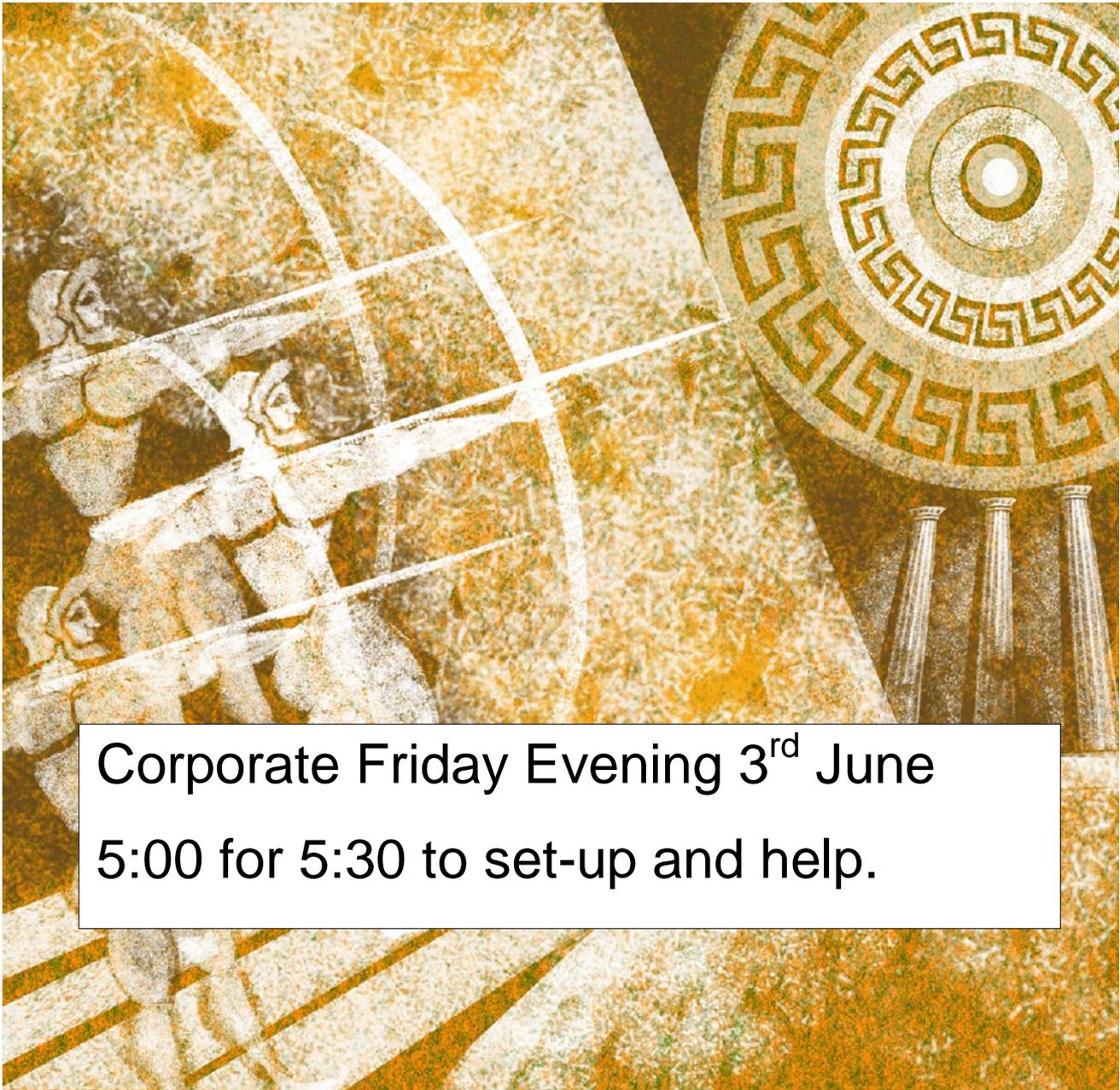


Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

June 2011



Corporate Friday Evening 3rd June
5:00 for 5:30 to set-up and help.

