

## Field Rules

1. Sign the shooting register in the shop. If the shop is shut, sign the register in the shed and make sure someone knows you are on the field. Ideally do not shoot alone.
2. Only use bosses marked with a 'B' on the back. Please do NOT use bosses and stands marked with Orange paint
3. Use the trolley to move the bosses - do not roll them.
4. Always tie down bosses.
5. Use a shooting line.
6. If you wish to use more than one shooting line they must be a MINIMUM of 25 yards apart.
7. Put all equipment back in the shed when you have finished and in the correct locations (do not assume that someone will arrive after you to use it).
8. Remove tie down nails from the side of the boss before putting it away.
9. Tie up all ropes (tie down and shooting line).
10. Broken arrow points must be removed from the boss (otherwise mark the location and report it to the shop).
11. Breakages and equipment faults MUST be reported immediately to a member of staff in the shop or the equipment officer.
12. Do not leave litter on the field or in the shed Please place any old targets or paper litter in the bin provided. Do not leave food in the bin as this attracts mice etc into the shed – take it with you.
13. Do NOT park cars on the field unless special permission has been given by The Archery Warehouse or a member of the committee.
14. Dogs are not allowed on site.
15. Place any found and unclaimed arrows in the lost and found box in the shed.
16. If you need a new target face, take the old one to the shop for a replacement.

## Welcome to our third newsletter

It's newsletter time again and I still can't believe our club has only been going for 9 months, it feels so much longer. I feel it's important to say we could not have achieved so much in this short space of time if it was not for the dedicated members who have worked so hard in so many ways. So, on a personal note I would just like to say a big thank you.

We now have a candidate for the clubs CPO (Child Protection Officer). Our thanks to Ros Hurn for offering to take on this role as it is a crucial post for any club wanting to develop a strong junior content.

I am also going to steal Mike's thunder a bit now by reporting that Alison Evans has become the Herts County Indoor Ladies Longbow Champion. But that's not all as Sue Matthews has taken another National title, winning the EFAA Indoor Ladies Longbow event. This makes Sue a Double National Champion (I'm keeping fingers crossed for a 3rd!!!). Awesome shooting ladies and many congratulations.

Not be outdone, the men also have also been excelling themselves. Mike Philliskirk and Gordon Hurn have been selected for the Herts County Team to shoot against Middlesex. Congratulations to both!

If you have been checking the website you will have noticed there are a few events coming up that will be great fun so don't forget to get your entries in. We also have many more ideas so keep checking for announcements. What I would ask is that we will need your help during the summer at a number of events, so if you can come and lend a hand then that would be very much appreciated. We have also attached a return form with the newsletter - so you can let us know if you will be available.

See you on the line.

*Phil Hodgins*

## Club Indoor Championships

Calling **all** Beacon Archers. The club's first indoor championships will take place on Thursday 27 March at Cottesloe School.

We will shoot a Portsmouth round under GNAS rules and all members are invited to take part.

Longbow session (for those shooting twice)  
assembly: 5.30pm sighters: 5.45pm

Main session  
assembly: 7.00pm sighters: 7.15pm

Timing will be strictly adhered.

There is a limit on places, so please let me know if you wish to shoot as soon as possible. Final deadline is Friday 21 March. Target lists will be issued at the start of the following week.

If you haven't shot in a competition before don't worry, it's just a bit of fun. Please come along and give it a go!

*Sue Matthews*

## Equipment news

Thanks to everyone who helped with the shed refurbishment in February.

I am sure all club members will benefit from the efforts of those who worked hard on a blustery day.

The shed now has racking for the bosses and a shelf for the accessories. Please keep it tidy and keep rubbish in the new bin - a vole was trying to nest amongst the old target faces which had been left on the floor.

Have a look at the pictures on the gallery page of the website to see what the shed looks like - or better still come and have a shoot.

I am also changing my role on the committee (see Junior corner). I am passing on the baton of equipment officer to Peter Morgan.

Good luck Peter!

*Gordon Hurn*

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Club shooting times

Outdoors on the field:  
Sundays 10.30am - 2.30pm

Indoors at Cottesloe School, Wing:  
Thursdays: Juniors 5.30 - 6.30pm  
Seniors 6.30 - 9.30pm

## News from White Lion

Whitelion Bowmen finished 2007 with the Mince Pie NFAS Field shoot, the weekend before Christmas Day, down at Company of 60 near Guildford. The day was cold and misty and required numerous layers of clothing to keep warm.

The camp fire at base, hot tea and the bacon butties were very welcome to stoke the internal fires before setting out into the woods.

