

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

October 2010



Dates for your diary –Indoor shooting starts: -22nd & 29th October

BA Portsmouth: - Friday 22nd October - Junior Coaching workshop on 9th October.

Frostbite: - Sunday 7th November

Worcester/Portsmouth, Lockmeadow, Sunday 28th November

Chairman's Chat

I must start by thanking my illustrious Vice Chairman for contributing to the newsletter in my absence last month. I must try harder to meet the deadlines for "going to press" !

Well September saw the last Mid Kent League of the year, which Charles commented on previously. Unfortunately this also coincided with the Annual Kent Clout competition down in deepest, darkest Thanet; which Bill Lyons, Phil Wise and I attended. I won first Kent Barebow (and yes, there was some competition for any doubters out there) but I must confess to being beaten by another Barebow archer, but thank goodness he came from Sussex, so wasn't in the running for the Kent medal. Not that awards are important to me you understand. This competition has become a regular on the Kent calendar and is open to Recurves as well as all other types of bow. If you haven't tried Clout shooting, put a note in your diary for next year and come along and have some fun.

The first indoor session at the new venue of the Market Hall, Lockmeadow is on Friday 22nd October. I hope as many archers as possible can make this and subsequent dates. I don't know of any other Kent Archery club that has the use of such a good indoor venue through the winter season. I intend to make the most of the new facility and try to get a head start on the 2011 Summer season.

Finally, the AGM is only a few months away so if anyone wants to stand for any of the Committee posts or has something important they desperately want discussed, they should let me or any of the Committee know over the next few weeks. Colin will send out notification of the AGM date and location in due course.

Good shooting

Neil

Captains Corner

Well that's just about it for summer.

We had the last internal ACA shoot, The Captains Challenge. The weather was ok. Not too hot or too cold, no real wind to speak of and, of course, it cleared up just as we were about to finish. The

barbeque was a nice finishing touch to a good day. Thanks to Jean for organizing the salads and rolls etc and to Lawrence for cleaning the club barbeque and supplying another, without which we would probably have been cooking well into the night.

Score wise, there were good and bad, just like any other shoot we have had. Graham 'Handicap Shredder' Baker managed to do just that, going from a 66 to a 63 and probably less in one day. Well done Graham.

There were only two archers with handicaps who only shot one National round. Nick took the honours from Clive for the Single National Round title. For the double round, Andy took the compound title, Bill Linton the Longbow and Graham the recurve.

We had the last mid Kent league match at home where we hosted Gravesend and Abbey. Provisional results are that we came second on both the pure and handicap competitions on the day. Sally once again managed to smash her handicap to bits with Cecile, George and Graham all shooting above their handicaps as well.

Thank you to all those archers that made themselves available for the mid Kent league, especially the archers that shot in the away matches. Without you the club would not have the good reputation I believe it has around the county.

It's return the trophies time.

Please could everybody who has a trophy return it to me, CLEANED, by the end of the month.

I am putting together a winter diary. I will have it on the website by the first week of October. I will also send out paper copies to those of you that

don't have email addresses. If you haven't received it by mid October, please let me know and I'll get on to you.

That's it. See you on the field.

Charles

Vice Captain

The Junior Challenge Trophy 2010 has now been completed

Congratulations to Max Peake who has won the overall trophy for this year.

The final results were as follows:

1st place and winner of the overall Junior Challenge Trophy 2010 is Max Peake with an accumulated score of **5765**

2nd place was Luke Kendall with an accumulated score of **4240**

3rd place was William Lay with an accumulated score of **4229**

Thank you to all of the junior archers who took part in this event, and a special thank you to the parents who helped with scoring and setting up the field, I really appreciated your assistance.

I look forward to running the event again next year, I will publish the session dates very soon and they will be available on the website once published.

As part of the winter season calendar, I would like to invite the junior members to shoot alongside the senior archers during the club Frostbite sessions. The details are available on our website - www.castlearchers.org.uk

I will be awarding a medal to the junior archer with the best pure score at each of these sessions

The club coaches and I are busy working through the detail and dates for the 2011 season. The Junior Challenge Trophy 2011 will follow a similar format as this year with a slight difference. The handicap once established will be adjusted throughout the duration of the tournament to encourage continuous improvement for the junior archer.

