this was shortened to a two-way National this year. A good day was had by all - Phil Carter won his "bus fare home" (or at least the price of a pie and a pint!) by mortally wounding one of the knights (not a live one, of course!) and Margaret did well to get two clouts.

County Field Shoot – Saturday 5 October 2013

Peter Langmaid was our only representative at the County Field Shoot which was held at March Hare on 5 October 2013 and apparently, he would have won a bronze medal – had the organiser not forgotten to bring the medals with him!

From Little Acorns!



James Johnson, a promising junior who joined us from Worcester Bowmen during the summer, has been doing really well – not only putting in some good results in both Open and Club competitions and shooting a number of new Club records, but here he is shooting a Six Gold End!

Our Records Officer has also put in a claim for James for what appears to be a new County Record for a Short Junior Warwick. We are currently awaiting confirmation of this from the County Records Officer.

Don't forget, if you shoot a Six Gold End (Gents Recurve and Compound at 80 yards / 70 metres; Ladies Recurve and Compound at 60 yards / 60 metres and Juniors at the appropriate distance according to age), then you can put in a claim to Archery GB for a Six Gold End badge.

You will need to fill in the appropriate claim form (don't forget to get someone to witness your Six Gold End) and get it signed by the Club Secretary (unless, of course, your Six Gold End is shot at a Tournament, in which case, the Tournament Organiser must sign the claim form).

Longbow archers can claim a similar Three Gold End badge.

Welcome back Emma!

It's good to see one of our juniors, Emma Wakefield, back on the shooting line, following what was a pretty miserable summer for her. Having undergone two operations, Emma then had the misfortune to break her wrist! Thankfully, she's now on the mend and she celebrated her 16th birthday last week – Happy Birthday, Emma! Oh to be 16 again ...!

Update on Club Facilities and Equipment

Those of you that have been down to the Somers field in recent weeks will have seen that **the long awaited drainage works have now been carried out.**

As those who braved the extremely wet conditions last winter and earlier this year will know, there were several months when the area around our Clubhouse resembled a duck pond - literally! (I had never owned a pair of Wellies in my life, but even I had to succumb, as normally waterproof outdoor boots were useless when paddling in several inches of water, with water seeping in through the lace holes!).



Unfortunately, our Clubhouse sits on the lowest part of the field where water collects in times of heavy rainfall, hence the need for drainage works to aid the flow of excess water away from the Clubhouse and into the drainage ditch that runs parallel with the bypass.

Obviously, we will only know how well the drainage is working when we get some really heavy rainfall, but indications to date are that it is working as it should and so hopefully, we shouldn't see a repeat of last year's "Somme" like conditions in the future!

Of course, as an added bonus, the slabs outside the Clubhouse have been raised as part of these works and we've even gained a gravel "patio" area – roll on next summer!

Distance and shooting line markers have also been installed which make setting out the field far quicker and easier, as it's no longer necessary to measure out the field every time it's set up. This, in turn, brings the added benefit of consistency – eliminating some of the more "flexible" methods of measurement we've enjoyed at practice sessions in the past!

For those of you who are not yet familiar with them, the distance markers (which are sunk slightly into the grass to allow the groundsman to roll his mower over them) are located approx. 3 yards behind the goal line of the football pitch and the shooting line markers are located 20 yards from the touchline. There are markers for both Imperial (up to 100 yards) and Metric (up to 90 metres) distances and the markers consist of a small metal plate (Yellow for Imperial / Blue for Metric) with a holder for the appropriate distance flag and distances etched into each plate. (Thanks to Tony Carter for manufacturing these markers and to Tony and Bob Hanson for putting them in place).

We've also **recently taken delivery of another six Egertec straw bosses** and we have **six more on order**, so we should be well stocked going forwards into 2014. **Two "Eleven" 120cm foam bosses have also been purchased** which are designed to keep our more accurate archers from shooting the middles out of the straw bosses! The "Eleven" bosses have the benefit of replaceable centres which means that in the long run, they should be more cost effective and of course, consequently, we should see some extended life to the straw bosses. (Please note that the "Eleven" bosses are designed to take heavy use in the replaceable centre – once the black foam that holds the centre in place becomes unduly damaged, they will be scrap, so please don't use them unless the majority of your arrows are likely to go in the gold!).

