

BRITISH TIMKEN BOWMEN

NEWSLETTER

2nd August 2010

Dear All,

Firstly, it is with great despair that I have to inform you that one of our members, Giles Rose, has lost his life in a road accident. On behalf of all of us I would like to offer our sympathy to his family at this awful sad time.

New Headquarters

I expect that you have been waiting with anticipation for more news of our new headquarters at the former British Timken site at Duston. David Clarke our President has produced a publication with all the latest information about the project. I have a copy of this document which you can borrow if you wish to view all the plans and details but I will summarise the salient points below.

The internal dimensions of the archery range will be: -

Length 35 m

Width 6 m

Height 3 m

This will facilitate the installation of five targets across the range.

Adequate storage for equipment will be provided

There will be a sink, work surface, and cupboards, which means that we will be able to do our own catering for light refreshments.

The complex will be managed by an elected board of directors, three Duston Parish Council members, seven user group members, and two community members.

The yearly subscription charge to our club is estimated to be in the region of £4000 for the year 2012.

This is based on a usage of 375 hours annually over fifty weeks.

The annual fees that we charge our BTB members will be based on this figure and therefore the current fees will have to be reviewed. It will be hoped that our membership numbers will increase in order to keep this to a minimum.

It is planned that the contractor will start building in June 2010 with a completion date of April 2011.

We are due to use both the outdoor and indoor ranges all day on Sundays, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings during the week. We could, therefore, offer them to be used by another club on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Change of Club name

Considering the facts that the British Timken Company no longer give us any support, financial or otherwise, it has been suggested that the club name "British Timken Bowmen" is no longer appropriate.

Our move to Duston could coincide with a new Club name. For example we could call ourselves the "Duston Bowmen" .

This is something for us to think about and will be discussed at greater depth at a later date.

Annual Fees

The method by which we pay our affiliation fees to Archery GB (GNAS) is being revised this year. This should speed up the waiting time for membership cards. The accompanying letter provides a more detailed explanation.

David Sibley

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