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Stourbridge Company of Archers Newsletter

Spring 2014



Welcome to another edition of SCOA's Newsletter. This has been the first one for some time, so there's quite a bit to catch up on including what's been going on over the winter and a look forward to what will hopefully be a good summer



Allen does the Double!

Congratulations to Allen Allsop who was the winner of SCOA's Outdoor Handicap Improvement Trophy for 2013. Allen improved his outdoor handicap by 12 places which was also enough to secure him the County of Worcester Handicap Improvement Trophy for Gents Recurve which was presented at the WMAS & CWAA Indoor Championships at Evesham on 2 March 2014. Well done, Allen!

On the subject of handicap improvement, a special mention must also go to Reg Paget who, after joining the Club following last summer's beginners courses, improved his outdoor handicap by a massive 16 places – quite an achievement! Unfortunately, Reg was not eligible for either the Club or County Handicap Improvement Trophy, as in order to be in the running, archers must have had a starting handicap at the beginning of the year, i.e. 1 January (as Allen found out when he was a new member last year!).

Other notable handicap improvements during 2013 were Steve Kelly and Dave Johnson who both improved their handicaps by 10 places (which would have been more than enough to earn them the Club's Handicap Improvement Trophy in recent years!).

Junior Zach Jewkes also deserves a mention, as his handicap improvement of 9 places was the third highest improvement amongst the County's Junior Boy Recurves. Well done, Zach!

Don't forget even if you have an outdoor handicap at the start of the year, you still need to submit at least eight rounds to the Records Officer during the course of the year to be eligible for either the Club or County Handicap Improvement Trophies. If you haven't yet put any rounds in this year, why not make a start – you never know, next time the trophy could be yours!

Saturday Shooting

As most of you will be aware, the Somers field has been available for Saturday shooting for much of the winter, as AFC Somers had to arrange to play their fixtures elsewhere due to the poor state of the pitch. Bad for them, but not so bad for us! With the football close season fast approaching, we will continue to have use of the field every Saturday during the summer months, although this may change when the footballers start training again for the new season. Watch this space for news on availability!

Welcome!

We have a number of new members who have joined the Club since the last Newsletter and we would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to them and to wish them a long and happy association with SCOA!

Annual Spring Clean

A big thank you to all those who helped out at the annual "Spring Clean" of the Clubhouse on Saturday 12 April 2014.

Thanks to their efforts, the inside of the Clubhouse has been given a lick of paint, a good tidy out and new carpet tiles have been fitted in the seating area.

A number of Club members worked very hard on this and the Clubhouse is now looking better than it has for some years, so let's try to keep it that way!

Thanks also to Phil Carter who procured the new carpet tiles and chairs.

Once again, many thanks everyone.

Beginners Courses

Our 2014 beginners courses are now under way with two courses currently running on Tuesday and Friday evenings. Demand has once again been very high, as a result of which, we will once again be running a third overspill course immediately after the current courses finish. This additional course will commence on Tuesday 17 June 2014.

The seating area will be required for the beginners courses over the coming weeks, so please ensure that you keep this area free of bags and equipment on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Mandatory Club Rules

Now that the weather is improving and we hopefully find ourselves with more time and inclination to shoot outdoors, just a reminder of a few simple Mandatory Club Rules:-

- 1. As we are only insured for recognised shooting days, you may only use the field on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays and on pre-notified Saturdays.**
- 2. Prior to shooting, the field must be roped off and the warning signs put out, following the diagram in the Clubhouse.**
- 3. There must be a minimum of two people present - one to act as a responsible lookout (who need not be an archer).**
- 4. All-carbon arrows are not allowed to be shot on the field.**
- 5. Every attempt must be made to find lost arrows. A Committee member must be notified at the earliest opportunity if lost arrows cannot be found.**

These rules are essential for the protection of both the public and fellow Club members and it is essential that all Club members adhere to them.

Somers Sports & Social Club

As most of you will be aware, Somers Sports & Social Club membership was due in April and if you haven't yet renewed your membership, please try to do so as soon as you can. It is a condition of our use of the facilities at Somers that SCOA members join Somers Sports & Social Club. (In the case of families or couples, only one person needs to be a member). If you haven't yet sampled the facilities, there is a well stocked bar with reasonable prices, very pleasant outdoor seating areas, a children's playground, regular events and of course, you also get access to the toilet facilities!

