

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

July 2010



Dates for your dairy – Sunday 11th July MKL away bye see Charles VanRes for details –
Sunday 18th July The Springboard event see Colin for details –

Saturday 24th July The Junior Challenge –

Sunday 25th ACA Championship a FITA round.

Chairman's Chat

I'm back, sorry for the lack of input to the Nocking point over the last couple of months things have been a bit hectic. Lots of things have happened since my last report so here goes.

The new ACA enamelled club medals have been ordered, when they arrive we can upgrade from the current stock. New Beginners bows have also been ordered and should arrive in a few weeks. These new bows will replace the more basic jelly bows currently in use and should provide beginners a better insight into what it's like to shoot a Recurve. They will also allow our new coaches to show beginners some of the more technical aspects of a modern Recurve if required. The web site is now packed with information, up to date and well worth a look if you haven't visited for a while. Club clothing has been moved to a more local supplier in Maidstone and if you want to order anything just speak to Chris Punton.

We have had quite a few internal shoots already which have been reported on by Charles. I won't comment on them again but I would like to say it was great to see so many people turn up for the Chairman's Cup. I'm sure this had nothing to do with the promise of booze for the winners!

Whilst on the subject of competitions we hosted the 26th Sir Thomas Wyatt last weekend which went very well. Weather was a touch on the hot side with temperatures hitting 30 Degrees and most archers, including myself, looking like lobsters on the Sunday morning. Thanks to all those members that helped out on the day. A few more people would have been nice, especially to collect scores through the day but I'm sure this will improve for next year. There were many personal victories and calamities through the day but for me I added 59 points to the current

Kent Barebow York record and a further 12 to the Double York record. Geoff got the first of the three Master Bowman scores he needs and the icing on the cake was Geoff beat Clinton Hill on the Sunday. Fantastic!

Finally, elsewhere in this news letter there are a couple of appeals for helpers for various things, it would really help if people came forward to assist. If you have a spare moment please help out if you can.

Following on from the Committee meeting on Monday.

School Fete Organiser

The committee are looking for a club member to take on the organisation of the Have-A-Go Archery at the School fete, usually held in June each year. The job involves talking to the school about the exact date, chasing people to help out (although the Committee will help with this bit) and setting up and taking the money on the day. Anyone interested please contact Neil, Colin or Sandra.

Footwear

Just a reminder to members that any footwear worn, whilst shooting on the field should cover the entire foot. In other words sandals are not allowed. I know summer has been a long time coming and only seems to last a few weeks but stabbing yourself between the toes with the nock of an arrow could seriously spoil your day!

Corporate Evening

We have arranged with a local organisation to provide a corporate archery event on the evening of Fri 23rd July Between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. The club usually hosts one or two of these events a year as they raise money for the club and therefore help keep club fees down. If you can help out on this event in any way please let Sandra know.

Good Shooting

Neil

Captains Corner

I am in the middle of organizing where we are going to be shooting the away bye for the mid Kent shoot in July

Medway have kindly agreed to take all of us on the 11th. So the team for the day is.

David Corke

Steve Mills

Deryck Leach

Wayne Powell

Cecile Midrouillet

Sandra Punton

Chris Punton

Lawrence Punton

Me

I'll get all the details to Medway on Monday.

Cheers

Charles

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Secretary's Sidelines

My parting words last month were "see you at the Sir Thomas Wyatt. Well we didn't see many of you! Which meant that the few who did come had to work much harder. If you had been able to come for an hour or two sometime during the weekend it would have been much appreciated. Despite the small work party all went well and the judges gave us a good report. The weather was hot and sunny, Roger and Pam sold lots of egg and bacon rolls and we sold £85 worth of raffle tickets. James Bishop helped on Saturday and Phile Wise on Sunday, whilst the team of youngish ladies did their two day stint in the scoring tent with super efficiency.

Your Chairman achieved a single and double Kent York Barebow record and Geoff got his first MB score! Well done both.

Sorry no coaching this month as I have been busy running the Tommy Wyatt which should bring the Club an income of about £500!

Only one person has joined from the June beginners course. A warm welcome to James Simm who has joined our Junior Group.

Colin

Twig & Stick

MB attempt

Mid June & things are going OK. I can put in scores in practice that are scarily high, 247 for a half York (York score of 494 a 51 handicap) and an end of 28 at 100yds.

But the MKL St. George v Crown I did not do well at all, I am finding that the difference between Tournaments and practice is extreme and I seem to freeze on the day. Nothing new there then.

The other bad news is that my set of arrows (11) is now down to (8) at this attrition rate I will not have a set of (6) by August.

*Harking back to the **two-way York** last month the results have just arrived. As I said I was second Alf was fourth and James was sixth. Not bad, top 6 and three were from ACA.*

The eve of the Sir Thomas Wyatt 25th

Well I have checked my gear, organised my lunch and sorted some sun shade for tomorrow. All I can do now is an early night and hope I shoot to my practice scores.

Saturday

Well the weather was HOT, not good for me.

Well I did it with a few in hand 400- 11-92 my first MB score at a record status shoot.

More of the same on Sunday?

Well not the result I was looking for but I beat my Nemesis Clinton Hill into second place, not the score I needed, but second best, and overall second.

Alf was third on the Saturday, not a bad weekend after all.

I just got my **Archery UK** mag. Reading the article on the proposed 150th birthday for the GNAS in 2011.

Not one mention of the fact that in 1861 all bows would have been Longbows, no recurves or compounds.

YET no mention of a Longbow event of any sort. This seems to be a bad omission by the organisers, what are your views?

Things that come to my mind were a

National Longbow Championship, target

National Longbow Field Championship

National Longbow Clout Championship

OR

all three combined over three/four days to give us true National Longbow Champions.

Ladies/Gents & Juniors.

Alternatively a World Series like the yanks (Baseball)

or A World Longbow Championship

Having received three responses from longbow members, is there anyone else who sees this as an opportunity to raise the profile of Kent archery.

Geoff B

Wiltshire vicar revives ancient archery law



(Ed. Not the best shooting style)

A vicar has revived an ancient law to call members of her parish together for archery practice.

Residents were rewarded for attending archery practice with a barbecue

The Reverend Mary Edwards, of Collingbourne Ducis, near Marlborough, called residents to the village recreation ground on Friday.

Residents were rewarded for complying with the law with a bar, a barbecue and live music.

Church warden Mike Cox said: "It seems she's still entitled to do that."

"I've been checking on the web and most archery experts and clergy seem to agree she is," Mr Cox added.

"Though a lot of the laws were repealed, that particular one still stands so she's entitled to call the men of the village, and presumably the women and children too, to archery practice.

"Mary's always wanted to do it ever since she found out she could. It's been one of those hankering ambitions. It's sufficiently bizarre that you want to have a go at it."

Mrs Edwards said: "It's an unrepealed law from some time in the middle ages and I can call all the men - but I've extended it to all people - in the parish to archery practice.

Spotted by Nick Peake