

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

August 2011



Dates for your dairy – Saturday 13th August Junior Challenge Trophy 1:00pm

MKL Sunday 14th August Home v Darentford 10:30 for 11:00

Sunday 21st August ACA Pastimes FITA 9:00 for 9:30

Sunday 28th August The Whitefriars ALL HANDS NEEDED

Captains Corner

Hi All, so this month we've had the mid-kent match, at home this time, against Medway. We managed to win the pure score but lose, by a very small margin, the handicap. We're still at the bottom of both tables, but we are catching up and I'm confident we'll get off the bottom in the next couple of matches. The next mid-Kent match is on the 14th of August, at home against Darentford, so once again as many of you that can, should come and make a great day of it.

We've also had the club champs. The day was ok weather wise and there was a good turnout, which was fantastic to see. The results are on the website, but Wayne, Christine and Steve managed to take the pure score honours and the trophies. Kevyn managed to obliterate his handicap with a handicap score of 1664, which by my reckoning moves his handicap down about three points, which is fantastic, well done Kevyn.

The next internal shoot is the ACA Pastimes FITA, which replaces the Les Barrett shoot in August. This will be a FITA, starting at 10am, half an hour earlier than normal, so please be on the field at 9 to 9.30 to setup.

That's it, see you on the field

Charles

Twig & Stick

Some more bad news last month - the loss of Stan Crowther on the 22nd of July.

For the newer members Stan has been a member and Stalwart of the club for 37 years. Stan was one of those people who was a natural at archery, he could pick up any bow and shoot it well. In his time with the club he

shot Recurve, Compound and Longbow. He still has 4 club records dating back to 1997.

Our thoughts are with Ann. They were an inseparable pair on and off the field of archery.

Sadly missed by all who knew him.

His Humanist funeral was on the 28th July at Vinters Park.

Not much this month to write about, I have not done much shooting outside of practice on the field.

The practice has been very good scores equivalent to 5 better than my handicap. But as usual when it comes to a tournament I fall apart. The difference between practice and my shooting at the ACA Championships was extreme to say the least, 5-6 hits at 90M in practice as to 1-2 hits on the day.

The 70M was worse - 6 hits in practice, 2-3 on the day.

When we got to 50M practice was all scoring arrows but not that day as I had 2 misses (the boss that is) per end. Followed by me packing up and going home to watch the F1 Grand Prix. Well at least someone other than Vettel won it.

Geoff Barker

Secretary's Sidelines

Affiliation Fees!!! Due now. You will receive a reminder soon.

Adults

GNAS	£ 35.00
Kent A.A.	£ 3.00
S.C.A.S.	£ 1.50

TOTAL **£ 39.50**

Send cheques to Treasurer, Pam Peake, made out to Allington Castle Archers.

Juniors pay nothing.

Everyone will get their new cards on the 1st October. If you don't receive yours, let me know.

Springboard Tournament

The weather was very wet but no one gave up. Congratulations to medal winners

Ron King 2nd Gents Recurve
Ladies Recurve
1st Jo Graham
2nd Cecile Midrouillet

Also shooting

Linda Rudnick	616	J/W
Ian Wilson	548	W
Gary Graham	537	W
Graham Baker	439	L/W
Dan Heasman	396	L/W

A good turnout from Allington. Well done everyone, including the coaching team who helped to run the Tournament.

Coaching

Your technique is good but your score is disappointing in competitions.

- 1 check your equipment the night before
- 2 go through warm up procedures
- 3 make full use of sighters so that your first dozen is not wasted. ie. Look where the first three arrows are grouped and have the confidence to alter the sight before shooting the second three. When you go up to the target look where the six arrows are grouped and again adjust your sight. Make those first six arrows count and by the end of the year you will be MASTERBOWMAN

Congratulations to William Bonham who won the Junior Challenge competition in July. Luke Kendall and William Lay also shot. Luke is in a good position to win the overall Trophy.

Incident Report Forms are now in the shed. Use one if needed in the possible though unlikely event of an accident or other unpleasant incident. **Return to me**

Colin

Obituary

It is with sadness that we report the death of our member, Stan Crowther, a kindly and gentle man.

Stan joined the club in the 1970's and soon showed his prowess by shooting for Kent and also by winning almost everything he was eligible for. His wife May used to say she didn't need to dust the shelves as the trophies came straight back after the presentation. During the 80's new members arrived who gave Stan extra competition, which he enjoyed. He was helpful to the newcomers and rejoiced in their success. After the death of his wife he continued shooting and later met Ann with whom he happily spent the rest of his life (27 years). Always considered a born archer he even won the Kent Longbow Championship, shooting with a bow lent to him the day before when his own broke. He had to give up archery when his shoulder started to give him trouble. He did, however, satisfy his competitive urge by taking up Short Mat Bowls, with great success.

Our thoughts go out to his family and especially to Ann.

Ken Garrett

Social Secretary

This month I did the teas for the home Mid Kent League. Scones, cake and strawberries went down well, along with unlimited cups of tea and coffee.

Have-a-Go and Barbecue

This went really well. There were at least 50 people come along (Neil counted them) and

several children. The weather was very kind – neither too hot and not wet or windy. As well as the salad items I provided some buns for the children to decorate – must keep them occupied I thought – and it was a great success. Several children took it upon themselves to do the whole lot and eat and share them around. I count it a great success as there were no buns left and my tablecloth bore testament to lots of chocolate topping and various cake decorations scattered across it!

A lot of people took advantage of the Have a go opportunity at the targets and several children tried shooting at the castle and the targets, including my grandchildren who range from 2 to 5 in age.

Others just sat in groups enjoying a chat and laughing when people shot over/round or missing the target entirely. Lots of friendly verbals too.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped to set up and those who coached the have a goers. A special thank you to Sandra who helped set up, brought along a rice salad, plates and cutlery, and coached.

Neil has already said we should do it again next year.

Jean