

*Eastbourne Archers (LSC)* 



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# Newsletter

Welcome to your latest Archery Newsletter. There has been a bit of a gap since our last update for two reasons.

Firstly I have been rather busy with our new family members – my Cocker Spaniel puppy called Harley who, if you have been down on a Saturday or Wednesday, you may have met, and our most recent addition of a kitten called Hugo.

Secondly, I have been short on articles to include and thirdly, it has been a relatively quiet period on the calendar.

In this edition we are introducing a new series of committee member profiles and we are starting with the Treasurer and Equipment Officer.	We have the Ramblings of the Record Officer and some information on some Historical Rounds
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## Smoking Dogs

Just in case anyone missed the latest email from our secretary....

As I am sure you will have noticed there is an increase in four legged members of the club making regular visits to the field (including our own dog, Harley) Whilst their arrival is not unwelcome I have been asked to make the following plea to owners regarding the control of their dogs.

Regardless of whether you are shooting or collecting please ensure that your hound remains behind the **WAITING LINE** at all times. Once the range is set up dogs must not be allowed past the shooting line under any circumstances. I can recommend a couple of local shops who will gladly sell you a ground spike and long line which will allow your dog a degree of freedom without it causing a distraction to other archers or putting itself in danger from arrows. I would also remind you that should muttley make a deposit on the field it is your responsibility to clean it up. It would also be appreciated if any such deposits are disposed of properly (there is a poo bin right by the entrance to Langney Sports) rather than being festooned upon the local trees! The club cannot be held responsible for any injuries or damage caused by, or indeed to, your dogs so please do keep them under proper control.

I have also been asked to remind those of you who do feel the need to smoke that, smokers are kindly asked not to smoke on the shooting line at any time or anywhere where their smoke can drift over other members, especially juniors. This applies to e-cigarettes as well.

#### Upcoming Dates:-

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Open Longbow/Barebow Tournament – help required for set up please

August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Rose Award Open Shoot – help required both days please

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August - Junior Competition

## **RECORDS OFFICER RAMBLINGS**

Due to the changes to the Rules of Shooting effective April this year, all references to FITA have now been changed to WA (World Archery). This means that all FITA rounds have been renamed e.g. Gents Fita is now WA 1440 Gents; Ladies Fita is now WA 1440 Ladies. The Fita 70 is now WA 70 etc. All Fita indoor rounds also now start WA. Club records relating to these rounds have been renamed and we should start to use the new names immediately. I won't penalise you if you forget.....yet! but it is not going to go away and we should get used to the change! I personally dislike it!!

There have been several handicap successes so far this year:

Andrew Britsch	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Longbow
Mel Coley	1 <sup>st</sup> Class Recurve
Samantha Hookway	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Recurve

If you are struggling and would love to progress, don't forget we have several coaches available to whip you in to shape! You just have to ask.

## LOST ARROW FORMS

Now that the field has been shaved (we now have a contract direct with Milhams) a number of lost arrows have reappeared. Many did not have forms completed so that they could be easily returned to their loving owners (some owners even admitted to not realising they had lost them in the first place!)

If you lose an arrow, please fill in a form (it's pink and in the container), mark on the back where you lost the arrow and you may get it back....probably bent by the time the mower has run over it a few times! There's a moral there somewhere.

It is also advisable to put your name on your arrows. Unfortunately for Nigel, he did everything correctly, unfortunately the dog that chewed his arrow could not read!!



Marilyn's 3 gold end at 70 yards



#### **Exciting News For Michaela**

It's been confirmed that Michaela Lake has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Euronations 3D field archery championships in Estonia.

#### Treasurer

I have been involved in accounts based roles for over 20 years now, starting out within the accounts team of Llewellyns, the Eastbourne family run building contractors, and currently work in the finance section of Sussex Police.