A supply of waterproof target faces has also been purchased. Some of our archers saw these in use at the County Trials earlier in the year and having made some enquiries, discovered that they had been produced for the Olympic Test Event. We managed to procure a supply at less than the cost of paper faces and although they were originally purchased for our open tournaments, once they have been used at a tournament, they then go into general use at the Club. As well as being far better than paper faces (which disintegrate) in the wet, the waterproof faces are harder wearing and don't tend to break up like paper faces when subjected to heavy use.

Also, for those of you who like to partake in the odd bit of treasure hunting (and it happens to us all!), **we are currently trying to source some new metal detectors** better suited to finding arrows.

Don't forget, if you notice any problems with Club equipment, please let our Equipment Officer, Phil Carter know, either in person or by filling in the Equipment log in the Clubhouse.

Unauthorised Access!

We had some issues earlier in the year with members of the public walking across the field whilst we were shooting, mainly as a result of a section of the perimeter fence being damaged. Having advised Somers of this, the fence was promptly repaired and we also produced some new warning signs for the safety rope. (Thanks again to Tony!).

We also took this opportunity to clarify the position regarding access to the field and it was confirmed that the Somers grounds are private property and no Somers member or any member of the public has any right of access whilst we are shooting. As such, we are within our rights to politely ask them to leave (although should any problems of this nature arise in the future, then we suggest that you advise a Committee member and let them deal with it, rather than getting involved in a potential argument).

Indoor Shooting

As most of you will be aware, we commenced our weekly indoor practice sessions at Waseley Hills High School on Friday, 4 October 2013 and if you haven't already tried it, why not come along. For a small charge of £3.00 per session (Seniors) / £1.50 per session (Juniors – Under 18), you get to shoot in warm, bright conditions, with no wind or rain to worry about! Shooting takes place between 7.30pm and 10.00pm on Friday evenings and sessions will run up until 13 December 2013; recommencing after the Christmas break on 10 January until 11 April 2014.

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.

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.

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.

Indoor Classification Badges

As the seasoned archers amongst you will be aware, there is a separate classification system for indoor shooting and this season, to complement the outdoor classification badges the Club already awards, we will be introducing indoor classification badges for those achieving new classes indoors (see right).

(If you already have an indoor class and would like to purchase a badge for your existing class at a cost of £3.00, then please let Michelle know as soon as possible, so that this can be added to the Club's order).



We will, of course, continue to award Portsmouth 500 and Frostbite 300 badges at the end of the winter season for those achieving the necessary scores.

Indoor Season Ticket

We have also introduced an indoor season ticket for those who intend to shoot at Waseley regularly:-

- **Full Season Ticket - £56.25** (25 scheduled sessions - although of course, you've already missed the first couple)
- **Half Season Ticket - £27.50** (For the period **up until the Christmas break** - 11 scheduled sessions) and / or
- **Half Season Ticket - £33.00** (For the period **January to March 2014** - 14 scheduled sessions).

The indoor season tickets give regular indoor shooters the opportunity to pay in advance and make a saving against the full cost of attending all sessions, although it should be noted that indoor season ticket fees are non-refundable, should archers subsequently find themselves unable to attend or should it be necessary to cancel any sessions due to poor weather conditions.

If you're interested in purchasing an indoor season ticket, please let Michelle know.

Indoor Tournaments

During the winter season, a variety of indoor tournaments are organised by Worcestershire Clubs and dates for these are listed below:-

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| Sunday 27 October 2013 | - | Droitwich Archery Society Winter Tournament (Double Worcester) |
| Sunday 10 November 2013 | - | Evesham Archery Club FITA 18m (World & UK Record Status) |
| Sunday 17 November 2013 | - | SCOA Annual Worcester |
| Sunday 24 November 2013 | - | Redditch Company of Archers 31 st Open Stafford |
| Sunday 12 January 2014 | - | SCOA Annual FITA 25m |
| Sunday 19 January 2014 | - | Droitwich Archery Society World Record Status Combined FITA |
| Sunday 9 February 2014
(Date to be confirmed) | - | Wyre Forest Company of Archers 25 th Open Portsmouth |
| Sunday 2 March 2013 | - | WMAS & CWAA Open Archery Championships, Evesham (FITA 18) |

Please note that some of these tournaments are also rounds of the Garrington Cup – an inter-club competition for the winter season for Worcestershire Clubs and we need as many archers as possible to take part in these shoots to give us the best chance of putting in good teams for the Garrington Cup. (SCOA's Compound Team have won the Compound Garrington Cup for the last three years in succession and with some promising recurves coming through the ranks, hopefully, we will be able to have a good showing in the Recurve Cup this year).

