

Allington Castle Archers
Newsletter May 08

The Dates for Your Diary

Mid Kent League home

On

Sunday 11th may

At

10:30 for 11:00

Sunday 18th May

KAA Longbow

Championships

Sunday 25th May

Chairman's Cup

At

10:00 for 10:30

Captains Corner

The first month of the season has been and gone already.

The start on the Mid Kent League Sennoake was, to say the least, unique, not to say expensive. The day started ok, the weather was cold but clear. It did not last long - as we finished sighters the clouds rolled in and the rain started. Then the sleet started, then the wind got up and we had a hail storm.

The first distance (3 doz) was very difficult. Scores were down and the tally of misses went up. The club captains were considering the option of calling it off as the weather worsened, but against my better judgment we continued.

The next event in this unique day was that horrible crack of a bow breaking, Clive's top limb had delaminated, causing a few heart flutters I might say.

A few minutes later a squall came through and destroyed Steve Mill's gazebo, I mean destroyed, it was broken beyond repair.

Then the second hail storm followed at this point and we dived for cover calling a comfort break.

Then the sun came out and we decided to carry on shooting, eating on the run. Lucky we did as the rain/sleet started in the next half hour.

We finished in the next piece of sunshine, managed to get the equipment away before the third hail storm hit. Doing the scores in a very small shed with Carole was fun. Having two score sheets that did not add up, both done by Carole, helped a lot.

But we got there in the end.

Not a day I will forget in a long time, the only good thing was that we won both Pure Score & Handicap.

Thanks to all who turned up, you must be mad.

The scores

Dave Corke	107	787	57	St G
Steve Mills	108	796	50	St G
Clive Jeffery	retired hurting			
Paul Meekins	103	693	28	St G
Elaine Smith	106	644	28	Sh W
Jade Smith	93	487	7	J S W
Geoff Chenery	82	382	10	W
Barry Ruck l/b	67	299	4	W
Geoff Barker	77	395	?	Alb

The winning team pure score

Paul Meekins	693
Steve Mills	688
Dave Corke	679
Elaine Smith	644

The Handicap Team

Elaine Smith	1492
Jade Smith	1434
Dave Corke	1394
Paul Meekins	1369

P.S. to the MKL at Sennoake was that on the way home Steve Mills broke his car, cam belt went & wrecked his engine. Not a day Steve will forget quickly.

Chairman's Cup 25th May, I will not be available so it's over to Gareth for the day.

Kent Invitation

The weather was kinder that Sunday but the wind was strong & cold.

The club was well represented by five archers, not a bad result. Dave Corke, Steve Mills, Steve Beebe, Clive Jeffery & me. Could have been more, no names no pack drill.

The invites this year went out to only those archers who were Bowman & Kent Bowman for recurve & compound & 2nd class & better for Longbow last season. A number of faces missed in the Longbow ranks including Neil Richardson (Vice Chair).

Clinton was there as usual, but no Phillip, Bob or Graham. There were two Longbows I had not met before. Clinton shot well again, 737 for the Hereford, twice my score. I am coming to the conclusion I am a fair weather archer, the cold gets into the bones these days.

Geoff B

Secretary's Sidelines

We have six new members who have joined as a result of completing their beginners course. They are:- David and Natasha (Juniors), Ross, Claudia, Jill and David. It is rumoured that Alf and John will also be joining next week. Please welcome them when you meet them on the field.

Members List A new one will be issued soon

Club Badges can be obtained from Phil Kessel at £2.50 each (he doesn't know yet)

Now is the time to sell your unwanted equipment so bring it with you when you visit the field or advertise it in the newsletter.

!!!! CONGRATULATIONS TO TIM PROTHEROE ON ACHIEVING HIS A.A.S. UNDER 12 BLUE BADGE !!!!

Which of you Juniors is going to be first achieving their **GOLD** badge ?????

Here's hoping for hot sunny weather.

Colin

From Roger

