

LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT

Alert - no clay pigeons were hurt in the making of this shoot!

“Load!”. At this shout, five shotguns are loaded and, on the command of “ready!”, they are raised to the shoulders. A snapping sound hails the expulsion of the disc from the catapult and the five competitors exhale a sigh of expectation as they trace with their gun barrels the flight of the spinning disc. Sharp cracking sounds signify that the two laser shots per gun are being fired and the spectators seated on the benches behind look in anticipation at the results board!



This is how the Southampton Circle spent a pleasant afternoon at the FLE Angling and Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Ampfield, near Romsey. The afternoon began with a convivial light lunch before making our way to centre. Not all went to plan as there was a slight hiccup trying to find the designated car park! Tom, the Events Manager, took us through the process of loading and firing a laser shot guided gun. As we were using laser guns - not shotguns - loading was just a flip of a switch but the firing was more taxing and we were grateful for the eight practice sessions to hone our targeting skills. The clays (discs) were released from a catapult on our right and flew in an arc shape in front of us before suddenly dropping on the left hand side of the range. The idea was to align the laser just below or above the clay whilst it was still travelling through the air. Once it started to drop, your chance of hitting the target was gone!

You may be surprised to read that our group of 13 included some of the Circle ladies. The guns were a little heavy but all lady competitors were able to take part in every round. There were five different competitions of eight clays apiece and, as the afternoon progressed, many of us became quite consistent in hitting the target. Pat Feighery, Harry Harrison and Mike Lund Yates were all quick off the block when it came to getting good scores but it was not long before President Graham Palethorpe and others were hot on their trail! There was quite a bit of amateur coaching by the backseat benchers who were awaiting their turn and there were a variety of styles from the wives who found their own way of holding the guns, particularly Christine Palethorpe who at times used shoulders, and Claire Lund Yates who used hips, on which to rest the gun whilst shooting!



SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 27 September 2016 at the Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton.

OCTOBER MEETING DETAILS

- **Circle meeting:** Ladies night at 7.30 pm on Monday 3 October 2016.
- **Venue:** Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.
- **Dress code:** Jacket and ties.
- **October Welfare Officer:** David Palmer
- **October Whisky donor:** Simon Grummitt

SEPTEMBER Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	49
Present	22 (45%)
Apologies	27
No apologies	0
Visitors	0
Visiting gentlemen	0

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The final competition was to find the sharpest shooter in the Circle. The top five took part in a hard-fought final and, defending Circle Champion, Harry Harrison, repeated the feat by becoming the top performing Circle shot of the afternoon, followed by Pat Feighery in second place and Graham Palethorpe in third. Well done, chaps! Congratulations also goes to Claire Lund Yates who took the crown of best female shot overall.

The weather was very kind to us in bring both blue skies and warm sunshine in a pleasant setting. We all enjoyed ourselves immensely and, hopefully, this event will become a regular in the Circle calendar.



Photographers for the day were John Farran and Dawn Harrison

THE PRESIDENT'S CHARITY LOTTERY: The August lottery took place at the September Circle dinner alongside the September draw.

August 1st prize winner is Bill Day and 2nd prize winner is Wilma Boddeke. September 1st prize winner is Chris Barber and 2nd prize winner is Joe Gleeson.

SEPTEMBER WHISKY DRAW: The September winner is Bill Eales.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays in September.



CONGRATULATIONS ANNE!

Congratulations to Anne Brady who was presented with a Diocesan Medal at last Sunday's Mass. The medal represents Anne's long and faithful service to the church and is very well deserved. Anne is pictured here at the Immaculate Conception Church in Southampton with Bro. Tony and Fr. Antony Gatt who presented the award.

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- **PRESIDENT'S VISITS:** Bro. President would welcome the company of fellow Southampton brothers on his Circle visits in October which include Fleet and the Isle of Wight. Please see Circle diary for details.
- **PROVINCIAL COUNCIL LUNCH:** The Provincial Council will be meeting at The Dolphin on Saturday 29 October and have invited the Southampton brothers and wives to join them for lunch.

CIRCLE EVENTS 2016/17

Tuesday 20 September	HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Green Dragon, Brook, SO43 7HE, 02380 813359 - a charming venue on the edge of the New Forest. <i>In Bro. Secretary's absence, please advise John Farran if you wish to attend.</i>
Monday 3 October	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Jersey weekend.
Wednesday 12 October	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Fleet Circle. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe if you wish to accompany him.</i>
Tuesday 18 October	HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Empress of Blandings, Romsey Road, Copthorne SO40 2PF, 023 8081 2321 - a lunch club old favourite. <i>Please advise Bro. David Palmer if you wish to attend.</i>
Wednesday 19 October	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Isle of Wight Circle. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe if you wish to accompany him.</i>
Saturday 29 October	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL LUNCH	TBC: The Mercure Dolphin, Southampton. Southampton brothers and wives are invited to join the Provincial Council for lunch. <i>Please advise Bro. David Palmer if you wish to attend.</i>
Friday 18 November	MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
November	SUPPER NIGHT	Details to be advised. <i>Please contact Bro. David Palmer nearer the date if you wish to attend.</i>
Monday 5 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton.
Wednesday 15 December	HOOLIGANS CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB	1200 noon: Keats Restaurant, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ. <i>Please let Bro. Secretary know nearer the date if you wish to attend.</i>
January 2017	NEW AGE CURLING	Details to be advised. <i>Please contact Bro. Peter Clapham nearer the date if you wish to attend.</i>
February 2017	ITALIAN NIGHT AT KEATS	Details to be advised by Bro. President. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe nearer the date if you wish to attend.</i>
Saturday 4 March 2017	CIRCLE RETREAT	Details to be advised by Bro. President.

OCTOBER CIRCLE DINNER MENU

Fresh tomato soup ~~~~~	Apple & blackberry crumble with creme anglaise
Confit of duck leg, braised red cabbage & redcurrant jus	or
or	Cheese platter ~~~~~
Paupiette Hoki with mixed pepper sauce ~~~~~	

Please advise Bro. David Palmer of your choice of meal if you intend to dine.

CIRCLE WELFARE

Your prayers for these brothers and wives who are currently unwell would be much appreciated.

- Myra Andrade is still experiencing mobility problems.
- Dick Barber is in hospital.
- Tony Brady is having bad days.
- Roger Carter is doing well.
- Rita Forster is at home and comfortable.
- Joe Gleeson is hoping to be able to attend a meeting.
- Christine Grummitt is at home and feeling much better.
- Margaret Kemhadjian has had a heart valve replacement.
- Louise O'Shea is improving.
- Kathleen Parker is calm but remains unwell.
- Katie Smith has suffered a severe stomach upset.
- Pat Tomlins has finished treatment and appears to be well.
- Valerie Summerton has finished treatment and is cheerful.



IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the Circle brothers whose anniversaries occur this month:

- Percy Hollick
- Trevor Middleton
- Harold Payne
- Roy Rylance
- Ted Tickle



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