



Front Cover photograph. Nice to see youngsters having a try, under instruction from Wayne



This year's archery taster session, held on Saturday 13th April, was a great success and although it did get very cold, at least it didn't rain. Several club members helped to set out the field in the morning, putting up a gazebo for the entrance, ropes to marshal the public and some colourful bunting; giving the range a bit of a carnival atmosphere.



Members, who had arrived to help out, were asked to park in the overflow car park, which allowed the guests to park on site for the first time. Of course, it was not possible to guess how many have-a-go participants would attend, but they began arriving at about 2pm and it was pretty much full on until about 4:30. Club members, who were controlling the car park, reported that things generally went well, even though people were going up and down the lane throughout the afternoon.



Dates for your Diary

Challenge Shoot 27th May
Western Medal 1 6th June

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Open Day 2019

We started off with five foam bosses and two junior targets, but soon after, we had to add another foam boss, to try and reduce the waiting time. Some of the bosses had standard targets on, while others had a mixture of seven novelty targets. Most of the bosses were also sporting balloons, which added to the enjoyment factor; people seemed to relish trying to pop the balloons, although that wasn't always easy. Seven or eight club members were on hand to show people what to do and how to shoot; not to mention encouraging them to pop a balloon or two.



Alongside the general public, were several club members demonstrating shooting at longer distances and discussing the types of bows that were on display. I spoke to one or two people who said that they had asked about the different bows and found that very interesting.



Open Day 2019

Refreshments were available and June & Doreen (among others) sold tea & coffee and cakes that Hettie had made. This brought in a little extra money and was very worthwhile; every little helps!



Clearly the main point of the exercise is to sign up people for our beginner's courses and hopefully go on to become FoBB members.

I can say that this was successful and may bring in possibly 18 new members. On top of that, we had three ex-members wanting to re-join and bringing other family members along.

The public, having braved the cold weather, had gone by about 4:30>4:45 and as we started dismantling the equipment, a hailstone shower began! Thank goodness it didn't start earlier or last very long and we were able to restore the field to the normal situation fairly quickly.

I was very pleased that about twenty-five members came along to help on the day, adding to the party mood and ensuring that the event was conducted in a safe manner. Thank you very much to all of you that took part; without your efforts this would not have been such a successful day.

Vince Ibbs
Chairman/Treasurer

Accident Book

We have had an 'Incident Book' in the clubhouse for many years, but this is now redundant due to last year's changes to the GDPR. I have now purchased a new 'Accident Book', which complies with the regulations.

Alongside this, it was noticed that the First Aid kit was past its sell by date, with items labelled as "do not use after" particular dates long gone. Therefore, a new First Aid kit has also been purchased.

Both of these items have been hung up on the right of the back wall of the clubhouse, making them easily accessible for members.

If you have occasion to use the Accident Book, you will see that it has tear out pages which are sequentially numbered. Having filled in the details of any accident, you will need to tear out the page (leaving the counterfoil in the book!). The page should then be folded and deposited into the red metal box on the table beneath the noticeboard. The page will be filed securely by the Club Secretary, in due course.

Vince Ibbs
Chairman/Treasurer

Merdon Arrow

Every year, a few of our members, go along to The Merdon Bowmen, for their Merdon Arrow shoot.

This is a little different to the normal rounds we shoot, whereas this is a 6 Dozen round, shot at 50 metres, on an 80cm Target. Just to make it a little more difficult, there are no sighters.



Trophies and Medals were won by our four Archers.

Mike Benwell

First Gents Barebow

Rebecca Giddings

First Ladies Longbow

Mikes score was also a club record, so well done to all four, for a great day's shooting.



Mike Pinnels

First Recurve



John Taylor

Second Recurve

Western Medal for April

On the 14th April, we shot our first Western Medal round of the season. For our new members, this is a round shot once a month, and is Handicap adjusted, which means everyone can take part.



April's medal was won by Wayne Goble, and as you can see, the presentation day weather was a lot better than the day we actually shot the round. Results were:

1st	Wayne Goble	Recurve	1414
2nd	Steve Budden	Longbow	1373
3rd	Colin Taylor	Recurve	1351

Please come along and join in, you never know, you may win the medal

New Club Shirts



Wayne Goble has kindly designed a Tournament Club Shirt for us. These new shirts are available to buy, for the price of £24.00.

They are a pleasant change, and have been asked for, by our Archers shooting at other venues. If you wish to order, please contact Wayne. His details are on the Contact page.

Wayne is also working on a Tracksuit version, if you would just like to buy the top, you will be able to do so, details are to follow.

Competitions by John TaylorCompetition Entry

If anybody is interested in trying different types of archery, ie clout or field please let me know. There are plenty of local competitions or there are chances to have a go at either.

Waterside archers run several clout shoots a year and are willing to let people have a go at other times, this is something I can arrange with them.

I am also a member of Fleet Ibex field archers. They are happy for guests to shoot there, for no fee and without any affiliation using their own insurance. I am happy to take anybody who would like to try this.

If you are thinking about entering a competition and are unsure how to, or what may be required, please contact me to discuss it further. I put a list of local things in the Bere Facts, but there are more and I can go through these with you.

