

Announcement Emails

A selection of emails reminding members of certain aspects of safety, club policy, etiquette etc.

28/06/2019

To all members,

Following a management committee meeting on Monday we would remind all members of the following;

- Shooting in the barn - members must not shoot longer distances due to:
 - 'Splay' of safety areas for both the registered barn range and
 - Constant traffic to and from the container and trailer used for set up

For these reasons a shooting distance of 25m or 30yds will be the maximum permitted under normal circumstances, with the targets set up in the Northeastern end of the barn in front of the safety net. At no point should the shooting line be beyond the normal position of the end of the flat bed trailer.

Should any arrows stray outside the barn limits when shooting there, collection shall only take place when the main target range are also collecting (or it is not in use).

Although we have noted a marked reduction in the time taken to search for arrows between ends, please be mindful of not causing delays to your fellow archers for whatever reason and return to the shooting line as soon as you have scored, safely pulled your arrows and retrieved any missed arrows after a short cursory search (maximum of two minutes).

Other archers, especially those on adjacent targets, are reminded that it is good etiquette to assist in the search for missing arrows.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Brgds

11/05/2019

Hello all,

As the club is now approaching capacity and the line is becoming quite crowded, the committee would like to advise members that we are assessing the feasibility of moving the fence and extending the shooting line by another 10 yards away from the barn. We are also curtailing our attendance at some planned events designed to recruit new members.

We would remind members that although shooting starts at 10:00 on a Saturday (and 18:00 on a Thursday) members are requested to arrive in good time to help with setting out the range. Failure to do so may well mean that no target is set out at your preferred shooting distance - and the only parking available may be at the far end of the barn, although early arrivers should park at the furthest end of the barn to ensure space is maximised and delays are avoided for those arriving after shooting has started.

No shooting should take place on either the main range or barn whilst persons are in the far end car parking area.

As the shooting line is becoming congested please be reminded that we have the option to shoot more than one 'detail'. If the target set-up allows, it would be preferable for longbow archers to be those shooting two details as they will generally shoot quicker.

Recently we have experienced instances where 2 or 3 people have been looking for arrows for a considerable time whilst 20+ archers are waiting to shoot. Therefore, so as not to hold up shooting, the Field Captain is to ensure that undue time is not spent looking for arrows between ends. As a guideline no more than 2 minutes should be spent looking for lost arrows, although it is good form for archers on adjacent targets to assist in the search. Further searches may be made with the metal detector / pitchfork at tea-break time on Saturdays (the Field Captain shall ensure that all shooting ceases to facilitate this) and after the shooting session has been completed - markers (such as green fence stakes) may be placed on the range in the area where an arrow is lost to ease the search after bosses and stands are removed.

In order to ensure that your shooting is not disrupted by lost arrows, please ensure that you bring a sufficient number of spare arrows with you. The issue of searching for arrows is not unique to Ledbury Archers and there is some sound advice from [Grimsby Archers](#) on their site.

We would like to remind members to assist with clearing away the range at the end of the shooting session and to take any water bottles, used target faces, food wrappers etc away for disposal at home.

The club mobile phone is little used but is a relatively costly item to have, so it will be discontinued when the current payments expire - saving the club almost £100 pa. This money saved will likely be used to fund a new banner (the current one has an incorrect email address and the now defunct phone number displayed).

Thanks for your attention.

Best Regards

25/11/2018

Dear All,

At a recent County Coaching Group meeting, it was reported that an injury had occurred to an archer at one of our county clubs, who received a blow to the face from the nock-end of an arrow. The archer was wearing glasses, and serious eye injury may have been averted as a result.

There are two common ways in which this may occur;

1. Bending down to retrieve arrows under the target, or scorecards before the arrows have been removed, or
2. Standing too close behind whilst arrows are being pulled.

Although it may seem unlikely that self inflicted injuries can be caused in the manner of 1 above, it has happened in the past when archers are distracted.

In the case of 2, we all know that standing in close proximity immediately in front of the target as arrows are being pulled can potentially result in this kind of injury, so please ensure that you are vigilant and bear in mind that an arrow can come back a significant distance, and with considerable force when it's being pulled - particularly if it's well embedded. The responsibility lies with the archer (or archers) pulling the arrows to ensure no-one is standing too close behind, as well as those waiting for their arrows to be removed from the target to ensure they are not potentially in range of the nock-end of the arrow as it is being removed.

We should also stress that this message is not just aimed at our newest members, unfortunately familiarity often breeds complacency - so we would urge all archers, regardless of experience, to be vigilant on this aspect of range safety.

Brgds / Mark