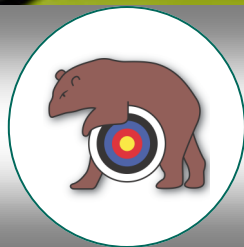




NEWSLETTER OF FOREST OF BERE BOWMEN



June 2021

Front Cover photograph. A picture from the last Competition.

Message from the Chairman/Treasurer

I know that it has been a long time coming, but I do hope that this edition of Bere Facts finds you all well; or at least, as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

Hopefully, we can all start getting back to some sort of normality and return to shooting some targets, with bigger and better scores, (we can all dream!). Anyway, it has been good to see some of our members getting back into practice and I look forward to the prospect of more of you coming back for some fun and competition.

Things have been slowly beginning to show signs of an upsurge of people's interest in Archery and there are signs that the Forest of Bere Bowmen is starting to rebuild, after the trials of the last 15 months or so. I'm sure that we have good reason to be optimistic for the future of our club and archery in general.

Whether this edition of Bere Facts is going to be the restart of a monthly newsletter remains to be seen, but if we all send in little snippets of appeal to the editor (Steve Budden), we can generate more interest and keep everyone informed.

So, what is happening, I hear you cry! Ok, well maybe you are just whispering, but there have been things going on behind the scenes and these will continue to help FoBB get back to normal as well as improve for the future.

The field is looking in terrific form and that is mainly down to a couple of members who have worked to keep the grass down. The club owes a debt of thanks to committee members John Taylor and Wayne Goble for their efforts in making the field look so good and making it easier to find wayward arrows.

Summer Program

In anticipation of the cessation of lockdown, the Records Officer, Pete Hulme, has produced a new summer program (details later in this edition), starting on Wednesday 30th June. The Sunday morning club shoots will return on the 4th of July with a National round, shot at whatever distance you wish. Hopefully, members will then get back into putting in some scoresheets, so that handicaps can be logged.

I'm happy to say that Sunday the 27th of June seemed to be more like a normal club shoot, so hopefully that will continue.

Setting up on the 27th June



The shoot in progress



Fun Shoot

I was slightly disappointed by the response to my email about the fun shoot. However, I have so far received 14 responses, saying they were unable to attend and that was alright. I've also received 15 responses from members who do wish to attend, so this event will take place on Saturday 10th of July. Apologies to one or two who could only do Sunday, but we had to go with the majority.

If you have not previously notified me, but would like to attend, we can still accommodate more Archers. This event will start at 11 a.m. food will be available at about 12:30. I am sure that this will be a lot of fun, a great social occasion to perhaps meet other members that you may not know yet and maybe win a prize or two.

Beginner's courses

Part of the lifeblood of this (or any) club is the members and replacing them as necessary on an annual basis. I am pleased to say that we are having a lot of interest in people wanting to join a beginner's course.

We had 8 people join our course just before lockdown. However, we had to postpone after only two lessons. I managed to bring them back, thanks to Dave Revell, to finish the course, starting on 29th of May. Five of these beginners finished their course on Sunday 27th of June and joined the club.

Thanks to another of our coaches, Nigel Cam, he will start another course on Wednesday 30th of June. And Dave will begin a further course on Saturday 3rd of July.

Hopefully, all of those completing their courses will join the club and boost our membership by about 20 or 30 new members. Over and above that, we have taken on an additional 8 members who are already experienced Archers.

We will try to keep running more courses as circumstances permit.



Indoor Shooting

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.



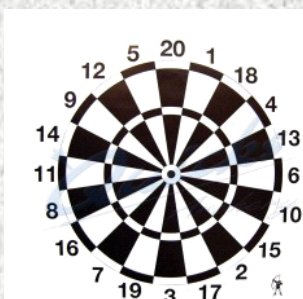
WA Weekend

The Tournament Officer, **John Taylor** says: I am sure many of you are aware, through our website and facebook, that the FoBB WA weekend is happening later this year, obviously subject to restrictions applicable at the time. This was originally scheduled for July 2020 and in a modified form for September 2020; however it was then put back to July this year and recently moved to 25th and 26th September. This is a World Record Status event and is attracting archers from a wide area. FoBB members are also very welcome and will need to enter using the form on our website. Saturday is WA 50 and WA 70 rounds, depending on bowstyle. Sunday WA1440 rounds, 90m for gents and 70m for ladies. There are no junior specific rounds but they are welcome to shoot the adult distances.

Members not wanting to shoot are welcome to come and see how a WRS event works, subject to a lack of restrictions at the time. Also, any help from members will be greatly appreciated as there is plenty to do in preparation and actually running an event like this. Please contact me if you are able to assist in any way. Entry has only been open for 2 weeks but it is filling well, so don't leave it too long to let me know if you are interested in participating in either or both days.

Darts

I know that many members enjoyed a game of darts, before lockdown, and as you will see in the new summer program, darts is to make a comeback.



Brian Chandler has agreed to organise and restart Darts, every other Saturday, starting from the 17th July.

This is a great social occasion and only shot at a very short distance, so anyone can take part. In the past there was also a catering element and it is hoped to reinstate this, depending on demand.

Brian

would obviously like to know how many of you would like to take part, so please contact him or myself as soon as possible, thanks.

And Finally

We need to focus on rebuilding the club and returning to the social and competitive spirit we had before lockdown. The club is open to all Archers, whether you shoot casually or more competitively. I also think that the club should be proud that we currently have four members in the Hampshire archery team and we wish them every success for the future.

Whatever your goals in archery, I hope that together all our club members can help to strengthen the Forest of Bere Bowmen.

Happy shooting

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



Contact Us



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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