Don't forget that as well as improving your knowledge and experience of shoots, by taking part in other Clubs' tournaments, you get to know archers from other Clubs and more importantly, archers from other Clubs get to know us and they then come to our open tournaments which generate valuable income for Club funds.

If you're interested in taking part in any of the aforementioned tournaments, please let our Away Shoots Officer, Dave Johnson, know (or in the case of our own tournaments, Peter Langmaid, our Tournaments Officer).

Postal Leagues

During the Summer, the results of the BA Winter Postal League were finally published!

SCOA's Compound Frostbite team were second in Division 4, only narrowly missing out on first place. Michelle Hall had the highest Ladies score in the Division for both February and March and Tony Carter had the highest Gents score for February.

SCOA's Compound Portsmouth team were the first place medal winners in Division 7 and Luke Pennell had the highest Boys score in the Division for February and Michelle had the highest Ladies score for March.

SCOA's Recurve Portsmouth team were third in Division 38.

SCOA's Recurve Frostbite team were second in Division 15 and Colin Dewis had the highest Gents score in the Division for February and Zach Jewkes had the highest Boys score for March.

Unfortunately, we fared less well in the Summer Postal Leagues – finishing 6th (or 3rd from bottom!) in the Worcestershire Summer Postal League and being relegated to Division 2 in the West Midlands Summer Postal League - although a number of our archers got mentions for good scores during the course of the season.

Entries for the coming Winter Postal Leagues (BA, West Midlands and Worcestershire) have been submitted and the dates for this season's rounds are:-

Frostbite (Outdoors – 30 metres)

- Sunday 3 November 2013
- Sunday 15 December 2013 (Christmas Shoot)
- Sunday 5 January 2014
- Sunday 2 February 2014
- Sunday 9 March 2014

Portsmouth (Indoors)

- Friday 22 November 2013
- Friday 6 December 2013
- Friday 17 January 2014
- Friday 7 February 2014
- Friday 7 March 2014

Hot food will be provided at the outdoor Frostbites, apart from the December round which will be our Christmas themed shoot where members will be invited to bring along festive goodies – more of this nearer the time.

Please make a note of these dates in your diary and try to come along and shoot if you can – as well as straight scores, there is also a handicap adjusted section where those with higher handicaps can often make a valuable contribution to the team.

Obviously, with winter approaching, some of these dates may be subject to change nearer the time due to adverse weather conditions, so keep an eye on your emails just in case!

July Nationals

Archery GB once again ran its July Nationals postal competition where juniors were invited to submit their best scores from National rounds shot during the month of July. Unfortunately, due to a combination of factors, only three of our juniors actually shot National rounds during July. However, their scores were submitted by our Records Officer and the provisional results show SCOJA juniors achieving some good placings:-

- Boys Under 16 Recurve

- Zach Jewkes - 34th out of 53
- Seth Faulkner - 36th out of 53

(It should be noted that Zach's only National was shot at Malvern where through no fault of his own, he actually shot a longer distance than required for his age group).

- Boys Under 12 Recurve

- James Johnson - 8th out of 45.

County of Worcester Archery

Tony and I were absent from this year's Derek Peacock Memorial Shoot, as we were shooting for the County in an inter-county match against Leicestershire. This County match was incorporated into a larger Open FITA Star shoot (our first FITA Star!) with archers attending from all over the country. As well as both making the County team, we both finished in good positions in the overall FITA competition and were able to put in claims for 1200 FITA Stars.

The final County match of the season was the West Midlands Archery Society Regional Inter-County Match with teams from the five West Midlands Counties (Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire) competing for the Roy Matthews Trophy and Medals.

Unfortunately, Tony had an equipment failure and had to retire early in the proceedings and the weather was absolutely atrocious, with torrential rain throughout. On the plus side, due to the weather conditions, it was agreed that the match would be shortened to a 6 dozen Long Metric (rather than the scheduled full FITA). This meant I was almost praying for the rain not to stop during the last couple of ends before lunch – just in case the organisers changed their minds and decided we should carry on and shoot the full 12 dozen round! Having left before the presentations (as we were so wet!), I was somewhat surprised to learn later in the day that I'd actually finished in third place in the Ladies Compound and won a medal – almost made shooting in those conditions worthwhile – easy to say now!

