

# Allington Castle Archers

## Nocking Point

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*July 2011*



Dates for your dairy – Junior workshop Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1:00 pm

MKL Match Home, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 for 11am

Junior Challenge, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1:00 pm

ACA Championships a FITA, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July

# **Friends and Family Have-a-go, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2:00 pm**

## **bring your own meat! NOTE NEW DATE!!!!!!**

### **Secretary' Sidelines**

A quick reminder that Affiliation fees are due next month. Total amount is £39-50, which includes £35 for GNAS, £3-00 for Kent and £1-50 for S.C.A.S. All seniors pay but juniors pay nothing as they are members of our Junior Club. This means you will then all be affiliated until September 2012.

If the Club sends the money to arrive at G.N.A.S. before 1<sup>st</sup> September they will send your new membership cards direct to you by 1<sup>st</sup> October **So!! Pay promptly!!**

On a lighter note ;

### **THE SIR THOMAS WYATT .**

All went well

I was very pleased with the number of people who turned up to help. Those of you who forgot will perhaps write a reminder in your diary to come next year.

My thanks to all those who did come to help. It makes the whole Tournament so much easier to run.

Colin

### **Items from your Committee**

Please remember GNAS fees are due in August.

A little reminder – putting targets away means in the shed and does not mean in the barrow for other people to push to the shed!

Is there anyone out there who would like to take on more and help the Club.

Colin would very much like someone to assist him with the Sir Thomas Wyatt next year, with a view to taking it on.

Also

The Worcester/Portsmouth Indoor shoots. Sandra is happy to help someone willing to take on these tournaments.

Club colours – Chris is going to do a survey with the choices of colours. There are 3 choices and the majority will rule. He and the Committee would like all Members to give their opinions. Comments must be back by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

## ***Twig and Stick***

The main event of last month was the trip to Dunster by Neil, Sandra, Lawrence, Cecile, Sally, Andy, Warwick, Graham and Me. As it was our first time it was a bit daunting to contemplate 5 full days of shooting.

The accommodation was an old farmhouse of stone, two and a half miles from the shooting ground, sleeping 12. First night was cold and damp as the cottage had not been used the week before, but once we got the large wood burner in the lounge and the central heating going things warmed up. Sandra and I made the first meal of the week, a good old favourite of Spaghetti Bolognese. Sandra did a full roast on Sunday evening, after getting a temporary oven “installed”. Appreciated by all.

On Saturday Neil and I went down to see the shooting field. They were setting out the targets for the Sunday's York/Hereford, well one guy was. The forecast for the Sunday was very bad definitely rain most of the day. As I was the only one booked in for this shoot I decided to bow out. Chicken I hear you say? Well yes I am a fair weather archer these days.

The Monday shoot was a FITA, weather improved, but with the “DUNSTER WIND” Neil, Cecile, Graham and I competed.

Tuesday was the best weather of the week, sunny and warm. I had booked in for the Field shoot, 32 targets a NFAS style 3D animal round. What a day! They have some hills in Somerset, also some ravines and cliffs, all utilised by the Compound archer who set the course. It was jokingly called the beginners

course. Well all I can say is that if I were a beginner I would be put off doing field for life. The course was very long, up hill and down dale coupled with almost impossible shoots through overhanging branches, lots of dead ground and dark areas at the target. Our group of three included the 13 times Somerset field champion recurve, and he said it was the severest field course he had shot ever. Just to give you a flavour of the kind of shot, a 75yds down hill across a slope to a Bison standing almost facing you. I managed to hit it on my third shot from about 40 yds, right between the eyes. The only hit by our group. At the end I was completely cream crackered. A shower and then bed for me that evening while the rest went to the quiz night, that's another story.

See Cecile's blog for full details at

The others shot an Albion at the Castle ground on Tuesday.

Wednesday was the two way Longbow Western. Neil and I had entered. There were 197 archers shooting. Over two hundred and twenty had booked in. The rain returned and the sighters were in driving rain, not being able to hear if you had a hit was difficult to say the least. Neil struggled as he had not shot the longbow in 6 months. Everyone struggled with the "DUNSTER WIND" so not a great score by anyone.

