

Write on Target!

Stourbridge Company of Archers Newsletter

August 2012



You may have noticed a few new faces around the Club in recent weeks as we have had an influx of new members as a result of our recent beginners courses. Having held our usual two evening sessions on a Tuesday and Friday in May / June; this year, due to the additional Saturday shooting time at Somers, we have been able to hold an additional course on a Saturday afternoon. As a result, we already have 13 new paid up members (including 3 juniors), together with a number of others who have expressed interest in joining SCOA. We have also had a number of people who have come down to the field for assessments, having been on courses elsewhere and again, some of these have indicated that they may be interested in joining us.

May we take the opportunity to welcome all new members to SCOA – we hope you will have a long and happy association with the Club! If you need any help or advice, please don't hesitate to ask – someone will always be happy to help you.

Luke Pennell

Congratulations to our well-travelled GB junior, Luke Pennell who has recently returned from trips to Croatia and Denmark.

In May 2012, Luke was part of the GB squad for the European Junior Cup Tournament in Porec, Croatia, where he won a bronze medal as part of the three man Compound Cadet Men's Team. After losing to Croatia in the semi-finals, they duly secured a medal with a 224-214 win over Italy. Luke also made the quarter-finals in the individual event.

Then in July 2012, Luke travelled to Denmark for the European Outdoor Junior / Cadet Championship and was part of the three man GB team who won the bronze medal in the Men's Cadet Compound tournament.



Well done, Luke!

Saturday Shooting

If you have been taking advantage of the availability of the Somers field on a Saturday during the summer, please note that the football season starts this weekend and **the field will not be available for archery on either Saturday 11 or Saturday 18 August 2012**. Please note that our use of the field on Saturdays is dependent on the goodwill of the footballers, so please do not attempt to use the field on either of these dates. Michelle will keep you posted of future Saturdays when the field can be used for shooting in due course.

Membership Fees

As you will have seen from recent correspondence, your annual membership was due on 1 August 2012.

Senior membership for the coming year is £100.00 which comprises the various affiliation fees (Grand National Archery Society £35.00; West Midlands Region £3.50; County of Worcestershire £7.00), together with the SCOA membership fee of £54.50. Junior membership (i.e. under 18 years of age) is £15.00 and Junior membership for those whose parent guardian is also a member of the Club is £13.00. Associate membership (i.e. GNAS etc. paid through another Club) is £54.50.

Please note that if membership fees are not paid within one month of the due date, there will be a rejoining fee of £10.00 in addition to normal fees.

Cheques should be made payable to STOURBRIDGE COMPANY OF ACHERS and sent to our Membership Secretary, Steve Knight, 60 Bower Lane, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill, West Midlands DY5 2DU.

At the time of writing, Steve advises that over half of the existing membership are still to pay their fees, so if this applies to you and you intend to renew your membership, please let Steve have your cheque, as soon as possible.

Help! Your Club needs you!

At our recent Rat's Ashes open tournament, Bob and Margaret Hanson and Alan Brown put out all 17 targets virtually single handed. This was not only a lot of hard work, but also very tiring for such a small number of people and we can't expect them to do it for our next open shoot, the SCOA Albion which is due to take place this Sunday, 12 August 2012! We therefore need your help!

The main area where assistance is required is in putting out the targets and if you can spare half an hour or so on 12 August 2012 that would be an immense help. Please arrive between 10.00 and 10.15 am. Once the targets are set up, you can either stay and chat with fellow archers or go and get on with the rest of your day, although newer members in particular might like to stay and get an idea of how an open shoot works.

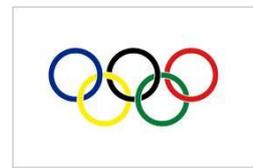
General assistance is also required during the course of the day – volunteers being required for arrow collecting, collecting scores, running the leader board, selling raffle tickets, acting as lady paramount (presenting the trophies), packing up the field etc.

