

Allington Castle Archers

Nocking Point

October 2011



Dates for your dairy – THE START OF THE INDOOR

Friday 7th October 6:30 for 7:00 Portsmouth

Friday 21st October British Archer Portsmouth

Friday 28th October ACA Portsmouth

Vi Va El Presidenti

Good news - Ken Garrett, our President, is out of hospital and now home, much to Sheila's delight a good dose of home is got to be better than hospital.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well I have to admit that it's been a while since I wrote my bit for the newsletter. In my defence I have moved house and office over the last few months, and hopefully things have settled down now so I can once again add my two penny's worth every month.

As usual the summer season went by in a flash. The Dunster trip came and went, which has been previously reported very thoroughly by Cecile (Cecile is now taking bookings for next year. For any one interested in a relatively cheap archery holiday it's a must!) I shot for the County against Surrey at the end of July and can report that the Kent team beat Surrey in every discipline. They may want to take up tiddlywinks after such a bad showing J.

The club continues to run very well attended beginners courses. I have only managed to help out for a couple of hours but our coaches have given days of their free time to make these courses as successful as they are and we have gained several new members as a result. On behalf of the club I would like thank those involved for all their hard work.

With regard to the Clubs Committee, we have been beavering away as usual trying to keep the club on an even keel, but unfortunately this year we will be losing some committee members due to other commitments. So I would like to thank Charles, Clive and Sally for all they have done for the club. This does mean however that we are going to be a bit short handed next year unless we can find some brave souls to join the committee. If you might be interested, speak to either

Sandra or Myself and we can give you an idea of what is involved.

Lastly, we are beginning to shoot at our indoor venue at Lock Meadow soon, so have a look on the website or elsewhere in this news letter for the dates if you fancy shooting in the dry for a change this winter.

Good Shooting.

Neil

Captains Corner

Well, that's essentially it for the summer folks. The nights are getting darker earlier and there's just a little bite to the wind.

Since the last newsletter we've had the Captains Challenge, which turned into half a challenge as we were only able to shoot one round due to the inclement weather we were having on the day. The good thing is we could start the BBQ early and get down to some serious nattering. Ken took the compound title, Kevyn the Longbow and Ron the Recurve, well done guys. Ron and Graham managed to smash their handicaps, both getting a handicap score better than 1500.

The final Mid Kent match was held at Abbey at Brogdale farm. It was interesting shooting into the sun and there was lots of interest from the many passer-byes. The day was going ok until, 6 arrows before the end, the heavens opened and then opened some more chucking bits of ice at us. After a 30 minute delay everybody managed to get their last 6 arrows away, although one archer, from Allington,

shooting compound, who shall remain nameless, managed to get a gold, in the next target, thus missing 900 by a few points. We managed to win both the handicap and pure score, but only by a small margin. The final results are we are last in the handicap table and second last in the pure score table, but I feel we recovered very well after a disastrous start. Thank you to all who made the effort to shoot on the league days, especially those who managed to make it to the away days.

So that's it for summer, but winter's on its way, so that means indoor shooting. There is a winter diary on the website, so please do have a look and make a note in your diaries of the dates we are shooting at the hall, especially the Worcester/Portsmouths in November and February.

That's it, see you on the field/in the hall

Charles

Hello All
 Since you have all seen my reply to Geoff's e-mail asking how the KAA Target Championships went, I thought I would explain what my Longbow 'Archery Year' consisted of this year. I started the year with an aim, to reach a 300 score at a record status shoot to gain my next Rose award.

I started the year and continued as follows:

DATE	ROUND	PLACE
RESULT		
3rd Apr	- Western	- Swan Spring Shoot

16th Apr - Western - Hurricane, Biggin Hill - Personal Best.

17th Apr -St George - Crystal Palace Shoot

24th Apr - St George -ACA St George --1st Place H/C Longbow

8th May -St George West Kent AS ---- Personal Best

22nd May - Dbl National - KAA Longbow Champs 2nd Place plus 1st Team event (ACA)

29th May - York MCAA Champs Visitor 4th Place.

4th Jun - New Western- Noak Hill, Essex 1st Place Longbow (Only Entry)

5th Jun Western ACA Longbow Champs --- 1st Place plus Best Gold

12th Jun -York - Essex C A A Champs - ----- Visitor 2nd Place and PB.

