



ON THE LINE

Lincoln Archers Club Magazine



July 2009

Committee Notes

The club's shoot on 3rd May was well attended and raised around £200 towards the club's funds.

Thank you to all who helped out at this event.

INDOOR SEASON

We've placed our booking for the indoor season with Yarborough.

The sessions are -

Sundays – 4 October 2009 to 28 March 2010
(14.00 to 15.55)

Thursdays 8 October 2009 to 25 March 2010
(20.15 to 22.15)

HAVE A GO SESSION

Washingborough Playing Fields Association's Summer Gala is on 6th September and we have been asked to do a have a go session as usual.

This year however, normal club shooting will not be available during the gala day.

Dates for Your Diary

Aug 16 th	Club Fun Clout Shoot
Aug 27 th	Outdoor Evening Shooting Ends
Sep 27 th	FITA 900 Club Shoot
Sep 27 th	Outdoor Sunday Shooting Ends
Oct 3 rd	Move gear indoors to Yarborough

Parental Reminder

If your child is under 16 then you must be present at all times while your child is shooting.

For those from 16 to 18, although you need not stay at the session, the club must be given an emergency contact name and number on each occasion for this to be possible

WHO'S WHO IN THE CLUB

Chairman	Ian Prescott
Secretary	Richard Waters
Treasure	Dennis Robson
Members Representative	Peter Wade
Beginners Course Organiser	Dennis Robson
Membership Secretary	Dennis Robson
Equipment Officer	Steve Bullen
Web Site	Matt Ellis
Newsletter Editor	Ray Smith
Records Officer	Alan Staples
Junior Representative	Richard Dunning
Publicity Officer	Ray Smith
Field Archery Representative	Dan Godfrey
Tournament Officer	Ian Prescott
Child Protection Officer	Stephanie Hogan

Your assistance is required to run these events, so please put these dates into your diary. More details about the events are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Your help in the move the equipment to Yarborough for the indoor season is essential.

Many hands make light work!

The Battle Of Hastings

King Harold was inspecting his troops on the eve of the Battle of Hastings, chatting with them a bit, trying to raise their morale, that sort of thing.

He went to the swordsmen first, choosing a soldier at random from amongst the ranks. "Do you feel ready for the battle tomorrow?" he asked.

"Oh yes, sire," the swordsman responded eagerly.

"Handy with that thing are you?" Harold asked, indicating the man's sword.

"Reasonably so, sire," the man replied. "Watch." He bent down, picked up a handful of grass, flung it in the air, and waved his sword about. When the grass fell down again, it had been cut into a neat line of soldier figures.

"Good work, man," said Harold, impressed, "and good luck in the battle."

"Thank you, sire," said the soldier.

King Harold proceeded to inspect the pikemen. "Are you looking forward to the battle?" he asked one of their number.

"Yes, sire," the man replied.

"Good with your pike, are you?" the King asked.

"Not bad," the pikeman said. "See that flock of birds?" Harold nodded, and the pike flashed in the soldiers hand. It went sailing through the air, right through the centre of the flock, and when it came down five birds were skewered on it.

"Well done," said Harold, "and good luck in the battle tomorrow."

He then went to the archers, who stood proudly with their longbows, looking intimidating even to someone on their side. "Are you ready for

tomorrow's battle?" King Harold asked one bowman.

The man squinted at him a bit, then said, "Good Lord, it's the King! Um, yes I'm ready."

"What can you do with that bow, then?" Harold asked him.

"What? Oh, this thing? I dunno. Someone gave me it yesterday and told me to stay with these people here."

"Well... do you see that barn over there, about twenty yards away?"

The archer peered in the direction of Harold's pointing finger. "Oh yes, I see it," he said at last.

"Do you think you could hit that?"

"I think so." He lined himself up with the barn, grunting with the effort of drawing the bow, and loosed the arrow. It sailed past the barn, five feet too high and ten feet to the left.

"Did I hit it?" he asked.

"Er, yes," said Harold, clapping him on the back. "Well done, and good luck."