If you are able to help, please contact Bob Hanson (robert.hanson1@mypostoffice.co.uk) or have a word with him at the Club. Don't assume someone else will help out! Our open competitions generate valuable income which helps keep subscriptions down (our last open tournament, the Rat's Ashes, raised approx. £600 towards Club funds) and so it is in everyone's interests to spare a small amount of time to enable us to continue to hold these open events. Remember many hands make light work!

We will also need help at the Sheriff's Western on Sunday 2 September 2012, so please make a note of this date in your diary.

We appreciate that we all lead busy lives and leisure time is precious, but if you can spare even half an hour on either or both of the above dates, that would be much appreciated.

Donations for raffle prizes for our open shoots are also welcome, along with cakes (either homemade or bought) for the refreshments stall.



SCOA Olympic Shoot!

Well after the fantastic London 2012 opening ceremony, the 2012 Olympics are finally under way and to enter into the spirit of this very special event, we held our own Olympic themed fun shoot and barbecue on Saturday 28 July 2012. We had a good turnout of archers with those who could manage the distance shooting the FITA 70 round (the one used for the Olympic ranking rounds) and the remaining archers shooting 6 dozen arrows at varying distances from 60m to 40m, depending on ability. It was good to see new members Allen Allsop and Simon Perfitt taking part – they bravely opted to shoot the 50m distance which was a little further than they had shot before and were evenly matched throughout.

Colin Dewis very kindly donned his chef's hat and manned the barbecue and as usual, participants did us proud, bringing along a plentiful selection of food and drink. Thanks to all those who took part and provided refreshments and a special thank you to Colin "Gordon Ramsay" Dewis!

Full results below.

			Score	Hits	Golds
FITA 70m					
Gents Recurve	1	Peter Langmaid	449	69	2
Gents Compound	1	Luke Pennell	637	72	13
	2	Tony Carter	619	72	14
	3	Stephen Lines	591	72	11
Ladies Compound	1	Michelle Hall	575	70	11
Gents Longbow	1	Brian Webster	161	36	0
	2	Colin Dewis	101	23	1
	3	Spencer Falaschi	62	14	0
FITA 60m					
Ladies Longbow	1	Alyson Smith	147	36	0
Ladies Barebow	1	Sharon Pennell	453	71	2
FITA 50m					
Gents Recurve	1	Allen Allsop	223	46	1
	2	Simon Perfitt	212	47	0
Ladies Barebow	1	Lisa Falaschi	418	69	4
FITA 40m					
Junior Recurve	1	Luke Cutler	441	69	6

Saturday 28 July 2012 was also the last session of our Saturday beginners course and to give the beginners a taste of competitive shooting, Margaret ran a fun shoot for them alongside our Olympic shoot.

You never know who you might meet!

On Sunday 1 July 2012, I was judging a double York at Leamington when it was announced at the Assembly by the organiser that the sole competitor for Archery in the Olympics 2012 from Bhutan was shooting. She was a lovely lady who thoroughly enjoyed herself (the best part she said was that the archers ACTUALLY talked to each other; something she had not experienced for a long time). It was not unexpected when she won the Ladies Recurve. It may be difficult for her to defend her title next year!

Clive Freeman

“Team Stourbridge”

Redhill Archers 39th Open American – Monday 7 May 2012

Eight Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Roger Hanson, Peter Langmaid, Steve Lines, Conrad Lowe and Alyson Smith) took part in Redhill's Open American on Monday 7 May 2012. Despite it being a pretty wet day with frequent spells of heavy rain, Tony managed to achieve a perfect score of 810 – a new County record for the American round which will now stand for all time as it cannot be beaten! Obviously, Tony's perfect score (which has been a topic of conversation at several of the shoots we have been to since) also secured him the Gents Compound trophy, despite some strong opposition. Steve Lines also shot well and was unlucky to miss out on a classification medal in the Gents Compound. Michelle won the Ladies Compound trophy, again against stiff opposition. Conrad Lowe also did well to finish second in the Gents Longbow, missing out on first place only on number of golds – a particular achievement bearing in mind that this was his first away shoot! In the team competition, SCOA's team of Tony, Michelle, Steve and Roger came a close second to the University of Birmingham who obviously have too much time to practice!! This was also the first round of the Worcester Summer Cup and we picked up a good tally of points for the start of this year's campaign.

