

To all members

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#### Help for Heroes

A reminder of our 24-hour shoot in aid of charity at Easter Weekend - from the evening of Good Friday through to the evening of Saturday 11th April. All money raised will go to Help for Heroes, which supports servicemen injured in recent conflicts. Since this is extra to our already busy tournament programme, the format of the shoot will be designed to minimise the work required from Club members but we will need some assistance on setting up the field and in the kitchen. If you want to shoot, the entry forms are available on the website and in the Clubhouse, or speak to Phill Carder. For Juniors a 12-hour shoot will be available all day on the Saturday. If you are able to help with the shoot please speak to Phill Carder (tel 01395 277272).

Shooting for 24 hours is a totally mad thing to do! So come and join the nutters!

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#### Car Boot Sale

The first of our four annual car boot sales will take place on Easter Monday. Running these sales raises a lot of money for the Club and is the main reason that your membership subscription is so low. But they do need a good team of members to turn out to help - we need people to help with marshalling the parking, and with running the café. Adult or junior, we've got a job for you! If you can get up early on Easter Monday, let a committee member know that you'll be along, and come and join the team.

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#### Club Indoor Championships

The Club Indoor Championships (Juniors on Wednesday 18th and Seniors on Thursday 19th) were not well attended - were you all too busy looking forward to the outdoor season?

For the Juniors, Compound Boy was won by Ben Glover (there's a surprise!), and Recurve Boy by Ryan Oliver. New members Joel and Dominic (shooting barebow) also put in decent scores.

For the Seniors, Compound Gent was won by Phill Carder, and Compound Lady by Jane Morrish. Recurve was won by Daryn Radcliffe, with Rob Drew taking the 'novice' trophy.

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#### String Making Workshop

Do you want to learn to make your own bow strings? Rob is organising a workshop to teach you - and to make new strings for the Club bows in the process! If you're interested see the poster in the Clubhouse or speak to Rob Drew (tel 01395 265250).

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Archery UK

Archery UK is worth looking at this month - a good article on the Sydney Youth Olympics, with Ant and Caz. And a write up on our newly registered field course thanks to Paul Palin. If you don't get Archery UK, the Club has two copies which you'll find in the Clubhouse. If you're affiliated to GNAS and don't get Archery UK - you should do! Let me know and I'll try to sort it out.

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#### Regional and County Field Championships

We've been asked - and have agreed - to host the Regional (Grand Western) and County (Devon and Cornwall) Field Championships this year. The County Championships have not taken place for several years, but the registration of our field course has created a suitable venue to hold both Championships as a combined event. This will take place on Sunday 4 October 2009. Although the Club has a first class reputation for hosting target tournaments, we have no experience of hosting a field tournament - and little experience of taking part in field tournaments! Luckily Region (in the person of Steve Glover) is happy to work closely with us on this first year, while we learn the ropes.

(I was going to say 'so that's added another string to our bow' - but luckily I restrained myself.)

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#### Grand Western AGM

The AGM of the Grand Western Archery Society (GWAS) will take place on Sunday 29 March at West Buckland Village Hall at 1.00pm. If you're affiliated to GNAS through the Club then you are also a member of GWAS and entitled to attend the AGM. If you would like to go, let me know.

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#### Work on the Grounds and Clubhouse

I'm sure you've noticed (or will notice, if you've not yet started shooting outdoors) that some members have been giving up a lot of their spare time to put the Grounds and Clubhouse into good order for the new outdoor season. The drive has been improved, the Devon bank has been repaired, the hedges have been trimmed and are being thickened, the Clubhouse has been redecorated and will soon also have a new carpet, and an outdoor enclosure has been built for safe housing of the gas bottles. Quite a few people have been involved in this but particular mention and thanks are due to Carole Talbot, Rob Drew, Tim Pratt, Phill Carder and Tony Brown. Think of them as you enjoy the long sunny days up at the Club this summer!

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John Russell  
Secretary