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**Bournemouth Archery Club’s Newsletter**

**September 2018**

Dear Members,

Time to catch you up with a few important items! With the Autumn approaching fast we will soon be thinking about shooting indoors and details of indoor shooting venues are included in this edition.

**Outdoor Shooting**

We will be moving to Cricket 2 on Tuesday 4th September ready for the winter season. As before, the Sports Club will move our heavy equipment for us. Chairs and the metal detector will be in the container next to the cricket pavilion – if you have a key then this will fit the padlock. There are two containers side by side, ours is the one on the left marked with an ‘A’. The Cricket section have again kindly offered us the use of the ‘Home’ changing room for shelter and refreshment purposes and toilet facilities are available in this changing room. Target faces and pins will also be stored in the changing room. The key to the changing room will be kept in the container, please make sure you lock up and return the key after use. Please respect this facility and keep it clean and tidy. We will shoot down the field from the pavilion end, as usual.

Car parking is on the tarmac area adjacent to Cricket.  Please take care and park with consideration to others to ensure people are not blocked in when parking. Please note that only disabled archers are allowed to park on the field near our shooting site – please try to avoid damage to the field and park near the fence away from the pitch. If you can use the car park then please do so.

**Indoor Shooting**

**Rifle Range:-** The range will be available for indoor shooting from Tuesday 2nd October and on Fridays from 5th October. Shooting will be available from 6.30 - 9pm. Range fees will be £2.50 for adults and £1.50 for juniors per session – this remains great value for money!

**Victoria School:-** Shooting will start at Victoria School, Branksome on Saturday 3rd November from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This is a lovely venue, light and warm and session fees are £3.00 for seniors and £2.50 for juniors. Visitors can use this facility at a cost of £5 per session.

The school is **not** available on Saturday 24th November and from 15th December through the Christmas period. It will be available again from Saturday 5th January 2019 onwards to the end of the month. We will endeavour to book the range when the school is not available. The last shooting date at the school will be Saturday 26th January 2019.

***Please support these indoor venues, they offer a comfortable shooting environment during the winter months but if they are not supported we may have to consider either reducing the amount of time we can use them or, in the worst instance, cease to hire these venues.***

**Wessex Shoot**

We are hoping shortly to have a date for the Wessex Shoot which will be hosted by us in 2019, please keep your eyes peeled for further information. This is a friendly shoot between Bournemouth, Lytchett and Bracken.

**Outdoor Championships**

The club outdoor championships will be held on Sunday 16th September on Cricket 2. The round is a York/Hereford – 12 dozen arrows with Bristol rounds for juniors and a National round in the afternoon (1pm sighters). Assembly will be at 10.00am with sighters at 10.15am. Further details of distances etc can be found in the winter container and at the indoor shooting venues.

**Indoor Championships**

The Indoor Championships will be held at Victoria School on Saturday 8th December. This tournament is free of charge (no range fee to pay). Keep your eyes peeled for further details on the club noticeboard and the website – spaces will be limited so early entry is strongly recommended!

**Canford Indoor Tournament 2019**

Please make a note in your diary that the Canford Indoor Tournament will be held on Sunday 20th January 2019. More details will follow in due course; keep an eye on the club website for further information.

**Senior County Team Selection**

We have been asked by Dave Reynolds, DWAA Senior County Manager, to request information from all Senior members who are interested in shooting for the DWAA County Team. He has requested details of all the 1440 shoots you have attended this year in order to rank them in the county. This will be an ongoing process with a request that you continue to send him the details moving forward. Copies of the appropriate form will be available in the container/changing room on Cricket 2 after we move to our winter venue. Further details re senior team selection can be found on the DWAA website at [www.dwaa.org.uk/senior-team-selection](http://www.dwaa.org.uk/senior-team-selection).

**Junior County Team Selection**

We would like to congratulate a number of junior members who have been selected for the Dorset and Wilts County Team. They are Jamie Blake, Aaron Harpin and Josh Osborn (Compound) and Noah Gilchrist (Recurve). Well done to all,

**Indoor Coaching Arrangements**

We are pleased to inform you that we are planning to offer coaching on a Saturday morning at Victoria School starting from November 3rd. In addition, we are planning to also offer coaching on a Tuesday evening in the Rifle Range. This may be subject to shooting demand on a Tuesday night and the availability of space.