Wyre Forest Company of Archers Open Western – Sunday 3 June 2012 (and we thought Redhill was wet.....!!!)

On Sunday 3 June 2012, we had a really good turnout at Wyre Forest's Western with nine Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Roger Hanson, Peter Langmaid, Steve Lines, Conrad Lowe, Keith Raybould and Alyson Smith) not only turning out in appalling conditions, but also managing to stay the distance! The rain was torrential throughout the day – the organisers had to take away the score sheets periodically and rewrite them as they were getting so wet they were disintegrating, despite being housed in plastic folders inside plastic bags! Just to add to the misery, it was also pretty windy!

Still at least SCOA came away with a good haul of trophies and medals – Gents Compound trophy (Tony); Gents Compound second place medal (Steve); Ladies Compound trophy (Michelle); Gents Recurve third place medal (Peter); Gents Recurve classification medal - first-class (Roger); Gents Longbow trophy (Keith who unfortunately had forgotten to return it from the year before!); Gents Longbow second place medal (Conrad) and Ladies Longbow second place medal (Alyson). The lengths we will go to for a bit of silverware!

Our team of Tony, Michelle, Peter and Roger also won the team trophy – although this was in name only, as last year's winners had failed to return it! More valuable points were also secured towards this year's Worcester Summer Cup (which was obviously not living up to its name - there having been very little sign of summer to date!).

Droitwich Archery Society Summer Tournament – Sunday 24 June 2012

Seven Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Luke Cutler, Michelle Hall, Peter Langmaid, Steve Lines, Conrad Lowe and Keith Raybould) made the trip to Droitwich for their Summer Tournament on Sunday 24 June 2012, with adults shooting an Albion round and juniors shooting the appropriate round for their age. At last we thought we were going to get some decent weather and this was true in part, in that the day was dry, but unfortunately, it was also very windy which put paid to anyone putting in any really big scores, despite it being record status. Keith once again got the horn (the superb longbow trophy he won last year!); in the Gents Compound, Tony finished second to take the second place medal and Steve was awarded a classification medal; Michelle was awarded the Ladies Compound trophy and Luke was awarded a second place medal in the Junior Gents Recurve. A special mention must be given to Luke who acquitted himself really well in what was his first away shoot. Luke shot the appropriate round for his age, a Short Windsor and not only did he get a pretty good score for the round, he was also the only Stourbridge archer to shoot above their handicap on the day – shooting 5 places above his handicap and earning us valuable points in the handicap adjusted section of the Worcester Summer Cup – well done, Luke! SCOA were also third in the team competition.

Malvern Archers 8th Open Nationals – Sunday 22 July 2012

Seven Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Colin Dewis, Michelle Hall, Peter Langmaid, Steve Lines, Keith Raybould and Alyson Smith) travelled to Malvern for their Nationals on Sunday 22 July 2012, with Gents shooting the Long National round and Ladies, the National round. The weather would have been perfect, had it not been for the blustery winds which seemed to pick up every time archers went to the line to shoot – someone even asked in jest if the judges were turning on a wind machine at the start of each end! Keith won the Gents Longbow trophy and Colin also acquitted himself well on one of his first excursions into open competition with his longbow to finish second and secure the silver medal; as the sole Ladies Longbow entrant, Alyson was awarded the Ladies Longbow trophy; Tony secured the silver medal in the Gents Compound and Michelle, silver medal in the Ladies Compound. Colin also had the second best Gents handicap adjusted score of the day.