Dates for your June diary –

Sunday 5th June ACA Longbow Champs 1:30 for 2:00

Saturday 11th June School Fete. Help needed for set-up and duration. See Colin

Sunday 12th June MKL Home 10:30 for 11:00

Sunday 19th June ACA Presidents Trophy 10:00 for 10:30

**Saturday 25th /26th June The Sir Thomas Wyatt Open
ALL Hands Needed to set-up and help on the day,
Contact Colin Bowen**

* **CONGRATULATIONS** *

To Christopher and Sam on the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Mia Punton, who arrived on 18th May 2011 and weighed in at 4lb 10oz. Kaitlyn has now been allowed to come home and both Mum and Baby are well.

Captain's Corner

The official results for the Mid Kent League shoot against Swan are in and on the website. Unfortunately we are last in pure score and handicap.

Just a reminder that this Sunday, the 29th, is the Chairman's Cup. It would be great to see as many people as possible on the line.

That's it, see you on the field.

Cheers

Charles

Suggestions wanted

The club needs a title for an internal shoot to remember archers who are no longer with us. Memorial is not the right tone, more celebration of their archery achievements. Any ideas please forward them to Geoff B or any member of the committee.

Workshop

A workshop covering making strings and fletching arrows is to be held on the 2nd July. It is open to all and if you wish to make a string for your own bow there will be a small charge for the materials used.

Data Protection

The club holds a list of most members e-mail addresses. This list is used to send out the Nocking Point and other info. As you can see this is done on block and all e-mail addresses are seen by all members. **If you do not** want your e-mail address circulated please contact

Geoff at the address below. Also if you have an e-mail address and currently receive the Nocking Point by post please send an email with subject ACA.

Geoff@fleur-de-lys-designs.co.uk

Worcester/Portsmouth open shoots

As Sandra is not being the TO anymore the club needs a new organiser for these two shoots. Sandra has made it clear that she will be available to assist the new TO. Anyone interested please contact any member of the committee.

Vice-Captain

Junior Challenge Trophy

The Junior Challenge Trophy has started for this season. The contest was closely fought on Saturday 21st-May, the final results are listed below.

Congratulations to all of the junior archers who took part, I hope you enjoyed the tournament.

My sincere thanks go to all the parents who supported the event by scoring or helping with the field set up, take down etc...

Confirmed results are:

Luke Kendall – 1st place Pure Score with a score of 391

Luke Kendall – 1st place Handicap with a score of 1535

Name Round Score All H/C Ranking

Max Peake national 199 1203 1402 –

Cliona Fletcher J.Nat 314 1160 1474 –

Luke Kenndal J.Nat 391 1144 1535 1st

Amendment to the Junior Challenge Trophy

I have agreed to change the qualification for the winner of the Junior Challenge Trophy. The winner will be the archer who has the best **four** accumulated handicap scores submitted over the six rounds. This is to accommodate those archers who cannot make all six sessions who would have been disadvantaged.

Archery GB Progress

In addition to the above the following has been achieved by each of the juniors as part of the Archery GB Progress award scheme. These badges will be presented at the end of the next round scheduled on Saturday the 18th June.

Cliona Fletcher	Awarded her Blue badge
Luke Kenndal	Awarded his Red badge

Glade 70m Internet League

Please note: I have changed the date for the Glade Internet League shoot from 17th-July, the revised date is now 31st-July. This is to allow our archer to participate in the Invicta Coaching Group Springboard tournament.

Regards

Clive

Secretary's Sidelines

The school Fete is on 11th of June and it is customary for the Club to organise an "Have a go" which keeps our good relations with the school. I have been nominated to run it but I need some helpers to show the children what to do. We use "flu flues" and the wooden castle at 10yds Time 11-00 till 2-30 pm.

I will be away on the weekend of 16th to 19th of June visiting my family in North Wales. A group of active members and coaches will also be absent at about the same time so you will have to manage without us. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The following weekend is the Sir Thomas Wyatt

25th / 26th June

Record Status Double York /Hereford

How you can help!

