



Front Cover photograph. A Cloudburst from one of the Fun Targets.

### Important AGM notice

The 2021 Annual General Meeting will take place in The Clanfield Centre, Endal Way, Clanfield, Waterlooville PO8 0YF. The meeting will start at the slightly later time of 8pm, which will hopefully be helpful getting to the meeting after work.

The club cannot operate without good governance and every member has an equal responsibility to ensure that the committee posts are properly filled. A calling notice has been attached to the clubhouse notice board, on which you can nominate yourself or another member who is willing to be put forward for committee membership. At the time of writing, the calling notice has no names put forward!

I appeal to you all to ensure that names are put forward; if we do not have a committee, then the club will be in serious jeopardy!

### Fobb Fun Shoot



Returning to the archery field, following the easing of restrictions, has been perhaps a bit difficult for some. Getting out of the habit of shooting on a Sunday morning seems, for many members, to have been the result of not shooting for a fairly considerable time. But it was hoped that a fun shoot would bring people flocking back, so that everyone could shoot as much or as little as they wanted and ease themselves back into the sport.

Originally booked for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the fun shoot had to be postponed due to rain and went ahead on the 17<sup>th</sup> July; in glorious weather I might add. Maybe it was the weather that brought them out or perhaps the chance to have some fun with fellow club members and win some fun prizes. Who knows? But forty archers turned out to have some entertainment and by all accounts they weren't disappointed.

## Fobb Fun Shoot



As you will see from the pictures, the goals were rather out of the ordinary and it was great fun trying to hit something other than the 'run of the mill' targets. Particularly the balloons waving about in the wind; moving targets certainly made for a bit of interest and everyone who hit a 'cloudburst' had a good laugh.

Food was provided by my partner, Irene, (although I did butter some of the bread!). There was an impressive array of various foods to choose from and many people thanked Irene, saying how much they enjoyed the sustenance. Many thanks to Irene, and everyone who helped out, particularly Jeanette and Josie for their assistance.

One or two people have said that it might be good to make this an annual event; perhaps even twice a year. Clearly, it will be up to you the members to make it known if you think that would be a good suggestion. There may also be other ideas for interesting additional targets and maybe you might want to be involved with organising another similar event? So, please let us know if you think that we should do something similar each year and if you have any comments about the fun shoot on the 17<sup>th</sup> or any comments about possible future events.



# A Variety of Targets



## Double Your Score Jigsaw

Each colour (1 to 5) had a circle; if you were in the circle you doubled the colour score.

## The Cloudburst

Balloons waving about in the wind, hit one for five points or ten points if it exploded with a puff of smoke.



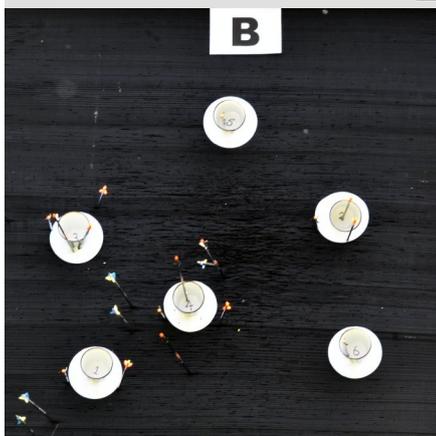
## The Coconut Shy

One Archer shooting the bottom line and one the top line. Five points awarded for your own balloon, but minus ten for shooting your opponents!



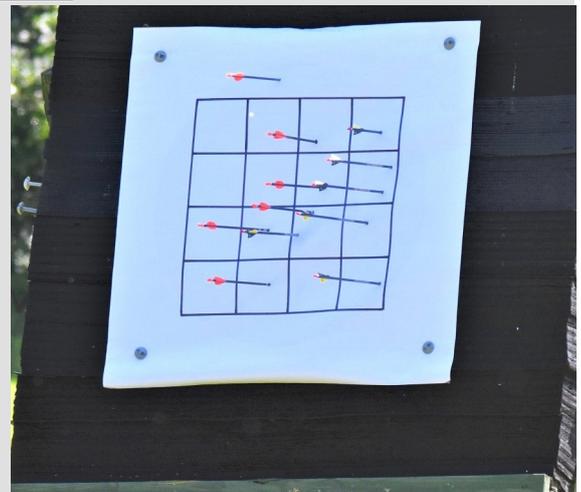
## Spot Prizes

Hit the envelope to win (or not win) a prize, each envelope had a message telling you how lucky you were.