Bromyard Bowmen 8th Aubrey Ison Memorial Shoot – Sunday 29 July 2012 (FITA 70 for Seniors: Short Metrics for Juniors)

Four Stourbridge archers (Tony Carter, Luke Cutler, Michelle Hall and Keith Raybould) made the trip to Bromyard for their annual Annual Aubrey Ison Memorial Shoot (70m FITA) on Sunday 29 July 2012. It was a really enjoyable afternoon with spot prizes (Tony winning the prize for best X – no surprise there then!), a barbecue, gorgeous homemade cakes and a plentiful supply of sweets between ends supplied by the organisers! Despite the weather forecast being heavy showers, a few of which were encountered on the way, the weather held throughout the afternoon with glorious sunshine, albeit a very unpredictable breeze. Stourbridge archers had a very successful afternoon, with Tony winning the Gents Compound trophy and Michelle, the Ladies Compound trophy; Keith was awarded second place medal in the Gents Longbow (despite having hit the number board twice and the woodwork on all three legs of the target!) and Luke won second place medal in the highest handicap-adjusted score competition. This shoot is held annually in memory of Bromyard's Chairman and friend, Aubrey Ison and if you get the chance to go next year, it can be thoroughly recommended!

SCOA Rat's Ashes – Sunday 15 July 2012

On 15 July 2012, we held our annual Rat's Ashes competition - so called because in the dim and distant past, a rat got into the storehut and ate right through the centre of most of the Club's bosses. When the offending rodent was found, it was beaten about the head with a shovel (should someone be admitting to that!?) and ceremoniously chucked on the fire. Someone suggested holding a shoot to raise money for new bosses and hence the Rat's Ashes was born

Whilst numbers were a little down on previous years due in part to the unpredictable weather conditions of late and the tough economic climate, we still had 53 archers taking part. A number of Stourbridge archers did well in their respective categories - Keith Raybould winning the Gents Longbow Trophy; Tony Carter taking the silver medal in the Gents Compound and Michelle Hall, bronze medal in the Ladies Compound. Bruce Turley once again manned the refreshments counter – thanks Bruce and a special thanks to Bob, Margaret and Alan who set up the field with little or no assistance. Thanks also to those who helped out during the afternoon as arrow collectors, raffle ticket sellers etc. and to Becky Simonds who was our Lady Paramount.

County Matches

Tony Carter and Michelle Hall were part of the County of Worcestershire team for the County match against Gloucestershire at Bowman of the Deans on 13 May 2012. On the day, it was announced that Gloucestershire had won by some 400 points, although in the event, when the results were published, it was a win for Worcestershire by 56 points!

Club Competitions

As well as away shoots which are open to anyone, we have also held a number of Club competitions (Club members only) since the last newsletter, results as follows:-

Hagley National – Sunday 20 May 2012

	Bow	Made Score	Allowance	Adjusted Score	
Gents					
1	Adam Shaw	Rec	323	1186	1509
2	Spencer Falaschi	LB	144	1319	1463
3	Stephen Lines	Cmp	624	832	1456
4	Roger Hanson	Rec	580	872	1452
5	Clive Freeman	Cmp	552	891	1443
6	Colin Dewis	Rec	502	940	1442
7	Tony Carter	Cmp	640	794	1434
8	Bob Hanson	Cmp	590	841	1431
9	Brian Webster	LB	285	1137	1422
10	Peter Langmaid	Rec	500	922	1422
12	Philip Carter	LB	139	1266	1405
13	Arvon Hutchinson	LB	184	1219	1403
14	Keith Raybould	LB	295	1059	1354
Ladies					
1	Alyson Smith	LB	188	1295	1483
2	Lisa Falaschi	LB	252	1203	1455
3	Michelle Hall	Cmp	590	829	1419
4	Margaret Hanson	Cmp	498	891	1389
5	Becky Simonds	Rec	250	1121	1371
6	Barbara Hall	LB	58	1307	1365

