



OBA Newsletter

July 2012

Andover & Old Basing Archers (ANDOBA) Double FITA Star World Record Status Shoot 27 – 29 July 2012

Old Basing Archers and Andover Archers have organised and run this shoot since 1990. It is a two-day event of World and National record status with 60 targets (20 lady's and 40 men's— no juniors). It is always held the last weekend in July. A FITA Round consists of three dozen arrows @ 90,70,50 & 30 metres for the Gents and the same number of arrows for the Ladies @ 70, 60, 50 and 30 metres. The round is shot on the Saturday and Sunday hence the "Double" in the title. The shoot carries world record status and if any world or national records are broken they will count, subject to ratification. When the event is fully booked (and it nearly always is) we will be looking after about 240 archers, providing them with an efficient, slick and well-paced shoot.

To achieve this end it is important that we have sufficient manpower to carry out the necessary tasks as follows:

1. Friday. (Attendance needed from 0850 hours to 1300 hours). OBA have the responsibility for marking out the range starting at about 0900 hours. Using a theodolite we ensure that we have a square range, a 180m shooting line which is straight to within ± 10 cm and all the distance lines straight and accurately positioned to within ± 30 mm along its entire length. The major undertaking is the white lining of all the distance lines and the shooting lanes. We estimate that the total length of all the white lines is approx 8000 metres!!

We shall, therefore, need about 10 volunteers to help and share the tasks, usually finishing by about 1300 hours, followed a free all-day breakfast in the Rugby club.

2. Saturday. (Attendance needed from 0800 hours). OBA. During the day there will be long periods of inactivity followed by short bursts of frantic activity. Main tasks—field party— looking for lost arrows and shifting targets at distance changes (modern lightweight targets make it much easier now), replacing worn out or damaged faces and general maintenance of range equipment as requested by Judges or Field captain. We will also supply bodies to collect score sheets from the archers at the end of each dozen so that the computer and score board can be updated on a regular basis and to ensure that the results will be available very soon after shooting ceases.

At the end of the days shooting all targets are returned to the longest distances in preparation for the Sunday shoot, with luck the archers may help!

3. Sunday. (Attendance needed from 0800 hours). Same as Saturday but there is the clear-up at the end of the day i.e. the taking down of gazeboes, scoreboard and traffic lights and general tidying up of the field.

Bottom line - this shoot is our principal fund-raiser — the income/surplus helps keep our subscription at a reasonable level. Finally you get to see how big shoots are run, meet other archers, talk to other club members, and get the feel of competitive archery—all very enjoyable

P.S Bring a picnic or try the rugby club catering (quite good but basic)

Archery GB Big Weekend

Archery GB is organising an Archery Big Weekend on 25–27 August —and wants all clubs to take part in it! There will be taster archery sessions taking place across the country for new people to try the sport in a friendly setting. It has been suggested that we might put on :

- Demonstrations of shooting different types of bow at a reasonable distance 50yds perhaps.
- A chance for visitors to try their hand at shooting a basic recurve bow. For insurance reasons this would have to be restricted to targets at 10yds with the targets mounted close to the ground.
- Technical displays
 - fletching and arrow making
 - making bow strings
 - a display showing the compound, recurve bows and long bows

If you are keen to support this nation-wide initiative contact Vic Bostock asap.

HAA Fees ha ha!

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and London Olympics Year, it has been decided to waive HAA fee for 2012/13 (payable in September 2012). The fees will resume as normal for payment in September 2013 for the year 2013/14. It will be at each Club's discretion with agreement from their own members how they wish to utilise the waived fees but it is hoped that it will be used for the benefit of archery.

Concrete Bows

It is commonly held that engineers can be an odd lot, but none come so strange as those from the more rarified academic establishments. One such eminent engineer, Sir Alan Harris, whose speciality is reinforced concrete (now there's a conversation killer if ever there was one) even went so far as to design, build and demonstrate a reinforce- concrete bow.

Club Polo Shirts

Steve Learwood writes:

Over the last few weekends I have been asked by new and existing members about how they could purchase Club Polo Shirts.

If anyone wishes to purchase Club Polo Shirts they are available to order through myself at a cost of £14.00 each. They are available in either white or green and come embroidered with the OBA Club Logo.

The other details that I would require from anyone wanting shirts is:

- (a) Colour
- (b) Size (S, M, L etc)
- (c) Left or Right handed archer (this is the hand that holds the string)
- (d) Payment (cheques to be made payable to 'Old Basing Archers') or Cash.

For those of you that have shirts or would prefer to supply your own shirts, then embroidery is £9 for the logo and if you keep forgetting your name this can also be added for £4.

I would prefer to put in one order so please let me know within the next week, preferably by email. (stephen.learwood@sky.com)

Once ordered shirts take a couple of weeks to be made up.

Etiquette

(1) Lost arrows, if any member cannot find an arrow please ensure it is noted in the lost arrows book, likewise anyone finding an arrow should check the book and mark the lost arrow record as found with the

date, the arrow can then be left on the bench for the owner to collect.

(2) When 'Fast' is called would all members ensure they repeat the call so the whole line hears and remove arrows from the bows, then wait for the field captain to whistle or call continue before shooting on.

(3) Any club equipment that has become damaged should be left on the bench not returned to the normal storage area as the next person to use the equipment will be disappointed and the equipment officer will be annoyed.

Items from the committee

If anyone would like to organise tidying up the garden area at the end of the equipment store please contact the club secretary.

It was agreed at the committee that archers may record and submit scores on Monday and Wednesday evenings, but practise and training would take priority so those archers practicing/training or tuning bows will not be pressured into hurrying to accomodate the completion of a round.

A new beginners course for the Autumn will starting on September 8th and will run for three weeks.

A high-speed camera for video coaching was suggested, the committee thought that as an amateur club it was not necessary to have high-speed equipment, it was agreed to test out what benefits a normal camera system could give before pursuing the purchase.

Our usual Burleigh friendly shoot date will be 16th September.

Vic Bostock was co-opted to the committee as Chairman pro tem until next AGM.

The meeting agreed that any keyholder must be experienced as a field captain as this is the de facto role assumed in the absence of another experienced member. It was reiterated that only the club treasurer should be getting keys cut and distributing them.

The meeting agreed that the club would fund entry to the Alton and Fourmarks Acorn shoot since it is ideal for new members to compete in a competition. Please take note of the notice board for details.

A new metal detector is to be purchased, as two of the existing ones are broken.

Tailpiece



The visiting member took exception to being reminded of clothing regulations.....