



NEWS FROM THE BEACON

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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.
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 (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 a committee member.
12. Do not leave litter on the field or in 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.

Welcome from the committee

Firstly I would like to wish all our members a very warm welcome.

I can't believe that the club is only 3 months old and already our membership is over 40. The rapid growth in numbers has caused us a few headaches but we hope you will bear with us while we get things sorted out. We want the club to be a friendly and social place where members can enjoy their archery no matter what level they shoot at. We are also looking to develop a strong junior section within the club but to do this we need to enlist some extra help. So if anybody is interested in running the junior section please contact one of the committee members.

The club will be running events throughout the year and we will also be submitting club entries to open competitions. Notification of these will be made through all the club channels including the newsletters of which this is the first.

We will be keeping you all informed of any newsworthy items via the Newsletters and the web site. The website is not online just yet but it's well on the way to be completed so we will let you know when it goes live.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to The Archery Warehouse UK for all their support in the last 3 months and for the provision of the wonderful ground we shoot on.

Remember that this is your club. The committee are here to help and ensure safe and enjoyable shooting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of the committee who will be more than happy to help.

Phil Hodgins
Chairman

News from the treasurer

The club bank account is now set up. GNAS, County and Region fees have been submitted to Herts Archery Association and GNAS membership cards are being distributed now.

Nigel Cassman

Club shirts

Beacon Archer polo shirts are now available at £12.50 each from the club.

They are white with the BA logo printed on the front - either right or left. Sizes are available from children's through to XL.

You are encouraged to wear them if you are shooting for the club in any tournaments - see over.

For more information see Sue in the shop.

News from equipment officer

We have new target stands. They are very sturdy and now a nice shade of green. Please make sure you know how to set them up properly - fit the bracing struts and then tighten the wheel nut at the top. Don't forget to still stake them down.

When you set up the boss, if you find that a target face is shot out, you can pick up a replacement from the shop - but please take the old one in with you.

Please ensure you look after the club equipment, put it away safely and report any damage or missing items.

Without equipment the club cannot run - so I will be setting up regular maintenance sessions throughout the season. All members' contribution will be very welcome at these times and I will let you know dates soon.

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

Past tournaments

Novices tournament

New archers were invited to take part in a novices tournament in September.

Everyone shot well and received a Beacon Archers goodie bag.

Congratulations to all the winners.

GNAS Bucks County Field Tournament

Well done to the Beacon longbow archers who took part in the Field competition at Whitemark. All came away with medals.

Website

A new Beacon Archers website will be up and running soon.

It will have tournament dates and details, photos and the latest information you need to know.

www.beaconarchers.co.uk

Records

When you shoot a complete round on a Sunday club shoot or at a recognised competition - please give your score to Phil.

He keeps the club records.

If in doubt about what is required - have a chat with Phil.

Club goodies

Items with the Beacon Archers logo are available from the shop. These will make a nice Christmas present for club members.

Polo shirts	£12.50
Mugs	£5.00
Lapel badges	£3.00
Arrow pullers	£3.00

Indoor shooting

Shooting for club members moves indoors and moves night.

From Thursday 1 November club members can shoot at the gym at Cottesloe School, Wing each Thursday until the outdoor season starts next April (excluding two Thursdays over Christmas). This will be 20 weeks.

The juniors will have a dedicated slot 5.30 - 6.30pm and then the seniors can shoot 6.30 - 9.30pm.

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

The cost will be £4 per adult per evening payable on the night or you can pay £60 in advance - this equates to £3 per week or £1 per hour. Juniors can pay £1 per night or £15 for the season.

Contact Mike in the shop for more details.

Don't forget - we are looking for someone to support the junior club. They don't have to be an archer - but help with the badge schemes, etc is needed. Contact any committee member if you would like to get involved.

Shop opening time changes

Please note that the shop will close at 5pm on Thursdays - starting 1 November.

Christmas opening times

The shop will be open on Sundays 16 and 23 December in the run up to Christmas. There will be fun events taking place on those weekends.

The shop will be closed 25 and 26 December and 1 January.

TAWUK Winter Worcester League

Shoot a Worcester round twice during December and you will be entered into the league. Shoots will take place on Saturdays 1, 8, 15 and 22nd December at 12 noon.

Free to enter - and just for fun - see how well you can do against other archers in the area.

Winter Frostbite and Portsmouth League

Beacon Archers have entered the Herts Archery Association Winter Postal League.

This means 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.

We have entered both the recurve and longbow leagues - so competitors are required for both.

Dates will be set shortly, please look at the noticeboards in the shed and the shop. Let Mike know if you want to take part.

Tournaments

Date	Tournament	Location	Round	Cost	Closing date
11 November	Green Dragon 500	Stevenage	Portsmouth	£7	1 November
18 November	Herts County & Open Team Champs	Stevenage	Fita 25	£8	
9/10 February	Herts Indoor County Championships	St Albans	Portsmouth	£6	1 February

These are GNAS competitions so please ensure you are wearing green and white and that you arrive on time.

Contact Mike for more details.