The County AGM will be held on Monday 25 November 2013 at The Lyppard Grange Community Centre, Warndon, Worcester and of course, any archer affiliated to the County (which we all are) is welcome to attend.

Somers Sports & Social Club Membership

Please note that it is a condition of our use of the Somers' facilities that all SCOJA members become members of Somers Sports & Social Club. (In the case of couples and families, only one person is required to join.) Annual Membership is currently £33.00 plus an initial £10.00 one off joining fee. However, as we are now part way through the year, new members are currently being charged £16.00 plus the £10.00 joining fee, i.e. £26.00 in total which covers membership until the next renewal in April 2014. Membership of Somers Sports & Social Club gives you access to the Somers Club and its facilities including a well stocked bar with reasonable prices (or so I'm told, I usually draw the short straw and end up driving!). If you're not currently a member of Somers Sports & Social Club, please try to put this right at the earliest opportunity.

SCOA Club Shoots

On 16 June 2013, we held our annual **Breakfast Shoot** - eleven archers (including three juniors!) managing to make it down to the field for the 5.00 am start (there's only one 5 o'clock in the day for some of us!). Full results below:-

		Score	Hits	Gold
Gents Recurve				
1	Peter Langmaid	672	94	30
2	Allen Allsop	571	93	18
3	Martin Woodhouse	536	92	19
	Colin Dewis (Warwick round)	328	48	17
Gents Compound				
1	Bob Hanson	770	96	58
2	Jeremy Wakefield	586	94	18
Ladies Compound				
1	Margaret Hanson	748	96	47
Gents Longbow				
1	Bruce Turley	341	71	7
Juniors (Junior Western round)				
1	Holly Goldman	528	94	15
2	Zach Jewkes	524	92	20
3	Emma Wakefield	491	91	9

Thanks to Colin Dewis for bringing his barbecue and cooking an excellent breakfast.

This year's **Club Champs** were held on Sunday 30 June 2013 in fine weather – albeit there was a challenging crosswind. Eleven Seniors shot the York / Hereford round and six Seniors and two Juniors shot a National round in the afternoon. Full results below:-

York round					
Gents Compound	1	Tony Carter	1186	144	91
Hereford round					
Gents Recurve	1	Paul Clay	791	137	19
	2	Peter Langmaid	791	133	27
	3	Allen Allsop	624	128	21
Gents Compound	1	Bob Hanson	1065	143	64
	2	Dave Johnson	703	129	23
Ladies Compound	1	Michelle Hall	1116	144	72
	2	Margaret Hanson	998	142	45
Gents Longbow	1	Steve Knight	340	86	6
	2	Philip Carter	273	69	6
	3	Keith Raybould	247	55	5
National round					
Gents Recurve	1	Roger Hanson	486	72	20
	2	Colin Dewis	478	72	19
	3	Mick Woodhall	463	71	19
Gents Compound	1	Jeremy Wakefield	512	72	25
Ladies Barebow	1	Lisa Falaschi	243	57	6
Junior National round					
Gents Recurve	1	Ian Jewkes	282	64	3
Junior Recurve	1	James Johnson	434	72	10
	2	Zach Jewkes	407	71	10

September was a busy month with a number of Club competitions taking place.

The **Bowflights AC & Warwickshire County Double One-Way Clout** at Waseley on 8 September 2013 was used as the **clout round** of the **Victor Ludorum** competition being organised by Clive Freeman and Dave Johnson. Six Stourbridge archers took part (Allen Allsop, Bob Graham, Bob and Margaret Hanson, Dave Johnson and Peter Langmaid) and three of them, Allen, Bob and Peter, were able to claim White GNAS Tassel awards. Allen did particularly well, bearing in mind that this was his first experience of clout shooting.

