

# MERDON WHITEBOARD

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## Dates for your diary.

<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Training 10:30 – 12:00</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Waterside, Long Western round
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Guildford Take a Break
<b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Training 10:30 – 12:00</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Dunster Week
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Training 10:30 – 12:00</b> <b>Have a Go in aid of Charity</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Yateley, Windsor round
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Grand National Archery Meeting
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Training 10:30 – 12:00</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Lytchett Owl, Western round
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Independence Day shoot and American Supper.</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Wessex Albion – Southampton AC
9 <sup>th</sup> July	AC Delco Longbow Western
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Wiltshire FITA Star
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Bournemouth Blue Lion
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Overton Black Arrows Field Shoot
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Overton Black Arrows Field Shoot
<b>30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Merdon AGM</b>
	Andover FITA Star
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Andover FITA Star
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Salisbury Double FITA 70
	Saint and Halo - Petersfield
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> August	British Target Championships
	Hampshire Field Championships Fort Purbrook
14 <sup>th</sup> August	AC Delco Western
18 <sup>th</sup> August	AC Delco Bus Pass Albion
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Devizes Longbow Western
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Devizes York/Hereford
29 <sup>th</sup> August	Devizes American round
	Guildford Hereford round
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Collingwood York/Hereford
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Hampshire Championships
	<b>Merdon Summer Championships</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Hampshire Longbow Championships
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Agincourt Arrow</b>

## Club Polo Shirts



Samples of the new Club Polo Shirts are available for members to try in the club hut. There are four sizes, M, L, XL, and XXL. If M is too big then you should order Small and if XXL is too small you will need to order XXXL. An order form is attached to the back of this edition and hard copies are available in the club hut with the sample shirts. Shirts are available in both short and long sleeve versions and come with the logo embroidered on. You will need to specify the side you want the logo on, right handed archers usually have the logo on the right breast so it will not be covered by your chest guard. You can also have your name embroidered under the logo for a small additional cost.

## Merdon Arrow

The Merdon Arrow took place on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May. X archers took part and the Captain of the Arrow was Katy Moir of AC Delco and the Lieutenant was Gary Gould of Portsdown Archery Club.

Winners of the various categories were:

Gents recurve	Dave Allen	Portsdown
Ladies recurve	Ali Lupton	AC Delco
Gents Compound	John Foley	Ravens
Ladies Compound	Kay Moir	AC Delco
Gents Longbow	John Davies	FOBB
Ladies Longbow	Sandie Baigent	Sway
Gents Barebow	Mark Warren	Gosport
Ladies Barebow	Michaela Pape	Fort Pirbrook
Junior Lady	Rebecca Giddings	Portsdown
Junior Gent	Alex Joseph	Fort Purbrook

Colour Prizes –  
Gold – Katy Moir,

Red – Jane Joseph,

Blue – Mark Lucas,

Black – Trevor Chalk,

White – John Davies.

Lady Paramount's Prize – Gary Carr



Katy Moir, Captain of the Arrow.

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Rather than show more photos of the various winners, as these can be seen on the club web site, I thought I would include a photo of volunteers setting up the field for the shoot.

## AC Delco Easter FITA

Four Merdon archers took part in the 2011 AC Delco Easter FITA, Lloyd Davage, Colin Whysall, Louise Willsmore and me. Colin won the Gents Recurve section and Louise was second in the Ladies Compound section.



## Handicap Improvement Medal

The club has recently taken delivery of a GNAS Handicap Improvement Medal. This is awarded in January each year to the archer who has most improved their handicap from the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.



The GNAS lays down strict rules on eligibility for the medal, archers must have been members of the club for 6 months prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January, have a handicap at the start of the year and have shot at least eight recognised outdoor rounds in the previous year. Archers are assessed at the end of December for each bow type with which they are eligible and the archer with the most improvement will be awarded the medal. There are procedures which can be followed in the event of a tie. One proviso of the award is that the recipient must wear it at each club target day.

This year the following archers are eligible for consideration:

Ken Bleach	Longbow
Lloyd Davage	Recurve
John Martin	Longbow
John McCrea	Longbow
Rachel McCrea	Longbow and Barebow
Phil Sellwood	Compound
Bill Tubbs	Compound and Longbow
Colin Whysall	Recurve
Gerry Willsmore	Recurve and Longbow
Louise Willsmore	Compound and Longbow

At the end of April the archer with the most improvement is John McCrea.

## Awards

Talking to some of our archers one day I realised that some archers are not fully aware of the awards that are available for them to obtain so I have summarised them below:

1. Six Gold Badge – this is awarded to any archer scoring six golds in one end during a competitive recognised round, including club target days. The minimum distances at which the badge can be claimed are 80 yards/70 meters for Gents and 60 yards/60 meters for Ladies. Separate awards are available for recurve and compound bows.
2. Three Gold Badge – this is basically the same as the six gold badge but is limited to longbow archers achieving three golds in an end.
3. Rose Awards – These can only be achieved at “Rose Status” York (gents)/Hereford(ladies) rounds by achieving predetermined scores. Separate badges are available for recurve, compound and longbow. Scores required are as follows:

Recurve	Award	Longbow
800	White	225
900	Black	300
1000	Blue	375

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1100	Red	450
1200	Gold	525
1250	Purple	600

4. FITA Stars – These can only be claimed at Gents/Ladies FITA rounds that have been accorded World Record or FITA Award status. Separate awards are available for recurve and compound bows.