County Trials

Well done to our own Tony Carter who as well as scoring the top Gents Compound score at the recent County of Worcester Archery Association Trials, also shot his first "official" Master Bowman score – let's hope it's the first of many!

Tony also went on to be the top scoring Gents Compound in the first County match of the season, the Three Corners match between Worcestershire, Staffordshire and Cheshire. Wyre Forest's Scott Potter (who is also a Member of SCOA) also did well to finish in fifth place. Well done guys!

SCOA Field Shoot –Saturday 26 April 2014



On Saturday 26 April 2014, an intrepid group of SCOA archers made their way to March Hare Archers, a field archery club based in Throckmorton, Worcestershire, for SCOA's annual field shoot. Despite the forecast not being marvellous, the rain held off (for some at least!) and a good day was had by all. This year, the shoot was held in conjunction with Bowflights, with targets split between SCOA and Bowflights' archers.

The scores from this shoot will be used as part of the Victor Ludorum competition being organised by Clive Freeman and Dave Johnson. The next round will be an outdoor target round and the scores from the Club's Hagley National competition on Sunday 18 May 2014 will be used.

Redhill Archers 41st Open American – Monday 5 May 2014

On May Day Bank Holiday Monday, five Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Michelle Hall, James Johnson, Peter Langmaid and Andy Stanford) took part in Redhill's Open American. Rather untypically for a Bank Holiday, the rain held off and the weather was actually not bad, although it was pretty blustery. All of SCOA's archers shot well, with Tony taking second place in the Gents Compound; Michelle (returning after a six week lay-off due to a shoulder injury) taking second place in the Ladies Compound; Andy, third class medal for Gents Compound and SCOA Junior, James Johnson, Junior Boy Barebow medal. Peter Langmaid also did well, finishing a respectable 24th out of 44 in the Gents Recurve. Unfortunately, we didn't have sufficient numbers to do well in the team competition and finished in 5th place – although this wasn't bad considering most of the other Clubs had far more archers taking part!

Worcester Summer Trophy

The Redhill American is the first round of the Worcestershire Summer Trophy. This is an inter-club competition for Worcestershire Clubs which is run over the summer season. There are seven nominated open tournaments and each Worcestershire Club submits their best handicap adjusted scores from these tournaments to the Tournament Organiser who collates the results. As well as these handicap adjusted scores, bonus points are also awarded to the best placed Worcestershire archers at each tournament - the top placed compound and recurve archers being awarded 3 bonus points for their team; second placed, 2 points and third placed, 1 point. Top placed longbows and juniors also get bonus points. (Last year, Tony Carter won the trophy for the top scoring individual Gentleman across all bow types and Michelle Hall was the second highest scoring Lady across all bow types). Trophies are awarded at the County AGM. SCOA finished in third place in 2013, but if we can get more archers shooting at these tournaments, maybe we can better this in 2014!

For your information, the Worcester Summer Trophy rounds are the Redhill American; Wyre Forest Western; Droitwich Albion; Malvern Nationals; CWAA County Senior & Open Championships; SCOA Albion; Redditch Windsor and CWAA Open Junior Championships. (Please see "Dates for your Diary").

If you wish to take part in any of the Worcester Summer Trophy rounds or indeed any other away shoots, please speak to Dave Johnson, our Away Shoots Officer. Don't worry if it's your first time, there will be others on hand to help you and give you encouragement and don't forget that if you're a newer archer with a higher handicap, your handicap adjusted score could really help to bolster SCOA's placing!

Record Breaker!

Congratulations to SCOA Junior, James Johnson who has been shooting records like they're going out of fashion!

James shot a Short Junior Warwick at the Droitwich Spring Tournament on 19 April 2014 and a **UK RECORD** has been claimed (subject to ratification). (I guess that makes up for it being such a cold and wet day!).

In addition, our Records Officer has also put in a number of County record claims for James which are awaiting ratification.

As they say, watch this space



Apparently, James is pretty good at virtual archery too – above is something he did on Minecraft!