Our **All-Comers' Warwick** Club competition was held on Sunday 15 September 2013 on a wet and windy Sunday afternoon. The purpose of this competition is to introduce newer members to competitive shooting and to give them an opportunity to be competitive against more experienced archers, as all scores are handicap adjusted. (The higher your handicap, the more allowance you get before you start shooting. This allowance and your actual "made" score are then added together to arrive at your handicap adjusted score at the end of the competition). Unfortunately, some of our novices were no doubt put off by the horrible conditions on the day, but well done to those who braved the weather including Stephen Dingley who took second place in the Gents competition and Matthew Dingley who was first placed junior – if you can shoot in these type of conditions, then you can shoot in anything! Full results below:-

	Name	Bow	Round	Score	Hits	Golds	Hcap	Allowance	Adjusted	
Gents										
1	Philip Carter	LB	Warwick	184	34	5	62	1261	1445	1st
2	Stephen Dingley	Rec	Junior Warwick	286	46	12	64	1152	1438	2nd
3	Steve Kelly	Rec	Warwick	281	47	9	48	1128	1409	3rd
4	Tony Carter	Cmp	Long Warwick	384	48	28	12	1016	1400	
5	Paul Clay	Rec	Long Warwick	223	43	5	46	1168	1391	
6	Allen Allsop	Rec	Long Warwick	202	40	7	46	1168	1370	
7	David Johnson	Cmp	Long Warwick	225	43	3	43	1142	1367	
8	Peter Langmaid	Rec	Long Warwick	230	44	8	41	1127	1357	
9	Bob Hanson	Cmp	Long Warwick	257	47	9	28	1058	1315	
	Clive Freeman	Cmp	Long Warwick	Retd						
Ladies										
	Margaret									
1	Hanson	Cmp	Warwick	360	48	19	35	1058	1418	1st
2	Michelle Hall	Cmp	Warwick	394	48	35	23	1023	1417	
Juniors										
1	Matthew Dingley	Rec	Short Junior Warwick	236	44	6	80	1211	1447	1st
2	James Johnson	Rec	Short Junior Warwick	328	48	12	55	1050	1378	

This year's **Derek Peacock Memorial Shoot** was held on Sunday 22 September 2013, with seventeen archers shooting on a beautiful sunny afternoon. This longbow shoot is held annually in memory of our former Records Officer, Derek Peacock who sadly passed away a couple of years ago and is a two-way Western shot to BLBS rules. Derek would have been particularly pleased to see a number of our newer archers taking part this year including a couple of our juniors who whilst not having their own longbows, got a feel for the more traditional style of shooting using the Club's jelly bows.

For those who may be thinking that the results (see over) don't quite add up, as previously mentioned, this shoot is shot to BLBS rules (British Longbow Society), rather than GNAS. This means that first place is decided by most hits, not necessarily highest score; second place goes to the highest score (not including the person in first place); third place goes to most golds (not including first and second) and the remaining places are then decided by number of hits and then score. This means that fourth place could have a better score and more hits than the third placed archer, but not a better score than the archer in second place or more hits than the winner. Confused? Think I'll stick to target shooting under GNAS rules!

Derek Peacock Memorial Shoot Results

	Archer	Hits	Score	Golds	Award
1	Bruce Turley	80	404	13	1 st
2	Philip Carter	75	343	8	2 nd
3	Dave Johnson	56	254	6	3 rd
4	Keith Raybould	65	267	3	
5	Bob Hanson	59	239	0	
6	Colin Dewis	56	218	2	
7	Michael Woodhall	39	165	2	
8	Margaret Hanson	34	138	4	1 st Lady
9	Allen Allsop	32	144	5	
10	Stephen Dingley	27	99	1	
11	Olwyn Wall	23	95	1	
12	Alvin Hambidge	17	79	2	
13	Becky Simonds	17	61	0	
14	Peter Langmaid	15	49	0	
	Steve Knight	Rtd			



Congratulations to this year's winner of the Derek Peacock Shoot, Bruce Turley who managed to wrestle the trophy away from usual winner, Keith Raybould!

Junior Western Round

1	James Johnson	34	110	2	1 st
2	Matthew Dingley	28	110	1	

Change to Recommended Whistle Procedure

Those who take part in competitions or even those who participate in Club shoots may like to know that the County Coaching Officer advises that there has been a change to the recommended whistle procedure. In order to mirror current tournament practice, it is recommended that Clubs adopt "one whistle to shoot, three whistles to collect" for all future shooting (club practice included). It is likely that this change will be embedded in the Rules of Shooting at the next revision.

Two whistles to join the line is only required at tournaments.

