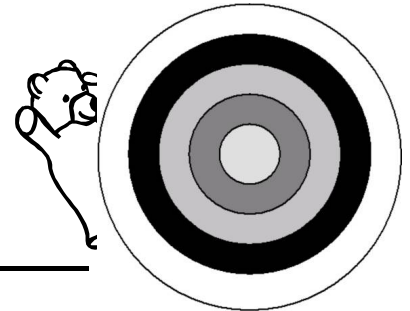




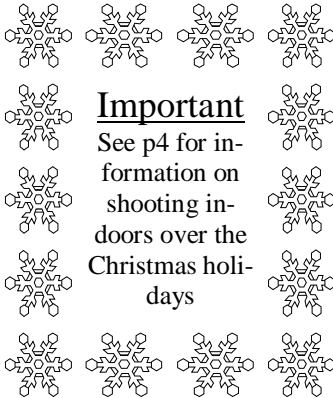
Malvern Archers

Target Times



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Important

See p4 for information on shooting indoors over the Christmas holidays

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fun Shoot

Saturday 3rd Feb

Skittles Night

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A letter from the Chairman

Greetings to you all, and at this time of year I can even make them seasonal!

May I begin by introducing myself to those of you who may not know me. For those that do know me, you may be wondering how I ended up in this exalted position!

I am relatively new to the sport of archery having started here with Malvern Archers in September 2005. Like the rest of you I soon became hooked by the sport and couldn't shoot often enough (not to mention numerous visits to Centreshot)! It then transpired through conversations with Committee Members, more often than not in the hospitality of the Nag's Head, that the club was short of a Chairman. Well I don't know if it was the beer, but at some point I let it slip that I had chaired a meeting or two in my professional life, and before I knew it I was being mooted as a possible candidate for the job. This all culminated in me being voted in at the AGM in September and I must say that I was quite surprised at being supported by all the members that showed up for the occasion. So let that be a lesson to the rest of you who were not present as you only have yourselves to blame!

Joking apart I am very pleased to be able to get involved with the running of Malvern Archers and am really looking forward to the year ahead as Chairman. For such a small club we certainly make ourselves known as was aptly illustrated when I attended the CWAA meeting where certifi-

cates for County records were being given out. I think the seniors have got a bit of work to do catching up with the juniors!

However, no club can run itself and I think that it is important to put something back into the sport that we all love. There is a great deal of potential for what we can do to make our club even better. Hopefully you will all have seen the minutes of the committee meetings now so you can see the sort of things that are being discussed on everyone's behalf. There is more that we can do in terms of promoting ourselves and also bringing funds into our club. Improving our website is one way that we can do this and my thanks to Steve Short for taking this on. Another way is through have-a-go stands at various events. However, we can only do this if more members are willing to come and lend a hand and ease the pressure on the 'regulars'. It was really good to see so many people helping out when we ran our tournament in July so you are out there. Helping out at these things is great fun and you also get to look around at whatever event it may be as well. I for one will never forget watching Allan attempting to coach a three year old girl who insisted on 'having-a-go' at the Land Rover Owners Show that we did, a priceless moment! (*Huh! I'll make sure you get the tiny ones next time—ed*)

I would therefore implore you all to get involved in whatever way you

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Chairman's letter (contd)



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can. Just remember it is your club and we as a committee are only here to steer the ship. If you have any ideas, suggestions, comments and even criticism (preferably constructive), please let the committee know.

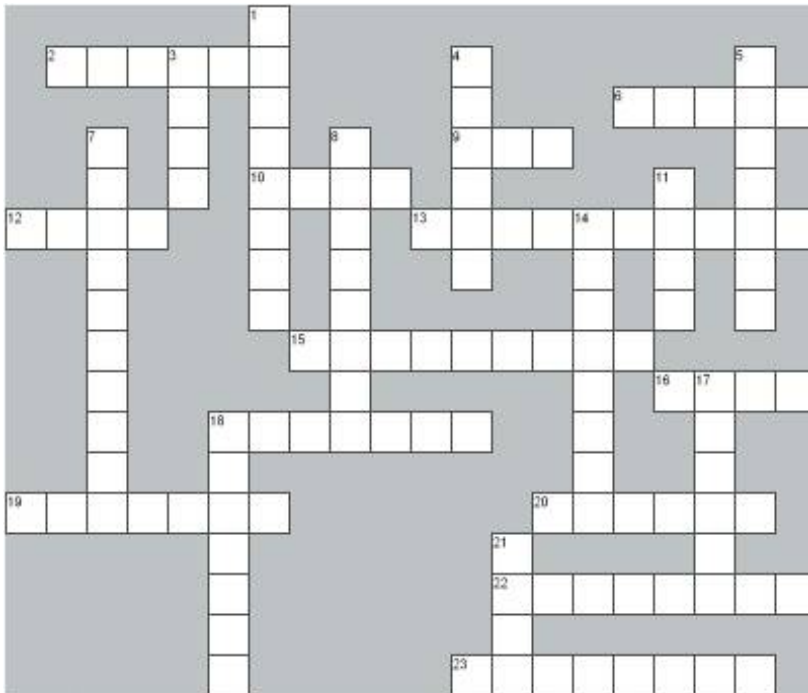
I look forward to seeing you at the club, whether it be indoor or outdoor.

Ashley Collins



Know Your Rounds?

The answers to this crossword puzzle are the names of rounds or words associated with them, along with one archery tournament. There will be a prize for the first correct answer from a Junior member drawn from a hat (or other suitable container) on the first indoor evening after Christmas (5th January). Photocopy it and write your name on the back. Thanks to Carlo for the idea.



