

Newhaven Archery Club AGM 17th October 2013 at Seven Sisters Seaford

Members present:

Jai and Emma Scudder, Liz and Simon Davis, Colin Bambury, Steve, Jen, Adam and Jack May, Graham and Ann Yeldon, Jackie Oxley, Jill and Roy Pateman, Mike and Verena Betts, Sean Beckett, Ivor Fabb, Lyn Hill, Chris Jones, Becca Davis, Steve and Diana Linsdell, Terry Godwin, Steve and Pam Chapman, Sue Schultz, Jack Davies, Ron Floor, Chris Jones, John Tatnell, Pete Fairweather (+ 2 others I can't identify from the sheet)

Apologies:

Mick Chadwick, Jim Williams, Paul Thompson, Karen Homewood, Richard Sandles, David Crouch, Jane and Terry Skinner, Nigel and Joshua Oxley, Chris Linsdell.

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2013 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Matters Arising - none

Chairman's Report AGM 2013

Welcome everybody to this year's AGM. I know it has not been a year since the last AGM, it has been changed to fall in line with Archery GB's year, which makes more sense from a treasury perspective.

We held the first of what I hope will be an annual event, the NAC Summer Bash. The weather was fine and those that turned out seemed to have a good time. As per usual, this was a labour intensive event to organise and run and I am very grateful to all those that put in the time and effort to do so.

We held another very successful training course this year, with a good number of trainees taking up the sport regularly. I would like to thank the current members of the committee, who have dedicated a lot of time to ensuring the club runs smoothly. I would like to thank Graham Yeldon who is standing down this year.

We thank you for your work over the last two years.

Thank you

Secretary's Report AGM 2013

In my report in February I was looking forward to a sunny and enjoyable outdoor season and whilst it didn't start too well, the weather came through in the end.

Now 8 months on we are looking forward to the indoor season and things are going well. Numbers at Tideway are already up on last year and hopefully this trend will continue. Many of us feared that two details was a thing of the past but I'm delighted to say that they seem to be making a comeback!

Our numbers this year have been swelled by two beginners courses and I'd like to thank everyone who helped with those. In addition, we welcomed lots of new members from other clubs too and they just keep coming, so we're obviously doing something right!!.

As always the committee have continued to work hard to keep the club going and ensure that your shooting has been problem free. I'd like to thank my committee colleagues for their continued support over the last twelve months.

Treasurers Report AGM 2013

All members should by now have received a copy of the audited accounts for the period 1st February to 30th September 2013.

Following agreement by those present at the February AGM the club's financial ear now runs from 1st October to 30th September in line with Archery GB (GNAS) meaning the books have been audited for the second time this year but will return to the norm of once a year in 2014.

At this present time the monthly club membership and target fees do not require an increase, but this is with the proviso that should the need arise, then fees would be increased following consultation with the membership.

Record Officers Report AGM 2013

See awards

Match Secretary's Report AGM 2013

Western tournament 12th May 2013

There were a total of 67 entrants – 4 juniors and 63 adults from many clubs in Sussex, Surrey, Kent and even Hampshire shooting a mix of barebow, recurve, compound and longbow. It's not all about making money but we did make a profit of £493.76.

Albion matches

Many thanks to all who turned out for the 2 Albion matches, home on the 23rd June to Horsham and away on the 7th July to Bognor. Disappointingly we lost both matches but achieved a respectable score in each. The score for the first match against Horsham saw us not win with a final adjusted score of 2840 to their 2993 – quite close, I think. The score against Bognor saw us come second again with a final adjusted score of 2567 against their final adjusted score of 3158. Never mind, we'll do better next season!

Longbow/Barebow tournament - 10th August 2013

There were 29 archers shooting on the day, predominantly longbowers (21) with a smattering of barebow archers (8). Newhaven archers did very well with Lynda Hill clearing Gold in the Ladies Barebow by a good margin and Keri Stevenson coming third in the same category. Alan Smith scooped the Gold for Mens Longbow from under the nose of Steve Chapman. Phil Reay came a very close second in the Mens Barebow and John Tatnell came a very respectable third in the same category.

