

# MERDON WHITEBOARD

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#### Dates for your diary.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> October Hampshire County Clout Champs Exbury Gardens
- 8<sup>th</sup> October **Set up field for Agincourt Arrow**
- 9<sup>th</sup> October **Agincourt Arrow 11 a.m.**
- 16<sup>th</sup> October **Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Frostbite 10:30 a.m.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October AC Delco 24 Hour Marathon Shoot
- 31<sup>st</sup> October **Halloween Fun Shoot 7 p.m.**
- 6<sup>th</sup> November FOBB Crookhorn Indoor, Portsmouth
- 13<sup>th</sup> November **Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Frostbite 10:30 a.m.**  
AC Delco Indoor Fleming Park
- 9<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Meal 7.30 p.m.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Fun Shoot 2 p.m.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> December **Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Frostbite 10:30 a.m.**  
County Indoor Championships Fleming Park

#### 2012

- 8<sup>th</sup> January **Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Frostbite 10:30 a.m.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> January **Burns Night Fun Shoot 7 p.m.**
- 12<sup>th</sup> February **Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Frostbite 10:30 a.m.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> March **Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.**  
**Winter Championships 10:30 a.m.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> March **TAM Shoot 11 a.m.**
- 6<sup>th</sup> April **Good Friday Fun Shoot 2 p.m.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> April **St George's Day Fun Shoot 2 p.m.**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April **Merdon Fun Shoot 11 a.m.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> May **Set up field for Merdon Arrow**
- 6<sup>th</sup> May **Merdon Arrow 11 a.m.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> June **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Fun Shoot 2 p.m.**
- 7<sup>th</sup> July **Independence Day Fun Shoot 2 p.m.**
- 4<sup>th</sup> August **Olympic Shoot 2 p.m.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> August **Abbey Shoot**
- 6<sup>th</sup> October **Set up field for Agincourt Arrow**
- 7<sup>th</sup> October **Agincourt Arrow 11 a.m.**
- 31<sup>st</sup> October **Halloween Fun Shoot 7 p.m.**
- 7<sup>th</sup> December **Christmas Meal 7.30 p.m.**

#### Club Summer Championships

The Summer Championship winner was John Martin who scored his best ever Western – congratulations John.

The full results of the Championships were:

<b>Gents Longbow</b>	
John McCrea	500
John Martin	417
Mike O'Leary	166
<b>Ladies Longbow</b>	
Rachel McCrea	284
<b>Gents Barebow</b>	
Don Boddy	323
Phil Stringer	256
<b>Ladies Barebow</b>	
Dee Corlett	256 (National round shot)
<b>Gents Recurve</b>	
Mike Moran	271
<b>Gents Compound</b>	
Phil Sellwood	848
Bill Tubbs	826



*John Martin – Summer Club Champion*

#### Continued From Last Month

#### Toilet Facilities

Following on from the decision at the AGM to dispose of the chemical toilet, Heather (landlady at the Hampshire Bowman) has kindly offered the club the use of the toilets at the pub on any day from 8.30 a.m. and not just when we are holding a tournament.

#### Agincourt Arrow

Can club members please assist by providing raffle prizes for the Agincourt Arrow in October.

Your assistance would also be appreciated in setting up the field on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The more members who help the quicker the field is set up.

#### New Club Records

John McCrea

- Gents Longbow Long Western
- Gents Longbow Long Warwick
- Gents Longbow Albion
- Gents Longbow Warwick

Louise Willsmore

- Ladies Compound Western
- Ladies Compound Hereford



*Bill Tubbs displays the walking stick trophy that he won at the first AC Delco Bus Pass Albion that was reported last month.*

## By Request.

Following the July/August edition I had an email from Alan Miller congratulating me on finding a photo of Ken at the 1908 Olympics and asking if I could find any more. Searching through my archive of archery photos I found the following photo which is untitled but may be an early photo of our President. No doubt Ken will confirm or deny it.



*My Ken, what a big one you've got!*

## Formal Archery Attire

Until the recent changes to the GNAS dress code archers were expected to wear plain dark green and/or white. When the club colours were first introduced a few years ago many of the archers of my generation (i.e. grumpy old men) tut-tutted and said that we should stick to "traditional" colours. As I search the internet for interesting/funny/stupid photos to put in the Whiteboard I come across large numbers of photos taken between the wars which show that, far from being traditional attire, it appears that plain green and white were not worn that much. I accept that it is difficult to say accurately what the colours were in black and white photos but, judging from the style of clothes and patterns on them, and from my own memory of what my grandparents wore, I would be gobsmacked if colour photos of that date turned up with archers in green and white.



## What is a Robin Hood?

I have recently seen discussions in various archery magazines about what constitutes a genuine "Robin Hood". Some people argue that to claim a Robin Hood you have to hit your own arrow, whilst others say that any arrow that sticks in the end of another arrow is a Robin Hood. If we look at the original story of Robin Hood it states that in the tournament between Robin and the Captain of Archers, the Captain had shot his arrow into the middle of the gold and that Robin won by splitting the Captain's arrow (surely that would be a draw – but never mind). In which case to claim a genuine "Robin Hood" you should embed your arrow in the end of an opponents arrow which is in the centre of the gold. No matter which is correct I can only say that, having had three of my arrows hit by another arrow it is usually an expensive business as you have to replace the arrow.



*A young lad proudly showing off his "Robin Hood" – bet his dad wasn't so pleased.*



*This is the result of a carbon arrow shot from a Compound bow into the back of my wife's aluminium arrow. The carbon arrow went completely inside and only needed new fletchings. The Jazz arrow was trashed.*

## And You Thought 100 Yards Was A Long Way!

