

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

June 2010



Dates for your diary -

Sunday 6th June 2:00 for 2:30 ACA Longbow Championship Western round

Saturday 12th June Westboro School Fete NO SHOOTING helpers for the have-a-go required.

Sunday 13th June MKL Home v Crown 10:30 for 11:00

Sunday 20th June Presidents Trophy 10:00 for 10:30 York/Hereford round

THE BIG ONE "The Sir Tomas Wyatt" Double York/Hereford ALL HANDS NEEDED

Saturday 26th 7:30 am helpers please

Sunday 27th 7:30am helpers please

Captain Corner

The match against Highstead Valley started off badly. We got lost, but after several mis-directions eventually found the field just as it started raining. Great. We didn't bother setting up any of the equipment until we were absolutely certain we were going to shoot, at which point the wind arrived.

I'm not sure anybody had a great shoot, but we managed to come away with a win on both handicap and pure score. A great pity that Sam wasn't shooting in the team, due to a mix-up with her handicap, because she absolutely mullered it. I believe it went from 68 to 63 on the one day, which meant she shot a 58. Well done Sam, but please don't do that again until the next mid Kent.

The results are already in the hut on one of the boards.

Chris, Wayne and Cecile are still top of the pile from the first round. We still lead the handicap division, but have been relegated to third on the pure score.

The next match is home against Crown on the 13th of June. Please all try and make it.

The next away match is an away bye which I am yet to organise with the away teams.

That's it. See you on the field.

Captain Charles

(Ed. I did not know Charles had a rank in the SA army.)

Secretary's Sidelines

There are four more new members for you to welcome to the club. They are all experienced archers to varying degrees. They are Daniel Heasman, who has completed a beginners course at Medway Archers; Richard Dixon who has attended the club spasmodically since 1984!!! And now hopes to attend regularly; and Phil and Kaye Holliman, very experienced archers who are joining as associate members in the near future.

We will be running another Beginners course starting on the 5th June, so you can expect to see the tent again in all its glory. You are welcome to come and talk to them in between shooting and say what a good club this is.

Sir Thomas Wyatt Tournament

I am the T.O.(Tournament Organiser) for this Record Status shoot and will be on duty from 7.30am to 6.30pm, on Saturday and Sunday – **26th and 27th June**. Please let me know when you can help during the weekend. I will be very grateful. Times in last months newsletter.

May I also remind all archers that the **School Fete** is on the 12th of June and you CANNOT shoot on that day. The archers put on a 'Have a go' for the school and your **help is required between 11.00am and 2.00pm**.

Coaching thoughts

First, did you spot the deliberate mistake last month?

2. should have read – Reduce the button pressure two hole turns and arrows should go to the RIGHT !!

Nocking points

These mark the position where the nock of the arrow is put on the string.

1. the lower mark should be 4mm (3/16ins) above the horizontal line from the arrow rest to the string and the gap should be the exact width of the arrow nock.
2. the position can be moved up or down if arrow flight is poor,

ie. a) it goes up and down in flight (porpoising)

b) marks appear on a fletching due to contact with the arrow rest (poor clearance)
3. They are usually made using un-waxed dental floss (only enough turns to prevent the arrow moving on the string). Strategic use of super glue makes it long lasting. I use Fastflight which is easier to handle and no super glue is required.
4. If the length of the string is altered by changing the number of twists the position of the nocking point moves and may need remaking.

Next month – How to make your bow send arrows futher!!

SEE YOU AT THE TOMMY WYATT

Colin

Twig & Stick

Hi all. A real mixed bag of weather last month, hopefully it will get better.

MB Attempt

Still plugging away, I did a Half York on Thursday evening and frightened my self with a score of 247. Doubling this up for a full York that's a 494 a 51 handicap.

Field shoot

Phil and I went to a one day field shoot on the 16th May at Friars Gate East Sussex. The weather was fair, possible rain later, did not last more than a few minutes.

The round we shot was a Forester - 28 targets at a range of 5yds to 70yds. You shoot from a peg, which you must toe with your leading foot. This may not be in clear space or with a clear sight of the target. There are three scoring zones on the faces, 15 – 10 – 5 a roundal over a animal picture.

This was the first time I have shot at this venue, as it has only been used by them for 2 years. They received Lottery money to purchase the woodland. We were led out in groups of 4/5 to various targets, spaced out so as not to hold any group up.

Phil started well hitting the first few targets. I started slow and got slightly better. Having shot the first 14 targets we stopped for lunch. Then did the same targets from different pegs.

During the second half at full draw my bow clicked loudly, it seems it has cracked inside the handle. Oppps. I will have to change bows for the rest of the season, not good.

Scores were not bad but I find I always have a good day Field shooting even if my shooting is rubbish. Phil seemed to enjoy the day, and said he will be shooting the next event here in September.

KAA Longbow Championship

Well done to all that attended,

Lady Champion Chris Bearman

Third Place Alf Kershaw

Married Couple Chris & Ken Bearman

Team shield (again) Alf, Ken, Chris & James.

Seven medals out of 12 in all. Just goes to show that ACA has strength in depth at longbow .

Two way York

Alf, James and I went to the I.L.A.A. (International Longbow Archery Association) two-way York shoot on the 22nd May. That was an eye opener for Alf, his first 2-way shoot. The weather was very good, light breeze to start, full sun, breeze got up latter.

This was the first I.L.A.A. target shoot with unlimited bow weight. Alf and I shot with our 45# bows, others shot with much more than that. It started with no sighters at a civilised time of 11:00. One way the trees were OK to use as sight marks but the other not so good. As Alf said "those trees need to grow more".

I managed to get second (322) behind Clinton again, and Alf (220) from the scores was forth. James was not far behind with 190.

ACA Longbow Champs

As you will have seen from the E-mail the ACA Longbow Champs. Is back at its original date of 6th June see you there.

FILM REVIEW

A rarity for me - I went to the movies today to see the latest Robin Hood.

Well what can I say? Russell Crowe & Kate Blanchett's acting was pretty good and deserved a better story line. Where do the Yanks do their research on the historical details? Costumes OK, but the King of France in a boat in the channel? I

think not. Some scenes will be recognised from "Saving Private Ryan". The landing craft obviously borrowed from the Marine Corp. Not to mention that Robin was not of Locksley but Robin Longstrides. Robin's dad was a philosopher and it hints he wrote the Magna Carta?

We must stop the Yanks from mullering our legends and history in this way. Where is the British money to make films?

So this reviewer suggests you save your money and watch the re-runs of Kevin Costner's version - much nearer the *truth*.

Going back to change of bow, I now have a problem, my current arrows flit about badly from this bow. The replacement bow is slightly lighter but much faster than the old one. Better sight marks but the arrows are not right for it. I have tried other stiffer arrows but still have bad arrow flight. Needs more work.

Geoff B