Then the King turned to the captain of archery and said in an undertone, "Watch out for that man tomorrow, will you? He'll have somebody's eye out with that thing."

Archers and Swordsmen

What do archers say to guys with swords?

"You can run if you want but you'll only die tired."

Real Archers?

What do real archers say to compound archers?

"I see you still have your training wheels on your bow."

FUN FIELD SHOOT: SUNDAY 19 JULY 2009

On Saturday afternoon, a few of us gathered at Washingborough to clean out the cabins, mend equipment, fit new sites to club bows, and also to put the new 2D animal faces on the straw bosses ready for Dan's Fun Field shoot on Sunday. The weather that afternoon was a bit dodgy and young Scott Bullen said to his Dad "What if it rains on the Fun Field Shoot?", to which Steve replied "Then it'll just be a Field Shoot!" (how we laughed!).

Well Sunday came around; a heavy shower round 7.00am (I know - I was outside at work in it!), then it dried up, cloudy but warm, and the chances of a dry shoot were fairly good.

About 35 Lincoln Archers/Lincoln Junior Archers turned out for the meet. Shortly after Dan had directed the setting out of the targets and briefed everyone on the scoring system, we commenced shooting. Shortly after that it commenced raining – quite a lot!

When the rain stopped and we emerged from the cabin, cars, umbrellas etc, we found that the new paper 2D faces had almost disintegrated. But the sun was warm and our spirits still high, we replaced them with a couple of spares and some old 2D faces and got on with the shoot.

The four 3D targets (including the new stag which caused much discussion on assembly as to which round the antlers fitted!) were popular and took a bit of a hammering, the little 2D skunk close range target didn't seem to be too badly damaged – those short shots always catch folk out.

At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed the change and once again Dan's annual Fun Field Shoot has proved a success, and in spite of the rain, it was still fun. Thanks Dan for organising the shoot.

The winners were;

Boys junior recurve –

1st Alistair Emptage (94)

2nd Lyndon Timmings-Thompson (68)

Girls junior recurve-

1st Sigourney Lee (84)

Gents recurve-

1st Ian Prescott (164)

2nd Allan Hale and Dan Taylor (124)

Ladies recurve-

1st Sarah Woods (106)

2nd Steph Hogan (104)

Gents longbow-

1st Richard Waters (86)

2nd Pete Wade (42)

I did take some photos – but as usual with my photography, the results were rubbish so I will rely on Sandra's photos to illustrate the afternoon! Hope yours turned out OK Sandra.

- Richard Waters (Club Secretary)

EMAS DOUBLE FITA STAR

Thanks to Ian Prescott for all the many hours of work he has put into hosting this event, setting it up and making sure it ran smoothly. Thanks also to Marion Prescott and Pete and Diane Wade for catering, and to all the members who gave time to help to mark out, set up, move bosses, metal detect, and take down.

The event must have been popular because people came from clubs all over the country! I know there were several caravans and tents on site for the weekend.

The Dangers of Hunting

A couple of hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing. His eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other guy whips out his mobile phone and calls the emergency services.

He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?"

The operator, in a calm, soothing voice, says: "Just take it easy. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There's silence, then a shot is heard.

The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says, "Okay, now what?"

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Editorial

The newsletter is very short this time as I haven't had any material to put in it!

There are just a few belated notes from a committee meeting, dates for your diaries and some "humorous" items. Thankfully Richard Waters was able to provide a few additional words about events, plus a picture from Sandra.

For the newsletter to work, to be a benefit to club members and to be a window into the club to those who may be interested in joining I need you.

What you have done at a competition is of interest, what other archery related event or course you have been to is news.

All of this will paint a vivid picture of the life of the club and benefits everyone by making it interesting.

I have not been able to attend as many sessions as I would have liked over the past few months, but would still like ALL members to remember that it needs YOUR input to make the newsletter work.

So, drop me a few lines in an e-mail, send pictures or, if you prefer, put pen to paper and share your experiences with all of us.

Let us know about your achievements, even if they're not archery related.

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