



Sunday March the 11th saw the indoor club championship being contested at West Heath School...

There were 15 participants, a bit lower than we have had in previous years.

It seemed as though everyone was complaining about the conditions...!!

The results were processed by John Hare, whilst we were clearing up, and prizes duly given out...

The Results...

Gents Recurve

1st	Alan Lythaby	508 (14 gold)
2nd	Nigel Nash	508 (11 gold)
3rd	Steve Barber	505

Ladies Recurve

1st	Maria Nash	407
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Gents Barebow

1st	John Hare	503
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Ladies Barebow

1st	Marion Reed	435
2nd	Zoe Tyrrell	368

Compound (Mixed)

1st	Michael Hare	555
2nd	Molly Tyrrell	533
3rd	Steve Purkess	525

Gents Longbow

1st	Chris Bodle	338
2nd	Graham Pitman	197

Junior recurve

1st	Summer Hexter	92
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These two photos show Martin's lower limb crack, which occurred during the indoor competition... It was a loud crack! They were Kosmo Kinetic limbs, from Aim Archery, and not very old.

Aim have now replaced them.

There does appear to have been a bad batch around, so if you shoot them... do check them!!

And speaking of Aim Archery...

They have now closed their outdoor range, and only have a short indoor test range.

Last weekend (18th March), saw the end of our indoor shooting season at West Heath.

From next weekend, (24th and 25th March) our outdoor summer season starts!! (It might be a bit cold!!)

Please remember that shooting at St Michael's is only possible if the ground conditions allow it...

No puddles on the pitches!!

I make no apologies for including the range set-up again rules on the next page....

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.

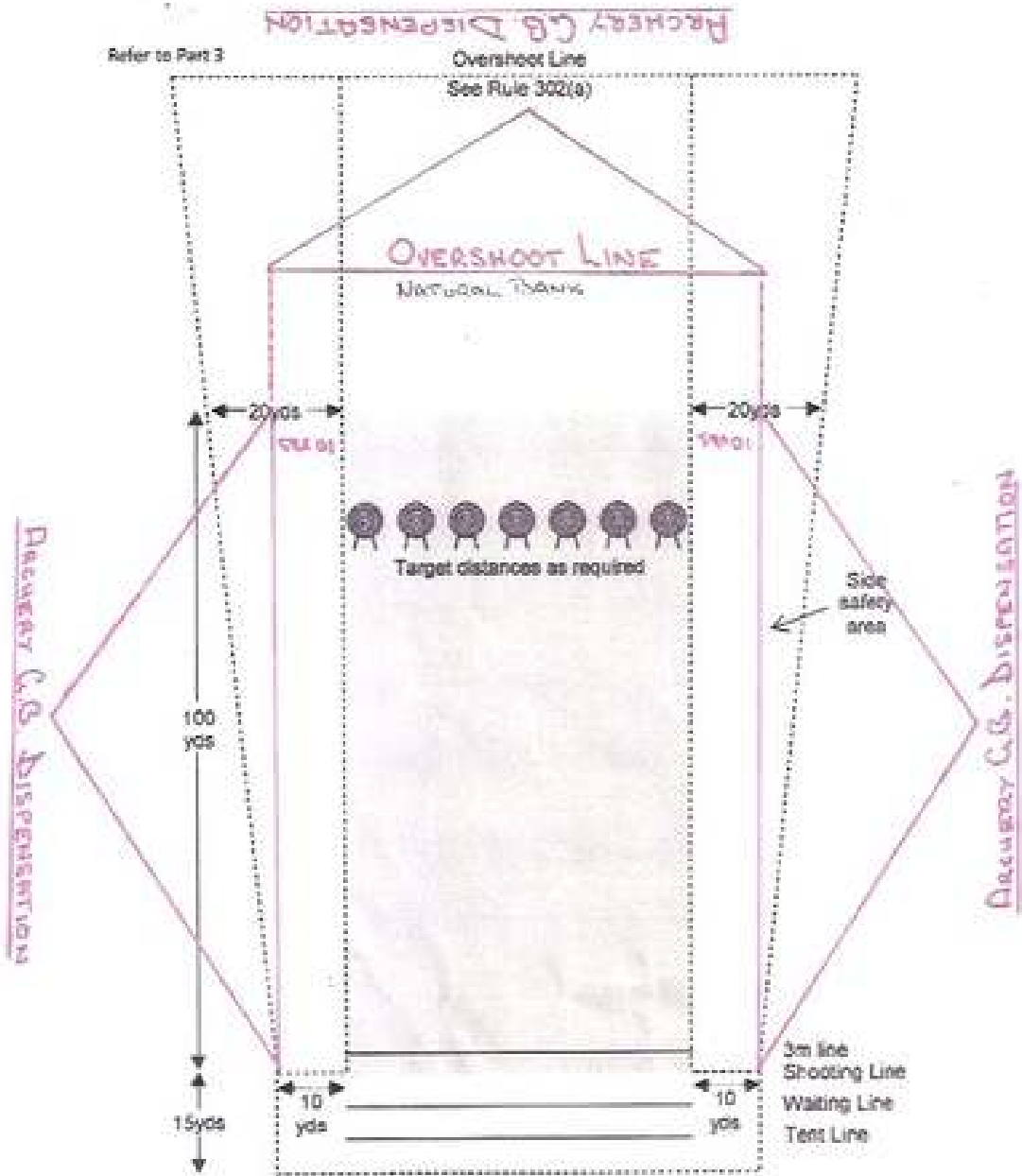
If the ground is muddy please do not roll straw bosses across it.

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



Other Competitions...

Our own Fox Competitions...

3rd June... 11th Fox Open Tournament
1st July... 28th Independence Day Shoot
26th August... 17th Longbow Open Shoot

Entry forms are on the website...

<http://www.foxarchers.co.uk>
or from In Range at Wrotham.

Tonbridge Archers Ruby Birthday Shoot 29th
April 2018

This is a great shoot... With loads of food!!

Entry form at...

<https://www.tonbridgearchers.co.uk/single-post/2017/11/08/Tonbridge-Archers-40th-Birthday-Shoot>
or from In Range at Wrotham...

Other Notes...

We currently still have vacancies for
Equipment Officer, and Tournament Officer.

Diary...

March

25th March ... Outdoor shooting starts

April

15th April ... MKL match

21st April ... Have a go session

28th April ... Beginner Course 1

May

5th May ... Beginner course 2

12th May ... FIELD CLOSED (school event)

13th May ... MKL

28th May ... Otford Fete

MKL Matches...

Who we shoot against... and when...

April 14th/15th	Home vs HVB
May 5th/6th	Away vs Ferryfield
June 9th/10th	Away vs Allington
July 14th/15th	Home vs Abbey
August 11th/12th	Away vs Crown
(this one might be a Saturday..)	
September 15th/16th	Home vs Ferryfield

Please do volunteer for the team...

It really is good fun!!! (Honestly..)

Just a thought...

If you shoot Recurve or Barebow...

Have you ever taken your button apart to
clean it out..??

Mine has been in use for at least two years,
and had started feeling 'gritty' when pushed
by a finger..

So I took it apart, and was astounded by the
amount of dust and rubbish inside!!

It was mostly black dust, with a couple of
larger black pieces, which I can only assume is
carbon from the arrow shafts.

After cleaning with DRY tissues, and no oil or
grease.. it now feels much better.

Hopefully, the arrows will now group better
as well!!!

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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