

# Merdon Whiteboard

## February 2014

Well we are moving into the new year and the days are getting longer. We have some new starters who are going through the training and some doing refresher courses so there are likely to be some new faces at the club this month. There is one downside though, one of the new starters is my brother so there will be two of us you will have to put up with!

At the last committee meeting it was decided to bring the shooting time forward for the Summer Season to 10:15am with the committee meetings starting at 09:00am. Hopefully this will all give us more time after shooting to have some quality family time (or maybe more time in the pub?)

The 60th Merdon Arrow is fast approaching and I hope we can count on some help on the 3rd May to help setup the field please.

I would like to apologise for a mistake made in one of the articles last month. Gerry has advised that it is north of them where they shoot at black pudding. "Here is the home of pork scratchings - they are much harder to hit and you can get them in 5 kilo bags in Birmingham market!"

Gerry has sent us a report on his first weeks at his new club and I have included this on page 2 (I think he's missing us ;-)



Do you know anyone who would be interested in archery? Why not get them to come along to the club and have a go? Let's try and recruit more members this year than we ever have and grow the club to be one of the biggest and best in Hampshire

### Chocks away

We have a mystery to solve. The multiplying wheel chocks.

At one point we didn't have enough and had to keep chasing the targets down the field. We now have so many Bill needs a wheelbarrow to pick them up before he cuts the grass! I am not sure if they have been breeding :)

### Committee members

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Rob Norris     | Chairman & Child Protection Officer |
| Ken Bleach     | Life President                      |
| Drew Collier   | Treasurer                           |
| Bill Tubbs     | Field Officer                       |
| Julie Stringer | Tournament Secretary                |
| Phil Stringer  | Records Officer                     |
| Mark Gowing    | Secretary                           |
| Jon Dawkins    | Equipment Officer                   |

### Items for Sale

If you have any old equipment you would like to sell, drop me an email and I will add it on here .

I'm jonathan.dawkins1@ntlworld.com

(The Club takes no responsibility for the sale of any goods between members)

### Are you lot shooting or waiting for a bus ?



## The Missionary Position—News from Up North

Arrived in the Shropshire wilderness mid-December and set up camp. The porters we had hired took fright, dropped our belongings and fled back to the south.

To replenish our supplies we travelled some distance to the west, where the natives spoke a strange, incomprehensible tongue. Fortunately, with gestures and speaking loudly, we were able to communicate with Johnny foreigner sufficiently to obtain the supplies we needed.

Finally met the local tribe early January who, fortunately, proved to be friendly.

Enough of this Victorian explorer speak, I hear you cry.

Seriously we have joined Bowbrook Archers and have been shooting indoors with them. We have a choice of five sessions, two on Monday, two on Thursday and one on Friday, which is useful as we can choose a session to suit whatever we are doing. Friday is the best for us as it is only a ten minute journey and the hall has much more room. Everyone we have met has been friendly and welcoming. We are looking forward to the outdoor season when we will meet more of the club members.

At the end of January we shot a postal Portsmouth and put up excellent scores with the longbows, mine being a personal best.

The Shropshire team are excited to find out that Louise shoots her compound to a high standard as they are short of good lady compound archers. They don't, however, need me. Doh!

As Telford is just down the A5 we went along to take a look at the Euro Indoor and met a lot of familiar faces. In particular former Merdon member, Lloyd Davage, who was shooting with no less than Brady Ellison. (photo attached). Speaking of Ellison, whilst I was ordering lunch in the Telford International, he came along to order his lunch – hamburger and fries! No longer will I feel guilty about not having a low fat, high carb lunch at tournaments like it recommends in all the books – result.

The trade show was a great opportunity to see the 2014 offerings but it was disappointing that most of the goodies were not available to purchase, especially as I fell in love with a beautiful purple Hoyt riser.

I did, however, buy some 70 mm XS Wings, which are claimed to be more robust than the alternatives like Spin Wings. I tried them on an old set of Navigators and they proved to be as good as the manufacturers claim as, despite clattering my arrows and breaking a pinnock, the vanes were unmarked. Unfortunately, being so long, they are significantly slower than my normal spin wings which means they won't be much use much above 60 yards.

Speaking to one of the club members this week I was told that at Lilleshall they no longer teach beginners barebow technique on week one but start straight away with an open hand, Mediterranean hold and jaw line anchor point method. Bill – isn't it good to be proven correct.

