



# " To the Point "

## "The Wind in the Willows"

### Editorial

The trees are turning brown, the ground under foot is getting softer, and the breeze does its best to help you miss the target. Yep autumn is on its way.

Can you remember when you first picked a bow up, and the instructor told you not to watch the arrow when you released, but listening for the pleasing thud as it hit the boss, to indicate that your shot was true.

Well, I experienced that feeling just recently, NOT. The downside of not watching your arrow, is, what happens to it when you don't hear a thud? Well, many thanks to the folks who scoured the grass looking for my missed arrow, which was eventually found after what seemed like hours. Not watching your arrow flight is still important, but I will try not to miss in future, but just smile when I hear the thud, regardless of its score.

### Field Captain

#### It could be you

Has Nigel given you the benefit of his wisdom, or should I say his whistle? The duties of the field captain are to be shared amongst the members, rather than relying on Nigel to control shooting/collecting arrows. What does this mean?

"The field captain is in charge of the archery range and should be the first person to approach with questions or concerns about the shooting session. The field captain usually has a whistle and should be the only person with one."

What are the shooting commands the field captain will use?

ONE BLAST of the field captain's whistle or the vocal command "shoot" signifies that the range is clear and it is safe for you to start shooting.

TWO BLASTS of the whistle or the command "collect" or "stop shooting" signifies that you must stop shooting and that it is safe to collect your arrows.

"Come down" means relax from a full draw position without shooting the arrow.

And remember if you notice the archery field safety being compromised, you shout "FAST!" When it is called, everyone must stop shooting immediately and all arrows must be returned to a quiver or the ground.

So, if Nigel offers you the whistle, please do not take it personally, but learn a new skill.

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Happy 30th  
Birthday  
Stephen

Club Shoots		
October	22nd	Portsmouth
	29th	
November	23rd	Portsmouth
	30th	



## Fita Stars

The following club members have gained Personal Achievement Awards at a FITA Star shoot hosted by KMAC for L&RCAA.

**1000 Star**  
 Roxanne-Marie Prime  
 Carla Lowe (nee Nobrega)  
 Stuart Lowe

**1200 Star**  
 Caroline Prime

<i>CONGRATUAL TIONS</i>					
Paul	2nd	Gents Compound (County)	York	Smeeton Westerby	7th August
Alan	3rd	Gents Compound (County)	York	Smeeton Westerby	7th August
	3rd	Gents Compound	Double Fita 70m	Bowmen of Glen	18th September
Recurve Team					
Sally Marc Stuart	1st			Smeeton Westerby	7th August
Sally		Handicap award		Bowmen of Glen	17th September

### MEGa Tip

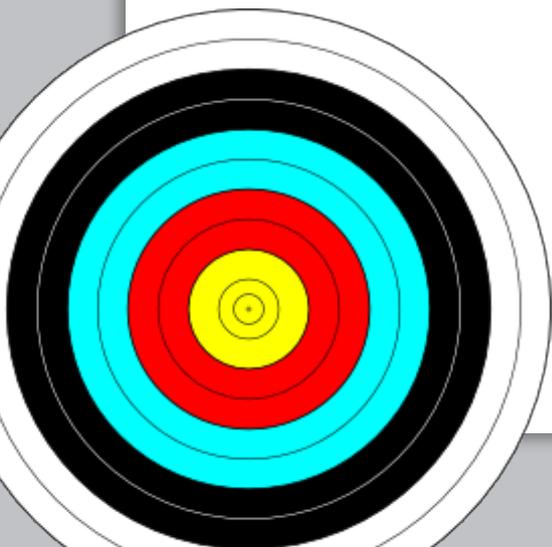
*I would like to start a new item. This item gives you a chance to share your wisdom with others. The inaugural tip is from Meg, hence the name of the item.*

*Ensure all your fletchings are of the same size, to avoid one arrow flying differently from the*

### VALuable Tips

*Listen to advice from everyone*

*If they can't tell you why, and you cannot see sense in the advice, then treat with caution*



