

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

January 2010



Dates for your dairy

Frostbite Sunday

3rd Jan 2010 at 10:30 for 11:00

Woodstock Field Taster

17th Jan 2010 at 10:00 assembly

Chairman's chat

The Christmas Award giving went well with over 35 people squeezed into the classroom. It was good to see some new faces get a share of the trophies, although a certain recipient couldn't even remember taking part in the shoot he was being awarded for!

Colin's two leg shots with three arrows was also rewarded with the Best Leg trophy. Next year we expect nothing less than three out of three Colin! The Rose Bowl of Happiness also has a new home with Cecile. It has to be the first time in years that this Bowl has been presented for its true purpose rather than for ironic reasons.

Now that we are almost done with 2009, it is time to look forward to the New Year, tuning in new equipment, getting rid of bad habits, setting goals, planning which shoots to attend and in some cases, deciding which bow to shoot! As the club did so well this year at the 70 metre postal league, Geoff is putting together a new ACA team for 2010, this time for Longbow, so I will be blowing the dust off of my "real bows" and hoping I can remember how it is done!

In time for the beginning of the New Year, the website has also been updated and apart from a few minor items, is complete, with a new facility for members to add their photographs by emailing them to the webmaster, (Paul Bradley). If you get a chance to have a look at the re-vamped website, feedback would be welcomed.

Lastly, the new Committee will have its first meeting on the evening of Monday 4th January 2010, (and every six weeks thereafter), so if you want to have any issues raised, get in contact with one of the Committee members before hand.

Good Shooting for 2010 Neil

Captains Corner

Well it goes without saying that the Christmas frostbite was a little, how should I put this, wet. Thank goodness for the new school shelter. While some sensible people decided to sit it out in the warmth, those of us who decided to shoot eventually got going, fortified by mulled wine and a little late, around 11.20 when the rain eased a bit. We managed to get 2 dozen done before the rain started again with a vengeance, but we finished, with possibly the quickest dozen, shooting 3 arrows, I have ever seen. Results of the shoot are below. If there are any errors, please let me know.

Once we had dried off, wined and fed ourselves, prizes were given out. Thank you to Geoff for setting up the prizes and assisting me in what was my first prize giving at the front. Thanks also to all that helped set up the music room for the day and to Jean for the much necessary mulled wine, without which I don't think we would have ever bothered to shoot. The full list of prizes and who got them is attached in the newsletter mail.

That was essentially it for the year, shooting wise. The inclement weather in Maidstone for the last couple of weeks has certainly scuppered my plans for shooting before the new year.

So what has 2010 in store? Well, I plan on continuing the good work that Geoff has been doing with the Captaincy. I will be encouraging everybody to shoot rounds instead of just standing there pinging away at the target. And then there are the internal and Mid Kent shoots to run, so I think it's going to be an exciting and busy year.

I hope everybody had a festive Christmas and has/had a fantastic New Year's eve party.

See you on the field

Charles

December Frostbite 13/12/2009

Mens Recurve

Charles Van Rensburg	311
Ken Garrett	301
Roger Oehl	288
Nick Peake	287
Clive Jeffrey	262
Chris Punton	256
Alf Kershaw	241
Kevyn Brooks	238
Barry Ruck	228
Colin Bowen	210
George Bright	128

Ladies Recurve

Elaine Smith	269
Sandra Punton	237
Pam Peake	206
Cecile Midrouillet	203

Mens Compound

David Corke	337
Andy Rout	252
Warwick Drew	219

Mens Longbow

Bill Lyons	154
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Mens Barebow

Neil Richardson	235
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Juniors

Max Peake	188
Jason	180
William Lay	170
Luke Kendall	52

Twig & Stick

Not really longbow but I had some spare time at work & trawled through the KAA website.

To find that the club currently holds 30 county records

The archers are :-

Outdoor

Jan Newman	(1)Recurve
Tom Ransom	(1) recurve
Neil Richardson	(4)Barebow
Geoff Barker	(1)Longbow

Indoor

Steve Bebbe	(1) Compound
Field	
Chris Bearman	(11)Recurve
Ken Bearman	(5)Recurve
Tracey Barker	(1) Trad
Geoff Barker	(3)Longbow
Doug Priest	(1) Longbow
Mark Ostiemer	(1)Longbow

Just a thought, but there are lots of records not claimed, so if you want your name up in lights have a look at the website & pick your round to shoot. Also on the website is the [county record claim form](#), worth downloading.

MB progress report

The end of November was not kind to us archers with limited weekend time, one shoot only, a Frostbite. I am hoping to do that tuning I mentioned in the last newsletter soon.

Oh for a dry day.

Glade 70M league Longbow

I have proposed a Longbow 70m team for the Glade league, Neil, James & I are in, any other takers?

Field Shooting Taster course

Woodstock Field Archers are holding a taster course for field shooting on the **Sunday 17th Jan 2010 10:00** assembly. The cost is £3/person, any one interested? Sight marks for 5M to 60M recurve & 5M to 50M barebow/longbow. Please let me know if you are contemplating something different as our new chairman advocates.

Comments about the new format to me please.

Geoff B



The class of 2009 presentation photo. Three faces you may know, passing their level 1 coaching course. Well done.

Vice Chair

A reminder from Sandra our new Vice Chair, the **Worcester/Portsmouth is not far away. Sunday 21st February** is the day if you want to shoot contact T.O. Sandra from the website, it also gives us a chance to off-load some unwanted Christmas presents as raffle prizes.