Dates for your Diary! *(Away Shoots shown in Blue italics)*

- 11 May 2014 - Short Metric (Postal) (Club Members only)
- 18 May 2014 - Hagley National (Club Members only)
- *1 June 2014 - Wyre Forest Open Western (Open Shoot – Worcester Cup)*
- 8 June 2014 - Western (Postal) *** (Club Members only)
- 15 June 2014 - Breakfast Shoot (Club Members only)
- *22 June 2014 - Droitwich Albion (Open Shoot – Worcester Cup)*
- 29 June 2014 - Club Champs (Club Members only)
- *12 July 2014 - The Mick West Memorial Longbow Shoot (Two Way Western) (Redditch COA)*
- 13 July 2014 - Rat's Ashes (American) (Open to all)
- *20 July 2014 - Malvern Nationals (Open Shoot – Worcester Cup)*
- 27 July 2014 - Nationals (Postal) *** (Club Members only)
- *3 August 2014 - CWAA County & Open Championships (Wyre Forest) (Open Shoot – Worcester Cup)*
- 10 August 2014 - Stourbridge Albion (Open to all – Worcester Cup)
- *17 August 2014 - Redditch Open Windsor (Open Shoot – Worcester Cup)*
- 7 Sept 2014 - Sheriff's Western (Open to all)
- *13 Sept 2014 - WMAS, CWAA, Open Junior Championships (Redhill) (Open Shoot – Worcester Cup)*
- *14 Sept 2014 - Clout (Bowflights) (Victor Ludorum round)*
- 21 Sept 2014 - All-Comers' Warwick / Postal *** (Club Members only; handicap adjusted)
- 28 Sept 2014 - Derek Peacock Memorial Longbow Shoot (Two Way Western) *** (Club members only)
- 3 Oct 2014 - Indoor Shooting starts at Waseley
- 13 Oct 2014 - Annual General Meeting
- 23 Nov 2014 - Annual Worcester (Indoor) (Open to all)
- 11 Jan 2015 - Annual FITA 25m (Indoor) (Open to all)

Note

*** Provisional Dates - To be confirmed

Don't forget that in addition to the aforementioned shoots, there are numerous other tournaments that you can enter – see your Archery UK magazine for further details. Further details of local Away Shoots can be found on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse or alternatively, speak to our Away Shoots Officer, Dave Johnson. We usually have a group of archers taking part in local tournaments, so you won't be on your own!

New Classifications (since the last Newsletter) - Outdoors

- Paul Clay First Class (Gents Recurve)
- Steve Kelly First Class (Gents Recurve)
- Reg Paget Second Class (Gents Recurve)
- Terry Foley Second & Third Class (Gents Recurve)
- Andy Stanford Second & Third Class (Gents Compound)
- James Johnson Second Class (Under 12 Gents Barebow)
- Keeley Walton Third Class (Ladies Recurve)
- Margaret Hanson Third Class (Ladies Longbow)

New Classifications (since the last Newsletter) - Indoors

- Tony Carter "A" Class (Gents Compound)
- Andy Stanford "D" Class (Gents Compound)
- Dave Johnson "E" Class (Gents Compound)
- Jeremy Wakefield "E" Class (Gents Compound)
- Allen Allsop "D" Class (Gents Recurve)
- David Cox "D" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Reg Paget "D" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Andy Stanford "D" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Mick Woodhall "D" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Terry Foley "E" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Ian Jewkes "E" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Richard Smith "E" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Alvin Hambidge "F" Class (Gents Recurve)
- Luke Cutler "F" Class (Under 18 Gents Recurve)
- Emma Wakefield "F" Class (Under 18 Ladies Recurve)
- Megan Schlanker "G" Class (Under 18 Ladies Recurve)

New Club Records (since the last Newsletter)

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Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Barebow	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	28/03/2014	184

Combined FITA (Triple)

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Gentlemen	Paul Clay	19/01/2014	1039
Compound	Ladies	Michelle Hall	19/01/2014	1063
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	19/01/2014	1123

FITA 18 (Triple Face)

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Gentlemen	Paul Clay	13/12/2013	520

FITA 25

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	10/01/2014	370
Compound	Gentlemen	Clive Freeman	10/01/2014	484

FITA 25 (Triple Face)

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	12/01/2014	565

FITA 70m

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	14/03/2014	658

Frostbite

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Ladies U18	Emma Wakefield	09/03/2014	174
Recurve	Ladies	Keeley Walton	02/02/2014	204
Recurve	Gentlemen U16	Zach Jewkes	03/11/2013	202
Recurve	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	10/11/2013	251
Recurve	Gentlemen	Roger Hanson	09/03/2014	317
Longbow	Gentlemen	Keith Raybould	02/02/2014	233
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	09/03/2014	354

