



## Term Review

This term is generally accepted as the busiest on record, with the older members juggling dissertation and project deadlines with shooting and a string of important competitions, including our own BUTTS Leg, a successful event despite having such a small hall in which to host! The training programme for BUSA and BUTC has been rigorous, with excellent guidance from our coaching team, Greig and Rich; thanks also for the support of Paul, Phil and Bob.



Banners at BUTC

The AGM this term took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, an earlier date than has occurred previously to allow for a proper handover period. The AGM was a great success, taking significantly less time than it did last year and with a very good attendance.

The new committee for the 2008-2009 season are:

Captain: Andrew Walker

Secretary: Helen Selkirk

Treasurer: Lucia Wu

Vice Captain: Jo Bromilow

Tournaments Officer: Paul Hawkins

Equipments Officer: Rob Trevett

Social Secretary: Hannah Lake

Press Officer: James Cram

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM, and thanks to last year's committee - a hard act to follow that I am confident the new committee will rise to the challenge of!

Jo Bromilow, Secretary/Vice Captain

## In the News

Our brief appearance in 'Doctors' in January earned us a short piece in the spring edition of *Archery UK*, complete with photos and a few lamentable puns for captions. Yes, they were mine.

## Competition Report: BUSA

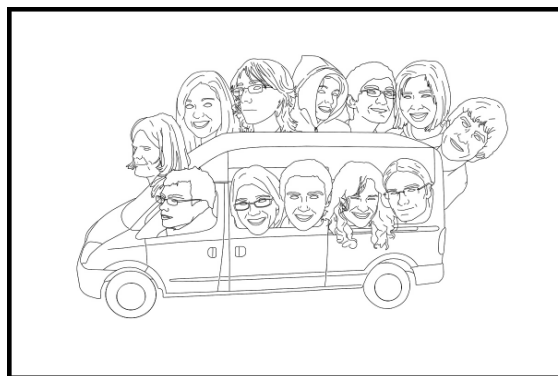


The team at BUSA

This year's BUSA Indoors Competition took place at York on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. The team were shooting in the third and final session which meant a decent lie-in (compared to last year's Sam departure) and arriving at the shoot in plenty of time, which was a relief since navigating around York was fairly tricky.

The overall performance was good, with the novices as usual doing both the team and the BUTTS League proud; the BUTTS Novice League were the highest scoring league at the competition. Lance Halls continued his superb season to come away with the Novice Gents Recurve Gold medal, with an impressive score of 540.

P.S. The less said about the journey home the better. Put simply, it involved a broken gear-box, a Travelodge, several rescue missions and considerable lightening of Andrew's wallet.



Artwork courtesy of Peter Roach



## Competition Report: BUTC

The archery club descended on Durham for BUTC, a totally different style of competition. The British University Team Championships is one of the biggest events on the archery calendar, and we took 2 teams from Birmingham, to compete against 20 other universities, with 32 teams there in total. Our hardcore base of supporters set up the Birmingham banners, and first off was a qualifying round, where the guys shot a 'Bray I'. That's 30 arrows at a 40cm target, from 18m. Brum A and B teams shot good qualifiers, team A (Andrew Walker, Jack Bryant and James Leeson) coming 14<sup>th</sup> (with a score of 752) and B (Ben Raffield, Tim Ware and Steve Johnson) 24<sup>th</sup> (scoring 663). Sadly, despite doing so well in sighter rounds, both teams were knocked out in the highly pressured 'hit and miss' eliminations.



The A Team on the line

Showing true Birmingham enthusiasm, we stayed until the end to cheer on our fellow BUTTS teams, 3 of which ended up in the top 4, with Edinburgh taking home the gold. Naturally, we socialised 'Birmingham style' at Durham's union, with photos to prove it, and camped out in a church for the night (yeh, a little surreal). The casualty of the trip was the toucan, yet to be located, but a special mention goes to Ben Raffield, who got the best gents novice score at the event, scoring 221.

Helen Selkirk, Novice Captain/Secretary

## Socials: The Harbourne Run



And with another archery night out comes yet more Facebook shame...

One of the age old traditions of this club has been the Harbourne Run Pub Crawl along the Harbourne High Street. Only the brave and determined survive this treacherous route, but the turnout was good from the experienced and exceptional from the novices. We drank our way through Harbourne, doing shots, stealing glasses, interrupting the locals, and dancing to the tragic playlist of The Vine's middle-aged DJ, before trekking the 1000miles (or so it seemed) to our beloved social sec's house, where we ate her food and woke up her housemates, before eventually leaving for our respective homes at 2am.

Little scandal can be reported this year on Steve's behalf, but plenty of ASBO-like activities were undertaken. In short, a brilliant night was had by all - hop to it Hannah and organise us another one!

Paul Hawkins, Helen Selkirk and Steven Johnson

## Dates for your diaries

BUSA Outdoors: 14<sup>th</sup> June  
BUTTS Friendly: 8<sup>th</sup> June (@ Birmingham)  
BUTTS Outdoor Champs: TBC  
Summer Formal Social: 6<sup>th</sup> June  
AU Ball: 11<sup>th</sup> June