Thursday was the main event for Cecile, the double two way Clout. The weather was variable to say the least, the "DUNSTER WIND" and some rain. Cecile, Neil, Lawrence, Andy, Graham and me took up the challenge. I started very well with the first end a score of 4,3,2, a total of 9. Turning round to shoot down wind not so good, overshot it by 10 yds. From then on scoring was low. The afternoon clout I blanked the first 4 ends. Neil shot well, Barebow with a six hit first end, and managed to win the gents Barebow. A Kent record for Neil taking it from Mike Brighton back in 1989.

**Cecile had a win win situation, as there was no Kent Ladies double two-way clout record. Well there is now.**

Friday was Neil's and I changing accommodation as the others started home. Neil had found a B&B, two and half miles the other side of Dunster. It turned out to be 4 star, not bad. We both had booked in to the York/Hereford record status shoot on Saturday. The weather was bad again, not the best day to try for those PB's.

Stayed over Saturday night then the home run.

The results

<b>Monday</b>	<b>FITA</b>	
Longbow	Geoff B	4 <sup>th</sup>
Barebow	Neil R	1 <sup>st</sup>
Compound	Andy Rout	
Recurve	Graham Baker Ladies FITA	
	Cecile	20 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Field Shoot</b>	
Geoff Barker		12 <sup>th</sup> of 40
	<b>Albion</b>	
Cecile M		14 <sup>th</sup> Recurve
Graham B		16 <sup>th</sup> Recurve
Andy Rout		10 <sup>th</sup> Compound
Neil R		1 <sup>st</sup> Barebow
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Two-way Longbow Western</b>	
Geoff B		17 <sup>th</sup> of 197
Neil R		43 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>two-way double Clout</b>	
Barebow		
Cecile M	2 <sup>nd</sup>	County Record

**Neil R 1<sup>st</sup> County Record**

Lawrence Punton 3<sup>rd</sup>

Graham Baker 6<sup>th</sup>

Andy Rout 10<sup>th</sup>

Longbow

Geoff Barker 25<sup>th</sup>

**Friday Western**

Recurve Cecile M 21<sup>st</sup>

Graham B 20<sup>th</sup>

**Saturday York**

Barebow Neil R 2<sup>nd</sup>

Longbow Geoff Barker 12<sup>th</sup>

We left a few Whitefriars entry forms on the board at the Dunster field, so we may get a few new archers from that part of the world.

The most common question meeting up with other members is “ would you do it again?” well I am still thinking about it.

The Sir Thomas Wyatt double York

Longbow - the usual suspects were there, Clinton Hill and Philip Faithful. My shooting was average as usual, disappointing, but there is always tomorrow. Managed a score of 314 on day one, not the MB I was looking for.(364) and 303 on the Sunday.

Second place on day one, two and overall behind Clinton as usual. I did best him for the first dozen and a half, then he got his act together and vanished into the distance.

Geoff B

Social Secretary

The Sir Thomas Wyatt – I provided the lunches for the Judges, Colin and Hazel both days. All went very well with me only forgetting to bring spread for the rolls on Sunday. Not bad considering I have to bring everything, crockery, cutlery, glasses, food etc. Thank you to Dominic who helped me by carrying some very heavy bags both days, Nick who insisted on carrying bags when he bumped into me on the Sunday, and Christine who insisted on coming with me when I left to open the gates.

Mother’s pride – our youngest daughter, Frances, who used to be a Junior in the Club, has just joined two ex C&H people and opened a haberdashery/dress materials/wool shop in the bottom of the Chequers Centre. **Sew a Good Yarn** is the name and may I encourage any sewers and knitters amongst us to support the shop if they can. After all, if a mum can’t advertise for her daughter who can!

Have a Go and Barbecue – I hope the change of day doesn’t cause any problems. Please invite family and friends to come along to eat, have a go and generally have a good time.

When you know how many will be coming with you please either telephone me or email me to at [geoff@fleur-de-lys-designs.co.uk](mailto:geoff@fleur-de-lys-designs.co.uk) I shall provide salad items and rolls so I really do need to have some idea of the numbers to work to.

Please let me know by the 29th July.

Jean