### LRCAA Shoots

October	16th	L&RCAA County Clout - hosted by Bowmen Of Rutland
	23rd	Hinckley Archers Portsmouth
November	Quiet month for LRCAA	

## Fun Shoot

The LAC Fun Shoot, did exactly what it said on the tin. There were balloons, noughts and crosses, playing cards and food and "Robin Hood and Little John". Apparently "Friar Tuck" made an appearance, but I did not see him. I did miss pass the parcel, maybe something for next year. Thanks goes the Marc for organising the event. This saw

the strangest scoring system I have ever seen, not one I am keen on, but maybe that's because I came last. This leads me on nicely to announce this, the "2011 Fun Shoot" Winner is Mitch. Well done, hopefully you enjoyed the champagne and the trip to Florida, or was that a bottle of stout and a trip to the bookies?



Special guests at our Fun Shoot this year

Robin Hood and Little John



What balloon?

What do you mean the bull's eye counts for nothing?

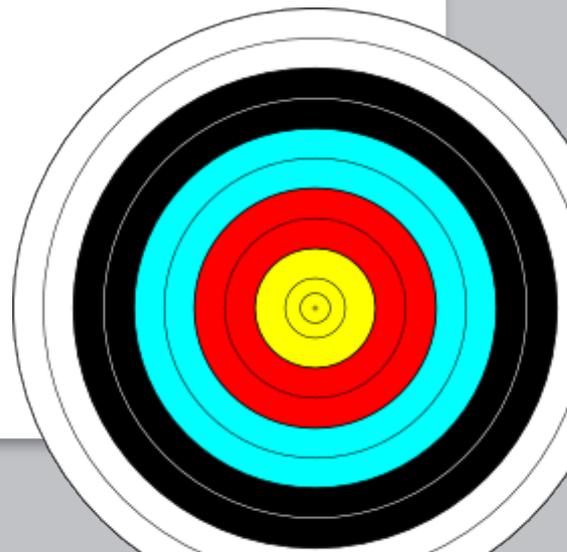


Play Your Cards Right

What's OXO got to do with it?



Mmmmm donuts



## Handicaps

I have been looking for an internet site that gives you quickly the handicap for the score you have just shot. I found one, hope its of use to you. Just enter your gender, the bow

type, the round and the score, and it gives you the classification and handicap for that round.

<http://www.archersmate.co.uk/>

## Teach me how

"Can you help me, I need to know what an anchor point is, also how do I know what my master eye is?" If you can answer these questions, and have a few hours spare every now and then, have you considered helping with the beginners courses. The

courses not only give the skills to the beginners, but give you a great sense of achievement. We are not looking for a teacher, but someone who has a passion for archery and would like to pass this on. Please have a word with Val.

## Club Notices

How are you with a wooden ball in your hand. Well, we will find out when an evening of skittles is to be held as our autumn event. Remember this is skittling not ten pin bowling. So none of this spares and strikes stuff. Keep an eye out for the email.

If you have not yet paid you GNAS fees then you will run into a problem, as you will not be insured to shoot. Remember also that the fee is split, between GNAS, the region (EMAS) and the county (LRCAA). So do not delay.

When the nights begin to draw in, and the central heating thermostat is being adjusted, then you know

that the indoor season is beckoning. This year, our indoor season at Lutterworth Community College begins on the 5th November and runs right through until 10th March. This does not stop you from using the field, but it's nice to be warm.

Do you know a man with a van? In order that the archery equipment is moved to the Lutterworth Community College for the indoor season, we need transport. So if you know a man with a van, please have a word with Nigel or any member of the committee.

## Indoor Championship

The indoor competitions will be held the same way as the outdoor season – last 2 Saturdays of the month are club competitions (if you want to enter, no pressure). See calendar on page 1.

Also, each month a trophy is to be awarded to the most improved archer, based on handicap. So, we all have a chance of winning.

### Unstrung

*Top excuses*

1. "I drank too much before coming to shoot"

2. "I didn't drink enough before coming to shoot"

