



Club News August

Many thanks to everyone who has rejoined the club ~ we now have just over 40 senior and 16 junior members, with a few in the wings waiting to join us. A few people have decided not to rejoin, for a variety of reasons and we wish them well for the future. Many thanks to Bryan for keeping us informed about shoots and general news via the website ~ if you haven't looked at the site recently I recommend you do so, there's plenty to read and lots going on.

Some of you may be aware that we are working towards Clubmark, a quality standard for sports clubs, which is becoming increasingly important for booking venues and access to funding streams. As a result we have reviewed several of our procedures and policies. I am, therefore, using this note as a vehicle to update you on a few key things.

- Child Protection
 - Parents/Guardians are reminded that they remain responsible for their children's safety at all times, including when they are shooting. They are expected to be present while their children are shooting. However, with agreement from a senior member it may be possible to leave your child so long as you accept you remain responsible for them.
 - Senior members ~ all our junior members know how to behave on the field and can normally be expected to do so and will need minimal attention from you. However, we recognise that at times you may wish to concentrate on your own shooting and not to have to watch over someone else; you and parents should be aware of this and that a refusal to look after a youngster is not a reflection on them.
 - We ask parents for contact details and any health issues we need to be aware of when children join the club. In the container and, when we go indoors, in the equipment cupboard there is a sealed red envelope with the up to date contact lists. In the event of an accident, to a junior whose parent is not present, the envelope should be opened to obtain contact details etc. Once opened please pass it to a committee member for safekeeping and resealing.
- Health & Safety
 - As detailed above we have information about junior members but nothing similar for senior members. If you have a condition that we need to know about please advise one of the coaches or a committee member. In addition we recommend that you carry emergency contact numbers and important health information with you, in your quiver or bow case perhaps.

Winter Season Dates

Our last weekday shoot outdoors is Friday 10th September, our last Saturday afternoon is on 23rd October. The Winter Programme is as follows:

Friday Nights ~ Indoors in the Main Hall ~ 20.00 – 22.00
24th September 2010 to 25th March 2011, with the exception of 24th and 31st December.
Please note changed start and finish times.

Sunday Mornings ~ outdoors on the field ~ 10.00 – 13.00
November 7 & 21,
December 5 & 19
January 9 & 23
February 6, 13 & 27
March 13

Sunday Afternoons ~ indoors in the small Hall (red gym) 14.30 – 17.30
November 14 & 28
December 12
January 16 & 31
February 20
March 6 & 20

Please note that *Sundays are not alternate weeks* ~ we have varied to programme to try to avoid clashes with events that members may wish to attend. If any clashes remain I apologise ~ I did my best!
Please turn up on time as this helps with setting out the field/hall.

Western and Club Championships

This is on 12th September, the entry form is on the website, or speak to Maurice Clarke or any committee member. There will be a working party on the morning of the tournament, starting at 8.30, where all help is appreciated. I for one often find this as enjoyable as the shoot itself. Then after a day's shooting why not join club members for a meal or drink at the Chesterfield Arms? Jim has booked a table; see him for details of what's planned.

Christmas

So far as I know no one has come up with any ideas for the Club's tree at the Christmas Tree festival. Don't be shy I'm sure you have lots of ideas ~ this being based on the inventive reasons I hear for why you (and I) have missed the target. We are planning a tree 5 foot high and 3 foot wide with an archery theme. Ideas welcome.

Equipment Day

There has been limited response to the offer from coaches to have an equipment day. If you have anything you want to ask about get in touch with the coaches and we'll do what we can to help.

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