The coaching sessions will follow a structured program to help individual development of the junior archer. This will include bow and equipment set

up, shooting technique, physical mental approaches to help preparation for competitive events.

Regards Clive

Secretary's Sidelines

Thanks for forwarding your fees. Most of you were on time! Apologies to Richard Powell who was missed off the Members list in April. He hopes to be shooting regularly again in the near future.

A new Members list will be issued in October when new members from the September Beginners course have signed up. To date they are:-

Ian Wilson
Ron King
Edward Bonham

A warm welcome to you all.

On a different topic, I have recently been making some changes to the bye laws. Mainly stating that two fields should have two captains and **six** clear pots between them. May I strongly suggest that you are aware of what is involved before volunteering to be Field Captain. e.g. He has the power to ban an archer from shooting!!! But when? You should have a copy of the rules to hand and don't rely on the Secretary having one, because he often doesn't!

On a third topic. I do not shoot on Saturday mornings as I am waiting for anyone who needs help, to ask. e.g. problems with shooting, not hitting the target, understanding the rules, when can you shoot in tournaments, what happens at Committee meetings, social activities – anything at all!! **ASK!** About the Club of course.

Finally, here is a silly answer – shooting continues throughout the winter on Saturday and Sunday, although evening meetings outside have come to an end. Dates for the indoor shoots can be found on the winter programme if you did not read last month's newsletter. Cost per session is £3.00 to pay for the hire of the hall.

See you there.

Colin

Twig & Stick

The end of the outdoor target season has arrived.

No more York's to shoot.

Now I can get some fun back into my shooting - two field shoots coming up. The first is on the 3rd October. Chris, Sam and Andy Rout are joining me in shooting the Essex County Champs. It's only just across the water at Galleywood. A 24 target Fita marked round, record status, that's the odd target faces you have seen on the field recently.

The second one is the Surrey Open record status shoot. A National Animal round, 32 targets 2 arrows per target. This is near Dorking, not that far away.

Anyone interested please contact me by e-mail, phone or if you see me on the field.

The Kent Clout Championships

Neil, Phil Wise and Bill Lyons represented the club in this event. Neil was first Kent in the Barebow, Phil was the strongest ACA archer as he supported all the Longbows.

In response to Charles request for the clubs trophies to be handed in.

If you are not sure about what trophies you have, check the list on the website under the Internal tournaments.

Not Longbow but I did hear of a rumour about Alf wanting to try pigeon for supper. The pigeon survived, but Alf nearly lost the arrow.

Just a note hunting is banned with a bow and arrow since Henry's reign.

Just received the end of year results for the Mid Kent League.

Noticed that we won 4 from 5 in the handicap & 5 from 5 in the Pure score. But only made forth in pure score and handicap.

The club would like it's own field, we have some money and there are grants. So if anyone sees a piece of land that may be suitable and up for sale, let a committee member know.

Geoff B

Social Secretary

I hope that all who shot in the Captain's Challenge and stayed for the barbecue had a good time. Hopefully we will have more barbecues during the next outside season.

Christmas Dinner – This year we are changing venue to the Bull at the top of Farleigh Hill. They have a barn by their premises, which can be hired for functions. There will be room for 30-35 people so please try to join us. The date is Friday the 3rd December. The Landlady is in the process of printing the menu and I will be putting it in next month's Newsletter, with a reply slip.

More social activities

There is a questionnaire accompanying this Newsletter with various suggestions for more activities. Please fill it in and either send it via email or hand it to Geoff B or Pamela Peake when you see them. The Committee would really like your input so please don't just put it to one side and forget about it, or throw it in the recycling. New
members – Their Newsletters will be put in the shed until we have either their email or postal address. Could other members please inform them.

Any items for the Newsletter must be received by the 25th of the month

The intention is that posted newsletters are sent a couple of days before the emailed ones. That's the intention – unless our email plays up (as has been happening since the middle of July) when they'll all be sent at more or less the same time.