Long Metric Gents

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	23/03/2014	637

Portsmouth

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Ladies U18	Emma Wakefield	28/02/2014	292
Recurve	Gentlemen U18	Luke Cutler	22/11/2013	393
Recurve	Gentlemen U16	Zach Jewkes	22/11/2013	448
Recurve	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	18/01/2014	483
Compound	Ladies	Margaret Hanson	04/04/2014	529
Barebow	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	11/04/2014	452

Portsmouth (Triple Face)

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Gentlemen	Michael Woodhall	24/01/2014	529
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	18/01/2014	589

Short Junior National

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	20/10/2013	576
Barebow	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	16/03/2014	578

Short Junior Warwick

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Barebow	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	23/03/2014	404

Short Junior Western

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Barebow	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	30/03/2014	796

Stafford

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Compound	Ladies	Michelle Hall	24/11/2013	649
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	24/11/2013	674

Worcester

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Recurve	Ladies U18	Emma Wakefield	21/02/2014	117
Recurve	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	15/11/2013	229
Compound	Ladies	Michelle Hall	17/11/2013	290
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	17/11/2013	300
Barebow	Gentlemen U12	James Johnson	28/02/2014	151

York

Class	Category	Archer	Date Shot	Score
Compound	Gentlemen	Tony Carter	02/05/2014	1228

Please note that since the recent "Spring Clean" of the Clubhouse, the noticeboards have been rejigged and we have scrapped the old "Handicap Board". An up to date list of handicaps will be posted in the Clubhouse on a regular basis and details will also appear on the Club's website, together with details of Club Records. Of course, if you're ever in doubt about your handicap, please don't hesitate to email our Records Officer, Tony Carter tony@eitmail.co.uk.

Ask a Coach!

If you would like any help or advice regarding your shooting, then why not **ASK A COACH!**

SCOA has three **Level One Coaches** who have attended Archery GB recognised coaching courses and attained the necessary certification - **Margaret Hanson; Roger Hanson and Alan Brown.**

In addition, both **Bob Hanson and Dave Johnson have attended coaching courses and of course, there are a number of experienced archers in the Club who are also happy to help.**

Whether you would like a bit of impromptu advice or something more structured, please don't hesitate to ask!

"Team Stourbridge" Winter Season

Not really news, but as we haven't had a Winter Newsletter as such, here's a round-up of the "Team Stourbridge" Winter Season!

Droitwich Archery Society Winter Worcester Tournament – Sunday 27 October 2013

The indoor season opened with the Droitwich Winter Worcester Tournament which was held on 27 October 2013 at the Royal Grammar School, Worcester. Nine Stourbridge archers took part (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Paul Clay, Stephen and Matthew Dingley, Michelle Hall, Dave Johnson, James Johnson and Peter Langmaid), some of them shooting one of the sessions and some of them shooting the full Double Worcester.

Stourbridge archers had a good day with Tony taking the second place medal in the Gents Compound and Michelle, the Ladies Compound "C" Class medal. SCOA were also second in the Compound Team competition.

James Johnson did really well to finish second in the Junior Gents Recurve section, particularly as he was an Under 12 and the archers in first and third were both Under 14's!

Well done also to Stephen and Matthew Dingley who appeared to be remarkably unfazed by what was their first tournament!

Evesham Archery Club – 24th FITA 18 World Record Status Tournament – Sunday 10 November 2013

Three Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Michelle Hall and Peter Langmaid) took part in Evesham's 18m FITA on Sunday 10 November 2013, competing alongside some of the top archers in the country. All three shot well, with Peter coming away with the "D" Class medal for Gents Recurve. (Whilst we weren't amongst the top prize winners, we each came away with a raffle prize – a couple of bottles of wine and a drinking game – so not a bad day after all!).

Stourbridge Company of Archers – Annual Worcester – Sunday 17 November 2013

SCOA's Annual Worcester tournament was held on 17 November 2013 with a full complement of archers taking part (the first time our Tournaments Officer can remember this tournament being fully subscribed – in fact, we had a waiting list for places!).

Nine Stourbridge archers took part (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Paul Clay, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Dave Johnson, James Johnson, Andy Stanford and Jeremy Wakefield).

Tony won the Gents Compound trophy, shooting his first "A" class score with a perfect 300!; Michelle shot a personal best to take the third place medal in the Ladies Compound; James Johnson took first place in the Junior Boys Recurve and Dave was awarded the "E" Class medal for Gents Compound.