Targets were a few 3D animals but mainly 2D animal faces, each new shot providing a long look to decide through the mist what animal the target was.

The course was varied with long and short shots alongside shots round trees and up or over branches. After lunch it was obvious that quite a number of archers had gone home due to the cold and mists however this only meant that we had a free journey round the targets with no waiting in queues!

All in all it was a very enjoyable shoot only marred by the long journey home caught in the Christmas traffic on the M25.

January and February are notoriously slow months for field shoots after the flurry of events around Christmas, however now the longer days and hopefully brighter weather is about to set in Whitelion Bowmen will not only be down regularly practising on the Edlesborough field but also attending the new year of field shoots.

Medieval re-enactment events will start up again with The original re-enactors market, where outfits and equipment can be purchased, happening on the weekend of 14th-16th March, Medieval boot camp in April, the Siege of Edlesborough on 6th April.

Whitelion Bowmen attend the first of their re-enactment fayres at Rockingham the May Bank Holiday weekend 3rd-5th May.

If you want any further details about our re-enactment events - please contact me.

*Alison Evans*

## Sad news

It is with regret that I have to let you know that Peter Robinson died suddenly on 16 February.

Peter completed a beginners course with us last summer and came to shoot on the field and in the shop's indoor range over the winter.

Our condolences to his family.

## Junior corner

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Child Protection Officer - Ros Hurn.

Ros just has to complete some paperwork and then she will be officially designated as CPO for the club. This means she is the first port of call for any club member who has concerns about the welfare of the youngsters in the club.

Until she is officially in place if you have any issues please contact me or Kevin.

Also Gordon Hurn is stepping into the role of Head of Juniors (senior) to work with me on developing the junior side of the club.

My email: [joshuaxarchery@hotmail.com](mailto:joshuaxarchery@hotmail.com)

*Josh Brown*

## Records

The club records system has been regularly updated with all the valid scores being shot in the indoor season. However due to a complete PC meltdown and the fact that the records software being used did not have a backup function all the scores from last year's outdoor season have been lost. So we will be starting fresh for the coming outdoor season. Oh and I might add the records software has been changed as I don't want to spend hours redoing the club records again !!

I know I said this last time but I must stress the following. It is the responsibility of the individual archer to ensure they give any valid score for the purpose of classifications and/or handicaps to the records officer. It is not the records officers' job to chase archers for scores.

Valid scores can be shot at any competition or on a club designated target day. Currently the club target day is Sunday but during the winter Thursday will also be counted as a target day. We will be adding Friday as a designated target day from 1st March 2008 to account for the start of the outdoor season.

The web site now has Archer's handicaps and classifications for those members who have submitted scores. A list of club records for various indoor season rounds has also been published, although this does include the Frostbite round which is shoot outdoors. An outdoor season list will be published when the season gets under way in March.

Keep them coming

*Phil Hodgins*

## Indoor shooting

Indoor shooting on Thursday nights at Cottesloe school will continue into April. Keep in touch to find out dates when the school may be closed over school holidays. For those of you who have not made it there yet, remember the juniors have a dedicated slot 5.30 - 6.30pm and then the seniors shoot 6.30 - 9.30pm.

The address is:  
The Cottesloe School  
Aylesbury Road  
Wing  
LU7 0NY

The cost is £4 per adult per evening payable on the night juniors pay £1.

## Winter Frostbite and Portsmouth League

Beacon Archers are participating in the postal league and are doing well - particularly in the frostbite round.

The league tables are on the website and notice board.

As a reminder - every month we need to shoot

- a Frostbite round outside - 3 dozen at 30m at a 80cm face
- a Portsmouth inside - 5 dozen at 20 yds at a 60cm face.

Recurve and longbow archers need to take part - so come and have a go - we need to field a team every time, so we need everyone's scores.

The March shoots will be:

Frostbite: Sunday 16 March

Portsmouth: Thursday 27 March

## Caption competition

This edition's competition is to give a title for the picture or suggest what these individuals are saying.

Please send entries to: [sue@theacherywarehouseuk.co.uk](mailto:sue@theacherywarehouseuk.co.uk)

The winner will be announced at the club championships on 27 March - and a suitable prize will be awarded.



## Club Colours

You may have noticed that some clubs are wearing colours other than the standard GNAS green and white when shooting at competitions. This is because clubs have chosen their own shooting colours and registered them with GNAS. It certainly makes it easy to see who shoots for which club.

