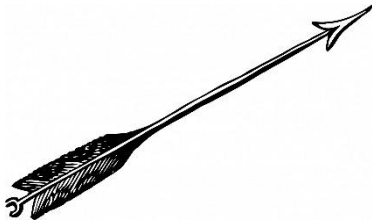


LOST ARROW NEWSLETTER

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WEBSITE

A significant amount of work has been going on behind the scenes to eventually move the existing Website to a new hosting domain. Hopefully it will not be too long before you can see the results of this work. In the meantime, we will continue to update everyone using email and Facebook. An idea is also being considered to form a WhatsApp group in order to quickly share news with Members, such as last-minute changes or urgent notices.

INDOOR SHOOTING

Indoor Shooting at the School is due to close on the last Tuesday of March, 26th. The following Tuesday the Outdoor Season will commence at the field. Times for Outdoor Sessions will have to be determined by whenever people can arrive in order to maximise shooting time before it gets dark.

'Hi all - Just a quick reminder, I know we only have 3 indoor sessions left this season (outdoor shooting commences on the 1st April) but for those last 3 sessions we will be sticking to the junior session being from 4.30 till 6pm and seniors shooting from 6pm onwards please.

The exception to that is any senior member coming along to the junior session and wanting to shoot with their offspring, or the other way of course, any junior coming along with their parents and wanting to shoot in the senior session.

We will be reviewing all sessions and rules during the summer season to ensure that we get the most from the indoor sessions next winter.

If you have any views or ideas then please let one of the committee know so that the matter can be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Many thanks, Geoff

For clarification on current Indoor Shooting sessions, Geoff had issued an email 11th March with the following guidance :

On the subject of Indoor Shooting Etiquette a decision on who/where/when will be reviewed during the Summer and communicated before the next Indoor Season commences. These discussions will take into account the best interests of, and fairness, to all Members. We have to consider some Junior Member parents are also Seniors and may wish to shoot at the same time, be that the earlier or later session. We also need to be aware there are always some exceptions and these will also need be considered.

However, we do need to remind everyone that what will not change is how the session is structured. We need to be extremely mindful that we are at the School and we are using their facilities. As such, issues like working at height regulations apply to us, the same as they apply to the School. This affects us with respect to putting the backstop nets up and down. Consequently, at the start and end of every session there MUST be at minimum of TWO people without exception. At the end of the session all equipment must be returned to the store and packed away in a tidy and safe manner.

The Hall is available to us until 8.50pm when we need to have vacated the building. However, if the penultimate person has finished shooting and wishes to leave, then that effectively brings about the end of shooting for that evening – at whatever time that may be. The expectation would be that these final two Members clear away all remaining equipment as absolutely nothing can be left in the Hall once we have finished shooting and are leaving the building.

To end on a high as far as Indoor Shooting is concerned, refurbishment of the Sports Hall starts immediately after Easter. So, with luck we should be shooting in a refurbished Hall at the start of the Indoor Season 2019/20.

WORKING PARTY

Our first Working Party this year will be on Saturday 6th April, commencing at 11am. All Members are welcome as work needs to be carried out with the intention of getting the field

and facilities ready for the Outdoor Season and for our Club Open Day on Saturday 13th April (see later for further details on this event). It is your Club and all those willing and able are welcome to come and help on this Working Party Day – that is all Members – Junior or Seniors and parents too. There will be all kinds of tasks to get involved with, including: litter picking, weed picking, touch-up painting, cleaning out the Boss container, drawing up an inventory of necessary work needed on bosses/frames, cleaning in the Club House – all unskilled jobs and a mixture of light and heavier work.

Please be advised that 6th April will be a Working Party only day and no shooting will take place during this session while the work is under way.

OPEN DAY

Our Club Open Day will take place Saturday 13th April. The format and structure of the day will be different this year in that one end of the field will be set up for anyone who wants a taster or see if they wish to join or take up one of our beginners' courses.

The far end of the field will be open for any Members to seek advice on issues they may be having on technique, equipment or development, etc. Archery guidance and coaching will be available to everyone – regardless of ability level. Please feel free to come along.



COMPETITIONS UPDATE



WEST MIDLANDS NOVICES

We are hosting this competition on Sunday 5th May and will be requiring help, so please let us know if you are available to volunteer your support. It is impossible to run these events without your help. Please can you contact Geoff, Tournament Organiser for this event, to confirm your availability and discuss the jobs that will be required on the day.



CLUB CLOSED COMPETITION

We are still looking to run a closed competition for ALL members of ALL abilities. This event will take place potentially towards the end of June. The exact format is still being examined to ensure that everyone can take part.



NUNEATON WINDSOR

Our annual Windsor on 25th August is already attracting entries from Clubs around the country. This year our event has also been registered as UK Record Status. We have had excellent feedback in previous years and some competitors are returning for the third year running.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP ... DOES ANYONE HAVE (OR ACCESS TO) A TRAILER?

We need the use of a trailer to move the straw bosses, stands and nets from the School, before Easter, as we have to empty everything out before the 'refurbishment' begins.

If someone with a trailer could meet us at a pre -arranged time/date we could do it in one go, straight from the school to the field. Please can you contact Geoff as soon as possible so that this can be arranged. Thank you.

EVENTS DIARY

Final Indoor Shooting Session:	Tuesday 26 th March
Outdoor Season Begins:	Tuesday 1 st April
Clout Shoots:	Generally first Sunday of each month (check Facebook for updates)
Next Committee Meeting:	Saturday 27 th April
Working Party Dates:	Saturday 6 th April 11am Saturday 10 th August
Club Open Day:	Saturday 13 th April
Tournaments at Club Grounds:	WMAS Novices, Sunday 5 th May NCF Competition, Sunday 30 th June NCF Crossbow Competition, Sunday 11 August Nuneaton Windsor, Saturday 24 th August
Annual General Meeting:	October, date tbc

