



Hi Folks

Well this is it – the end of the indoor season.

But what a week to finish on with both the semi-finals and the final of the head to head being both shot on the last clubnight of the indoor season. Read on for the reports.

Last month I mentioned the helium balloon I spotted near Alan's and I received this email regarding it from Rob Garnham "I saw the balloon as well the other day. We spoke to a chap that was there and he said that it was a trial for an observation balloon to be used at Ayers Rock, OZ. Hence the aboriginal markings and 'uluru' painted on the side".

Thanks for that Rob, there is further news about that later. Thanks also for the alternative caption for the picture of David, Mike and the flowers. (It amused me but I doubt it will pass the censor so I'll hold fire on that one.)

And don't forget. Next Saturday is the indoor competition with a brand new round to shoot to keep us on our toes. Hope you have all entered. If you haven't, it's not too late.

Jim

Summer outdoor Shooting Times

The outdoor season starts tomorrow on Sunday 2nd April

Sunday shooting is from 8.30am until midday

Outdoor Club nights start Thursday 6th April

Thursday shooting is officially from 6pm but normally earlier until sunset

(or until the weather drives us home)

Reminder

Indoor Comp Sat 8th April

Hall opens at 1pm with assembly at 1.45pm.

There will be one round of sighters at 2pm

and shooting will start immediately afterwards.

2 dozen arrows (shot in 3's) at 20yds on a 40cm face.

2 dozen arrows (shot in 3's) at 20yds on a 60cm face.

2 dozen arrows (shot in 3's) at 20yds on an 80cm face.

There will be breaks in between as target faces are changed .

Another new member to welcome to the club**Welcome to Tom Hammond**

Shooting here with all the style and confidence of his Dad.

Looks like he will soon have his own collection of medals

**Do you pay your club subs annually?
A reminder for those who do!**

You will remember that, as part of the changes to our Membership structure, we agreed at the SGM in September to bring all annual club subs into line, to run from April to March. This means that all members who pay their subs annually instead of monthly will now pay in April every year, rather than paying them at odd times in the year depending on the date you joined. Any annual subs that became due after the SGM in September were reduced to take this into account and will become due again on 1 April, when the cost will be £144 (£72 junior) for the full year.

There are a few members paying annual subs who had already paid for a complete year before the changes were agreed and their subs will not be due for renewal until that 12 months has elapsed. Those members will then pay a reduced amount to be brought into line with the April renewal date for 2018.

If you pay annually your payment of £144 (£72 junior) is likely to be due on 1 April and I will be happy to receive it at the start or end of any Club night. If you are unsure whether this applies to you please contact me or come and see me at the start or end of any club night and I can let you know.

The option to pay monthly by standing order is, of course, still open to all members and members who pay by that method are not affected by this change.

Sorry it's a bit confusing, but by next year all annual subs will be due on 1 April and it will all be much simpler

Sarah Harvey
Club Treasurer



COMPETITION RESULTS

The Blue Arrows archers bring home another bagfull of medals

Clacton Portsmouth 26/02/2017

Longbow

Adrian Burch 442, Gold session, Gold overall

Recurve

Balint Olajos 342, Gold session, Gold overall

Chris Vince 534

Jon Hammond 552

Rachel Goode 423, Bronze session

Rob Garnham 564, Silver session

Ross Trinder 504, Gold session, Gold overall

Yvonne Butler 529, Gold session, Bronze overall

Zoltan Olajos 553, Bronze session

Compound

David Fellman 561, Silver session

Essex County WA 18m 11/03/2017

Recurve

Balint Olajos 221 and 310, Gold overall

Zoltan Olajos 544 and 492, Silver overall

Compound

David Fellman 545 and 537

and set some New Club Records:

26/02/2017	Portsmouth Gents U14 Recurve	Balint Olajos, 342.
11/03/2017	WA 18m Gents Recurve,	Zoltan Olajos 544
11/03/2017	WA 18m Gents U14 Recurve,	Balint Olajos 310

Congratulations to you all.