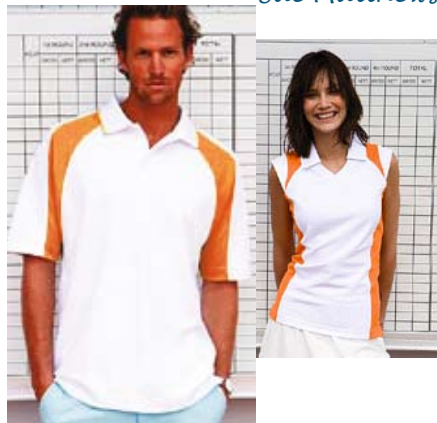
Would you like Beacon to have their own set of colours?

Below is our proposal for adult tops; these would be worn with navy trousers/skirt/shorts. We have used orange as this is a colour appropriate for a beacon. The juniors would shoot in plain orange polo shirts. The cost is likely to be around £25

It will have the Beacon logo embroidered on the chest.

Please let me have your comments.

*Sue Matthews*



## Tournaments

Beacon continues to perform well in the Winter postal leagues with only March to go.

There are still quite a lot of indoor shoots around so I will be letting people know – but please check the Mayflower link and the club web site for a full list.

The routine for the shoots -indoor and out - is that I will announce them via the newsletters, email and on club days.

Please note that if you want me to enter you for a shoot then I need the money up front. If you want to put yourself in then please do. It might be worth mentioning a particular shoot to other club members if you find a good one!

*Mike Philliskirk*

## Tournaments

Date	Tournament	Location	Round	Cost	Closing date
16 March	Frostbite	The Archery Warehouse	Frostbite	Free	Just turn up
27 March	Indoor club championships	Cottesloe School	Portsmouth	Free	21 March
29/30 March	SCAS championships	Fareham (Hants)	Portsmouth	£8	22 March
5 April	Beacon Warwick	The Archery Warehouse	Warwick	£6	28 March
6 April	Beacon Longbow Shoot	The Archery Warehouse	Novelty	£8	28 March

Contact Mike for more details.

## Club events

### Put 5 and 6 April in your diary

We would like ALL club members to participate in the inaugural outdoor event for the 2008 season. On Saturday 5 April we are holding a Warwick (2 dozen arrows at 60yards and 2 dozen at 50 yards). If you are a newcomer to the sport - don't panic - we'll also run a short Warwick (50 and 40 yards) and for youngsters there is a junior Warwick (40 and 30 yards). Cost is £6 per person - entry forms are available in the shop. We will hold a social gathering in the afternoon/evening to celebrate the start of the outdoor season.

On the Sunday will be a fun Longbow shoot - the Siege of Edlesborough. If you have, or can borrow, a longbow come along and have some fun. Spectators are also welcome.

This is a big opportunity for Beacon to impress archers from other clubs in the area - and to make new friends.

So we need volunteers to help set up and run the competitions. Anyone who can spare time on the Thursday and Friday evenings please come along and help prepare the field.

We will also need club members in the mornings of Saturday and Sunday plus Saturday afternoon to help set up the field. The more the merrier!!

If you can help please let Peter Grand know on 07850 843005, or contact Sue / Mike in the shop.

## Tournament successes

Beacon has been performing very well at competitions recently - and gathering in the medals.

At the Worcester tournament at Kestrels Archery Club at the beginning of February Mike, Phil and Gordon shot well in the Gents Recurve; Sue Gardner shot Lady Recurve; Gordon and Peter shot Gents Longbow; and Sue Matthews picked up a silver medal in Lady Longbow.

Beacon also came third in both Team Recurve and Team Longbow.

At the Herts County Indoor Championships, Mike picked up a bronze medal in the Gents Recurve and there were good performances from Phil, Gordon and Peter Morgan.

In the Lady Recurve Sue Gardner got a medal for fourth place, with Sue Matthews in fifth.

In Gents Longbow Gordon was placed second with good scores from Peter Grand and Peter Morgan.

In Ladies Longbow Sue Matthews got the top score and Alison picked up the Gold Medal and is now Herts Ladies Longbow Champion.

In Gents Visitor Compound Fergus (shooting for Buckland) got silver and in Ladies Visitor Longbow Janice (shooting for Buckland) got gold. Sean (shooting for Buckland) got the highest score in Junior Gents Visitor Recurve, and also picked up a silver medal.

Mike was also part of the winning recurve team in the Herts v Middx tournament on 2 March. Unfortunately Gordon was unable to shoot.

Beacon Archers is certainly starting to put itself on the competition map.

Well done to all! Here's looking forward to a successful outdoor season too!



*Winners at the 2008 Herts County Indoor Championships*