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Christmas/New Year Events

A number of people were unable to partake due to illness (including me).

Gwen Avent won the highly desirable Christmas Fun Shoot Trophy (the one made from highly coloured metal, all held together by a bolt). Her husband, Ron, must be very pleased!

The seniors made £32 on the raffle; the money goes into the Equipment Account. The food at the Seniors Christmas Fun Shoot and Presentation and the Frozen FITA was paid for by Ian in lieu of sending Christmas Cards.

Our thanks to Julia for providing the food at both the Christmas Fun Shoot and the Frozen FITA.

Frozen FITA, Sunday 8th January



13 seniors and 5 juniors took part. The 9 knot westerly wind with a temperature of 9°C was quite balmy for January, but the cold seemed to creep into the bones towards the end of the shoot and Julia's hot soup and hot dogs were most welcome.

For the fourth year running, (so he tells me), Chris Long won the seniors event. (Rumours that he deliberately shoots badly during the year so as to get a good handicap allowance have been strenuously denied).

The Junior event was won by George Wilson.

Fees

The monthly fees for full seniors members reduced to £16.50 in January. Have you changed your Standing Order? You are reminded that anyone paying more than £16.50 will have the excess treated as a donation to the club.

Airfield

Plans for a new construction industry waste-recycling site at Weald Hall Farm Business Centre in North Weald have been scrapped.

However, the proposed Waste Depot at the back of the control tower cuts right across our present archery range and we are in discussion with EFDC concerning this problem. Design and tender for the site are due September 2012 with a view to it being in place March 2013.

North Weald Airfield Community Day

The Community Day 2012 would take place on 9th September. It will be called "Norwegian Wings over North Weald" as we will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Norwegian squadrons arriving at RAF NW. As usual we are invited to run our archery "Have-a-Go". The manager has said that from a practical point of view, we are very unlikely to be able to be placed on an alternative site.

St Edmunds International Summer School

The school is undertaking major refurbishment works this year and consequently, the Summer School will not take place in 2012. This is rather a blow for the club as the 4 Sunday afternoons in July/August that we provide archery, is a major source of income for the Equipment Account. The Summer School will resume in 2013, but we need to look at other events this year to help tide us over.

Equipment - bosses in particular

Leading on from the above item, it is noted that some people are still dropping the straw bosses on the floor as they take them off the stands. This shortens the life of the boss. They are heavy and it is much better to use two people to take the bosses down. The longer we can make equipment last, the less likely we are to have to put the fees up again.

We have (at long last) taken delivery of a Whitetail laminated foam boss to evaluate. It is thicker but it is much lighter (and much more expensive).

Scrap Boss

There is a scrap boss put to one side over the airfield (marked scrap). If anyone wants it, please take it away.

Abercrombie Centre Car Park

We don't know if it was Roger's letter to Harlow Council that did the trick but most of the potholes in the car park have now been filled in.

And Finally

The Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you will need to go to the toilet.

G. Tigar