April Birthday wishes go to



Kerry Bunting

Best wishes to you both



Ade Burch

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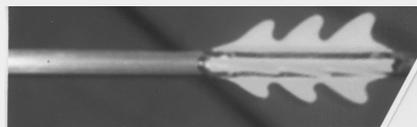
Was observation balloon shot down?



The police are investigating the destruction of the helium observation balloon destined for the Ayers rock in Australia.

The multi million dollar balloon which had been berthed near the village for tests was tragically destroyed, apparently by 'Storm Doris'.

Further investigation however revealed the presence in the wreckage of an arrow which probably caused the destruction of the balloon.



The arrow is fitted with bright bright orange fletchings and is thought to be of aboriginal design, possibly invoking a curse of some kind.

Investigations are continuing.

Head to Head. The quarter final face -off.

41 Archers entered. Only 4 left.

How did the battles go and who went through to the final??



THE RISING STAR

Piers Skilton

Youthful and determined

versus



THE WILEY FOX

Alan Munson

Experienced and cunning



THE QUIET ASSASSIN

Yvonne Butler

A deadly shot who avoids the limelight

versus



THE WILD CARD

John Humphreys

Mysterious and lucky



This face off tells us nothing.

Both just assessing the other with a quietly murderous intent.

Quite frightening really



This is much more revealing.

Alan faces the 'Let's get to it grandpa' approach of Piers by adopting a totally false posture of

'Oh, I think I'm going to lose this one'

What an actor!

The matches – the semi-final

John and Yvonne shot the first match which proved to be the most closely fought match of the entire competition. Their scores ran neck and neck throughout, each finishing with a score of 141.

This gave us the one and only **one-end shootoff** of the competition which Yvonne won with a score of 31 to John's 25.

Brilliant performances from you both. It was tremendous to watch.

The match between Piers and Alan would have provided a dream thesis for a Psychology PHD student.

Piers had the lower handicap and was shooting against his coach – **no pressure there then!**

Alan had perfected his body language of '**I'm going to lose and I don't care**' and he acted it to perfection. He was shooting on the same vertical target faces as Piers so took his first two shots from a weird angle while standing a couple of paces to the left of Piers, then shuffling to his right to release his third arrow while exhibiting a '**let's just release it and see where it goes**' attitude.

Final score Piers 148 and Alan 152.

First class archery from you both and an Oscar for Alan's acting.

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See Alan Munson on Thursday club night.



The Grand Final between Alan and Yvonne



With both archers shooting from the same handicap of 4, this promised to be another close match and so it proved.

Matching each other step by step along the way it seemed as if we were in for another one-end shootout as both were shooting spot on to their handicap.

After much mental arithmetic, however, Ade who was doing the scoring revealed that Alan had just nudged in front by a competition winning one point.

Final score Yvonne 151 Alan 152

Congratulations to you both for reaching the final and giving us a stunning match.

Congratulations to Alan the 2017 indoor H2H Grand Champion



The H2H finalists after providing a stunning match

Apologies- Steve Wood sent me an ebay link which I have not been able to reproduce. His email message is here but you will have to see him for further details

I thought some of the club members might be interested in a cheap bow weight scale that I have recently purchased of Ebay

Prices range from £3.58 to £90! for the same item, you just have to remove the luggage strap to leave a hook to use. Having checked Chris's bow weight with it, the scale was accurate to within 0.5lb on a 42lb bow. And you can still use it as a luggage scale too!

A Great curry night

Blue Arrows held its first curry night and what a great evening it was !
In total 18 of us enjoyed a fun filled evening with great company, tasty food and cheesy Naans !
Thank you to everyone who came along.

I will be arranging another quiz night towards the end of April, be great to see as many people as possible.

If anyone has any ideas for social events, please email me natalie.skilton@googlemail.com or speak to me on a club night. Happy to do the organising.
Natalie



Looks like a great night out
(but why was Chris hiding?
Captions for next week please!!)

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