

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

April 2011



Dates for your diary –

Mid Kent League Saturday 9th April away at Crown

Captains Corner

Hi all. Well that was basically it for winter. I didn't get much shooting in, but I hope that's not the case for the rest of the club. Now's the time to dust off the gear and get shooting if you haven't done much. If any of the newer archers would like to have their equipment checked over, than just get hold of one of the coaches and we'll book some time with you. If any of the more established archers would like their kit given the once over, then the same applies.

We're coming up to summer, and for once it feels like it, and that means its Mid Kent time again. The first one is on Saturday the 9th of April, away at Crown. I need to know who wants to shoot by the 2nd of April, as I have to submit the team to the away captain on the 3rd. We can only have a maximum of 12 archers on the team, so it's first come, first served.

There have been various updates to the website, so please take a look and let me know what you think, any updates, any content you would like to see, anything will be taken into consideration.

Also, this year we will be giving out trophies on the day they are won, so I will be badgering trophy winners for their trophies a couple of weeks before any of the internal events. The annual trophies will be given out at the end of the year. Things like the Handicap Improvement badge etc.

That's it, hope to see you all on the field soon

Charles

The last indoor of the year, the results

25/03/2011

Porchester

Archer	Bowtype	Score
Neil Richardson	Barebow	28
Steve Mills	Compound	95
Deryck Leach	Compound	88
Andy Rout	Compound	67
Geoff Barker	Longbow	-28
Alf Kershaw	Longbow	-31
Heather Button	Recurve	85
Paul Smith	Recurve	63
Rob Button	Recurve	51
Ian Garton	Recurve	7
Ian Sharp	Recurve	-10
Lindsay Sharp	Recurve	-30

Vice captain

<u>Junior Coaching sessions</u>	<u>Junior Challenge Trophy</u>
Dates for 2011	Dates for 2011
16th April	23rd April
7th May	21st May
4th June	18th June
9th July	23rd July
Holiday Break	13th August
3rd September	17th September

Junior Coaching sessions

The junior coaching sessions will be used to develop the archers' basic shooting technique and will comprise of one to one sessions with a qualified ACA coach. Part of this program will be used to improve the archers' equipment set up and maintenance awareness.

The six sessions are as follows:

1. Measurement of bow: Bracing Height, Poundage, Tillering etc.
2. Going through shooting routine: Stance, Body alignment etc.
3. Going through shooting routine: Pre shoot
4. Shot execution and follow through.
5. Shooting routine: putting all together.
6. Review.

Junior Challenge Trophy

The competition is shot over six National rounds; the junior archer accumulating the highest total handicap score will win the Junior Challenge Trophy.

Arrival Time: 13:00hrs

Competition Sighters: 13:30hrs

Medals will be awarded at the vice captain's discretion for each event for the best pure and handicap scores. This will be dependent on the number of archers taking part on the day.

A National round is an imperial round, shot over six dozen arrows at a distance determined by the archer's age and experience, using five zone score. Younger junior members who cannot reach the age defined distance will shoot the similar round at a shorter distance.

DISTANCE 60/50 Yards National

DISTANCE 50/40 Yards Short National

DISTANCE 40/30 Yards Junior National

DISTANCE 30/20 Yards Short Junior National

For information

Allington Castle Archers website has been updated to include a junior section; this includes the Archery GB Progress awards scheme, and links to its official website. In addition we will include the Junior Challenge Trophy results.

<http://www.castlearchers.org.uk/juniorChallengeTrophy.php>

Clive

Twig And Stick

Field shoot at Woodstock, Sunday 27th march. Only Phil Wise and myself made it. Weather was fair, no rain but not very warm. Phil had a smashing time, destroying 6 arrows in the first 2/3's of the round, more coaching required here. He still had a good morning he assured me at the end. Met up with Bob Gawler again and the three of us formed one group for an interesting round. The course layers had been busy setting an new course from last time, one shot in particular a challenging 50M shoot down a steep slope over a branch. All thought it was such a good shot that we wanted to shoot it again, but not enough gap in front of the next group unfortunately.

Dress Code changes - my view.