Redditch 31st Open Stafford – Sunday 24 November 2013

SCOA had a good turn-out at the Redditch Stafford with eight archers (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Dave Johnson, James Johnson, Peter Langmaid and Andy Stanford) taking part. Tony and Michelle took second place medals in the Gents and Ladies Compound respectively and James Johnson was the winner of the Junior Mens Recurve. SCOA were also awarded the Compound Team Trophy.

National Recurve, Compound and Longbow Indoor Championships – Sunday 8 December 2013

Well done to Andy Stanford who was SCOA's sole representative at the National Indoor Championships at the Ricoh Arena on 8 December 2014, having only recently returned to archery after a 15 year break. Andy who as a junior was a South East Junior Champion, finished a very respectable 138th in the Gents Recurve section (although as you will see from elsewhere in this Newsletter, he has now taken up compound).

SCOA UK Record Status Annual FITA 25m – Sunday 12 January 2014

The second of SCOA's indoor competitions was held on Sunday 12 January 2014 at Waseley. Seven SCOA archers took part (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Paul Clay, Michelle Hall, Reg Paget, Andy Stanford and Jeremy Wakefield). Tony did well to finish second in the Gents Compound, only a couple of points behind Adam Ravenscroft, one of the UK's top ranked compound shooters who regularly represents GB in international competition.

Reg Paget also did really well in what was his first experience of competitive shooting – finishing in ninth spot in the Gents Recurve, ahead of a number of much more experienced archers. Well done, Reg!

Wyre Forest 25th Open Portsmouth – Sunday 9 February 2014

Eight SCOA archers (Tony Carter, Pau Clay, David Cox, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Dave Johnson, Peter Langmaid and Andy Stanford) took part in Wyre Forest's Portsmouth on 9 February 2014, although it wasn't a good day for most of us in terms of results, with SCOA's medal tally being confined to a class medal in the Gents Recurve ☹!

WMAS & CWAA Indoor Championships – Sunday 2 March 2014

Six SCOA archers (Allen Allsop, Tony Carter, Paul Clay, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall and Peter Langmaid) made the journey to Evesham for the WMAS & CWAA Indoor Championships. Tony was once again back on form, taking second place medals in both WMAS and CWAA Championships - missing out on the win by only one point!

Bromyard "D's & Down" – Sunday 16 March 2014

A number of SCOA archers (Peter Langmaid, Andy Stanford, Emma and Jeremy Wakefield) had a good day at Bromyard's "D's & Down", with Andy taking the second place medal in the Gents Compound in his first official outing with his compound; Peter was awarded third place medal in the Gents Recurve and Emma, second place medal in the Junior Girls Recurve.

Garrington Cup

Unfortunately, SCOA's compound team were not able to retain the Garrington Cup (which we had won for three successive seasons) in 2013 / 14, finishing one point behind joint winners Evesham and Redhill.

In the Recurve Garrington Cup, SCOA's recurve team finished fifth; the winners for 2013 / 14 being Redditch.

Archery GB January Challenge

A number of SCOA archers achieved good placings in this year's Archery GB January Challenge including Tony Carter who finished overall second in the Gents Compound category!

This year, there were 1,725 scores submitted, with 134 Clubs submitting scores.

SCOA placings were as follows:-

- **Gents – Beginners – Recurve**
 - Reg Paget - 38th out of 231 archers
 - Terry Foley - 90th out of 231 archers
 - Ian Jewkes - 105th out of 231 archers
 - Richard Smith - 109th out of 231 archers
- **Gents – Recurve**
 - Paul Clay - 91st out of 528 archers
 - Colin Dewis - 129th out of 528 archers
 - Mick Woodhall - 240th out of 528 archers
 - Allen Allsop - 258th out of 528 archers
 - Andy Stanford - 268th out of 528 archers
 - David Cox - 366th out of 528 archers
 - James Johnson - 407th out of 528 archers
 - Zach Jewkes - 488th out of 528 archers
 - Seth Faulkner - 516th out of 528 archers
- **Gents – Senior – Recurve**
 - Peter Langmaid - 25th out of 42 archers
- **Ladies – Recurve**
 - Megan Schlanker - 211th out of 213 archers
- **Gents – Longbow**
 - Bruce Turley - 20th out of 105 archers
 - Steve Knight - 21st out of 105 archers
- **Gents – Compound**
 - Tony Carter - 2nd out of 138 archers
 - Jeremy Wakefield - 107th out of 138 archers
 - David Johnson - 121st out of 138 archers
 - Clive Freeman - 130th out of 138 archers
- **Gents – Senior - Compound**
 - Bob Hanson - 19th out of 24 archers
- **Ladies – Compound**
 - Michelle Hall - 19th out of 43 archers
- **Ladies – Senior – Compound**
 - Margaret Hanson - 8th out of 10 archers

Each discipline was separated into sections dependent on experience, e.g. Beginners; the main section which covers most of us and Senior for archers who have been shooting longest. There are no junior sections as such – juniors are ranked in the adult sections with no differentiation as to age!