Star	1000
Black	1100
Blue	1200
Red	1300
Gold	1350
Purple	1400

5. English Crosses – These are awarded by the English Archery Federation and can be claimed at record status FITA tournaments. They recognise all bow types and, after you have made your first claim, you can claim badges for lower scores than you achieved, i.e. if you have initially claimed a blue cross you can use any subsequent scores to apply for the green, white and black crosses.

	Longbow	Barebow	Recurve	Compound
Green	250	450	850	N/a
White	350	550	950	950
Black	450	650	1050	1050
Blue	550	750	1150	1150
Red	650	850	1250	1250
Gold	750	950	1325	1325
Purple	850	1025	1375	N/a

6. FITA Target Awards – These are open to archers shooting specified rounds with a recurve or compound bow at tournaments with World Record/FITA Award Status. Rounds for which the award can be claimed are FITA 70, Half FITA, FITA 900, FITA 25m and FITA 18.
7. Classification Badges – These can be split into two types. Third, Second, First and Bowman class are administered by Clubs whilst Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman are administered by the GNAS. A copy of the tables containing the score levels required to gain a classification with all bow types is available in the club hut. Archers can hold different classifications in different archery disciplines. Archers who have failed to reach the qualifying scores for third class are listed as unclassified. Archers who have failed to shoot three rounds required to acquire a classification are defined as non-classified.
8. Beginners Progress Awards – as per the April edition of the Whiteboard.
9. Handicap Improvement Medal – see above.



## Target Is Not The Only Game In Town

This Month – Horse Archery

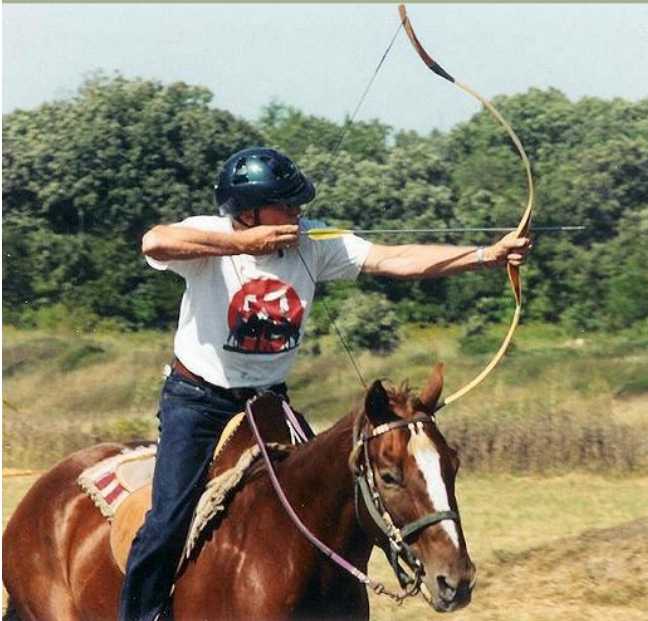
A bit specialised this – first and foremost you need a horse and the ability to ride without holding the reins. Before I began to look into this I was under the misapprehension that this was a rare type of archery restricted to eastern Europe and Japan. It appears to be thriving in many parts of the world including Britain – there is even a British Horse Archery Association. I also underestimated the speed at which the archers rode past the targets but, as you can see from some of the photos, the horses are moving at a fair lick as they pass the target.



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*Health and Safety in the West means that archers wear protective headgear and apparently ride a lot slower than the Japanese. Also there is no sign of any judges, whereas you can see the judges sitting close to the target in the Japanese photos.*



*What's this? A cowboy shooting a bow and arrow from horseback – now I have seen everything.*



*Asian and Eastern European horse archery has a long tradition.*



*Only in Japan would you have spectators sitting watching a guy sitting on a wooden horse shooting arrows.*

## Korean Ladies Archery Team Selection Test part 7



*After this a FITA70 will seem like childs play.*

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## Ring a ring a roses.



*This looks a fun alternative. I do not know exactly how this works as the picture had no description but could be done on either an individual or team basis with the archers walking in a circle and taking turns to shoot their six arrows. Anyone fancy trying it?*

## Could you keep your nerve?



*70 meter head to head shooting. The current system (it has changed several times in the last few years) is that archers shoot up to 3 "sets" of six arrows with 4 minutes allowed for the six arrows. The archer with the highest score in the set gets 2 points (1 point each for a draw) and the match is won when one archer gets 4 points. If it is a draw after 3 sets it is then sudden death with both archers shooting one arrow and the one nearest the pin hole being the winner.*

## How the Red Indians Discovered Gravity



*No wonder they lost.*

## A Question of Faith



*One way to give up smoking .....permanently.*

## Archery Celebrations



*You put your left arm in, left arm out.....*

## The Spirit of Archery



*Bow hunter at twilight.*