



Phoenix Bowmen Newsletter



JUNE 2011

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Thanks to Mick Greenwood for this contribution

Hi All,

Although this is not strictly a news item, I think the newsletter is a good medium to convey the following. It has become apparent (to me if no one else), that our archery rounds are taking longer and longer to complete and so I'd like to remind everyone of the correct 'arrow-collection protocol'. I'm not saying everything stated is mandatory, but if it is followed, it is the quickest way for us to get back to the shooting line!

1. Have ONE volunteer to score per target. I've noticed some people keeping their own score. This slows things down (see if you can work out why). The quickest way to score is to maintain the order of archers announcing their scores (in two groups of three, with a short pause in-between), as this becomes 'routine' and is easier for the scorer. Some archers seem to have difficulty identifying their arrows mingled amongst other arrows on a target. I find the method that works for me is to start at the centre and 'spiral' outwards. I don't need to touch my arrows, I just point at them. Some archers feel the need to touch theirs, but if this is done in competition, some archers may lose points!
2. Have two non-scorers pulling out EVERYONE'S arrows - not just their own. When several arrows are pulled, pass them back to any 'spare person' to sort out.
3. Don't start searching for missed arrows until you have given your scores to the scorer. If you are a scorer with missed arrows, get everybody's scores first before searching.
4. If you are a 'puller', pull all the arrows out before searching for missed arrows. This will provide arrows to 'tune' the detectors and verify that 'missed' arrows aren't actually in the target! (Yeah, I've been as guilty as anyone for this!).
5. Spend only about 2 minutes looking for missed arrows, then return to the shooting line and continue searching after the next end.

I hope you see this as advice rather than a moan, as I'm sure some of you would appreciate faster rounds!

SECRETARY'S NEWS

Thanks to Tim Mason for this contribution

USE OF PITCHES

Frank the groundsman has re-seeded the main pitch, so we must stay off it till July. We can use the training pitch and the bottom pitch. To use the bottom pitch, we'll need some means of moving bosses and stands down there. Frank thinks that someone in the club has keys for the green container and the small tractor - if that's you, please let us know!

Unaccustomed as I am to hoping for rain, it would be good for the pitch, so please don't curse the rain if it appears.

RUGBY ACTIVITIES

The rugby club will be starting pre-season activities in June. Details have been published on their website.

There'll be "fat boy" sessions on several Tuesday evenings in June - the 14th, 21st and 28th. I assume they'll be using the training pitch. We won't be able to use the main pitch, but the bottom pitch is available.

There'll be training sessions for the Halifax Sevens on some Wednesday evenings - July 19th, July 26th and August 2nd.

The annual Halifax Sevens tournament will take place on Saturday the 6th of August. We won't be able to shoot at Ovenden Park on that day, but we could ask to shoot with a neighbouring club such as White Rose, Aire Valley or Nova.

Nicky the clubhouse manager asked us a while back whether we'd be able to set up an archery have-a-go at the Halifax Sevens. Things are yet to be finalised, but it's likely that we'll do so if a suitable bit of ground is available. Senior training will start on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from August 9th.

CLUB NIGHT OUT

We're about due for another Viking raid on some unsuspecting eaterie. We'll get a thread going soon on the club discussion board, but in the meantime please have a think about what you'd fancy doing.

SHOOTING NEWS

Thanks to David King for this contribution

May was a bit windy but the hardy members of Phoenix carried on regardless. Hopefully the weather will improve and we will see more members on the shooting line. This year's indoor season is coming to a close, I will send for badges at the end of the season for those who ordered them.

NEW CLUB RECORDS IN MAY 2011

- Mr D, King Senior Gentlemen Warwick Barebow Dated 18th May 2011
- Mr A, King Senior Gentlemen Long Metric 1 RC Dated 22nd May 2011
- Mr D, King Senior Gentlemen Long Metric 1 Barebow Dated 11th May 2011
- Mr D, King Senior Gentlemen FITA 60 Barebow Dated 19th May 2011
- Mr S, Berriff Senior Gentlemen FITA 60 Recurve Dated 19th May 2011

NEW CLASSIFICATION BADGE GAINED IN MAY

- Mr W, Evaradson 1st Class RC (31st May)
- Miss I, Law 3rd Class RC (8th May)
- Mr D, Hinchliffe 3rd Class RC (18th May)

Well done to all the above and to all the members who have improved this month.

D, King

ONE IN THE EYE!



Phil Johnson shows us hows it's done; Harold's eye was easier to hit than this one, shot at 90m with his longbow!

MR 'ROBIN HOOD' KING

Thanks to Wayne Evaradson for this contribution



An impressive barebow robin hood shot by David King at our indoor facility; on the upside they were both in the 10... on the downside new arrows were required!