## Through The Coffee Cups

Hit the inside of the cup and score the number printed on the base. If you hit the base you doubled the score.



## Noughts and Crosses

Shooting to try and stop your opponent from getting three or four squares in a row.

**Fobb Fun Shoot**

Since you might not have been able to attend the fun shoot, you may like to know what other members thought about the experience, so here are some of the comments that I have received:

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 Hi Vince, Thanks to everyone involved in the Fun Shoot for a well organised event.  
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Hi Vince,

Many thanks to you and Irene for such a lovely day at the Archery Fun Shot. I know it was a lot of work but you had an amazing turn out and it looked like everyone had a good time.

Hi Vince,

First let me say thank you again for organising the event on Saturday. I, and I know others, thoroughly enjoyed it and it was great to get back with the club members! I actually dug out my bow and shot yesterday for the first time in well over a year and am now motivated to keep shooting so for me at least it had the desired effect.

Hello Vince

It was a good day on the range ☺ I want to thank you for all the hard work and ingenuity you and the rest of the team put in to make it so good. Please pass on my gratitude to all the people involved, especially the people who provided the food.

The other special mention is for your granddaughter for the cakes. Not only did they *look* good, but it *tasted* good too!



I'm sorry if you missed out on the fun, but who knows it could happen again. For me, I was very pleased that we had such a good turn out and it was fantastic to see so many people at the field, it was almost like Covid hadn't happened..... (well! we can dream can't we?). Hope to see you at the field, happy shooting.

Vince Ibbs  
 Chairman/Treasurer



## Beginners

After the disruption of Covid 19, we were at last able to run our Beginners classes again this season. The Wednesday beginners course came to an end, with the last session being held on a Sunday morning Club shoot.

The Committee thought it would be beneficial to let the potential new members shoot with us, to give them an insight in to how we go about things on our Club weekly shoots. Club members were very happy for this to go ahead and everyone enjoyed the morning.

We had a good turn out, with members coming back after a long time away.



A mix of members and beginners on the line.



## Beginners



Our Wednesday group of beginners, doing extremely well, and a good number wishing to join the club.

Really good to see, our long standing members, getting back to normality, and the field coming to life again.



Our Wednesday Class receiving their Certificates, on the Sunday morning



## Darts



Following a gap of a year and a half, it was great to be playing darts again.

Brian Chandler is organising each session, with June Burchell and Gill Merrett providing, egg and bacon rolls, plus teas and coffees for a small cost (still £1 at present but it may have to go up a little).

For newcomers to the club darts it involves a large face, of the same configuration as a darts board, and two teams competing using bows and arrows (no compounds as they would have too much advantage). A double is needed to start and to finish. Although the target is only 18 yards away, both starting and finishing are more difficult than they look. Anyway it is fun and a good way for newcomers to get to know other club members.

The next darts session will take place on SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST and fortnightly thereafter, weather permitting. Provided that Gill is available, she will provide the food and drinks, starting around about 9:45. If she can't make it, Brian will continue organising the darts, but minus the food. However should anybody wish to volunteer at any time, they are welcome to provide the food in Gill's absence.

## For Sale

After being asked by members we will be starting the **FOR SALE** section in Bere Facts again.

If you have equipment, you would like to sell, please send a picture, description, contact details, and also the price you would like.

To

[news@fobb.uk](mailto:news@fobb.uk)

## Indoor Shooting ( From last issue )

As you will no doubt be aware, we lost our indoor shooting venue about 2 years ago. The club should thank committee member, David Jones, for his work in trying to find another indoor venue. We always knew it would be very difficult to find somewhere and David spent a long time researching the problem.

It came to my notice early this year, that the management of Clanfield Sports Centre changed hands. I contacted the new owner's executive director and met with him at the centre during lockdown. I am very happy to announce that we have now agreed an evening slot, starting in September. The new owners are very keen on our starting to shoot indoors at the centre and this will open up many opportunities for us.

