

# Allington Castle Archers

## Nocking Point

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*August 2010*



Dates for your dairy – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August the Les Barrett Shoot – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August Junior Challenge - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August MKL Away v Gravesend – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August KAA Target Champs at Vigo. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August The Whitefriars – ALL HANDS NEEDED

***Important notice!*** – If the field is split into two fields then the gap between the bosses **MUST be 28yds or 6 pots.** Also two field captains are required.

## **Chairman's Chat**

Progress at last! The new beginners bows have arrived and have been used for the first time at a Corporate do the club hosted at the end of July. These new bows will give any new archers attending our beginners courses a much better idea of the likely equipment they will be shooting if they take up the sport. They also improve the image of the club as they are one of the first things guests see when they arrive and are a distinct improvement over the rather tired looking Jelly bows.

The new ACA enamelled medals have also arrived and were awarded for the first time at the ACA championships. No other club on the planet has these medals and you can't go down to your local medal shop and buy one. The only way you're getting one of these is by pure shooting prowess, so get practicing.

The social side of the club is also receiving a jump start with Jean Barker our Social Secretary looking to organise more social events. If you have any ideas for events or trips let her or Pamela know. It would be great to see more club members at BBQ's, bowling etc...

Now for a matter of great importance. YOUR COUNTY NEEDS YOU! Kent shot against Surrey on the 1<sup>st</sup> August and did rather well winning all but the Compound (It's always nice to grind other counties into the dirt!) However ACA were only represented by 2 archers out of a total of over 30 Kent archers. The county now runs a Barebow team as well as Longbow, Recurve, Compound and Junior teams and is always looking out for archers especially for the new Barebow team. If you have or have access to a Recurve bow give Barebow a try, after all you can't be any worse than the Surrey team!!!

Good Shooting

Neil

## **Captains Corner**

First up, the Mid Kent away bye on the 11th. Medway very kindly agreed to take all of us, despite the size of their field. The day was exceedingly hot, the fence keeping the golf balls away, or the arrows away from the golf course, seemingly stopping the breeze as well. I don't think anybody had a fantastic shoot and that was indicated by our being beaten in both handicap and pure score by both of the other teams on the

day. We have slipped to 5<sup>th</sup> in both the handicap and pure score tables. Cecile is back to being the top Windsor scorer after completing 3 rounds, I have been pushed off the top spot by one point!! Wayne is currently 5<sup>th</sup> as is Dave in the compound.

The next shoot is on the 15th of August away at Gravesend. Like the away bye, if you want to shoot, let me know, I'm not going to choose the teams. We may not be limited to 12, but I'll check with Gravesend.

A bunch of us went to the Invicta Coaching Groups Springboard tournament, some to shoot some to help. We started off by cracking open the bacon and sausages and soon we had the whole field salivating at the smell of fresh bacon/sausage rolls and proper coffee. I'd say we were the envy of the entire field but there may have been some jealousy somewhere and I think unless we offer the judges and organisers some next time, there may be a rule against being too organized and causing mass salivation. I think we may have instigated some one-up-man ship for the next one.

I think all of those who shot had a good day, if not a good shoot. Some of us scored for a target which was interesting. I think having a scorer allowed the archers to concentrate on their shooting and just enjoy themselves. I think it made the shoot flow a lot better. The use of the yellow cards on the back of targets was a good idea too, something I've never seen before. Basically, you don't waste time looking for a lost arrow. Stick a yellow card on the back of the boss and someone would come along with a metal detector after the next end to look for it. It saved a lot of time. I would highly recommend this shoot to anybody who hasn't achieved bowman status, but you need to book early because places run out quickly.

Next up, the ACA Championships. The day started off a bit wet, but by lunch time had calmed down and ended up being quite a nice day. There was no real wind to speak of which should have been good for high scores. Ahem. The results are below

That's pretty much it August is pretty busy, The Les Barrett on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Mid Kent away to Gravesend on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Whitefriars on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

See you on the field

Charles

### **ACA Club Championships**

#### **Mens Recurve Club Champion**

1st Charles Van Rensburg

2nd Ken Bearman

#### **Mens Compound Club Champion**

1st Deryck Leach

2nd Steve Mills

#### **Ladies Recurve Club Champion**

1st Christine Bearman

2nd Sandra Punton

#### **Mens Recurve Handicap**

1st Alf Kershaw

2nd Roger Oehl

#### **Mens Compound Handicap**

1st David Corke

2nd Andy Rout

#### **Ladies Recurve Handicap**

1st Cecile Midrouillet

#### **Most Golds**

Deryck Leach

#### **Penny's Pairs**

Deryck & Alf

### **Secretary's Sidelines**

#### **AFFILIATION FEES**

You will all be receiving a reminder in the very near future. They are due NOW!!!