19th Jun -Hereford - ACA Presidents Trophy -Longbow 1st place and PB.

25th Jun York ACA Thomas Wyatt -----Bowmen score

26th Jun -York - ACA Thomas Wyatt ---- -----Bowmen score

23rd Jul - 2-Way Albion - West Kent A S. ----- 1st place (score) and PB.

24th Jul - FITA Gents - ACA Championships -Personal Best.

6th Aug -2-Way York -West Kent A S --- ----- 3rd place, best gold and PB.

7th Aug - 2-Way Dbl Nat. - Fox Shoot --- ----- 3rd place and Best Gold.

21st Aug - York - KAA Target Champs - -----

28th Aug - York - ACA Whitefriars -----
-----3rd place and equal PB.

4th Sept - York - William Sumner -----
----- 3rd place Longbow.

9th Sept - York - Civil Service Champs
----- Visitor 3rd place (of 3)

11th Sept - New Western - C.M & F.M.
Folkestone -2nd place and PB.

Additional to this I entered 6 FITA70 rounds at various times using my Recurve. Also 6 FITA70 rounds at various times using my Longbow for The Glade national.

I managed to get 9 Bowmen scores using Longbow.

I think that I'm doing quite well using my Longbow, especially when you know I've only been using one for 18 months. I hope that my attempts during the year and my conduct have shown that Allington Castle Archers is a good club, a club I'm proud of. I have learned so much from different members of the club as well as people I've shot against during the tournaments I've attended. Everybody is so willing to help if you keep your ears open. I learnt a lot from doing all the tournaments, the traditions, the way different clubs 'do it differently' but the basics are always the same, the different people shooting do it 'their way' but the basics are again, the same. I've enjoyed, every minute, the company and even the "uptight" times by having a good laugh later..... :-)

My attempt at gaining the next Rose award wasn't successful but I think you should start the year with an aim in mind. I also think everybody should get 'uptight', at least once. It's not until it happens that you realise how much it affects your

archery. It doesn't matter how many times people tell you not to, learn from it and try not to do it again..... :-)

I hope this goes to show, I've really enjoyed archery, not only the sport but the people, the fun and a little exercise, which you need when you get to my age.... :-)

Enjoy the sport, don't aim too high but most of all, have fun.

Alf Kershaw.

p.s. Got to start using my Recurve, Roger keeps looking at my Longbow as if it is tinderwood..... :-)

Vice-Captain Report

The Junior Challenge Trophy has been completed for 2011

Congratulations go to William Bonham and Max Peake for participating in the last session held on Saturday 17th September.

William won the day with a handicap score of 1446, closely follow behind by Max who scored 1440.

The overall trophy winner is Luke Kendall with a four round accumulative total score of 5681. I will present the trophy to Luke during our next meeting as he was unable to attend the last session.

Junior Challenge Trophy overall rankings

1 st –	Luke Kendall	Score 5681
2 nd –	William Bonham	Score 4346
3 rd –	Max Peake	Score 4279

Announcement

This is the last time I will be organising the Junior Challenge Trophy or administering

the Archery GB progress award scheme. I will be stepping down from my role as Vice Captain at the AGM. I hope a suitable person will pick up this challenge and continue to develop our younger archers by running the tournament and the Archery GB progress award scheme.

Personally I plan to continue my development by shooting in more tournaments and coaching.

Happy Shooting

Clive

Could all members please send or e-mail all scores from internal and external events that have not been submitted, to me as soon as possible. This is to ensure that the scores go in before the year end report.

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Many Thanks

Warwick

Secretary's Sidelines

I am sure you will all be pleased to hear that Colin has made a blunder!!! Kent fees have gone up to £3.50 so you should all have paid a total of £40.00. We have decided that this year it will be easier for the Club to pay the extra 50p out of funds rather than chase everyone for an extra 50p. New members will pay the correct amount. Most members paid up on time, for which many thanks. But we are still chasing one or two lax members. Pay late means you get your new G.N.A.S. card late!!

On a different subject, I am pleased to say we have six new members – all having joined who took the Beginners course. I am sure you will make them welcome

when you meet them on the shooting line. They are:- Kathryn Eldridge, Ryan Carter (juniors), Sue Williams, John Wye, Stephanie Jones and James Babbage.

