

SWAY BOWMEN THANK LOCAL SPONSORS

On Sunday 3 July at its White Rose Shoot, Sway Bowmen were able to say thank you to two local organisations that have generously contributed funds.

Sway Bowmen currently pays rent for its archery field which is a serious limiting factor for the future development of the Club, and so it has been decided to try to buy the freehold. There is a daunting sum of money to raise and plans are afoot to seek funding from grant-making organisations, however Sway Bowmen will inevitably be required to contribute at least ten percent of any grant that is made. Consequently the Club has plans to hold “Have-a-Go” events as well as other fund-raising activities. It is also looking to develop partnerships with local businesses who are willing to become a sponsor of the Club, and in return Sway Bowmen will provide “Have-a-Go” and team building events.

In order to help in this massive task, Sway Parish Council has very generously funded the purchase of a mini marquee which will be put to good use to provide shelter from the elements during fundraising events as well as regular Club activities. On Sunday Councillor Carol Gates, Chairman of Sway Parish Council, attended The White Rose Shoot and presented the prizes. She was also able to see the mini marquee used for the first time and benefited from the shelter it provided from the blazing sun that day.



Councillor Mrs Gates with members of Sway Bowmen under the new mini marquee.



Councillor Mrs Gates presents The White Rose Trophy to Susan Magner and Mr Bryan Golden with tournament organiser Mike North (right).

Sway Bowmen took the opportunity to also thank New Milton Lions Club for a most generous donation to the fundraising account, and Mr Robin Jackson and Mr Tony Baker from NM Lions Club were given the honour of starting the proceedings by shooting the first arrows of The White Rose Shoot. It is not as easy as it would appear to shoot arrows accurately, but Robin and David did very well indeed! Sway falls within the domain of the NM Lions Club and it was the first time that anyone from the Lions had attended an event at the shooting field. Both Robin and David recognised there is a great opportunity to develop community relationships and it is hoped this can be built on in the future.



Robin Jackson (left) and Tony Baker (right) from NM Lions Club shoot the first arrows of The White Rose Shoot.

If anyone is interested in exploring the possibility to hold a “Have-a-Go” session as a team building exercise or just for some fun please contact Richard Oldfield (01590-677648).