President's Trophies for best outright scores

Recurve - Roger Hanson

Compound - Tony Carter

Longbow - Keith Raybould

Breakfast Shoot – Sunday 17 June 2012

	Score	Hits	Gold	
Gents Recurve				
1	Peter Langmaid	706	96	38
2	Ian Parkes	426	88	8
	Colin Dewis	Retd		
Ladies Barebow				
1	Lisa Falashi	450	91	12
Gents Compound				
1	Tony Carter	848	96	88
2	Bob Hanson	732	96	42
3	Clive Freeman	702	96	31
Ladies Compound				
1	Michelle Hall	804	96	70
2	Margaret Hanson	638	96	28
Gents Longbow				
1	Spencer Falashi	200	46	3
2	Bruce Turley	192	52	2

Many thanks to Alan and Val Brown for giving up their early mornings to cook breakfast and wash up afterwards. Thanks also to Bob and Margaret Hanson for doing the shopping.

Club Champs – Sunday 1 July 2012

Hereford round

			Score	Hits	Golds
Gents Recurve	1	Peter Langmaid	946	140	38
	2	Colin Dewis	803	136	30
Gents Compound	1	Tony Carter	1220	144	110
	2	Stephen Lines	1155	143	85
	3	Bob Hanson	1045	144	56
		Dave Johnson	Retd		
Ladies Compound	1	Michelle Hall	1133	143	84
	2	Margaret Hanson	819	139	31
Gents Longbow	1	Keith Raybould	447	100	5
	2	Arvon Hutchinson	283	59	5
	3	Steve Knight	165	47	1
Ladies Longbow	1	Alyson Smith	209	55	3

National round

Gents Recurve	1	Roger Hanson	540	72	32
	2	Adrian Tuck	273	58	5
Gents Longbow	1	Bruce Turley	212	54	3
	2	Spencer Falaschi	113	30	1
Ladies Barebow	1	Lisa Falaschi	245	53	2
	2	Barbara Hall	229	55	2

Rifle Shooting

As you will be aware from recent emails, one of our fellow Sports Clubs at Somers, Somers Rifle & Pistol Club, have asked if we would like to do an exchange “have a go” session, with some of their members having a go at archery and some of our members being given the opportunity to try their hand at shooting.

The original session scheduled for **Tuesday 14 August 2012** was quickly oversubscribed, but fortunately, we have managed to secure a second session and this will be held on **Tuesday 4 September 2012**. There are a small number of places left on this second date and these will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. Please let Michelle know as soon as possible, if you are interested in taking part (michelle@eitmail.co.uk). Places are limited, so if you are interested, you will need to be quick!

Sessions will start at 7.30 pm, with shooting in details of 4, each archer being supervised 1:1 by a member of Somers Rifle & Pistol Club. It is envisaged that the sessions will finish at 9.30 pm at the latest. Guns will be .22” calibre single shot rifles (NOT air guns). They are all built for right-hand use, but can still be used left-handed, although not so easily. As with archery, dominant eye is best.

Minimum age is 14 and anyone aged 14 – 15 will need a parent present who will need to be one of those shooting, as there is not enough room to accommodate spectators; 16 – 17 year olds need written parental consent.

Please note that anyone with a criminal record, except a minor traffic offence, is not allowed to handle firearms and all those taking part will be required to confirm that they do not have a criminal record on the night.

