

BOH Newsletter

August 2007

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As you all might have noticed, Jonathan is away (again!), and I have put archery on the back burner for the next couple of months (unfortunately).

I will, however, try and attend the club champs (a short metric on the 11 August). Fingers crossed for a nice, sunny day!

Additionally, from October onwards, we will be able to wear our club colours with black trousers, so no more looking for green or whites!

*Also **For anyone who is interested, there is an exhibition match on the 6th of August at Lord's Cricket Ground, between Great Britain, India and China. This event is free, and promises to be a good day out. It's also a brilliant opportunity to see our country's top archers in action.***

*Happy shooting, as always,
Mati and Jon*

We arrived to a rainy archery field at Crystal Palace early in the morning (well it was early for us). Many contestants had shown up to take part in the youth games and looked ready for a long day of shooting. The shoot started late at 9:50am because one of the teams was late turning up (forgot to set the alarm clock, I think?). Around midday, due to the heavy rain the judges were thinking of postponing the shoot, but the bad weather died down and everyone decided that the shoot must go on! After the first distance the team rushed to the Harrow tent eager to attend the barbeque, which, as we soon found out, hadn't even started yet. So it was just another packed lunch for us. Soon after the shooting resumed we found we were in the presence of a surprise visitor, the mayor of Harrow! When it came to the award ceremony we found out that Redbridge having been awarded the gold, we had won the silver. Individual awards included Ben winning bronze in the boys Windsor and me winning the silver in the girls short Windsor. The team went home exhausted, except for Ben who went to his school prom, exhausted.



Chairman's Notes

Congratulations to Victoria, Ben, Chris, John, & Richard, for coming second in the London Youth Games, the last time Harrow came second, they went on to win the next year. Well done, that extra coaching on Wednesdays paid off, and well done to all who helped.

Thanks must go to Jon Paradi & John Williams, for fitting new roofing felt on the club extension over the weekend of the 21st of July.

I trust every club member now knows the new number for the gate, **MAKE SURE YOU LOCK IT ON YOUR WAY OUT.**

I notice a bin has been brought back into the kitchen, I hope whoever brought it in is going to take the responsibility of emptying it, the last ones were removed because of mice and rats infesting the kitchen. The first time I find any droppings from either rodent and I will throw the bin out. By bringing the bin you are taking on the job of sorting out the rubbish for the appropriate council bins and taking it home for them to take on collection day.

I would like to thank everyone for all the good wishes I have had towards Nicky and her getting well. She has been to the club a couple of times and enjoyed it, I hope she will be fit enough to come to the club championships.

Please look out for the working party notice - I am going order some wood for making new target stands, 15 for the normal bosses, plus 3 stands for the stramit bosses.

Many thanks on the club's behalf must go to Sue Williams and Kimberley her daughter for standing in to do the catering while Ann is away on holiday on the club champs. If you have not done so yet, get your name on the sheet for catering purposes, let's see a few more on the line.

Regards,

Robert



BOH D.I.Y Part 1

The club roof has been cause for concern recently, notably two parts of it.

1. The joint between the kitchen building and the main shooting range
2. The skylight adjacent to the heater.

Well we are happy to report that within a few short hours the first of these problems has been solved and tested with the heaviest rain in recent memory (last 5 years)

I would like to especially thank John Williams for helping with this project and his sister Kimberley for cooking.

Considering the cost of the project was under £30 I think you will agree the results speak for themselves.

The butyl rubber pond liner is in pretty good shape and has not degraded since Dave H and myself put it in about 6 years ago.

The problem was the joint between the flat roof and adjacent structure.

With the heat of the sun beating on the roof and other natural elements taking leaving their mark, the rubber had shrunk (not much).

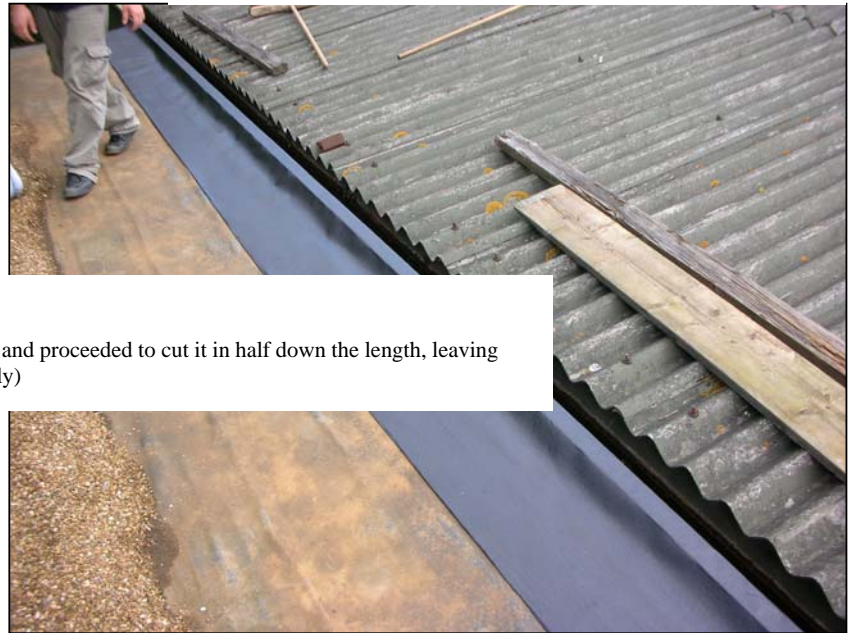
This is visible in the top right photo where the contraction of the rubber had left a gap the full length of the kitchen building, between the outer wall of the range and itself.

The solution!

Thick ¼ inch roofing felt. We bought a roll that was 8m x 1m and proceeded to cut it in half down the length, leaving two strips each 8m x 0.5m. Enough to do 16 meters (effectively)



Shingle swept out of the way, you can see the extent of the problem. The full length of the building the flashing tape has failed.



The edge was then crimped over the gutter and folded back over onto the existing rubber membrane.

That's it job done, oh and the shingle was swept back over to cover it all up !

Quotes of the Month

JonP: My last contact with a bunny was when I was 7...

American tech company owner: If computers get too powerful, we can organise them into a committee – that will do them in.

JonP: Bunnies and rabbits are different, right?

The deadline for contributions to the next issue is 25th August 2007. Does anyone want to contribute?

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