

# OBA Newsletter

Spring 2012

## ***A message from the Chairman***

Hello everyone and here we go again, the days are lengthening and the early daffodils and crocus are appearing. It was great to see everyone who could make the AGM.

We will not pre-empt the minutes from the Hon. Sec., but it is right to thank Debbie, Helen, Julian and Andrew for their contributions to the committee and to welcome Mark Haldane, Nigel Lomax, Ben Cedarstrom and Chris (x2) to the committee. Yes we have two people doing the new intake/training co-ordination both called CHRIS, Messrs Wilgar and Hawkins. Martin Potts has been given sole charge of his son, Adam, and is thus the Child Protection Officer (serves him right!).

My first action will be to attend the Facilities Management Committee meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb where not much will happen but all the clubs will be there to show the strength of feeling about the steep rise in grounds charges. After that we'll organise our first committee meeting to discuss dates for the coming year.

I wish us all success for 2012.

*Steve Meredith*

## ***Matters resolved at the AGM***

### ***Appointment of officers***

Chair — Steve Meredith

Secretary — Ian Boreham

Treasurer — Steve Learwood

Records Officer — Ben Cedarstrom

Equipment Officer — Geoff McCann

Child Protection Officer — Martin Potts

Tournament Organiser — to be decided by the committee

FITA Liaison — Iain Fletcher

Beginners Coordinator — Chris Wilgar & Chris Hawkins to share

HAA Rep — Peter Hunton

Newsletter Editor — Harry Holt

### ***Club Fees***

After some discussion it was agreed that the Club fee would raise by £5 in addition to the £5 rise in the Parish Levy — resulting in a rise of £10 for most members.

### ***Archer Supreme***

Helen Ricketts for her work on organizing the beginner's courses.

### ***Betty Holmes Trophy***

Awarded to the most dedicated junior in the Club - Adam Potts. Well-done Adam!

## ***Other matters***

### **Dates for OBA Events**

St George Shoot – 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Burleigh Friendly (At Burleigh) – 10<sup>th</sup> June  
Old Basing Carnival – 16<sup>th</sup> June  
Birthday Shoot – 5<sup>th</sup> August  
Andoba FITA 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Club Championships – 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
A club 12-doz round – 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

### **FITA**

Any members with an interest in shooting at the annual Andoba FITA are asked to make their intentions known to the Chairman.

### **Beginners Courses**

These courses will continue as 3 x Saturday mornings (running 14<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) and 4 x Monday evenings (running on the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May)  
**n.b.** No club shooting will take place on these nights. The minimum age will be 12. If an existing club member has a child they wish to join then we will relax this age to 10 but would expect the child to have their own equipment. A later course in September will be decided nearer the time but is likely to start on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Committee decided to increase the cost of the courses to £55, this would not affect those that had prepaid gift vouchers. (Overton Black Arrows charge £50 for 6x1.5hr Sessions. Andover also charge £50 for 6 2hr Sessions) The meeting discussed the poor retention of new archers, Steve suggested a welcome back day on the 5<sup>th</sup> May and that previous members and those trained in the last year be e-mailed and invited to shoot at 20yds.

### **Request for Contributors**

News, shooting reports in fact anything vaguely toxophilic, are welcomed by the editor. Give it a try!