Good shooting,

Gerry



| Date       | Start Time | Round                             | Distance and ends  | External competition            |
|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 02/02/2014 | 11:00      | Short Warwick                     | (2 Dozen at 60 yds. 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )   |                                 |
| 09/02/2014 | 09:30      | Committee Meeting                 |  | Hampshire Indoor Championships  |
| 09/02/2014 | 11:00      | Winter Championship Frostbite     | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   | Hampshire Indoor Championships  |
| 16/02/2014 | 11:00      | Short National                    | (4 Dozen at 50 yds. 2 Dozen at 40 yds.)  |                                 |
| 23/02/2014 | 11:00      | America                           | (2.5 Dozen at 60 yds. 2.5 Dozen at 50yds 2.5 Dozen at 40 yds.)   |                                 |
| 02/03/2014 | 11:00      | Frostbite                         | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 09/03/2014 | 09:30      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 09/03/2014 | 11:00      | Winter Championship Frostbite     | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 16/03/2014 | 11:00      | Short Warwick                     | (2 Dozen at 60 yds. 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )   |                                 |
| 23/03/2014 | 11:00      | America                           | (2.5 Dozen at 60 yds. 2.5 Dozen at 50yds 2.5 Dozen at 40 yds.)   |                                 |
| 30/03/2014 | 11:00      | National                          | (4 Dozen at 60 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )  |                                 |
| 31/03/2014 | 11:00      | Western                           | (4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)  |                                 |
| 06/04/2014 | 11:00      | Fita 50                           |  |                                 |
| 13/04/2014 | 11:00      | Short Windsor                     | (3 Dozen at 50 yds3 Dozen at 40 yds3 Dozen at 30 yds.  |                                 |
| 13/04/2014 | 09:00      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 20/04/2014 | 10:15      | Summer Championship Western       | ( 4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)   | AC Delco Easter FITA            |
| 27/04/2014 | 10:15      | FITA 50 (Club merdon arrow)       |  |                                 |
| 03/05/2014 | 10:15      | 60th Merdon Arrow (set up field)  |  |                                 |
| 04/05/2014 | 10:15      | 60th Merdon Arrow                 |  |                                 |
| 11/05/2014 | 10:15      | National                          | (4 Dozen at 60 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )  |                                 |
| 11/05/2014 | 09:00      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 18/05/2014 | 10:15      | Summer Championship Western       | ( 4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)   |                                 |
| 25/05/2014 | 10:15      | Hereford                          | (6 Dozen 80 yds. 4 Dozen 60 yds. 2 Dozen 50 yds.)  | AC Delco Trinity                |
| 01/06/2014 | 10:15      | Long National                     | (4 Dozen at 80 yds. 2 Dozen at 60 yds.)  |                                 |
| 08/06/2014 | 10:15      | 1st Annual Wand Shoot             | (36 arrows at 80 yds.)   | UK Masters                      |
| 08/06/2014 | 09:00      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 15/06/2014 | 10:15      | Summer Championship Western       | ( 4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)   |                                 |
| 22/06/2014 | 10:15      | FITA 70m                          | (6 Dozen at 70 meters)   |                                 |
| 29/06/2014 | 10:15      | National                          | (4 Dozen at 60 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )  |                                 |
| 06/07/2014 | 10:15      | ALBION                            | (3 dozen 80 3 dozen 60 3 dozen 50)   |                                 |
| 12/07/2014 |            |                                   |  | AC Delco Western                |
| 13/07/2014 | 10:15      | Long National                     | (4 Dozen at 80 yds. 2 Dozen at 60 yds.)  |                                 |
| 13/07/2014 | 09:00      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 20/07/2014 | 10:15      | Summer Championship Western       | ( 4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)   |                                 |
| 27/07/2014 | 10:15      | Long National                     | (4 dozen at 80 yds. 2 Dozen at 60 yds.   |                                 |
| 03/08/2014 | 10:15      | York                              | (6 Dozen 100 yds. 4 Dozen 80 yds. 2 Dozen 60 yds. )<br>(Long round so a break at 6 Dozen For a cup of tea) |                                 |
| 09/08/2014 |            |                                   |  | British Target Championships    |
| 10/08/2014 | 10:15      | National                          | (4 Dozen at 60 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )  | AC Delco Chris Sherwood Western |
| 10/08/2014 | 09:00      | Committee Meeting                 |  | AC Delco Bus Pass Albion        |
| 14/08/2014 |            |                                   |  |                                 |
| 17/08/2014 | 10:15      | Summer Championship Western       | (4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)  |                                 |
| 24/08/2014 | 10:15      | Columbia                          | (2 Dozen 50 yds. 2 Dozen 40 yds. 2 Dozen 30 yds.)  |                                 |
| 31/08/2014 | 10:15      | FITA 70m                          | (6 Dozen at 70 meters)   |                                 |
| 07/09/2014 | 10:15      | New National                      | (4 Dozen at 100 yds. 2 Dozen at 80 yds.)   |                                 |
| 14/09/2014 | 10:15      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 14/09/2014 | 10:15      | Summer Championship Final Western | ( 4 Dozen at 60 yds. 4 Dozen at 50 yds.)   |                                 |
| 21/09/2014 | 11:00      | National                          | (4 Dozen at 60 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )  |                                 |
| 28/09/2014 | 11:00      | Short Warwick                     | (2 Dozen at 60 yds. 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )   |                                 |
| 05/10/2014 | 11:00      | Frostbite                         | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 11/10/2014 | 13:00      | Agincourt Arrow Setup             |  |                                 |
| 12/10/2014 | 10:00      | Agincourt Arrow                   |  |                                 |
| 19/10/2014 | 09:30      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 19/10/2014 | 11:00      | Winter Championship Frostbite     | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 26/10/2014 | 11:00      | Short Western                     | (4 Dozen at 50 yds. 4 Dozen at 40 yds.)  |                                 |
| 02/11/2014 | 11:00      | Frostbite                         | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 09/11/2014 | 09:30      | Committee Meeting                 |  | AC Delco Portsmouth             |
| 09/11/2014 | 11:00      | Winter Championship Frostbite     | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 16/11/2014 | 11:00      | Stafford                          | (6 Dozen at 30 m)  |                                 |
| 23/11/2014 | 11:00      | Short Warwick                     | (2 Dozen at 60 yds. 2 Dozen at 50 yds. )   |                                 |
| 30/11/2014 | 11:00      | Short National                    | (4 Dozen at 50 yds. 2 Dozen at 40 yds.)  |                                 |
| 07/12/2014 | 09:30      | Committee Meeting                 |  |                                 |
| 07/12/2014 | 11:00      | Winter Championship Frostbite     | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |
| 14/12/2014 | 11:00      | Short Western                     | (4 Dozen at 50 yds. 4 Dozen at 40 yds.)  |                                 |
| 21/12/2014 | 11:00      | St Nicolas                        | (4 Dozen at 40 yds. 3 Dozen at 30 yds.)  |                                 |
| 28/12/2014 | 11:00      | Frostbite                         | (3 Dozen at 30 m )   |                                 |