

# Allington Castle Archers

## Nocking Point

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*November 2011*



### **Dates for your diary**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> indoor BA Portsmouth**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> ACA – AGM Tonbridge Rd**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> indoor ACA Worcester trophy**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> outdoor all targets to hall 12  
noon**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Worcester/Portsmouth**

**ALL HANDS NEEDED**

## Secretary's sidelines

I hope you have all received your new G.N.A.S. cards. If not please let me know and I will try to do something about it .

**Welcome** We have two new members . They are Louise Mallard and Richard Hadfield who have done a beginners course but will need some help. Please give them a warm welcome if you meet them on the field .

May I remind you that the Club A.G.M. takes place on –**Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November** at the Margaret Preedy Studios, Tonbridge Road.

Drive about 200yds out of town from the railway station, turn left and park round the back Do try to come as it is a good opportunity to meet the Committee and other members, express your views and find out how the Club works.

**No coaching** this month except to say that progress cannot be achieved unless you put in at least 4 hours every week over two sessions. Coaches will see little point in giving help if you come once a fortnight or less.

SO - you want to achieve BOWMAN !!!!

Come twice a week

Coaches will be keen to help

Success!!!!!!

Clive has worked very hard this summer to get an active Junior club but the results have been, to say the least, disappointing. We have had three or less coming to the competitions and coaching sessions. Juniors and parents, have you any suggestions as to how we can get more of you active?

### **Suggestions**

- 1) Fun shoots (eg. darts, balloons, animal faces or what?)
- 2) Shorter rounds i.e. three dozen
- 3) Prizes instead of medals for winners

2. Best gold prize

Replies to me please by email, phone, post or in person on the field

Colin

## Worcester/Portsmouth Tournament Sunday

27th November 2011 Maidstone Market Hall.

Can I please have help setting up and putting away. I will speak to Bob or Lawrence to see if we can gain entry on Saturday afternoon to set up this seemed to work well last year.

The show will start at 7.30am on Sunday morning and any help throughout the day will be greatly appreciated. Also if you have any unwanted gifts/items that would be suitable for raffle prizes, these would be well received.

There are still 15 spaces left, so if anyone is interested please let me know ASAP.

Look forward to seeing you on the field

Sandra

## Twig and Stick

A very good month weather wise and for the longbow.

### **Field shoot in Essex**

A 24 target marked FITA shoot at Galleywood. A great day of weather and to meet up with a few old faces. I tried a new style of anchor - normal anchor for field is up by the eye, draw hand under cheek bone. As the round was a marked round I tried the target anchor as it's easier to shoot the longer shots with a point of aim between the peg and the target. I found the longer shoots were more consistent, ie two arrows instead of one on the target. The end score was not as high as my last marked shoot at 97 as opposed to 113, but this was caused by not shooting the short distances enough in practice. But I will persevere for the marked rounds.

## **The WFAL (Winter Field Archery League)**

Details came through today and I have sent them out to some members who are interested in Field. The rounds are 12 target marked, they can be shot in a morning. If you are interested give me a bell or e-mail.

## **A Very Good Day**

Having got home from holiday on Saturday I was keen to shoot Sunday morning. Bill Lyons has been trying to get longbows to shoot the Nationals regularly. So I was looking forward to shooting. I decided to shoot a Long National. I started averagely, but the second dozen I shot out of my skin with a **3 gold end and a 68 dozen**. Recently GNAS started the 3-gold end badge for longbows, so the paperwork is in the post. On checking the score of 305 in the handicap list I found I had shot a handicap of 52 (GMB) and a **new club record**. Sorry Neil.

Now the bad news (for me). Ken Bearman shot a Long Western on a Sunday morning and took my club record. Ahh well, you win some and lose some.

I went down to **Friars Gate** archers on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>, to shoot a FITA 12 targets WFAL. As it turned out it was the clubs first ever FITA round, so I had some advantage as I have shot FITA's for years. Not many longbows but a very good day for weather, warm with little wind. Met up with some archers from the Essex shoot. Still trailing my target anchor point, not with any great success, only 32 points out of max off 216.



My three gold end at 80yds photo by Charles.

## **Field Taster**

I have contacted **Bowmen of Woodstock** at the top of Detling hill with a view of a 12 target taster for new archer's. As soon as they come back with a date probably in February, and cost I will let you know. If you are interested please let me know.

## **Fun Field shoot**

As I did last year I will be organising a fun field shoot of 8 targets on the field. In the next month or two I will fix a date and it will be 1:00 pm on Sat or Sunday afternoon.

An ideal chance to have a go at field shooting, it is as near to hunting as you can get in this country and a great day out in the woods. If you are interested please let me know.

See you on the field

Geoff B

## **Stop Press**

**There is a modified target stand in the shed, Compound Archers please use and any feedback to Roger or Neil.**

## **Social Secretary**

There are still 6 places going for the Christmas Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. I will need to have your menus and deposits (£10 per head) by the 16<sup>th</sup> November. Your partners are invited too, which I haven't previously made clear. Sorry about that.

Jean B