Please note that if your name doesn't appear on the list, then you didn't submit a Portsmouth score to the Records Officer during January 2014 and as the saying goes, you have to be in it to win it!

Winter Postal League Results

The West Midlands Winter "Portsmouth" Postal League was very well supported this time with three divisions in play. Winner of the first Division was Wyre Forest, with SCOA having a mediocre season, finishing fourth in Division 2.

Final results from the BA Postal League ("Portsmouth" and "Frostbite") are still awaited.

Portsmouth & Frostbite Badges

As in previous years, SCOA once again awarded Portsmouth 500 and Frostbite 300 badges to those who had reached these scores during the winter season (unless of course, a badge had already been presented in a previous season). However, for the first time, at the end of the 2013 / 14 season, we also obtained higher denomination badges for those shooting considerably more than 500 / 300 respectively, as well as lower denomination Portsmouth badges for Juniors and Longbows who normally miss out on the 500 badges (Juniors and Longbows scoring over 400 were awarded badges from 400 upwards). Full details below:-

Recurve / Compound

- **Frostbite 300**
Paul Clay, Colin Dewis, Margaret Hanson
- **Frostbite 315**
Roger Hanson
- **Frostbite 330**
Michelle Hall, Bob Hanson
- **Frostbite 350**
Tony Carter
- **Portsmouth 500**
Terry Foley
- **Portsmouth 525**
Allen Allsop, David Cox, Margaret Hanson, Peter Langmaid, Reg Paget, Jeremy Wakefield, Mick Woodhall
- **Portsmouth 550**
Paul Clay, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Bob Hanson, Andy Stanford
- **Portsmouth 585**
Tony Carter

Juniors - Recurve / Compound

- **Portsmouth 475**
James Johnson
- **Portsmouth 400**
Zach Jewkes

Longbow

- **Portsmouth 450**
Steve Knight, Bruce Turley

Badges were handed out at the last indoor session on 11 April 2014. (If you haven't yet had yours, then please see Michelle).



More William Tell'd than Robin Hood'ed!

Having not long started crossbow shooting, here is a pic of my first casualty crossbow arrow (they are known as "bolts") which was hit nock-on by the steel point of a second bolt. The half moon nock was pushed well down the aluminium arrow shaft and the end finished up as shown.....

I can see this is why crossbow ends are only shot in competitions in ends of three arrows or four max.....!

Roger Hanson

And finally

Hopefully, this Newsletter has whetted your appetite to get down to the Somers field and do a bit of shooting (especially if you haven't been down recently). **Don't forget the Somers field is available for shooting on Tuesdays and Fridays (lunchtime until dusk); Saturdays (anytime – subject to there being no football fixtures / training) and Sunday afternoons (from 12.30 / 1.00pm)** - so there are plenty of opportunities to dust off that equipment and make your bow feel loved again!

If you're a newer member who has not been down for a while, please don't hesitate to ask for help or advice if you need it – someone will always be happy to try to sort out any problems for you – although we can't shoot your bow for you!!

Also, don't forget that we have a number of Club competitions that are open to Club members only. These are a very relaxed introduction to competition and some are handicap adjusted, so they are geared to encouraging less experienced archers. The next one is the **Hagley National on Sunday 18 May 2014 (4 dozen arrows at 60 yards and 2 dozen at 50 yards for adults; distances according to age for juniors). Sighters at 2.00 pm, although please try to arrive at least half an hour prior to this to help with setting up the field and the targets.**

Thank you to those who have submitted photographs and information for this Newsletter. 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 on michelle@eitmail.co.uk.

Similarly, if you have any suggestions on how the Club can be improved or matters you would like brought to the attention of our monthly Committee meetings, then please do not hesitate to speak to me or one of the other Committee members.

See you on the shooting line!

*Michelle Hall
Club Secretary*