Across

2. What you need after shooting two Yorks.
6. What the juniors are, or not quite.
9. Not traditional old rounds?
10. Foreign rubbish!
12. But not tedious.
13. The Navy's favourite?
15. Local favourite.
16. Too little for real men!
18. The royal round?
19. You don't shoot it with six-guns.
20. More foreign rubbish!!
22. Half a 1.
23. From over the pond?

Down

1. A round for cows?
3. Former Secretary of GNAS was not a donkey.
4. Shorter than short, but not too short.
5. Shipshape and...
7. Rare in the summer, common in Europe in midwinter.
8. Popular in the Potteries?
11. Where the GNAM was held in 1844.
14. Shooting dragons?
17. Famous midlands football team.
18. A castle.
21. Original and best archery meeting.

New Members

Welcome to:

Christine Sharpe
 Martin Sharpe
 Gerwyn Legg
 Kieran Hatch

Nathan Beasley-Suffolk

New members are the lifeblood of any Club. Whether you want to be the World Champion or just to shoot a few arrows at the Club now and again, we hope you will enjoy your shooting and participation in other Club activities.

Shooting Programme

	Date	Event/Club	Venue	Rounds	Status
Sat/	Dec 2 }	Junior National Indoor	Lilleshall	Portsmouth	Rec
Sun	Dec 3 }				
Sun	Dec 10	Droitwich	Worcester	Double Worcester	Rec
Sun	Dec 17		Stratford	Portsmouth	
Sun	Jan 7	Stourbridge	Smethwick	FITA 25m	
Sun	Jan 21	Glos. Indoor	Cheltenham	Portsmouth	Rec
Sun	Jan 28	Warks and WMAS Jun	Smethwick	Portsmouth	Rec
Sun	Feb 11	Wyre Forest	Stourport	Portsmouth	Rec
		GWAS Champs	Weston-super-Mare	FITA 18m	Rec
Sat/	Feb 17 }	Nat Senior Indoor Champs	Lilleshall	FITA 18m/Hd-to-Hd	Rec
Sun	Feb 18 }				
Sun	Feb 18	North Wales Indoor	Deeside	Portsmouth	Rec
Sun	Mar 4	Worcs Co Indoor Champs	Evesham	FITA 18m	Rec
Outdoors					
Sun	April 15	County Trials	Evesham	York/Hereford/Bristols	Rec
Mon	May 7	Redhill	Wythall	American	
Sun	May 13	Match vs Gloucestershire	Redditch	York/Hereford/Bristols	Rec
Sun	Jul 22	MALVERN ARCHERS OPEN TOURNAMENT			



New Committee

Chairman:	Ashley Collins
Secretary:	Allan South
Treasurer:	Colin Levy
Records:	Janice French
Tournaments:	Dave Martel
Grounds:	Carlo Pelusi
Equipment:	Rob Grant
Junior Rep:	Hannah Beasley-Suffolk

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SAFETY REMINDERS

- Always put up the warning signs at the entrances when shooting at the field.
- Make sure that targets are securely roped down.
- Don't leave bows or personal belongings unattended at the bottom of the field when you collect your arrows.
- Manor Park occasionally suffers from vandalism. If you see any incidents or discover the results, please report them to me or the Club Manager, Andy Nichols, who should be in the office (01684 574 010) between 10am and 2:30pm.

Club Business

Annual General Meeting

The AGM in September went fairly smoothly, (except for the Secretary forgetting to bring a copy of his report!). Unusually, we ended up with a full committee, with only one slight hiccup when Paul Biddle decided not to re-join. Rob Grant generously agreed to stand in as Equipment Officer. Contact details for all officers are given on the previous page. Once again, Colin judged that there was no need to increase the club subscriptions, and (unusually) there was no increase from GNAS, so we only need to pass on increases from the County and Manor Park.

Indoor Shooting

The Dome at Malvern St James School is proving to be an excellent venue, with plenty of space. It will be available over the Christmas holiday, but there will be no heating on the following dates:

15th, 22nd, and 29th December

If the weather is mild, it should be OK, but demand may be limited on 22nd and 29th. The Committee will try to determine whether enough of you will shoot to make it worthwhile to maintain the bookings on these dates.

Disappointingly, Manor Park's plans to extend the indoor tennis hall over court 13 are not likely to accommodate any sports other than tennis, so the possibility of a permanent indoor venue looks to be even further away.

Manor Park Centenary

Next year is the Centenary of the Manor Park Club. There will be things going on at the club on Sunday 20th May, 2007. We will probably put on a have-a-go for members of the other sections and the public. Details to be confirmed later.

Brass Band Concert

Following the success of last year's event, there will be another on Saturday 9th June, 2007. As before, this will probably mean that we can't use the field from Friday to Monday. Why not come and have a picnic and enjoy the music? If you think you don't like brass band music, you might be surprised - there wasn't anything by Sousa last year.

The Last End

You might think that a major record status tournament like the Grand National Archery Meeting (first held in 1844) would be a serious affair. Well, the long bow archers who attend are always determined to enjoy themselves. Apart from protesting loudly a few years ago when the authorities tried to enforce a ban on alcohol on the field, they also sometimes poke fun at the other archers. As those of you who have been to tournaments will know, some archers have problems with their clickers (not me, of course!), spend ages peering through their telescopes after their last arrow, and generally take things too seriously. One year at

the GNAM, a group of longbowmen, who were together on adjacent targets, waited until the line was almost clear at the last end, then went up to shoot their last three arrows. They proceeded to spend ages over each shot, peer intently at the target through borrowed binoculars and telescopes (against the rules for longbows), although most of their arrows were probably in the grass, and throw their tabs on the ground in disgust. The Judges, of course, could only stand and watch, joining in the general laughter.