



Portsmouth Area Clay Pigeon Club

Newsletter 1/2007

Dear Member,

As some of you will be aware, I have been absent recently as I convalesced following a serious head injury. I am pleased to report that I am on the way to recovery and resumed shooting last weekend with a creditable 35!

The AGM.

Apologies to those who turned up on Sunday 15 April for the planned shoot and AGM only to be turned away. Nevertheless the AGM was completed successfully last Sunday (22 April 07), and I am grateful to the 25 members who turned up and gave the Committee their continued support. The AGM agreed that the subscription for 2007/8 would be £58 for adults (£48 to BASC and £10 to the Club) and £20 for Juniors/Young Shots ((£20 to BASC and FREE for the club). We agreed also to increase the ground fees to £8 for Members (free for Juniors / Young Shots) and £10 for guests/visitors with effect from the AGM. Cartridge prices have had to be increased to £3.50 per box (still cheaper than you can get at a gunshop!). Remember **the deadline in Jun for payment of 2007/8 Subscriptions is 13 May 2007**, so that we can get the details to BASC to renew our affiliation e.

A copy of the Minutes of the AGM is attached.

Membership.

We have recruited a number of new members, although Service members remain fewer than desired. We will continue to advertise our existence in an attempt to recruit more. As at the AGM, we have some 39 members, including 2 Life Members.

Some of our Membership records are out of date. The list of out-of-date records is attached to the Minutes of the AGM. Please get the new details to Nigel Carter, Membership Secretary, as soon as possible. An e-mail address for each Member would be helpful, as I can distribute Newsletters and other information more quickly and cheaply – please make sure we have yours!

Finances.

Finances remain on a sound footing, albeit with slightly less income than in previous years. We could always do with a bit more, and have planned a few Corporate Days in the coming months to boost revenue. Current events include Scania Trucks (23 June 2007), Basil Fry and Company (7 July) and the Mayor of Fareham's Charity Appeal (8 September). We anticipate up to 40 guests for each of these events and the Committee would welcome assistance in setting up and running them – so get volunteering!

The future at Tipner.

As of 1 April 2007, Defence Training Estates (Home Counties), based at Longmoor, took over as the Administrative Authority for Tipner Ranges. The day-to-day running of the Ranges remains in the hands of CPO Martin and his team of Wardens. We shall be talking to DTE(HC) in the near future to establish our bona fides for continued use of the facilities.

Families Day.

You will be aware from the 2007 Shooting Programme that a Families Day has been earmarked for Sat 21 July. This will only go ahead if there is sufficient interest – you will need to let me know ASAP if you would like to bring members of your family down to “have a go” at clay pigeon shooting. Deadline for receipt of declarations of interest will be 24 June – **if there is insufficient interest the event will be cancelled!**

HGSC (Corhampton Down).

Aran and Gillian O'Reilly are members of HGSC, a CP shoot held on the St Clair estate on Corhampton Down on the first Saturday (1000-1600) of each month, with an extra shoot in May. More details (including map showing how to get there) are on the Club Noticeboard. If you wish to try this one out, give Aran or Gillian a ring – you will have to attend as their guest. There may even be the opportunity of a little local competition between the 2 clubs?!?!?!?

Kind regards,

David Simmonds

Secretary, PACPC

30 April 2007

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