Coaching

New members – Now you have joined come down to the field on Saturday or Sunday morning at 10.00am and ask to borrow a bow.

1. Shoot qualifying scores at 20yds, 30yds and 40yds.
2. Now shoot a round – Warwick – 2 dozen at 40 yds and 2 dozen at 30yds or National – 4 dozen at 40yds and 2 dozen at 30yds.
3. Shoot qualifying score at 50yds and then shoot a round at 50/40yds.
4. Move on to 60yds. Do not be in too much of a hurry but don't stay at 50 for too long. Be satisfied with your level of skill before moving on.

ASK YOUR COACH if you are in doubt!!!
Good luck.

Colin

Twig and Stick

A bit more to report this month. As I mentioned in the September's Nocking Point I entered the **Crawley two day 24 target Field shoot.**

The weather was better than the forecast and we had two days of good weather. The first day's targets are unmarked (that is you do not know the distance) these are ranged from 5M to 45M. There are four different sizes of faces, 80cm, 60cm, 40cm and 20cm. Three arrows per target, scoring is 6,5,4,3,2,1. Target faces are black zone of 4 to 1 and the gold is 5 and 6. The second day the targets are marked distances BUT are further by 5 to 15M,

this means that although you know the distance that extra few metres makes it harder. I managed to score 136 on the first day, did not get the longer shots right on distance. My second day - the scoring in the morning was very average. After a stop over for lunch and a cupper things improved. I doubled my morning score in the afternoon. My best target was a Bunny (a 5M 20cm face) a score of 6-6-4, finished on a high. I came third overall, met some new archers and had a great weekend out.

Clout shoot Cobham Place 18th September

This was an I.L.A.A. shoot (International Longbow Archers Association) Longbows only. Again the weather was very kind with very light breeze and sunny. Met up with Bill Lyons in the car park just in front of the main house, an impressive 17th century building. The clouts (a small boss of 3ft dia in white with a centre black spot about 4 inches dia) set out so the shooting line was just in front of the house. A cracking venue to have a clout shoot. The ILAA only divide the bows by draw weight, under 44lbs at 28" 140yds. and over 45lbs at 28" 180yds, gents, lady or junior. The scoring is 1-2-3-4-5-clout, the boss is 5 and black spot is clout. Off the boss is measured with a tape dividing the other scoring zones. Start with 6 sighters then its for real. I started slowly with a 2 and 2 x 1. Had some really good ends of 5 scoring arrows, my best was 3 x 4's a 2 and 1 equalling 15 points. I kept the score ticking over and finished with the winning score of 56.

Bill had struggled in the past in getting the distance so this time went for the 140yd target. This turned out to be much better and Bill was on the score sheet by the second end.

To give the scorers time to sort out the results a speed shoot was organised, That is as many arrows you can get away in 30secs. That does not sound too hard until you see that it is at the clout at 120yds. I managed to get 5 arrows away in the time but the first end (sighters) not good, badly short. The next two ends of five were counted, I improved somewhat, finishing with 17 points, including one arrow on the boss. That was the top score on the day.

So all in all a great trip to Cobham Place, enjoyed by Bill and I.

Come on all you Longbowers have a go at something different. Longbows have a great range of types of shoots other than target shooting.

Geoff Barker

Social Secretary

Xmas dinner – I have booked 30 places at The Horseshoes in Dean Street. Already 19 places have been taken. Please don't leave it until the last minute to join us – you may miss out!

Indoor shooting – last month I informed you about the block payment but I also said you would save £20. I meant £10 of course – sorry, senior moment.

Also, Darenthford, Crown, Falcon and Ferryfield will be invited to shoot with us.

Whitefriars – I catered for the judges lunches. These went well apart from the absence of Phil Bussingham who spent the greater part of the day at the hospital after cutting his finger.

Captain's Challenge barbecue – not very many people but a really sociable occasion. Because of the weather the

afternoon shooting was cancelled so we spent most of the afternoon drinking tea and coffee and having a good old gossip; and then barbecued our food. I provided salad items, mostly from our garden and raided our cupboards for ketchup, mayonnaise and salad cream etc. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Jean B.



from Roger