Selby postal league

The Recurve/Barebow teams finished in second place out of 6 in the Division and although they had the highest total score, their Division placing was down to losing 2 matches out of the five – the Division leaders only lost 1. The Longbow teams finished fourth out of 6 in their Division and the Compound team of Jai came 6th out of 6, mostly because we only had one archer able to shoot. Thinking of putting in 2 Recurve/Barebow teams next year as there were a lot of archers shooting those disciplines this year.

Equipment Officers Report AGM 2013

Roy reported that the tea shed roof is in urgent need of repair as it is letting in water. The committee has already agreed to make this a priority.

The equipment wagon is looking rather sorry for itself, the doors in particular need attention then the whole thing needs repainting.

The mower has now gone so we need to sort out this space so it can be used for storage, this means getting a false floor down then it can be used to store bosses.

The stands are all looking a bit worse for wear and it isn't time

efficient to repair them. We are looking at alternative stands and are currently trying square stands which we hope will prevent shoot throughs and will hold up better during beginner's courses.

Faces have been restocked and we will look at the beginner's equipment nearer the course.

Finally, we now have an arrow to measure draw length, which is being kept in the wagon.

Membership Secretary's Report AGM 2013

I am Jill Pateman and I have been the membership secretary for the last 2 years, although I haven't actually been an archer until this year when I completed the beginner's course in May.

We now have 101 members in the club. We have had 26 of these joining this year from the 2 beginner's courses we held in January and May, 7 of those being juniors.

You mainly hear from me when we are asking for money whether it be the annual Archery GB fees or for the t-shirts!

You should now have received your new Archery GB membership card but if you haven't, please let me know.

I have to say that we have had a very good feedback regarding the t-shirts and another order has gone in. They will look very professional for future competitions.

Anyway, now that I am out in the field so to speak, I look forward to getting to know you all a bit better this year.

Thank you.

Child Protection Officers Report AGM 2013

As you may remember, at the last AGM Maggie Tyehurst handed over the reins of Child Protection Officer to me and I was very pleased to take on this responsibility.

Our club holds the GNAS Child Protection Policy which is part of our constitution. We adopt good practice procedures within our club for competitions, beginner's courses and have-a-go's, safeguarding children, vulnerable adults and indeed those within the club who help out at these events.

The former CRB checks that we were all familiar with are now called Disclosure and Barring Service checks, or DBS checks for short, and Archery GB now encourages those applying to opt for the online application process.

Archery GB's Child protection Officer, Anne Rook has given me new

and clear guidelines regarding our club's DBS requirements.

We are of course following these properly and correctly, ensuring that we are always providing a safe and proper environment for our juniors and visitors to our club.

Junior Club Rep Annual Report 2013

Our junior club continues to strengthen and we were very pleased that 7 new junior archers bolstered our ranks this year. NAC currently has a healthy total of 19 juniors, and I hope our newest juniors feel welcomed and are enjoying their shooting.

We continue to encourage and motivate our juniors through the Archery GB performance awards, and I am delighted to report that our archers have successfully achieved 35 badges between them since we started a year ago, which equates to a remarkable 21 badges this summer alone.

At the last AGM I told you that our juniors took part in the Archery GB November challenge and I promised to update you of any results received.

We were thrilled to hear that Ruth Hollingsworth came third in the Junior Ladies U16 bare bow category, and she received a smart engraved silver salver in recognition.

To put Ruth's achievement into context, this is a national competition and 479 entrants shot so to receive a trophy is a fantastic.

Sadly the Ditchling AC junior competition was cancelled this year so participation in away competitions has been lower than last year, but I was very pleased that two of our juniors came away with gold medals at the Friars gate open field shoot in August.