New Club Records

Ladies Compound

Albion	-	Michelle Hall	874
Western	-	Michelle Hall	824
National	-	Michelle Hall	623
Warwick	-	Michelle Hall	408
Long Metric (L)	-	Michelle Hall	636
Short Metric	-	Michelle Hall	636

Ladies Longbow

Hereford	-	Alyson Smith	209
Albion	-	Alyson Smith	296
Western	-	Alyson Smith	307
National	-	Alyson Smith	305
Long Metric (L)	-	Alyson Smith	110
Short Metric	-	Alyson Smith	166
FITA 900	-	Alyson Smith	237

Gents Compound

American	-	Tony Carter	810**
Short Metric	-	Tony Carter	669

Boys Recurve Under 16

Short Windsor	-	Luke Cutler	607
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**** Tony's American score of 810 is a new Open County Record – 810 being a perfect score for the round which can never be beaten!**

New Classifications

Congratulations to the following archers who have gained new classifications since the last Newsletter:-

- Lisa Falaschi First Class (Ladies Barebow)
- Luke Cutler Third Class (Junior Gents Recurve)

***Dave Johnson
Records Officer***

BA Postal Leagues – Results for 2011 / 2012

Since the last Newsletter, the results of the 2011 / 2012 BA Postal Leagues have been published and SCOAs final standings were as follows:-

Compound Frostbite: SCOA finished 4th in Division 4 (15 Divisions). Tony Carter had the highest Gents score in Division 4 in the March 2012 round and Michelle Hall had the highest Ladies score in Division 4 for the January 2012 round.

Compound Portsmouth: SCOA finished 5th in Division 13 (25 Divisions). Luke Pennell had the highest boy's score in Division 13 in both January and February 2012 - his January 2012 score being the best in the whole of the league for that month!

Recurve Frostbite: SCOA finished 3rd in Division 11 (40 Divisions).

Recurve Portsmouth: SCOA finished 6th in Division 23 (62 Divisions). Sharon Pennell's score of 547 was the highest Ladies Score in Division 23 for December 2011 – quite impressive, as she shoots barebow!

Summer Postal Leagues

After the second round of the West Midlands Archery Society Summer Postal League, SCOA are currently lying in first place in Division 2. Congratulations to Michelle Hall who had the second highest Ladies Compound made score for the Short Metric round shot in May 2012 and Tony Carter who had the third highest made Gents Compound score for the Western round.

In the County of Worcester Archery Association Summer Postal League, SCOA are currently lying in fifth place after the second round. Michelle once again had the second highest Ladies Compound made score for the Short Metric round; Tony Carter had the third highest Gents Compound score for both the Short Metric round and the Western round; Dave Johnson had the second best Gents handicap adjusted score for the Short Metric rounds and Colin Dewis had the second best Gents handicap adjusted score for the Western rounds (all bow types) – well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of upcoming SCOA events:-

- 12 Aug 2012 - Stourbridge Albion (Open to all)
- 26 Aug 2012 - Summer Postal League – Nationals (Club members only)
- 2 Sept 2012 - Sheriff's Western (Open to all)
- 9 Sept 2012 - Clout (Bowflights)* (Victor Ludorum round)
- 16 Sept 2012 - All-Comers Warwick (Club Members only; handicap adjusted)
- 23 Sept 2012 - Derek Peacock Memorial Longbow Shoot** (Two Way Western) (Club members only)
- 1 Oct 2011 - SCOA AGM
- 5 Oct 2012 - Indoor sessions commence at Waseley Hills High School, Rubery (8.00 pm Friday evenings)
- 18 Nov 2012 - Annual Worcester (Indoor) (Open to all)
- 13 Jan 2013 - Annual FITA 25m (Indoor) (Open to all)

*** Please note that the Clout shoot run by Bowflights on 9 September 2012 (see details on the board in the Clubhouse) will be the last round of the Victor Ludorum for this year. Results will be collated and the trophy presented at our AGM on 1 October 2012.**

**** Some of our regular longbowers have suggested dressing up in medieval outfits (even if it's only a tabard) for the Derek Peacock Memorial Shoot on 23 September 2012.** Obviously, this is purely optional - you are welcome to wear whatever you want (within reason!), but if you do fancy dressing up as Robin Hood, Friar Tuck, Maid Marion or a character from medieval times, then please feel free to do so! It goes without saying that any outfits should not be dangerous or detrimental in terms of the operation of your equipment (archery, of course!). Please note that horses and lances will not be allowed!!

