

Bowmen of Overdale - December 2009 Newsletter

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to us all

Indoor shooting - the end of an era

Deane Church Memorial Hall is scheduled to close at the end of this December; we have asked for an extension, for us, until into the early part of 2010, but I do not think this will be forthcoming. We have shot there on wintertime, Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons for many years, so leaving the Memorial Hall will be a decided wrench.

The 2009 Annual General Meeting

The 2009 AGM was held at Deane Church Memorial Hall on the 7 December; there was a roughly 50% member turnout, so if you were not there - don't moan if decisions were taken that you do not agree with.

Decisions made:

- We have a new Chairman - Clive Morris
- We have a new committee member - Brian Pilling
- I stood down as Chairman
- I was made Life President for the Club, I take over as President from Dave Horridge, who gracefully withdrew from the position
- We are to pursue the possibility of another indoor shooting venue at Cobden Mill in Farnworth, starting with an inspection of part of Cobden Mill in Farnworth on the 14 December (see later).

The main points of the Chairman's report:

- Vandalism to our Clubhouse
- The up keep of our Clubhouse and its possible replacement
- The possibility, or not, of external funding
- The possibility, or not, of moving to another external venue
- Child Protection - a strong club structure for this will shortly (July 2010) be mandatory and will need to be in place
- The need, for obtaining new members
- The necessity for more beginners classes.

Main point of the Treasurer's report

The Club Domestic subscription remains the same for the year commencing 1 August 2010.

The 2009 General Meeting following the AGM:

Decision made

We propose to have a club dinner at Smithhills Coaching House, probably in February.

The 2009 General Meeting following the AGM continued:**Awards made:**

The GNAS Handicap Medal goes to John Hebb with a handicap improvement of 49 to 46 = -3.

Outdoor Handicap Trophy competition:

- Winner and trophy and gold medal goes to John Hebb with 82 points
- Second and silver medal goes to Mark Higson with 44 points
- Third and bronze medal goes to Trevor Thomas with 40 points.

Well Done Trophy

This trophy goes to Brian Pilling for his commitment and enthusiasm to his Level 1 Coach training course.

A possible new indoor shooting venue at Cobden Mill Farnworth:

At John Hebb's suggestion, Mark Higson has opened negotiations for a possible new indoor venue at Cobden Mill, with a hopeful start at the end of this month. The owner knows that we would like to move in shortly after Christmas.

On the 14 December a group of us inspected the facilities, which are very good. The inspecting team were: Clive Morris, Mark Higson, John Hebb, Dave Horridge, Brian Pilling and myself.

The building owner and hopefully our future landlord, has some domestic security matters on his side to sort out, but he has promised us a very early reply - with a bit of luck we will be able to transfer from Deane Church Hall to Cobden Mill. I suggest, we keep our collective fingers crossed.

Handouts:

- An up to date members list
- Two sheets of members shooting achievements since last year

Arthur Timmins - December 2009