



### The 'Happy New Year' edition!! (just a little late....)

**First...** New Year Greetings to all our members!!

May this be the year that you finally achieve that elusive goal...!

**Second...** Belated 'Merry Christmas to you all..!

Hopefully you were given 'that little something' that will help you to perform better...



**This** is the magnificent trophy shield that we were presented with for winning the MKL league 2 handicap last season. The back is also covered in little shields....

I'm still looking for somewhere to engrave a shield for us... does anyone have any suggestions please..?? (I think that it needs to fit into the space on the top right...)

**We** must say a huge **THANK YOU** to Graham Souch for donating a compound bow to the club. This means that it is available to all members who wish to try out a compound, from those who are merely curious to those who would like to see if it really is for them.

I would add though, that if you have never tried one before... please seek some advice from those who currently shoot them... John Hare, Michael Hare, and Molly Tyrrell spring to mind...

## Range Safety...

Please remember that we shoot on a school Sports Field.

Arrows lost on the field can cause **SERIOUS INJURY** to the pupils at the school.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU LEAVE WITH THE SAME NUMBER THAT YOU ARRIVED WITH!**

Last year all archery clubs were required by Archery GB to conform to new rules set out by their insurance provider and clubs had to register every shooting range. We completed this task for both our ranges but needed to have an official inspection of the St Michael's outdoor facility as we did not meet the strict criteria. Changes were made early in outdoor season to the position of our original shooting line and were in use throughout the summer. Following an inspector's visit, a further recommendation was adopted in September regarding the placement of the first boss.

It has become apparent that some of these changes are not being observed by everyone which means that I now need to ensure you are all aware of these simple but vital safety precautions. Failure to comply with the following rules will have damaging implications for the entire club and will not be tolerated. Safety breaches can invalidate our insurance and will be viewed very seriously by the Committee.

### 1) **ALL LOST ARROWS MUST BE LOCATED BEFORE LEAVING THE FIELD.**

2) Arrows need to be marked with the archer's name/initials and numbered for identification and counting purposes.

3) Safety signs must be erected before shooting commences.

4) There must be a 10 yard gap between the edge of the field and the position of the archer's feet on the shooting line.

5) There must be a 10 yard gap between the edge of the field and the placement of the first boss.

6) There must be at least 2 adult club members present for shooting to commence. If only 2 present shooting must be in opposing details.

We know that 'the edge of the field' is a rather loose term and we hope to tidy up this discrepancy with permanent plastic markers embedded into the ground, below grass cutting level, soon. Please take the edge to mean the flat area of mown grass directly adjacent to the natural banks rising on the left hand side of the field. If in doubt, move further over. There is a laminated diagram (which has been in place since September) on the noticeboard inside the container to help. (and on the following page...)

Finally, there is the question of weather and field conditions.