Annual General Meeting

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 14 October 2013 at Somers Sports and Social Club. Thanks to those who took the time and trouble to attend or submit their apologies. It was disappointing that from a membership of over 60, only 16 people chose to come along to the meeting to find out more about how the Club is run. However, on the up side, hopefully, this means that the membership is generally happy with the way in which things are being done! Thanks to new members Cath Wakefield, Alvin Hambidge and David Cox who made the effort to come along – hopefully, you found the evening worthwhile.

For those that didn't make it

- Committee members for 2013 / 14 were voted in en bloc - Martin Woodhouse (Chairman); Michelle Hall (Secretary); Alan Brown (Treasurer); Steve Knight (Membership Secretary); Bob Hanson (Club Captain); Tony Carter (Records Officer); Peter Langmaid (Tournaments Officer); Dave Johnson (Away Shoots Officer); Phil Carter (Equipment Officer); Margaret Hanson (Coaching Officer); Clive Freeman (Worcester County Rep); Becky Simonds (Junior Section Leader); Jeremy Wakefield (Child Protection, Safety & Welfare Officer).

- Due to the healthy state of the Club's finances, it was agreed that the Club would once again absorb forthcoming increases in affiliation fees, as it had done a number of times during the last couple of years and membership fees would remain unchanged at £100.00 for Seniors and £15.00 for Juniors inclusive of all affiliation fees.
- However, it was agreed to make one minor amendment to Junior fees, scrapping the reduced rate given to juniors with a parent / guardian in the Club. (This proposal was actually put forward by a parent with a child in the Club, as they didn't see the need for a further discount as junior fees were already very reasonable and also, the Club didn't offer a discount to families or couples). It was therefore agreed that going forward, all juniors would pay the same flat membership fee (currently £15.00).
- It was agreed to incorporate a Dissolution Clause into the Club's Constitution, setting out what would happen to any remaining monies after payment of all liabilities in the unlikely event that a resolution was put forward to dissolve the Club.

The meeting heard that the Club had had another good year. It continued to be in good financial shape and although overall membership was down at renewal, this was mainly due to the loss of a number of members who no longer used the Club's facilities which, given the current economic climate, was understandable. However, some of this slack had been taken up by an influx of new members, most of whom were quite active and could regularly be seen shooting at the Club. During the last 12 months, the Club had gained 22 new members and membership currently stood at 62 which was still a healthy number. *(Stop Press: Since the AGM, we have gained another new member returning to archery which gives us a current total of 63 members).*

As can be seen from elsewhere in this Newsletter, SCOA members had continued to take part in open competitions (some of them quite successfully) at local, County and in the case of our GB archer, Luke Pennell, international level and Club shoots had been well attended, as had our Open tournaments which had generated significant monies for the Club's funds. Much of this was down to the efforts of those who had given up their time and helped out for the good of the Club. (It should be noted that the income raised from Open tournaments, beginners courses, "have a go" sessions etc. helps to keep membership fees down for us all, as well as allowing us to invest in better equipment and facilities, again for the benefit of us all).

Saturday Shooting

We continue to benefit from increased shooting time, having had the use of the Somers field every Saturday during the summer months and thanks to the goodwill of AFC Somers, **we will continue to have use of the field on some Saturdays during the football season – please look out for emails from Michelle which will advise on the availability of the field over the coming months.**

Somers Rifle & Pistol Club

Following our very enjoyable taster sessions with Somers Rifle & Pistol Club last year, they finally got to have their return archery taster session a few weeks ago and an enjoyable evening was had by all. I'm also pleased to report that we've also gained one of their members, Alvin Hambidge and a couple of our members have also been adding another string to their bow by trying their hand at rifle shooting!