In addition to the above, we are hoping to run coaching sessions early in the New Year for the more competitive archer. These sessions will be held in the Rifle Range and further details will be available in due course. There will also be a ‘mental skills’ seminar aimed at the competitive archer which will also be open to members of the coaching team. This will be in the Rifle Range soon (October/November) – keep an eye out for further details. The seminar will be limited to 12 so if you are interested please get your name down as soon as you have the details.

**Bournemouth Sports Club Membership Cards**

If new club members have not yet received their BSC membership card please contact Dave Williams. This card allows you 10% discount on drinks and food in the main clubhouse and gives 5% back to the Archery club. You can preload your card with a small amount of cash if you wish to, which will probably assist with getting served at busy times.

**Committee and Club Officers**

Following the recent AGM we would like to advise you that the following members have been appointed:-

**Club President**: John Richardson **Chairman**: Dave Williams

**Secretary**: Martin Shaw **Treasurer**: Helen Wraight

**Eqpt. Officer**: John Honey **Asst.Eqpt.Officer**: Phil Clarke

**Membership Secretary**: Carole Tidd **Records Officer**: Ian Sheppard

**Child Protection Officer**: Malcolm Oldfield **Trophies Officer**: Nigel Precious

**Junior Rep**: Mike Buy **Tournament Sec**: Mike Pearce

**Promotions Sec**: Phil Clarke **Social Sec**: Dave Steer

**Webmaster**: Steve Dance **Asst.Webmaster**: Martin Shaw

**Club Groundsman**: John Honey **Asst.Groundsman**: Phil Clarke

**BAC Committee Minutes**

Please note that a copy of the monthly committee minutes is available in the clubhouse or the container depending on where we are shooting. All members are welcome to read but please leave on the noticeboard for others to see.

**Archery GB Membership Cards**

You should hopefully receive your 2018/19 membership cards by the end of October. These will be coming to you direct from Archery GB (GNAS). If you haven’t received your card by this date please let Carole Tidd know so that she can contact Archery GB.

**Safety on the shooting line**

Please ensure that you are observing the safety rules when shooting at all times. This includes the appointment of a Field Captain whenever there is more than 1 archer shooting. The Field Captain should have either been on the Field Captain course or be an ‘experienced’ archer. Their role is to keep a look-out and ensure that people are safe to shoot and when collecting arrows etc. However, it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that they are shooting in a safe environment. Remember, if it’s not safe to shoot – don’t shoot!

If you are interested in becoming a Field Captain please let us know. If we have enough interest we can look at running another course later in the year.

Please also note that coaches may intervene if they spot anyone they consider not shooting in a safe manner – members should always be willing to listen to good advice, and is essential when safety is concerned!

Please remember that if you wish to come down and shoot on a solo basis you need to ensure that you have adequate public liability insurance which can be obtained from ‘Gunplan’ via their website. Confirmation of insurance needs to be submitted to Carole Tidd before solo shooting commences. If you would like further information on solo shooting please speak to either Dave Williams or Carole Tidd.

**Club Christmas Dinner**

The Club’s Christmas dinner is to be held on Friday 14th December at Bournemouth Sports Club. Make a note of the date in your diary – more details will be available soon.

**And finally…**

A warm welcome to all new members who have joined us this year and we hope that you will enjoy shooting with us. If any new member has not yet received a Club ‘Welcome Pack’ please contact Dave Williams or let another committee member know so that this can be rectified.

**DON’T FORGET!**

To keep an eye on the BAC website! In order for members to gain access to the Members’ Area you will need to register by using the ‘register’ link. This will allow you full access to the website content and not just the ‘public’ pages. This is the place for details of upcoming shoots and entry forms, shoot results and all sorts of other important information such as shooting locations, indoor shooting dates etc.

Logon to BAC at [**www.bournemoutharcheryclub.com**](http://www.bournemoutharcheryclub.com)

BAC now also has a proper Facebook page to help members keep in touch and arrange meeting up to shoot outdoors etc.

**Happy shooting!**

**The Committee**