First and foremost, this venue is bigger and better than our old hall at Bedhampton. Many members used to be concerned about the cramped conditions and the number of members shooting indoors dwindled as a result. This new venue, however, will give us all a much more open site, preventing us tripping over each other. This venue will also allow us to offer beginners courses during the winter, taster sessions for the public and perhaps even indoor competition.

There is also a café at the centre and we will have the opportunity to have refreshments, although I'm not sure at the moment about the opening times.

The only slight downside is that it is much more expensive than our old venue, although we will not be charged for storing our equipment, but the benefits definitely outweigh the disadvantage. More of our members will now be able to practice for Crookhorn and other indoor events, or just keep up practice during the winter. If you have any ideas about what you would like from this new opportunity or about how the sessions could run, please let me know. We could move away from just shooting Portsmouth rounds every week and the venue is big enough to accommodate many things.

You may remember that we had to make a small charge for the old venue and we should make a similar charge to help pay for this Sports Centre. The level of charge was recommended by the committee and voted on at the AGM; I envisage that this will be the situation now. To begin with, we will have the centre on Monday nights for 3 hours starting on the 27th of September until probably the 21st of March. We still have to complete a risk assessment for this venue and will be sorting out netting and so on, ready for September.

The committee hopes that this venue will be a great asset to the club and would like to see many more members taking up the challenge. There is no need to book, but it would be helpful if you could let me know whether you will be joining us on the first night.



| Month       | Date   | Round  | Notes  |
|-------------|--|--|--|
| <b>JUNE</b> | <b>Weds 30<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Beginners Course</b>  | <b>30 June, 7, 14, 21, 28 Jul, 1 Aug</b>                     |
| <b>JULY</b> | <b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Sun 4 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> July</b><br>Sun 11 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> D**<br>Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>                      | <b>Beginners Course</b><br>Nationals<br><b>FUN SHOOT</b><br>WA Metrics<br>Western<br>York/Hereford/Bristols                          | <b>3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jul, 8 Aug</b><br><br><b>11AM start</b> |
| <b>AUG</b>  | Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> D**<br>Sun 8 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> D**<br>Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup><br><b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> D**<br>Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> | ST. George/Albion/Windsors<br>WA Metrics<br>Western<br>York/Hereford/Bristols<br><b>AGM</b><br>WA Metrics<br>WA 720                  | <br><br><br><br><br><b>Venue TBC</b>                         |
| <b>SEPT</b> | Sun 5 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> D**<br>Sun 19 <sup>th</sup><br><b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b><br><b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup></b>                    | York/Hereford/Bristols<br>ST. George/Albion/Windsors<br>Western<br><b>WA STAR</b><br><b>WA STAR</b><br><b>Indoor Shooting Starts</b> |  |
| <b>OCT</b>  | Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> D**<br>Sun 10 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> D**<br>Sun 24 <sup>th</sup><br>Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> D**  | ST. George/Albion/Windsors<br>Nationals<br>Metrics<br>Nationals<br>Frostbite   | <br><br><br><br><br>N.B. British Summer Time Ends            |

**D\*\*** Indicates a darts weekend, Darts on Saturday mornings start 10.00am

WHERE A WA OR YORK/HEREFORD ROUNDS ARE SHOT THE APPROPRIATE HALF ROUND (LONG/ SHORT METRIC / NATIONAL) MAY BE SHOT EITHER AM OR PM.

THE START TIMES FOR ALL ROUNDS WILL BE 10.00AM. FOR THOSE WISHING TO SHOOT PM ONLY, SIGHTERS WILL BE AT 1.30PM APPROX

**PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE FIELD 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START TO ASSIST IN LAYING OUT THE FIELD**

**ON WEDNESDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST BEGINNERS' CLASSES WILL HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER SHOOTING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



## FoBB Business



The next meeting of the FoBB Committee is to be announced. All items discussed in these meetings will be published in the minutes of the meeting and be available to view on the website.

The list of Committee members is also available on the FoBB web site at :

<http://www.forestofberebowmen.co.uk/memberspage/admin/FoBB%20Committee2019-2020%20V2.pdf>

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