New Classifications - Outdoors

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| • Phil Carter | First Class | (Gents Longbow) |
| • James Johnson | First Class | (Junior Boys Under 12 Recurve) |
| • Steve Kelly | Second Class | (Gents Recurve) |
| • Mick Woodhall | Second Class | (Gents Recurve) |
| • Gary Bowen | Second and Third Class | (Gents Recurve) |
| • Seth Faulkner | Second and Third Class | (Junior Boys Under 16 Recurve) |
| • Matthew Dingley | Third Class | (Junior Boys Under 14 Recurve) |

New Classifications – Indoors

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| • Paul Clay | "C" Class | (Gents Recurve) |
| • Reg Paget | "E" Class | (Gents Recurve) |
| • James Johnson | "E" Class | (Junior Boys Under 12 Recurve) |
| • Ian Jewkes | "F" Class | (Gents Recurve) |
| • Jeremy Wakefield | "F" Class | (Gents Compound) |

New Club Records

Club records have been tumbling over the summer months:-

	Class	Category	Achieved	Score
Albion				
Tony Carter	Compound	Gentlemen	11 August 2013	950
Michelle Hall	Compound	Ladies	11 August 2013	876
FITA 50m				
Clive Freeman	Compound	Gentlemen	26 July 2013	477
Michelle Hall	Compound	Ladies	05 October 2013	623
FITA 60m				
Tony Carter	Compound	Gentlemen	08 October 2013	681
Keith Raybould	Longbow	Gentlemen	01 October 2013	245
Roger Hanson	Recurve	Gentlemen	01 October 2013	554
Michelle Hall	Compound	Ladies	08 October 2013	622
FITA Gents				
Luke Pennell	Compound	Gentlemen	07 September 2013	1326
Junior National				
Luke Cutler	Longbow	Gentlemen U18	18 August 2013	135
Megan Schlanker	Recurve	Ladies U18	18 September 2013	297
Junior Western				
Luke Cutler	Longbow	Gentlemen U18	20 August 2013	151
Megan Schlanker	Recurve	Ladies U18	09 June 2013	380
Junior Windsor				
Zach Jewkes	Recurve	Gentlemen U14	11 August 2013	812
Long Warwick				
Tony Carter	Compound	Gentlemen	29 September 2013	422
Long Western				
Tony Carter	Compound	Gentlemen	25 June 2013	842
Michelle Hall	Compound	Ladies	21 June 2013	787
Portsmouth				
James Johnson	Recurve	Gentlemen U12	04 October 2013	458
Short Junior National				
James Johnson	Recurve	Gentlemen U12	06 October 2013	568
Short Junior Warwick				
James Johnson	Recurve	Gentlemen U12	03 September 2013	398
Short Junior Western				
James Johnson	Recurve	Gentlemen U12	01 September 2013	782
Short Metric				
Tony Carter	Compound	Gentlemen	26 May 2013	682
Short Metric II				
Seth Faulkner	Recurve	Gentlemen U16	27 May 2013	376
Short Metric III				
Zach Jewkes	Recurve	Gentlemen U14	26 May 2013	554

	Class	Category	Achieved	Score
Short Western				
Seth Faulkner	Recurve	Gentlemen U16	09 June 2013	444
St Nicholas				
James Johnson	Recurve	Gentlemen U12	14 July 2013	504
Western				
Luke Cutler	Longbow	Gentlemen U18	01 September 2013	59
Lisa Falaschi	Barebow	Ladies	09 June 2013	458
Michelle Hall	Compound	Ladies	29 June 2013	838
Worcester				
James Johnson	Recurve	Gentlemen U12	11 October 2013	209

Please make sure that you enter the correct information on your score sheets including name, round, bow type (if you shoot more than one type), date, number of hits, number of golds etc. (Believe it or not, the Records Officer is still getting the odd anonymous score sheet!).

Also, please note that in future, as well as appearing in the Newsletter and on the Club Records board in the Clubhouse, Club records will also be posted on the SCOA website. However, in the case of Annual Records, whilst these too will appear on the website and an updated paper print-out will be posted in the Clubhouse, we will no longer be updating the Annual Records board itself which will be taken down in the near future.

Classified Ads

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Most colours available and also available in Stourbridge Club Colours (which are the 5 colours of the target face).

Contact Bruce Turley

And Finally

Hope you've found something of interest in this issue of "Write on Target". Hopefully, I've captured what most of you have been up to on the archery front over the summer, but if I've missed anything, then please let me know. Thanks to those who've submitted photographs and information for this Newsletter and don't forget if you have anything that you would like to see included in future Newsletters, please let me know, either in person at the Club or by emailing me.

Of course, if you have any suggestions on how the Club can be improved or matters you would like brought to the Committee's attention, then please don't hesitate to speak to either me or one of the other Committee members. The Club belongs to us all and I'm sure we all want to see it be the best it can!

See you on the shooting line!

Michelle