In my spare time, I also help out with two units within Girl Guiding- a Guide and Ranger Guide unit. I was asked to assist with the Guide unit nine years ago, and now arrange programmes and visits, deal with memberships, and yes, I do deal with their accounts as well! Guiding is a great part of my life, having done this for nearly 10 years now, and it really gives me a buzz seeing girls that I knew as 12 year olds, going through College, University and coming back to help run, or come and visit units.

So when did archery come into things? I first heard about Eastbourne Archers after my daughter, Shayla, had a taster evening at the PGL centre at Windmill Hill, and seemed to enjoy it. We decided to look for a local archery group, and look into cost etc, as we thought it would be good for her.

Shayla came along to meet Paul and Daniel back in August 2012, and as she came on a weekly basis, I knew she was thoroughly enjoying herself, and I learned more and more about the sport, and the club, until here I am, a non shooting member, but I have a feeling that this may change this year!!

Ian Cosham

#### **Equipment Officer**

Retired about 7 years ago from a career in IT. Married to Sue who is a nurse/carer still working part-time. We live near Princes Park in Eastbourne and have a son Jamie who is an airline pilot living with his girlfriend in Battersea. I was planning to play a lot of golf with the time on my hands, but my back complained loudly. Sue had taken up line-dancing and mentioned that her teacher Ros was keen on archery and I thought 'AHA!'. I really enjoy it, good bunch of people of all backgrounds and ages, bit of friendly competition and trying to beat my pb's. Maybe I'll get a new bow soon then I'm bound to improve....?

#### Martin Taylor

## AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT....!

After the success of our St. Leonard's round earlier in the year, we held the second historical/foreign round day today (Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June). The weather was gloriously warm, which was fitting considering the names of some of the rounds we were shooting, Tropical, Australian and Malayan (nobody fancied the Metropolitan (perhaps the name was too English))! We could have managed without the strong head/side wind, but, hey, this is Eastbourne, we don't expect anything different.

These rounds were taken from a historical list from Australia and were chosen for the mix of odd combinations of distance coupled to odd numbers of dozens, all shot on a 122 cm face. Each round was eligible for a Club Record, which could only be claimed when shot today.

Ten lucky members received the first Club Record for their chosen round in their bowstyle, as follows:

#### TROPICAL 7.5 doz @ 70 yards

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Colin Allcorn	Recurve	432
Sam Hookway	Recurve	326
John Duerdoth	Barebow	411
Paula Newnham	Barebow	368
Dave Egalton	Longbow	44
Marilyn Dewar	Longbow	379/317 (Double 696)

#### SHORT AUSTRALIAN 10 doz (5 doz @ 60y; 2.5 doz @ 50y;

<u>2.5 doz @ 30y)</u>	
Sue Koch	
Julie Arthur	

Comp	953
Longbow	396

#### MAYALAN 7.5 doz (3 doz @ 60y; 2.5 doz @ 50y;

<u>3 doz @ 40y)</u> Glvnn McCluskev

Barebow 463

#### <u>SHORT MALAYAN 7.5 doz (3 doz @ 50y; 2.5 doz @ 40y;</u> <u>2 doz @ 30y)</u> Shavla Cosham (Jnr) Recurve 349

All records will be held for one year or until we hold the next historical/foreign round day. I shall be on the lookout for more interesting rounds to add to the list for next year.

On a personal note, I was delighted to shoot a longbow three gold end at 70 yards (to complete a full house of distances from 60 yards to 80 yards).

#### MARILYN DEWAR

HISTORICAL/F ROUNDS	Distance in Yards (122 cm face)									
Round	Total Dozen Arrows	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30	20
Metropolitan	12.5	2.5		2.5		2.5	2.5	2.5		
Intermediate Metropolitan	12.5			2.5		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	
Short Metropolitan	10					2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	
Junior Metropolitan	10						2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Australian	10			5		2.5		2.5		
Short Australian	10					5	2.5		2.5	
Junior Australian	7.5							2.5	2.5	2.5
Tropical	7.5				7.5					
Tropical	7.5				7.5					
Malayan	7.5					3	2.5	2		
Junior Malayan	7.5						3	2.5	2	