Don't forget that in addition to the above SCOA competitions, there are also plenty of other tournaments organised by local Clubs that you can enter – see the detailed calendar on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse.

Best Dressed Men in Town!



On Sunday 24 June 2012, two of our resident longbowers, Brian Webster and Arvon "Hutch" Hutchinson, took part in Long Eaton's Summer Solstice shoot.

Both shot well, with Brian picking up a bronze medal, but what must surely be the highlight of the day was that they both won a small prize for best dressed Robin Hood outfits.

As you can see from these pictures, they both looked pretty authentic!



Juniors

Just a reminder that if you are a junior, be it old or new, you can take part in the Archery GB Progress Awards scheme. This is designed to provide beginners and younger archers with awards for developing their archery skills. Details can be found on the Juniors noticeboard in the Clubhouse or please contact our Junior Section Leader, Janice Cross (jmccross@tiscali.co.uk) for further details.

Luke has found his second wind!

As you will have seen from elsewhere in this newsletter, one of our juniors, Luke Cutler, seems to have found his second wind! Being a relative newcomer to archery, having started following last year's beginners courses, Luke had a break of a couple of months. However, in recent weeks, he has once again started coming down to the field and has even had a go at a couple of open competitions. If, like Luke, you have had a bit of a break from archery, be it weeks, months or even years, why not dust off that equipment and come down to the field. If nothing else, you can enjoy some friendly banter and on occasions, even a bit of sunshine – we can but hope! If all else fails, of course, you can always pop up to the Somers Club to reflect over a pint on how it was a ten when it left the bow

Best Practice / Etiquette

Just a reminder of a few simple rules that should be followed when shooting at the Somers field:-

- Always ensure that the field is properly laid out including the safety rope and warning signs, in accordance with the diagram on the Equipment Room door in the Clubhouse. (The correct layout of the field is also shown in the SCOA Handbook which will have been given to you when you joined the Club).
- Keep the number of archers shooting at a single target to a sensible number.
- Do not shoot on a target that is already in use without first making sure that those already using it are happy for you to do so.
- Always put your target away when you have finished with it – unless you have agreed that someone else will put it away for you.
- Always ensure that you are shooting within the correct zone:-
 - Zone 1 for rounds starting at 100yds, 80yds, 60yds, 90m, 70m and 60m only.
 - Zone 2 for rounds starting at 60yds, 60m or less.
 - Zone 3 for bow tuning, field archery practice and coaching.
- No-one should shoot alone - there should be at least two persons in attendance at all times – one to act as lookout, although this does not necessarily have to be an archer.
- Please note that clout shooting is not permitted under any circumstances.

Thoughts from the Shooting Line A Fine Shot

A duke was hunting in the forest with his men-at-arms and servants when he came across a tree. Upon it, archery targets were painted and smack in the middle of each was an arrow.

“Who is this incredibly fine archer?” cried the duke. “I must find him!”

After continuing through the forest for a few miles, he came across a small boy carrying a bow and arrow. Eventually, the boy admitted that it was he who shot the arrows plumb in the centre of all the targets.

“You didn't just walk up to the targets and hammer the arrows into the middle, did you?” asked the duke worriedly. “No, my lord, I shot them from a hundred paces. I swear it by all that I hold holy.” “That is truly astonishing” said the duke. “I hereby admit you into my service.” The boy thanked him profusely.

“But I must ask one favour in return” the duke continued. “You must tell me how you came to be such an outstanding shot.” “Well” said the boy, “first, I fire the arrow at the tree, and then I paint the target around it.”

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Well that's it for now folks – don't forget if you have anything that you would like to see included in future newsletters, please let Michelle know, either in person at the Club or by emailing michelle@eitmail.co.uk.