



# Allington Castle Archers

## Locking Point

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*February 2011*



**All hands needed for Worc' /Ports'.**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Lockmeadow**

**3:00pm**

Dates for your diary –

BA Frostbite :- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10:30 for 11:00

BA Portsmouth :- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm for 7:30

## Captains Corner

Hi all, nothing much happened last month. We had a frostbite where the weather wasn't actually that bad given it's the middle of winter. More indoors have been shot and the last one had visitors from other clubs, which was great to see.

Last month I said I would get a mail out with the missing trophies. Well I didn't manage to do that, so I've included it in this newsletter. If you have any of the trophies or know of somebody who may have them, please could you contact them and see if we can get them back. I will go through the records and mail a list of the last archer I think signed for the trophy. At some point we'll need to decide whether to remove the missing trophies from the trophy list, or replace them. That will probably be at the next committee meeting, if anybody has any suggestions, then mail them to me or grab me on the field.

I now have the fixture list for the Mid Kent league matches. I have updated the website with the dates, so please do take a look. Like the end of last year, it's going to be first come, first served. Just let me know if you want to shoot. The only stipulation is that you have a current handicap. Any new archers who are improving, will get a word in the ear and maybe a gentle nudge to sign up. The list of dates are below for reference.

Date	Where	Against
10th April	Away	Crown
15th May	Home	Swan
12th June	Away	Falcon
10th July	Home	Medway
14th August	Home	Darentford
18th September	Away	Abbey

That's pretty much it, I'm looking forward to the summer, but we've a few frostbites and BA indoor evenings to get through before that so do try and get down if you can. All the details are on the winter fixtures list on the website.

See you on the field

**Charles**

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## Chairman's Chat

Well after a snow induced delay we at last had our Christmas meal in January at the Bull. Most members seemed to have a good time and the turn out wasn't bad either with 27 members and family attending. I made the usual hash of the Chairman's speech. I've only got one more go at getting it right so next year will be my last chance!

A few of the more hardy club members managed to attend a Field shoot at our nearest Field club, over in Detling on the 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan. Temperature was a balmy 1 degree with an even colder wind. Alf managed to break a few arrows and I got thoroughly embarrassed by the scores the other Barebow archers put in. However we all enjoyed it, but decided next time warmer weather was required.

The number of members shooting through the winter at the club has remained quite high compared to previous years, which is good to see. Hopefully those putting the time in now will be rewarded later in the season with better scores...at least that's the way it's supposed to work. Whilst on the subject of numbers, in an effort to increase the number of archers attending, the Friday indoor venue has been opened up to a few other local clubs so don't be shocked to see some new faces. Also, apologies to those who were surprised by having to pay for the BA Portsmouth last time. The decision to change this and open up Friday to other clubs was driven by higher venue costs.

The club remains very popular with new archers and even at the beginning of February we already have over 20 inquiries from people wanting to enrol on beginners courses in the spring/summer. So it looks like the new bows the club invested in last year will be thoroughly used, which is great news.

Finally...It may well be mentioned elsewhere in this news letter but Charles has been working hard over the last few months to try and sort out the clubs trophies. Over the years we have got into the position that there are some trophies which never

get awarded because their associated shoot is no longer part of the calendar; or trophies that cannot be awarded to deserving archers because they have never been returned. If any member has any old trophies hidden in their cupboards please can they let Charles know ASAP.

Good shooting.

Neil

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### **Vice Chair**

#### **Worcester/Portsmouth**

I will be stepping down as the tournament organiser for the Worcester/Portsmouth tournaments so February will be my last shoot. This is not a decision I have taken lightly and it has taken me quite a few months to make.

Now the appeal. As this is a popular tournament for the club and the external participants who enjoy the day, it would be a shame if it did not continue. However, having been the organiser for the past three years I believe this should not be left to one person to organise the two shoots.

Therefore, I recommend that there should be two people who have responsibility for one shoot each; but will help out with the shoot they are not organising and also stand in if the other person is unable to be present at their shoot due to circumstances beyond their control.

I am willing to help those people with the organising for the November 2011 and February 2012 tournaments and will provide a guide to what has to be done.

If anyone is interested in taking on either of these tournaments can you please email me or see me on the field.

sandra.punton@googlemail.com

#### **Worcester/Portsmouth tournament 20th February 2011**

### **Can I please ask for people to help out on the day of the tournament.**

Also should you have received any unwanted Christmas presents, I would be happy to take them off your hands for the raffle prizes. Donations gladly excepted.

