

Allington Castle Archers
Newsletter July 09
The Dates for Your Diary

MKL Sunday, 12th July
Away at Falcon

Saturday, 25th July
the Junior Competition

Sunday, 26th July
ACA Championships
a
FITA round

Captains Corner

Event reports

Winter BA League

A bit late, but the final results from the British Archer Winter League.

Compound Frostbite

Div 7 5th

Compound Portsmouth

Div 15 6th

Recurve Portsmouth

Div 18 3rd

Recurve Frostbite

Div 11 3rd

As each division has only a max of 6, we did not do well in the compound.

Must try harder!!

ACA Longbow

The annual longbow championship was held on the 7th of June, back to its original timing. Also back to its traditional Western round, after the experiment of the long western's failure to attract entries.

There was a good turnout of XX on the day, which was kind weather-wise. No major event until the last end of the longest distance, the call for the Best Gold. The junior Jade led off with her second arrow of the end getting a edgy gold, Charles Van Res. was reaching for his bins at this time and continued to spot for all. As the seniors shot the plot thickened, all had shot three arrows and the only gold went to Jade. Second half of the last arrows rained in all colours other than gold, you could not write the script for it. Not only did Jade get the best gold of the end but she got the ONLY gold.

After that excitement the only thing that happened of any note was that I was shooting better than I have in two years and got a PB, Club Record and a MB score to win by 8 hits from Bill Lyons, who also shot a new PB.

MKL v Darentford

This month's MKL turned out to be a large event as 16 Darentford threatened to turn out. It turned out that 12 arrived to compete against 15 ACA.

The star of the show was Ryan Skinner, one of our newer members. Having obtained a handicap shooting 60yds he decided to shoot the Albion. A handicap Score of 1622, yes 1622 scoring 231 over his handicap of 57. Warwick will have to get the large scissors out for that calculation. Well done Ryan!!!

Honours were even. We won the Handicap & lost the Pure Score. Results on the door of the equipment hut.

Corporate Evening

The evening went well, Elaine had the targets, marquee, and most of the other bits out before I arrived at 4:30. Charles, Paul Meekins, Brian Osler, Colin, Roger, Kevyn Brooks, Ken & Sheila all helped though the evening. The weather was cool but dry. All the guests seemed to have a good time, the Bar-B-Q went down well, sorted by Jean, buying, preparing and cooking & Elaine cooking with her Pinny on.

The organiser for the group thanked us all for a good evening and Colin accepted a cheque for £375 for the club. Net profit on the evening approx £325, not bad. Thanks to all that helped.

Presidents Trophy

The turnout was not as in the past, but fair weather helped to make it an enjoyable day. Not many longbows but lots of compounds. Elaine had, what seemed like sight problems, and stopped shooting, then finally sussed it out that her string was on the way out. Ann Medhurst popped down to chat and see Colin. El Presidenti came along to present the medals.

Full results

Update on the 40th anniversary & PUDSEY SHOOT

The article that appeared in the Glade is in the Archery UK this quarter.

The Kent Messenger also contacted me and an article about our 40th anniversary will appear next week.

Also they will do an article on the Pudsey Shoot with photos, so wear your best bib & tucker on the day.

Secretary's Sidelines

July 2009

Welcome to our new archers – Jacob Punton and Rob Byatt. There will be others who will be joining soon, now that they have completed their course. Details later.

We also have a lot of people interested for the next course, which will take place at the end of July. Please help them to get started in your usual friendly way, as they will need lots of targets at different distances in order to complete their qualifying scores.

Coaching advice will start again, appearing in next month's Newsletter.

If you want Club badges, I have some for sale and cloth badges or Club garments can be obtained by contacting our Chairman, Paul Bradley, by phone or email.

And finally, the **Sir Thomas Wyatt** was held on the 27th and 28th June, 2009.

It was a fine, almost dry and windless day, with most targets filled; making over 70 archers shooting each day. Allington was well represented among the medals.

Charles was 3rd gent Recurve on Sunday and the Double award

Neil was first and last Barebow both days, so I gave him a plate for effort

Geoff achieved 2nd Longbow on both days and the double

Andy did well in his first Tournament

Eleanor won the Bristol II girl awards for both days and the double, achieving an impressive 47 handicap score on Saturday.

Jade also completed the double round and on Sunday improved on her last year's score by 50 points

Elaine was 3rd lady on Sunday

Max achieved a very creditable 739 in his first 12 do zen Tournament round

My thanks to every one who helped during the two days, especially Pam, who organised an excellent meal each day for the Judges, Lady Paramount and me!

	Saturday	Sunday	Double
Charles Van Rensburg	R 984	1020 3 rd	2004 3 rd
Barry Maytum	R 977	915	1882
Andy Rout	C/U 981		
Geoff Barker	LB 276	317 2 nd	583 2 nd
Neil Richardson	B/B 457	545	
Elaine Smith	R	926 3 rd	
Eleanor Peake	R 984	960	1928
Jade Smith	R 793	853	1646
Max Peake	R 739		

Well done everyone!!

My apologies for any errors, I have not done the official results yet.

Colin, T.O. (T.O. means Tournament Organiser)

A Paramount Perspective

Last weekend I was the Lady P at the Sir Thomas Wyatt tournament. Being a non-archer I was thinking on the way to the field:-

‘Should I have put a good thick book in the car, or my Nintendo DS? I’m going to get so bored. Perhaps I can disappear off home some of the time.’

Well surprise, surprise, there was absolutely no boredom. I have never stayed at a shoot so didn’t appreciate the amount of organisation and work on the day that is needed. This one being a two day event – twice the amount of work for everybody.

I gave a little speech before the shoot started – felt sick with nerves the first morning – and then sat under the trees with the judges to watch the shooting. My only other real duty was to present medals on Saturday and medals and trophies on Sunday. I found the judges to be quite human as the day went on and asked them several questions about rules and we got into lots of discussions about non-archery related things. I wandered along to speak to Geoff and see how he was doing several times – that can be nerve racking! He gives himself such stick if he doesn’t do what he thinks he should.

As you know it was really hot over the weekend and I gained a new respect for the people involved – archers, Roger and Pam slaving over the hot stoves producing huge amounts of bacon butties and tea and coffee; Ann, Sheila, Margaret, Chris and people, whose names I don’t know, being the runners on both days, helpers who came along, Elaine who was helping on Saturday and shot on Sunday, Colin who kept an eye on things and was on the go the whole weekend. But especially the archers. Not only do they shoot large numbers of arrows, they walk miles over the day when they collect their arrows and return to the shooting line to shoot again. And I have to say, it was like being in an oven on the field. So ladies, gents and juniors – big respect from me.

Talking about the juniors – it was wonderful to see them being so disciplined. None of them showed any annoyance if they didn’t score an end well. The worst I saw was a shake of the head. Perhaps archery should be added to all schools’ curriculums.

I’d also like to say a thank you to Pam for the lunches that she produced for the judges, Colin and myself, as well as helping Roger. They were delicious.

Who knows, after my experience this year, I might go along next year and offer to help on one of the days. I just hope it’s not as hot as it was last weekend because I would just melt.

Jean Barker

And finally from Roger