Richard Sandles won gold in the junior barebow and Adam May won gold in the junior recurve traditional. Well done to them both, and good luck at Friars gate on Sunday !

Most NAC members might be unaware how much a few of our juniors represent our club at various club events throughout the year, but I would like to give them some recognition and thanks.

We are fortunate to have a core of juniors consisting of Josh, Adam, Tom, Richard, and Jack, & Kristian who help out on open days, have a goes, beginners courses and the western tournament.

They set out the ranges, organise parking, collect money at have a goes, ferry refreshments at competitions and events and are all round general helpers. Again this year they got up at 6am on a Sunday and spent all day actively engaged at the horse trials have a go.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for all your efforts, not just the shooting.

Roy & I look forward to another year season running the junior club, and I'm sure we will be reporting more junior club success next year.

Webmaster's Report AGM 2013

Issues with users being unable to logon to the website if they use the 'Chrome' browser and the current need to share the 'nacmember@hotmail.co.uk' userid mean the current setup isn't ideal. I'm considering moving the site to be hosted by Serif (rather than BT) or to change something else – e.g. the website maintenance software to resolve the issue.

If we do, each user will be able to have their own ID, this opens up the possibility of a 'blog' (which has been asked for) and a page for inputting of round scores for emailing to the records officer – no doubt plus other things in time.

NAC Today Editor's Report AGM 2013

Colin reported that he had now produced 10 copies of NAC today and was happy to carry on if the membership wanted him to. As always, contributions are very welcome!!

Club Reps Report AGM 2013

Graham has decided not to stand for re election this year but passed on his thanks to the committee and expressed how much he had enjoyed working with everyone.

Election of Officers October 2013

The following positions and post holders were approved by the membership present:

Chairperson – Jai Scudder
Treasurer – Emma Scudder
Secretary – Liz Davis
Records Officer – Simon Davis
Junior Reps – Steve May and Roy Pateman
Match Secretary/Tournament Secretary – Jackie Oxley
Membership Secretary – Jill Pateman
Club Reps – Chris Jones, Steve Chapman, Steve Linsdell and Mike Betts
Equipment Officer – Roy Pateman
Webmaster – Nigel Oxley

CPO – Jen May
Nac Today Editor – Colin Bambury

Presentation of Awards 2013

See attached pdf file 2013-10-17-agm-report.pdf

Any other Business October 2013

- Liz asked the membership to approve two changes to the constitution
 1. To reinstate the paragraph that details club shooting days (inadvertently removed from the constitution prior to its approval in Feb 2013):
8.3 Club Target Days shall be any day when two or more archers shoot a GNAS or FITA round under GNAS rules.
 2. To make a change to section 4.4 to ensure that signatories on Newhaven Archery Club cheques aren't related:

4.4 Cheques and/or orders withdrawing monies from any account shall be signed by two of three officers, eg Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. For signing purposes none of whom can be related.

Everyone present agreed to these changes to the constitution

- Terry Godwin announced that he is standing down from running the Field Shoots after many years and is looking for someone to take over. He will continue until the end of this year but someone else needs to be found before the January 2014 shoot. If you are interested in taking on this role then please contact Liz or Terry. Members need to be aware that they would need to attend and oversee each monthly field shoot.
- Steve Linsdell asked whether the committee could consider reducing the monthly fees given the amount of money currently in the bank. The committee will discuss this at their next committee meeting in November.
- Ron Floor proposed that Ron and Maggy Tyhurst be made honorary members particularly in recognition of their contribution to the club in finding its current home. The membership agreed and this will be discussed by the

committee at their next meeting, and Terry and Maggy will be contacted.

- Mike Betts commented that in light of the Summer Champs having to be cancelled because of poor weather, couldn't it be brought forward to earlier in the year. The committee will discuss this at their next meeting.
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Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next AGM Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 7.30pm