**Sandra**

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### **Secretary's Sidelines**

#### **Indoor Shooting**

Attendance at the indoor shoots on Friday nights has been disappointing this winter and we have not been getting enough revenue to cover the cost of the hire of the hall. Numbers have ranged from 10 to 15 and as we have plenty of space and 7 targets available we can cater for 28 archers. The Committee decided in December to offer places to other clubs. Ferryfield and Crown Archers have been invited to join us at a fee of £4.00. This will explain any strange faces you may see on the shooting line in February and March.

#### **Christmas Cards**

Most of these are still in the shed. If they are not collected soon they will be "filed" in the usual manner i.e. dumped in the bin.

#### **Coaching**

The weather is too cold to do any serious practice to improve your technique, so how about checking over your equipment.

1. Arrow rest. The Pro Hoyt rest usually supplied when you buy your bow is perfectly OK but (a) buy a spare as the bit on the end which holds the arrow on is fragile and when it breaks off, the rest is useless. (forgive the pun) (b) the backing foam must be removed as it renders the button ineffective. Don't forget to cut off the plastic "button substitute"

2. Nocking point You have two marks, the width of the arrow nock apart, the lower one 4mm above a

perpendicular line from the rest. If they are brass rings ask a coach to show you how to change them using dental floss. This is lighter, so that you get a faster and smoother loose, i.e. the arrow goes faster, further and straighter.

Well that should give you something to occupy you this month.

More next month Colin

### Social Secretary

Well, at last we've had our Christmas meal. I had a very good meal but didn't like the room we were in. Most of the people that came have given me feedback – really no pun intended.

As is always the way when a large group (27) are asked their opinions it was a case of one man's meat is another man's poison. Most seemed to enjoy the food, but some didn't. Some liked the venue and some didn't. The Committee feel that we should keep looking for the ideal venue. So, if any of you know of

somewhere with a separate room with good décor, good hot food, reasonable prices and good service, please let me know. Oh and coffee should be included too.

My next assignment it to start searching for a pub that does pub quizzes as that was the most popular item on the questionnaire that I sent out in Autumn. Again, if any of you have any knowledge please share it with me.

Remember – items for the Newsletter can be sent to us and we will happily include them in the next Newsletter.

Jean

## Missing Trophies

Trophy Number	Competition	Trophy Name / Archer Type	Awarded For
6	Portsmouth	Compound	Compound Best Score
11	Worcester	Longbow	Pure Score
18	Chairman's Cup	Newman Trophy	Married Couple
22	Presidents Trophy	Compound	Pure Score
23	Presidents Trophy	Gent/Lady H/C Recurve	Handicap
24	Presidents Trophy	Compound H/C	Handicap
25	Presidents Trophy	Kevin Dick Shield	Best Score 1st/2nd Year Archer
33	Aca Championships	Gents Compound	Handicap
34	Aca Championships	Junior Gillian1	
45	Annual Trophy	Castle Goblet	Mid Kent League Support
54	Annual Trophy	Longbow	Handicap

## Twig & Stick

Hi All

### ACA Fun Field Shoot

13th February 1:00 pm for sight-marks, 2:00pm for assembly.

Eight targets with a mixed bag of target faces at distances ranging from 5M to 50M.

***Archers please note the whole of the field will be used for the field shoot from 1:00 pm till approx. 4:00 pm, no other shooting will be possible.***

A few hands to help set-up in the morning would be helpful, say 10:00 am.

Come along and get the feel of FIELD shooting. There are field shoots organised at 3 / 4 places in and near Kent this time of the year.

The Woodstock 12 target field shoot was attended by Me, Neil and Alf. Weather was collld, windy and only 2 deg but this did not stop 15 archers from across Kent turning out.

Alf had a baptism of fire at the second target. A 45M across a slope, the slope down hill right to left caused Alf to miss on the left. Unfortunately into a tight group of well established Sweet Chestnut trees. Of the three arrows shot only one survived the impact. Two targets, two arrows gone, Oops. I did not realise that Alf had only brought 4 arrows in his quiver. A true target archer, he had more in his car but that was now 3/4mile away. Luckily Bob Gawler, who we were shooting with, had a set of three which he lent Alf. Archers are like that.

Neil was shooting with another group of Barebow archers, slightly more experienced and realised the accuracy that can be achieved with a Barebow. Neil's first time shooting a FITA round.

All seemed to enjoy the day out in the woods.  
Geoff B

