



Burnham Company of Archers

Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to another edition of the BCOA Newsletter.

Winter seems to have flown by with postal leagues, indoor tournaments, County training, Christmas fun shoot and belated Christmas Party.

Easter is very early this year so thermals will be the dress code for the first few weeks of the outdoor season.

STOP PRESS CLUB SHOOT POSTPONED UNTIL LATER IN YEAR

Forthcoming events

Working Party at field Good Fri 21st Mar

Move Outside Sat 22nd Mar 2008

Spring longbow 20th April 2008

May York/Hereford/National 25th May 2008

WI Have a go 9th and 16th July—help req'd

Autumn Longbow 21st Sept 2008

Autumn Albion 12th Oct 2008

GWAS 35TH INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 35th indoor Championships were held at Hutton Moor on Sunday 10th February 2008. The event was well attended (being booked up weeks in advance) and due to the number and eagerness of the volunteers everything ran like a well oiled machine.

Burnham highlights of the event were :-

Ladies Recurve	Claire Burgess	Personal Best Score 427
Gents Recurve	Mike Codling	Highest scorer for BCOA with 507
Junior Gent Compound	Chris Plater	U18's First Place 526
Junior Gent Recurve	Joe Dale	Personal Best Score and Club Record U14' 333

Lady Paramount was Claire Burgess.





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GW Junior Postal League Latest Scores

Under 12's Team Score
1st place with 3005

10th place James Rix 86

Under 18's Mixed Compound
1st place Chris Plater 1004

Under 10's Boys Recurve
1st place Phillip Smith
3rd place Geoffrey Smith

Under 14's Girls Recurve
2nd place Tabatha Haller

Under 12's Boys Recurve Div 1
1st place Joe Dale 869

Under 12's Boys Recurve Div 2
1st place Matt Haller 592
Under 12's Boys Recurve Div 3

George Pengelly just can't stop shooting !!

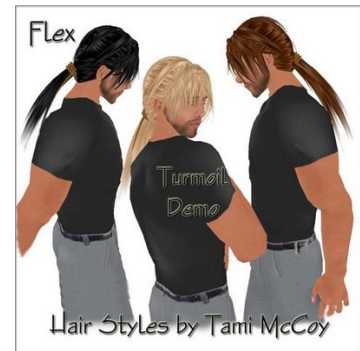
George deserves a special mention in this newsletter for completing the Brixham Archers Record Status Clipper Tournament double FITA.

In the first Portsmouth he came 4th with a score of 550 and in the second he was 7th with 551. This gave an overall position of 2nd with a score of 1101.

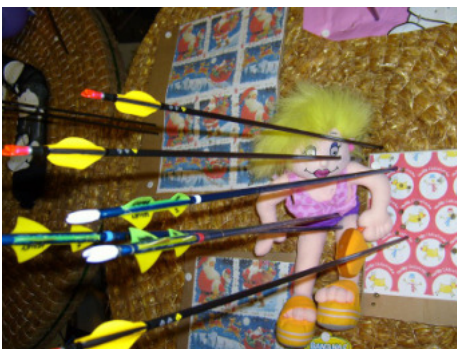
This follows the outdoor season in 2007 when George seemed to enter every competition going with an hair colour to match.

In addition a special thanks goes to

George for his quiz at the Christmas Party which everyone enjoyed but found very tough.



Christmas Fun Shoot





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The History of the Middle Finger

(not for children or those easily offended)

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English Longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. The famous English Longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as "Plucking the Yew" or "Pluck Yew".

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French,

saying "See, we can still pluck Yew!). Since "pluck Yew" is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodentals fricative F, and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute!

It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as "giving the bird".

IT IS STILL AN APPROPRIATE SALUTE TO THE FRENCH TODAY !!!



CLUB AWARDS SAT 15th MARCH

Notable awards this year are George Pengelly Senior Handicap Improvement Medal and Joe Dale Junior Handicap Improvement medal. Congratulations to everyone who has won an award this year.



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This months puzzle

Congratulations to Ellen Parkinson for winning the last editions word search.

This time it's a Sudoku puzzle. All entries by 1st April please when the winner from all correct answers will be drawn.

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