

At last I've managed to get the third 'Bouncer' together. Sorry for the delay although it does mean that we have 2½ months of news to catch up on. If you thought I'd lost interest already you were wrong. Not yet - anyway!

I would like to say a special 'thank you' to all those who have given me copy for this issue - keep it up. And the rest of you can give me copy for the next one! After all if you enjoy reading it try writing it.

Everyone's point of view is valid and if you don't agree with what you read why not put forward your own point of view.

*Jackie*

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NEW BOW FROM MARKSMAN by Ray Axford

The latest wooden risered take down on the market is the "Portland", this bow combines the aesthetic beauty of hand crafted woods with the convenience of the established take down.

Not only has Les Howis achieved a slim graceful handle section cut well past centre for centre shot, but he has also improved the limb design, being full working recurve giving an extremely smooth draw, and losing the ugly kink that was apparent with the TD75 and earlier wooded TD.

Shooting in this bow was a pleasure, (even though the sight used was a pin and tape, and with no permanent nocking point on the string).

The sight mark for 60 yards being about ¾" higher than with the TD75 of equal weight and length. The cast was good and very fast.

Definatly a bow for the conisure, and experienced archer, who yearns for the feel and good looks of an all wood bow. It comes in the up market price range, of £129+ for the standard model.

(Foot note! During Dunster week D G Quicks replaced three "Portlands" which suffered split risers. Inspection of these show the fault to be one of glue line failure and not material or design failure. Given six months or so more field trials, this should prove to be one of the top tournament winning bows and certainly one of the best looking).

At the 1979 AGM it was agreed by majority vote that the present system of subscription and target fees will be replaced by a two tier system for seniors and a one payment system for juniors (under 18), as follows:-

- Senior (A) £15.00 - no target fees.
- Senior (B) £10.00 - plus target fees.
- Junior (C) £ 9.00 - no target fees.

New members joining mid-season will pay:-

- Senior £8.00 - no target fees.
- Junior £5.00 - no target fees.

For senior members (B) the target fees will be as at present i.e. 25p Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. 15p midweek evenings.

Individual tournament fees will be paid upon application and be paid to the Tournament Secretary.

Winter season indoor fees to cover hall rent will continue to be paid weekly, two weekly or monthly in advance to suit individual preference.

The senior (A) figure of £15.00 p.a. was derived by the average annual club income from subs and T.fees divided by the average club membership + 10% inflation factor for next season. (10% has already been exceeded)

i.e. average annual income	£410.00	
divided by total membership	30	= £13.66
Plus 10% inflation		£ 1.36
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Rounded down to £15.00.

It is hoped that this system will firstly guarantee reasonable funds being available for new equipment at the start of the summer season, and prove more efficient from a collection point of view.

Ray Axford  
Treasurer

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FOR SALE

Bill Murray has an Early 19th Century print for sale from the 'London Illustrated News'

It is of the Worcestershire Archery Society Meeting, it is black and white - unframed, 9" x 7" . £3.00.

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