



Dear Member,

## **Important re Move of summer Shooting Site at Chapel Gate**

Following the recent Bournemouth7s Festival at Chapel Gate we have been informed by the General Manager that unfortunately we have to move our shooting site to allow urgent repairs due to the significant damage to our shooting range on the American Football/Mini Rugby pitches.

Clearly the recent rainfall coupled with the substantial movement of heavy lorries has caused an enormous amount of damage to the playing areas.

Consequently, we have been asked to move our shooting range to the Rugby 2 & 3 pitches which are to the west of the main Rugby pitch and grandstand. We have been assured that the site will be clear of litter by this weekend, and that we should be able to resume shooting next Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Parking will be available either near the main grandstand or in the wooded area just past the grandstand. This means that you will have to go towards the main Rugby grandstand by driving past the main clubhouse on your left and turn left behind the changing room block – BAC signage will be erected to help you find the location. Please ensure that you park in a way that will not prevent access by the CG grounds team.

We have also been allocated the Referee's Changing Room – number 6, one of the new changing rooms, to accommodate our target faces, pins, metal detectors, first aid equipment and signing in book. I am also pleased to say that it has a toilet and seating area plus power for a kettle to make hot drinks. The key card to the changing room will be on the target keys bunch and will need to be collected from our clubhouse by the appointed Field Captain for the session. These keys then need to be returned to our clubhouse either after the final session of the day or passed onto the next session's Field Captain.

Targets will be stored close to our new shooting area, and we will have a gazebo available nearby to provide some shelter.

This change of venue is of course frustrating, but the condition of the grounds will affect other sports sections as well. We have been told by the head groundsman that we should be able to return to our usual site by the beginning of August, but I am not as confident based on the amount of recovery work required! Rest assured that we will keep a close eye on developments during the period.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Alan and his team of helpers in moving our equipment and establishing our new range – great job and well done to all concerned!

David Williams  
Chairman  
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