To enter a competition all you need is your bow and Archery GB membership. (some field shoots may require different affiliation). You do not need to have reached a certain standard, people of all abilities will enter. Some local shoots have novice awards, based on how long you have been shooting. You do not need a classification or handicap, these are mainly a guide to progress and general ability. Specifically the handicap is used to enable archers of different abilities to compete against each other on an even footing, ie at our own monthly medal. Open competitions are on a score only basis, no handicap or allowances are involved.

If you are interested in trying field or clout or would like to discuss anything about competitions, 07785 902098 or jtaylor@tabelek.co.uk



John Taylor
FoBB Tournament Officer



Local shoots coming up by John Taylor

Tournament Date	Club & Venue	Shoot Name	Round Name	Bow Type	County Status Awards
May 18th	FoBB	Longbow Shoot	Westerns	L/B	Trophies & Medals
May 26th	AC Delco	AC Delco Trinity	Herefords and Bristols	ALL	Trophies & Medals
June 2nd	Waterside Archers	Open Western	Western Rounds	ALL	Trophies & Medals
June 5th	Guildford Archers	Take a break shoot	St George Albion and Windsors	ALL	Medals Awarded
June 16th	Somerset County Association	County Championships Shot on the same field as Dunster	York/Hereford	ALL	UKRS + Trophies & Medals
June 17th-23rd	Grand Western Archery Society	Dunster Archery Week	Varios Rounds and Discipines	ALL	Trophies & Medals
June 22nd	Guildford Archers	Junior Acorn Junior Only	Varios Western rounds	ALL	Music, Games and lots of fun
June 23rd	Yately Archers	Yately Open	Various Windsor Rounds	ALL	Trophies & Medals
June 26th	Guildford Archers	Acorn Trophy Tournament	Herefords and Bristols	ALL	Team Award Only
June 30th	Southampton Archery Club	Hardmoor Albion	Albion & Windsor	ALL	Trophies & Medals
July 7th	Talisman	Strawberry Shoot	Various Nationals	ALL	Trophies & Medals
July 21st	RN South Coast Archers	Andy Weeks Memorial Shoot	St George Albion and Windsors	ALL	Trophies & Medals
August 4th	Southampton Archery Club	Summer Clout	Double GNAS Clout	ALL	UKRS + Tassels
August 10th	Southampton Archery Club	Novice Warwick	Various Warwick	ALL	Trophies & Medals
August 11th	AC Delco	Chris Sherwood Memorial	Various Western Rounds	ALL	Trophies & Medals
August 15th	AC Delco	Bus Pass Albion	Albions and Windsors	ALL	Trophies & Medals



Month	Date	Round	Notes
MAR	Sun 24 th Sat 30 th Sun 31 st D**	Last Frostbite (11AM Start) Work Party WA 720	N.B British Summer Time Starts
APRIL	Sat 6 th Sun 7 th Sat 13 th Sun 14 th D** Sun 21 st Sat 27 th Sun 28 th D**	Reserve Work Party ST. George / Albion / Windsors OPEN DAY WESTERN –Medal WA Metrics RESERVE OPEN DAY York/Hereford/Bristols	Easter Sunday
MAY	Sun 5 th Wed 8 th Sun 12 th D** Mon 13 th Sat 18 th Sun 19 th Sun 26 th D** Mon 27 th	ST. George / Albion / Windsors Course 2 WESTERN-Medal Course 1 LONGBOW SHOOT WA Metrics York/Hereford/Bristols CHALLENGE SHOOT	8, 15, 22, 29 May, 5, 12 June 13, 20 May, 3, 10, 17, 24 June Committee Meeting Thursday 16 th
JUNE	Sun 2 nd Sun 9 th D** Sun 16 th Sun 23 rd D** Sun 30 th	ST. George/Albion/Windsors WA Metrics WESTERN-Medal York/Hereford/Bristols Keith Mills Memorial Chester	
JULY	Sun 7 th D** Sun 14 th Sun 21 st D** Sun 28 th	ST. George/Albion/Windsors WA Metrics WESTERN-Medal York/Hereford/Bristols	
AUG	Sun 4 th D** Sun 11 th Sun 18 th D** Sun 25 th Mon 26 th	ST. George/Albion/Windsors WA Metrics WESTERN-Medal York/Hereford/Bristols WA 720	Committee meeting Thursday 15 th
SEPT	Sun 1 st D** Sun 8 th Sun 15 th D** Sun 22 nd Sun 29 th D**	ST. George/Albion/Windsors CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (Albion & Windsors) WESTERN-Medal WA Metrics (Reserve Club Champs) York/Hereford/Bristols	Mon 2nd - AGM 7.30 (TBC)
OCT	Sun 6 th Sun 13 th D** Sun 20 th Sun 27 th D** @11AM	ST. George/Albion/Windsors Nationals Metrics Frostbite	N.B. British Summer Time Ends

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

WHERE A FITA 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 MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS IN MAY & JUNE BEGINNERS' CLASSES WILL HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER SHOOTING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

An OPEN DAY will be held on Sat 13th April @ 2 pm until 5 pm

Contact Us



FoBB Business



The next meeting of the FoBB Committee will be held on **Thursday 23rd of May 2019 and Wednesday 7th August 2019**. 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/COMMITTEE%20MEMBERS.htm>

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