

# Allington Castle Archers

Newsletter June 08

## The Dates for Your Diary

Mid Kent League Away

At

Abbey

15<sup>th</sup> June

At

10:30 for 11:00

Sunday 22nd June

Presidents Trophy

At

10:00 for 10:30

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

The Sir Thomas Wyatt Open

**ALL HANDS NEEDED**

From 7:30am

## Captains Corner

My last minute call-up for County was not a great success as I shot very badly. The less said the better!

### Mid Kent League Results

The team as below. Charlie has well and truly bust his handicap.

#### Pure Score

Ken	Bearman	770
Steve	Mills	758
Charlie	Randall	751
Dave	Corke	712
		<b>2991</b>

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#### Handicap

Charlie	Randall	1718
Jade	Smith	1607
Phil	Kessel	1564
Adrian	Randall	1484
		<b>6373</b>

**The Kent Longbow Championships on 18<sup>th</sup> May** was a lot better. The turnout was 15 from ACA. This was mainly down to Bill Lyons who twisted a few arms and chased all the clubs Longbow archers - including Chris, Sandra & Rudi. Long time, no see.

As a result we had one of the largest contingents at the event.

The weather was odd, a cold wind in our faces with the temperature going up & down with the sunshine.

The total entry must have been the highest for some years, 96 archers on the day, 16 targets most with 6 per target.

Full results when Bill passes them on. They will be passed on to Dave Corke and will appear in the newsletter and on the website.

Just to say that our Vice Chairman **Neil Richardson was 1<sup>st</sup> Gent.**

**WELL DONE NEIL.**

**ACA won the Club Shield** again, the third year in succession. The team of **Neil, Paul Bradley, Ken Bearman & I**, also the same as last year.

Well done to all ACA members, we all had a good time, Sandra was hurting by the end of the day but she finished the round.

### **A Change to the Events Calendar**

The **ACA Longbow** was to be shot on the same day as the ACA Championships 27<sup>th</sup> July. But due to a few hindsight type thoughts, it has been moved to the week before.

**20<sup>th</sup> July same time & round.**

The website & Club calendar will be updated very soon.

Geoff B

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## Secretary's Sidelines

Four more weeks to the longest day !! Still the icy winds blow from the North East. Thank G--- for the 50 foot hedge along the side of the field. It's the Chairman's Cup on Sunday and I am going to ask for a target for me at 30 feet on target one ???

Right, let's stop dreaming and let's get down to business.

1. **Congratulations to Max Peake on achieving his U15 blue badge.**
2. We have three more new members. They are Alf, John and Craig. All our new members seem to be very enthusiastic. May I wish them all the best of luck.
3. Warning! There will be another batch of hopeful Robin Hoods and Maid Marians learning toxophily.
4. The new 2008 Members list. If you have not been given one, ask me.

### Sir Thomas Wyatt Tournament 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June

**This is a Record Status Shoot**

**T.O. me (Colin)**

New members are requested to help during the weekend.

8.00 am put up targets, tents etc.

10.00 am – 4.00 pm help with scoring etc.

4.00 pm – 6.00 pm clear away targets etc. **BOTH DAYS !!!!**

Your assistance is needed for part of the weekend or all of it if you can spare the time.

#### **Entries**

Members shooting must help with setting up and clearing the field as well as paying to shoot.

New members are advised **NOT** to enter this year.

You can shoot one day or both.

**TWELVE** dozen arrows each day, starting at your maximum distance.

There are no handicap awards.

Juniors can enter starting at their maximum distance according to age.

**YOU MUST WEAR WHITE OR DARK GREEN** ; cream, fawn, grey, khaki etc. will **NOT** be accepted and you will **NOT** be allowed to shoot.

On that happy note I will bid you good night.

Colin

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#### **Barry**

By now most of you will have heard that I, Barry Ruck, have lost my two longbows. I put them on the roof of my car and drove off. Silly me! Speaking to the insurance company, they insisted I have pictures of them. They say to prove I had them and was not trying to make a false claim.

So now I think it might be a good idea for all members to have pictures of their gear. This could make life a little easier if, like me, you need to make a claim.

Keep out of the green.

Barry

I put an arrow to my bow

Where it went I do not know

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## Handicap and Classification information for the 2008 outdoor season

You will have seen the new outdoor handicaps for the 2008 season published on the club hut notice board down at the school field. Some of you will note that you do not yet have a handicap rating or classification for this year, and that is because of either :-

1. You have not yet shot three outdoor rounds, which would qualify you for a handicap. And, if you have, then you have not notified me in order that I can enter them into the clubs handicap system.

or

2. You are a new member to Archery or the club and you have not had a full explanation as to what to do to get a handicap rating and classification in the first place.

For new members to archery I will explain what is needed for you to achieve a handicap and classification rating.

Once a new member to archery and our club has qualified to shoot at his or her distances, that person can then shoot rounds, which should be recorded and entered onto one of the shooting forms found in the club shed. (These forms must contain your Name, Date of Shoot, the Round shot etc). Once I have received and entered the 3 scores from that member, I then transfer them to the computer system which adds up the scores and associated handicaps. The computer system then averages out the handicap achieved for each of those 3 rounds to give that member their starting handicap ranking and classification.

From then on, each round that is recorded and passed over to me by any of the club members is then added to the handicap system. What the computerised handicap system then does is this. If for example you have a starting handicap of say 65, and then you shoot a round where the handicap equates to 63, then the average of those two figures, (that is to say,  $65 + 63 = 128$  divided by 2 is 64). A 64 handicap then becomes your new handicap rating at that time. If the scenario was that the handicap of 65 was in place, but that you then shot a handicap round of say 62, ( $65 + 64 = 129$ ), then the average where it falls between two numbers, is always rounded up to the higher whole number. This would still mean that the handicap in this case would be 65. However, if you shot a round with a handicap of say 68, then your present handicap of 65 remains unchanged.

There are several reasons for having a handicap system. One is, you can watch your own progress as your archery improves! Another is, when you are shooting in a shoot where handicaps are taken into account, you then have an allowance of points measured against your present and declared handicap rating. For example: if you were shooting a round, shall we say a Western, and you have a handicap at that time of 65, you may be allowed 500 points. These 500 points would be added to your actual score, say 500 at the end of the shoot. So in this scenario your score of 500 plus your handicap allowance tallies a total of 1000 points. A fellow archer with a handicap of say 40 could perhaps have an allowance of 350 points. He or she shoots the same round and scores 620. This together with the allowance of 350 points makes a total of 970. In a handicap shoot, you the person with 1000 points would beat the 970! **I CAN HEAR YOU ALL SAYING, THIS IS AS CLEAR AS MUD!** Well it will become so once you are shooting rounds on a regular basis.

As your handicap reduces, (a bit like golf really, lower handicap means better golfer/archer), your classification improves from 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class to 1<sup>st</sup> Class to Bowman to Master Bowman to **GRAND MASTER BOWMAN**.

Finally, at the end of each year the handicap system adds your best 3 rounds shot over that year. It then adds the handicaps of each of those best 3, averages them out and produces a new starting handicap and classification for the start of the next year. Example:- say your best 3 shoots had handicaps of 62, 57 and 56 = 175 divided by 3 = 58.333 rounded up makes a New Year start handicap of 59. Got it!

**I hope this clarifies Handicaps and Classifications, and how to gain and improve on them.**

**From - David Corke - Club Records Officer/Tea boy/Purveyor of Lost Arrows etc.**