Saturday / Sunday Morning 7-30 / 9-00 am set up the field

Each morning 10-00 am to 1-00 pm
Help in collecting scores

Each afternoon 2-30pm to 5-00pm
Help in collecting scores

Saturday / Sunday Evening 5-00pm / 7-00pm clear the field (target / tent etc)

**Please come for one or more of these times. You will be shown what to do.
Thanking you in advance**

Springboard Shoot This is at Vigo Rugby Club and is run by Kent coaching group

A good first tournament for all "newish" archers Date 17th July. Fee £5-00

I have entry forms. Most of the archers shooting will be inexperienced just like you

Coaching

You have done what I told you last month and your arrows are at the right height but:-

(a) grouping to the left, your arrows are too stiff or button is too hard

(b) spread out in a horizontal line. String alignment not being checked. When at full draw make sure that the string is down the centre of the limbs and through the centre of the sight, assuming the bow is set up for "centre shot"

OR You are not releasing by moving your hand straight back.

OR You are moving the bow sideways.

SO KEEP THE BOW STILL. Do not move it up and down or sideways. This is most important and may give you instant improvement !!

Go for it !!!

Colin

Twig and Stick

The Kent Longbow Championship

On the 22nd May the long bowers of Kent assembled for the annual Double National at Vigo. The weather was not kind to us as the wind got up from Saturday and there was a threat of rain.

The wind was gusty and strong but the rain held off till lunchtime luckily.

Two other things to note were first, the start of a new dance craze the Vigo Shuffle. This was because of the ground being so dry and hard and the grass was low but thick. We lost on average 2-3 arrows per target every end, or so it seemed. Mark the judge organised a line at 90 deg to the targets and we all shuffled forward behind the targets, asking *any lost on target 8, 9, 10* and so on till all the arrows were found.

Second, on a serious note, with 18 arrows to go two of the archers tripped over the rope lines on the field. Bob Moore falling on Tony Andrews of Swan Archers causing an injury, a broken leg/ankle. The shoot was obviously halted until an ambulance was called to take Tony to hospital. We all hope that it will not be long before we see him on the shooting line again.

ACA

In the light of this incident, how would we have coped. Is our safety officer and our system for Incident/accidents in good order?

Neil Turvell was not only the T.O. but also the Heath and Safety Officer for Kent. He will be making a report as will the judge on what happened. *Those rope lines may have to be reconsidered.*

As to the shooting

ACA took it by storm again with a total of 9 medals as below

Alf Kershaw 2nd Gent

Geoff Barker 3rd Gent

Chris Bearman 1st Lady

Chris & Ken Married Couple

Alf, Geoff, Ken and Chris the Club Shield AGAIN.

Congratulations Alf very well done!

Footnote GB :- that's the last time I give Alf any coaching. May have to recall his bows for some trumped up mod. You're on your own from here on Alf.

June 2011

The ACA Longbow will be the start of a very busy month. Hope the weather is kind to us Twig and Stick merchants. I must remember to take along the trophy.

The major event this month for me and a few other archers from the club is our first time at Dunster Week. Neil and I are doing almost every event there is, including a York/Hereford Sunday, FITA Monday, 3D Field round Tuesday, Two-way Western Longbow Wednesday, Double two-way Clout Thursday, a day off Friday and to finish a record status York/Hereford on the

Saturday. Sunday return home. May need a holiday when we get back, or a trip to Phil Wise at least.

The first Clout Practice coincided with me on holiday unfortunately but seemed to go off OK. Neil showed those that had never shot one before the ropes. Cecile seemed to get it quite well. The second was the Saturday 28th.

Thanet Archery are holding two Taster sessions for Clout at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate CT11 7AF on Saturday 23rd/24th July 2011 10:00 am, cost £3.

This in response to the Kent Clout Championship on the 18th September, as it requires everyone to have had some training on how to shoot clout.

Anyone interested? If you are, details on the KAA website for both events.

Geoff B

Social Secretary

Have a Go and Barbecue, July 30th. I do hope that you will come for this afternoon. We will be using the castle for the children and targets for the adults who fancy having a go – or you can shoot at the castle if you'd rather.

There will be at least two barbecues for you to cook on and rolls and accompaniments.

I will be putting a reply slip, our telephone number and email address into July's Newsletter as I will need to have

some idea of how many people will be coming.

It will be a lovely, friendly afternoon and hopefully the weather will behave.