G.N.A.S. has said that they will post your new affiliation card **direct to you by the 1<sup>st</sup> October**. If you are late paying your cards will be sent on a first come, first served basis; so you may have to wait a few months before receiving it.

#### **Other notices**

1. The phone number of your Child Protection Officer will be put on the notice board in the shed.
2. You will be receiving information soon regarding a choice of CLUB COLOURS. One choice is none of them if you prefer green and / or white. This choice may not be on the form you receive.
3. There will be another Beginners Course running at the beginning of September. Please chat to them if you are around and they are waiting to shoot.
4. **New member.** A warm welcome to Keith Harding. Keith is a very experienced archer and hopefully will help us improve our performance in the league matches.

**WHERE ARE YOU?** We are now in the second half of the season and a few of you have not shot much, if at all. I hope to see or hear from you soon. Any problems can perhaps be sorted out if you contact me or any member of the Committee.

See you soon.

Colin

## Twig & Stick

MB attempt

Three down, that is three attempts at an MB score at a record status shoot, and only one achieved. I have only four more chances.

The Sussex open I shot on the 11<sup>th</sup> July turned out to be a very windy affair, a following wind right to left. Also the back drop to the targets was sky and not trees as on our field, bummer.

A few faces you would recognise Ken Bearman was lady P, and Chris won the Ladies recurve.

Managed to get second, with a score of 341, though behind you know who, 'Clint' as he was on the target list.

August a busy month for me

1<sup>st</sup> August County Match – York

8<sup>th</sup> August Record status shoot at CMO Bowman - York

22<sup>nd</sup> KAA target Champs. Record Status - York

29<sup>th</sup> Whitefriars - Record Status –York

three of the four record status shoots I am booked into to get two more MB scores.

Are well there is still hope.

As to arrows, a days practice and the Sussex shoot had left me with six usable arrows, not good.

So I had to quickly order the materials for a new set. Two dozen shafts, hopefully to get one set of twelve.

Well after approx. 24 hours work I have a 'set' of twelve. Tried them out Sat morning 17<sup>th</sup> July, they shoot OK, did some shooting at 30yds to see which of them grouped then on to 80yds.

Numbers – 2,3,4,5,7 & 10 seemed the best so that is my first choice set. The others will need work to see if I can get them to group, but may have to concede they will not, although they are the same

spine & weigh between 25 & 24.8 grams that within 3 grains.

The site marks are slightly up from my previous set, but not much.

As the club Championships is a FITA round I thought it would be a good time to shoot one. Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> was the day and managed a 533-4-99, a 56 handicap, new club record.

I followed this with two Long metrics 211 & a scary 291, Tuesday & Thursday, Thursday's round was a 50 handicap GMB is 52. Another club record.

The Club Champs. Was not a good day for longbow, could not hit 90M or 70M, made up some score on the 50M & 30M. Finished first out of one. Better than average turnout though.

I decided after the Sussex shoot, because of the lack of backdrop to 100yds, that a new bow was needed. I had started one some months earlier, but had not finished it. This bow was to get "pile on" at 100yds. A Billet bow of yew, (two parts spliced in the handle) of 50lbs draw weight. On completion I tried it, found I can pull it but no control so I reduced it by 3lbs. Just enough I hope. First trial was very good, pile on as planned, my current arrows come out weak, my need to go back to an old set of 40/45lbs shafts.

### **Where have all the competitive archers gone?**

In the olden days *four or five years ago*, we had 3 / 4 top recurves and up to four compounds winning external & MKL shoots.

Now there are two recurves, when Wayne gets his nocking point right, and three Compounds. These five seem to be the only archers from ACA that compete, what has changed? Why are there not more archers winning internal, MKL and external shoots.

Saturday mornings the shooting line is full up with up to 30 archers BUT Sundays 2 to 8 turn up what is the club doing wrong?

Geoff B

## **Social Secretary**

The Committee would like to hold more social events within the Club. Suggestions from Members would be much appreciated for activities and outings that could also include your families.

At present the only social events are the barbecue after the Captains Challenge, the Annual Dinner and setting out the food at the Christmas Frostbite and Trophy Presentation.

If you have any thoughts please email me at [geoff@fleur-de-lys-designs.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fleur-de-lys-designs.co.uk) or speak to a Committee Member. You can also give your suggestion to Geoff B., but please write it down or he'll never remember to tell me!

I'm also going to try to tell you about other archery events across the country.

Bodiam Castle  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August Medieval shoot

Feudal Archers are putting on  
21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Hemingford Grey Manor,  
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire.

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August, there is a Medieval Event  
with Jousting at Waltham Abbey.

28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August Bank Holiday,  
Medieval Festival at Herstmonceux Castle, Nr  
Hailsham, E.Sussex.

Jean B