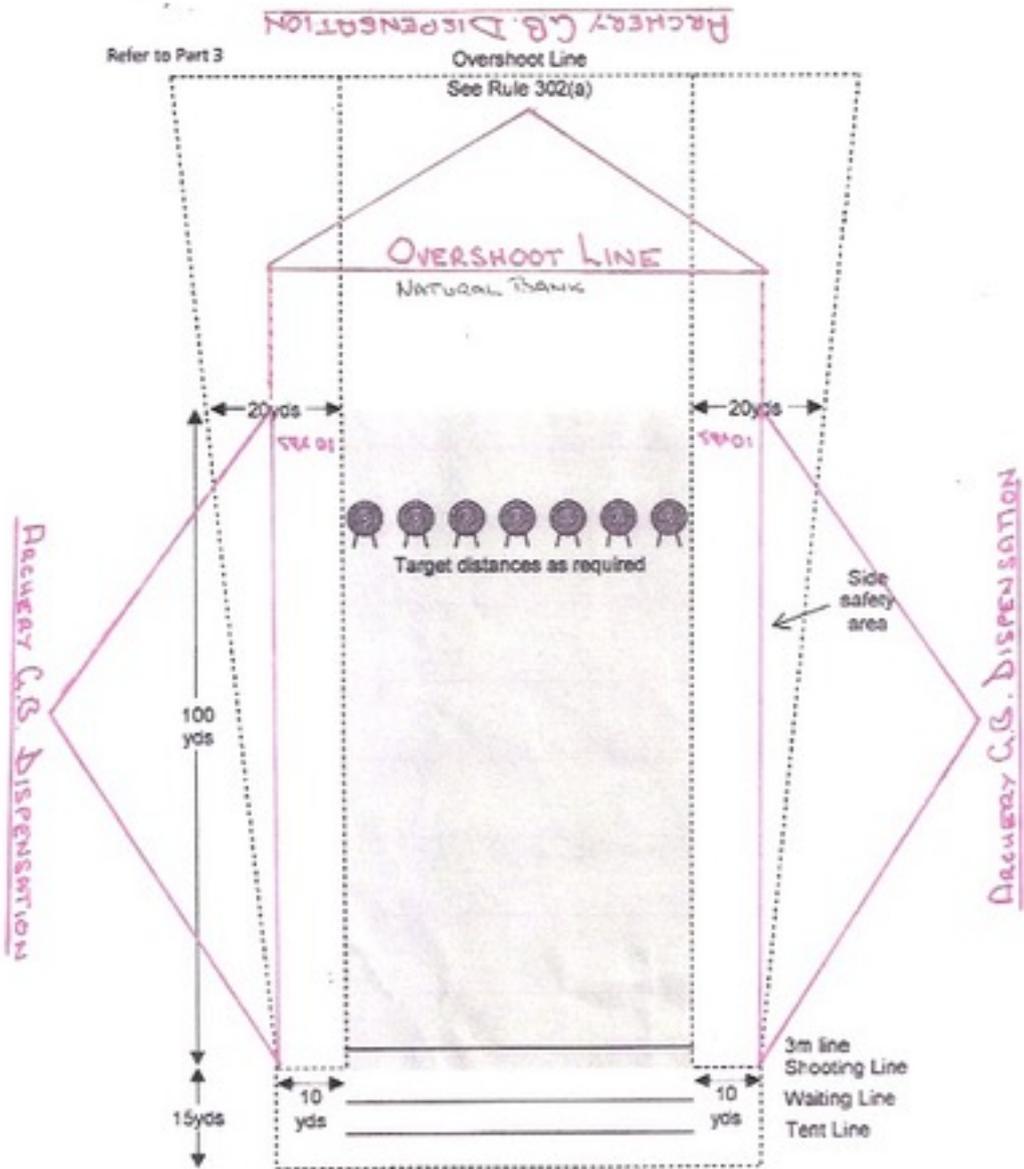
If the ground is muddy please do not roll straw bosses across it.

Wet straw will not dry in cold containers, it will rot.

There are four older straw bosses in the front of the left container which may be used during the winter months in dry conditions or alternatively 2 round foam targets which will cope better with damper conditions.

We operate a rotation system to extend the life of our equipment, please help us to do this by using the allotted items indicated.

Rules of Shooting – Outdoor Target Layout



The OUTDOOR Shooting layout.  
As approved by Archery GB.

## Indoor shooting News...

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Indoor competition before Christmas... You may have noticed, that we are trying a few 'different' things, and not just the Portsmouth round..

So far, we have had..

a darts competition... which was a bit trickier than expected..(!) and a WA 18m shoot... The 40cms targets did look a bit small..!!

Martin, our club records officer tells me...

Since the 2017/2018 indoor season started we have had the follow achievements:

- **22 New Handicaps**
- **13 New Indoor Classifications**
- **9 New Club Records:**

Molly Tyrrell for the Ladies Recurve Vegas, Compound Worcester and Recurve Bray I  
Zoe Tyrrell for Ladies Barebow in the Vegas, WA 18m and Portsmouth

**Elisha Spickernell** gained a new club record for Gents U14 Barebow Portsmouth at the start of the season and proceeded to beat his own record twice for a total of three club records almost consecutively!

8 Portsmouth Badges have been awarded, four of which are for new members for whom this is the first indoor season they have shot.

Ian Armstrong 400, Maria Nash 450, Martin Hill 475, Nigel Nash 500

Well done to you all!!

## Other Notes...

We **still** have committee vacancies for an Equipment Officer, and a Tournament Officer.

## Diary...

Before we go outdoors...

The Fox Club Indoor Championship  
25th March .. Outdoor shooting starts..!!!  
3rd June .. 11th Fox Open Tournament  
1st July .. 28th Independence Day Shoot  
26th Aug .. 18th Fox Longbow Tournament

(Entry forms are on the website..  
[www.foxarchers.co.uk](http://www.foxarchers.co.uk) )

Is there any news that I should include..??

PLEASE let me know !!

If I don't know about it... It can't be included!  
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## Recurve Archers...

What do you use as a sight ring.. and why..??

I'm STILL trying to work out what to use as a sight pin (ring) on my recurve...  
(Currently it is an 8mm Beiter with interchangeable holes..)

It seems that we all use something different...

So...

Can I ask please...  
What do you use..?  
And Why..?

Thanks!!

Alan