

British Timken Bowmen

Newsletter

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Indoor comp

Our annual indoor competition was held for the first time at Moulton. This proved to be a really great venue being both warm and light. We had great support from the club members from setting up on Saturday, right through to clearing away on Sunday, so thanks to everyone for their help, but especially to Sylvia, Graham and Tony who did a tremendous job in organising and running the competition.

The Timken Triple attracted the usual bunch of mad archers from all over the country (or so it seemed). Quite a number of archers competed in the triple doing a Worcester, Vegas and Portsmouth round, including Zak from Targetcraft and some of our new members, Es Shepherd and Claire Hathaway. Congratulations to all those archers as 15 1/2 dozen is a lot of arrows.

BTB were well represented in our competition throughout the day and it was great to see so many blue shirts there.

Several of our archers did very well in the competition starting with Ann Hartfield who scored an astonishing 292 from a possible 300, and Carl Newman got a bronze in his first competition. BTB won the senior team trophy.

Long Buckby Scouts supported our shoot well and as usual did very well. Edward Bracher completed the triple with his longbow winning a gold, and Chelsea, Sam, Oliver, William and Edward all shot in the Portsmouth round.

Edward Spokes, Sam and Oliver took the 2nd Junior team trophy. Well done to all three.

We made a profit of around £80 on our raffle so thanks to all those who contributed prizes and bought tickets.

Our competition is particularly popular, mainly because of the very friendly atmosphere generated, so well done everyone in BTB for making this possible.

Tornadoes

We now have 10 members in the Tornadoes which is really great as we only had 6 in September.

Several of our archers shot at the competition including Mark, Nathan, Oscar and Catherine.

They shot well enough to win the junior team trophy for the 2nd year running, so our congratulations to all for their achievement.

I believe it was the first competition for Nathan and Oscar. Both did really well, and Nathan did particularly well in getting an individual gold medal for the Portsmouth round.

For those who don't know, the dragon above is the Tornadoes mascot Tim who is currently being looked after by Rebekah.

Shooting Venues

We have been shooting this year at Moulton Agricultural college on Friday evenings from 7pm until 10pm. All the archers who shoot on Fridays help out with setting up and then clearing away afterwards which is really great and means there's generally a very good atmosphere. Since the first few weeks when there weren't many archers we are getting a regular 10 or more archers on Fridays which is very heartening.

Our thanks are due to Robbie Speirs, centre manager and his staff for all the help and support they give us on the Friday evenings which contributes to our enjoyment of this great indoor facility. I know there were quite a few archers at our competition who were very envious of our indoor facility.

Our thanks are also due to Sylvia, Graham and Tony for allowing our archers to use the Scout hut at Long Buckby on Wednesdays for our members who live near there.

We plan to shoot at Duston Upper School this summer, from May—September on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6—9pm or dusk whichever is sooner.

Other info from AGM

Beginners classes

For some time last season we had nowhere to do beginners classes which resulted in a smaller membership of the club. Over the summer at Duston Upper School, David, Brian, Sylvia, Tony and Graham worked very hard with a succession of beginners classes. This was continued over the winter with Sylvia, Graham and Tony running classes constantly over the winter season. We also managed one class at Moulton. All this has resulted in a real boost in our membership both with Timken Tornados and with BTB.

Our next beginners course is scheduled for May at DUS and so far we have had a lot of interest and people asking for their names to be put on the list. This is all good news for the club and we look forward to a very good outdoor season.

Shooting calender

29.02.04	Fita 25	Leon School Bletchley	Wicken
07.03.04	Portsmouth	Weavers School W'boro	NCAS
25.04.04	American	Ferry Meadow P'boro	Nene B'men
02.05.04	Fita	First Caswell	Doddington BGA
16.05.04		Wrenn School W'boro	WOAC
06.06.04		Wicken	Wicken
13.06.04	Traditional	Kettering	Kettering
27.06.04		DUS	BTB

This is just some of the shoots coming up in the next few months. For full details of these shoots and for the full shooting programme for the year please look in Archery UK and go to

www.birchdj.freeserve.co.uk/ncas

