

THE ROYAL ORDNANCE COMPANY OF ARCHERS

(INCORPORATING CHORLEY BOWMEN)

1980 - 1990

K. ENDERBY.

Dear member,

I hope that you will find this booklet both useful and informative. It was my intention when I compiled the following pages to give every member as much information as possible about the clubs past, present and anticipated activities over a full years shooting calendar. I have also included the clubs constitution and general rules as a guide to both established members and new members joining the club.

THE CLUB

The history of the club dates back to July 1980 when the club had its first inaugural meeting. Our first two years were spent at the Chisnell Hall playing fields at Coppull where we rented a strip of land from the council. A grant from the North West Sports Council started us off with basic items of equipment and an old secondhand chicken shed as our club hut.

In 1982 we moved the club lock stock and barrel to the newly formed Rugby Club on Astley Village where we made our base for the following four years. The rugby ground was ideally situated for most of our members who came from Chorley, Leyland and Euxton. One of the main problems at our new venue, apart from the fact that the Rugby Club was in its infancy and offered us very little in the way of facilities, was ground maintenance. We literally had to cut the grass once a week in high summer over an area 120 yards by 30 yards. Indeed in those days we seemed to spend more time searching for arrows in the stubble and long grass than actually shooting them and a metal detector was an essential part of an archers equipment. Despite all the snags the club prospered over this period and produced several "home grown" archers who shot for the County team and our overall membership grew to its present level.

The move to our present location was precipitated by vandals one February evening who, after several previous attempts, burned the club hut together with all our equipment to the ground. Following a telephone call I received offering the club the use of the Royal Ordnance sports field and a meeting with the R.O. management committee, an E.G.M. was convened at which the members made the decision to make the Royal Ordnance Sports and Social Club our new home.

In 1988 we affiliated the club to the R.O. Sports Club by adopting the new title The Royal Ordnance Company of Archers thus making us one of the sporting sections at the R.O. Club. We now have a permanent and secure future here with no ground maintenance costs or any insurance premiums to pay to cover equipment or buildings.

Although we are now part of the R.O.S.&.S.C. set up the club is still self governing and is run by its own committee. We have also kept our own financial independence retaining our own bank account and any monies invested in the name of Royal Ordnance Company of Archers. Looking to the future the next major step is an indoor range on site which will be a permanent structure with adequate heating so that members can enjoy shooting in a comfortable environment throughout the year.

COACHING

The club has a very active coaching team consisting of two qualified Coaches and one qualified County Coach. Beginners courses are organised during the summer months, and coaching at a more advanced level is available to established archers if requested.

TOURNAMENTS

The clubs annual open Hereford tournament is usually held in August and attracts archers from far and wide to compete in one of the best presented club shoots in the County. Our ability to organise shoots plus the attraction of our superb facilities have resulted in Lancashire holding their annual championships at both our outdoor and indoor venues. The U.K. Masters tournament which is the blue ribbon event in the world of archery, was held for two years in succession at the R.O.Sports field. To make our annual tournament successful and maintain the high standards we have set, all of us need to get involved and assist our hard pressed Tournament Officer to set out the field and help run the shoot on the day.

In mid summer the club stages the annual Clout shoot. this is a good opportunity for members to take part in a different aspect of the sport.

The club championships are held at the end of the outdoor season. This is the main event on the clubs shooting calendar and all members are encouraged to take part regardless of ability.

Chorley Festival of Sport. The club usually takes an active part in this annual event which takes place at Parklands School Chorley. As with all other events and activities, I will post the date of this shoot on the club notice board.

INDOORS

During the Winter months, October to March inclusive, we have our weekly club shooting night at the Clayton Green sports centre on Thursday evenings 8.0 p.m. till 11.00 p.m. The club takes part and enters teams in the Postal League which is shot for once a month. Also we enter the Frost Bite league which is held down on the sports field during the indoor season. details of both these shoots can be obtained from our Records Officer.

Our Annual Indoor open tournament is held on the last Sunday in February each year at Clayton Green. As many as 160 archers may take part and again members help in running this tournament is essential.

Our end of season club Championships takes place on the last Thursday evening in March at Clayton Green.

FUND RAISING

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE.

This is a very important way of raising club funds. The proceeds from this raffle help to purchase essential equipment for the club and members are asked if possible to sell tickets and donate a prize.

In addition to the above raffle the club runs a raffle at each of our open tournaments.

Leyland Festival and Chorley Carnival are fun days when the club puts on a come and try stand at each event. these again raise important funds for the club.

SOCIAL EVENTS

DINNER DANCE.

The annual dinner dance is the clubs main social event of the year where members can all get together and enjoy one anothers company.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Each December an evening out is arranged at a suitable hotel where members are invited to eat drink and be merry.

TREASURE HUNT.

The annual Treasure Hunt is always organised by the person who won the wooden spoon at the previous years event.

All the above functions are organised by our Social officer who will keep you informed of all the above events.

ADMINISTRATION

SUBS.

The clubs annual subs are payable in two parts. First the R.O. subs which are due in March of each year must be paid on time to cover each member when we resume shooting on the field in April. I will send out the usual reminder well in advance.

The domestic subs and affiliation fees due to G.N.A.S., N.C.A.S. and L.A.A. are due on the 1st. of July again I will send out due notification to every member.

The Annual General Meeting is held every November when after the official business, open discussion will be invited from the floor where members will be given a chance to submit any suggestions related to the club.

Finally I hope that the next ten years will be as eventful in some respects as the last and I think that now is the time to reflect on what the club has achieved over this period and put the less positive aspects behind us. With the prospect of a brand new indoor venue in sight and improved facilities in the R.O. club the future of our club seems assured.

I shall endeavour to keep you fully informed throughout the year of all the events I have mentioned and any others that may arise.

J.K.Enderby
Secretary.

LIST OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS (YEAR 1989/90)

CHAIRMAN.	Mr. Brian Ellis.
SECRETARY/TREASURER.	Mr. Ken Enderby.
FIELD CAPTAIN.	Mr. Joe Saxon.
EQUIPMENT OFFICER.	Mr. Harry Martin.
RECORDS OFFICER.	Mr. John Rimmer.
TOURNAMENT OFFICER.	Mr. Graham Walker.
SOCIAL OFFICER.	Mr. Michael Taylor.
TROPHY OFFICER.	Mrs. Eileen Martin.
COMMITTEE MEMBER.	Mr. Dick Cranie.

TRUSTEES

Mr. Brian Ellis
Mr. Ken Enderby
Mr. Joe Saxon

COACHES

County Coach.	Mr. J. Saxon
Club Coach.	Mrs. B. Saxon
Club Coach.	Mr. H. Martin

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