

MERDON WHITEBOARD

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Club Hut

The Committee have decided that it is time that we got on with the repair and decoration of the club hut and to this end we will be having a Working Weekend on 9 and 10 July and we are asking for any members of the club who are available to come and give a hand.

The outside of the hut will be prepared for painting in the week prior to this so that we will be ready to apply paint on 9 July – weather permitting, of course. An email has been sent to all members to this effect and asking that personal belongings be removed from the hut by this date so that the inside can be repaired and repainted. Anything not removed, or claimed by this date, will be deemed to belong to the club.

Colin Whysall

If you haven't yet heard I am delighted to report that Colin finished 2nd Gent Recurve at the recent UK Masters Tournament. For those of you new to archery who might not know of the UK Masters this is one of the top Tournaments in the Country and entry is by invitation only to those archers who have achieved Master Bowman or Grand Master Bowman during 2010. In other words the very best archers in the country.

Colin has subsequently been selected to shoot for the England Team at the Euronations Cup in July. GO COLIN!

Abbey Shoot

The Abbey Longbow Shoot was started 11 years ago in memory of Maggie Mullens who sadly died of breast cancer.

Each year the shoot is held on August Bank Holiday Saturday and all proceeds go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Historically this took place at Titchfield Abbey and many of the archers were in historical costume. Unfortunately when English Heritage took over the management of the Abbey it became financially impossible for us to use this venue and we changed to shooting at Merdon Bowman's club at Dunderidge.

Even if you don't shoot longbow please support this very worthy cause if you are able to. The dream of the organisers, Margaret Bunyard and myself, is to be able to raise £1000 in a single year. The nearest we have come is just over £800.

Nearer the date Margaret and I approach local businesses, ie. Budgens, Quicks etc and hopefully get support for the consumables such as tea, coffee, biscuits, target faces etc. so that our outgoings are the absolute minimum. We also try to get the colour prizes donated.

This year we are going to have a raffle with the first prize being a £100 voucher towards travel with Brittany Ferries, so come along and see us, if only to buy a raffle ticket and if you are the lucky winner you may be able to go to France for your Christmas Shopping!

If longbow archery does not 'light your fire' you can always have lunch at the Hampshire Bowman pub next door!

Rachel McCrea

Have-A-Go

For the second year running Club Members organised a Have-a-go session in conjunction with the Hampshire Bowman Portuguese Racing Sardine Day. Although the takings were down on 2010, thanks to the British Summer, we still managed to raise £73 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to those members who both helped and attended. Below are some photos of the day:



Zak and Luke Norris showing their dad how to do it.



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Recent Tournament Success by Merdon Archers

Colin Whysall

- 3rd Gents FITA Meriden Archery Club
- 1st Gents FITA Salisbury
- 1st Gents FITA 70 Southampton AC 1st day
- 1st Gents FITA 70 Southampton AC 2nd day
- 2nd Gents Recurve UK Masters

Gerry Willsmore

- 1st Gents Longbow Morning Round SCAM
- 1st Gents County Recurve Team SCAM Double York
- 1st Gents Recurve Long Western Waterside Archers
- Winner New Forest Trophy Waterside Archers
- 2nd Married Couple Long Western Waterside

Louise Willsmore

- 2nd Ladies Compound AC Delco Easter FITA
- 3rd Ladies Compound Long Western Waterside
- 2nd Married Couple Long Western Waterside
- 3rd Ladies Compound Yateley Windsor

New Club Records

John McCrea

- Gents Longbow Western
- Gents Longbow Long National

Julie Stringer

- Ladies Recurve Junior National

Phil Stringer

- Gents Recurve Junior National

Colin Whysall

- Gents Recurve FITA
- Gents Recurve FITA 70

Gerry Willsmore

- Gents Longbow Double National
- Gents Recurve Double York
- Gents Recurve Windsor

Louise Willsmore

- Ladies Compound Double Hereford
- Ladies Compound Long National
- Ladies Compound New National
- Ladies Compound Windsor

Badges Awarded to Merdon Archers

Dee Corlett

1st Class Badge

Rob Norris

3rd Class Badge

Red Improvers Badge

Matt Potter

Black Improvers Badge

Phil Sellwood

2nd Class Badge (recurve)

Julie Stringer

Red Improvers Badge

Phil Stringer

3rd Class Badge

Blue Improvers Badge

Dates for your diary.

2nd July

Independence Day shoot and American Supper.

3rd July

Wessex Albion – Southampton AC

9th July

AC Delco Longbow Western

10th July

Wiltshire FITA Star

17th July

Bournemouth Blue Lion

23rd July

Overton Black Arrows Field Shoot

24th July

Overton Black Arrows Field Shoot

30th July

Merdon AGM 2:00 p.m.

Andover FITA Star

31st July

Andover FITA Star

7th August

Salisbury Double FITA 70

Saint and Halo - Petersfield

13th -14th August

British Target Championships

Hampshire Field Championships Fort Purbrook

14th August

AC Delco Western

18th August

AC Delco Bus Pass Albion

27th August

Abbey Shoot at Merdon

Devizes Longbow Western

28th August

Devizes York/Hereford

29th August

Devizes American round

Guildford Hereford round

4th September

Collingwood York/Hereford

18th September

Hampshire Championships

Merdon Summer Championships

24th September

Hampshire Longbow Championships

9th October

Agincourt Arrow

Target Is Not The Only Game In Town

This Month – Archery Biathlon.

Another somewhat specialised event this, as you need to be able to ski and have a handy Biathlon Course. Like rifle biathlon competitors ski three or five loops of between 2.5 and 3 kilometers and shoot 2 or 4 times at drop down targets set at a distance of 50 meters. In the case of archery one or two shoots are kneeling (rather than the prone shooting with the rifle) and one or two shoots in the standing position.



Standing shooting – this is done after the kneeling shooting and after the competitor has done at least six kilometres on skis. In the case of the long competition the last shoot comes after skiing some 12 kilometres – about a week in my case.



Shooting from the kneeling position.



This archer is Alexander Os, now one of the top Norwegian rifle biathletes.



You can see the four drop down targets in the range – rifle biathletes have five targets.



Sadly archery biathlon does not have the same following and appeal of the rifle variety so isn't even shown on Eurosport.

Archery Celebrations



You do the Hokey Cokey and you turn aroundthat's what it's all about.

How to take the effort out of archery



Do it lying down. – it should help with keeping your back straight.

A Question of Faith



Don't do this at home – no, really, don't.