As most will know I have been shooting for some years - this is my 23rd year - and have seen a few changes in that time. The change in G.N.A.S. from volunteers with expenses to fully paid employees and a board of directors is the changing face of archery. Over the years the controversy about the actual colour of green has run and run but not much on the abandonment of the green and white for record status shoots.

Then came the ill-conceived decision to allow club colours. This was not fully thought through. The registration of each club's colours became a mammoth administration headache. The list changed on a weekly basis and had to be sent to the judges for them to recognise club colours at record status shoots.

In the Archery UK magazine it states that the rule change was put to the membership. I dispute this. It was not a voting situation, it was put as subject for comment, not a vote Y/N. It would have

been better to frame it as a referendum, with a clear question 'does the membership want the abandonment of the green and white dress code at record status shoots'.

We all know that "apathy rules" in a volunteer sport. I suspect that a minority has managed a change something not asked for by the majority. The wording of the question in the Archery UK smacks of gamesmanship by the board of directors.

An important thing that needs to be made clear to all is the % of the membership that made *comment*, and the numbers for and against, if not a substantial percentage then it should not have been changed. Please be careful. Do not manipulate grass roots archers, you work for archery and **all** the club archers.

The new dress code opens the way for any sponsorship, this will further divide the grass roots archer from the elite squad. This is driven by commercialism and soon our top archers will have to be professional to shoot for their country. How long will it be before we see inappropriate logos on our top archers. Sponsored by TAMPAX, Microsoft, Durex, Fred Bloggs demolition. I fear not long.

Other sports - bowls, lawn tennis and cricket - retain a dress code so why not archery?

Well that's another rant out of the way

Geoff B

Dear all

Following the note Geoff kindly put in the newsletter about Dunster, please find below a little bit more background on the holiday / shoot.

The week long Dunster shoot is taking place in Somerset (The Old Park of Dunster Castle, Dunster, near Minehead, Somerset TA24 6SL) between the 12th and 19th of June 2011.

It starts with the Somerset championships, which we can't participate in so the weekend will be about relaxing and enjoying the local activities – some well deserved time off for everyone.

A cottage for 12, the West Wing, was secured at Duddings Country Cottages (Timberscombe, Dunster, Somerset, TA24 7TB). Duddings has a number of amenities, including a covered heated pool... (for more details and pictures of the accommodation please refer to <http://www.duddings.co.uk/>).

Whilst the shoot runs from the 12th to the 19th, the cottage is available from Friday 10th June to Friday 17th June. There are currently 9 confirmed archers, which effectively means 3 places are up for grabs if anyone wants to come (sharing twin rooms).

There are at least two archers who are interested in attending the last 2 days' shooting on the 18th and 19th, and will be making arrangements to spend 2 nights at a local B&B, so by no means will you miss the end of the event if you want to shoot the last 2 days.

The Wednesday is for long bow archers only, so the majority of people intend to shoot Monday and Tuesday, have a break on the Wednesday and then shoot again Thursday and Friday. It's a nice mix of time off vs shooting time (full programme available at <http://www.gwas.org.uk/dunster.htm>). Non archers, family and friends are welcome, not everyone coming intends to shoot.

The people currently going met up on the 9th of

March and I have the minutes capturing the details of what we discussed and agreed if you would like to know more.

The cost of the week is between £135 and £165 depending on the final number of attendees. The entry form for the actual shoot is between £40 to £50. We'll be preparing packed lunches etc and doing a common shop for teas/coffees and the likes so food shouldn't be a huge amount on top. We've also looked at car sharing to bring travelling costs down and this option is available.

Key dates:

The attendees and anyone else who is interested will be meeting again on the evening of Friday 8th of April from 7.30 pm ish: 63 Eton Road, Orpington, Kent, BR6 9HH

The balance is owed to Duddings on the 29th April 2011 (by cheque). Individual moneys will need to be transferred to Cecile by the 25th, bank account to be supplied

Entry forms for the shoot need to be completed and returned ahead of the 21st May closing date. This is the responsibility of individual participants

If anyone has questions or is interested, please email me and I will endeavour to answer all your questions.

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