

# Ratpack Archers

## Newsletter

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Well what a lovely start to the month!

The second bbq of the year is scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> of next month, if you would like to attend and have not already expressed interest, please let Andy know by 10.09.2023.

### **Names on Arrows**

The NFAS states “15)All arrows must bear the archer’s name. This identification should be a minimum of the archer’s initial and surname. 16)All arrows must be marked to show the order of shooting (first, second and third arrows) by having rings or other markings that are visible from all angles to scorers”.

The first statement is important for a few reasons, if you lose an arrow and would like it returned, the name goes a long way in helping that happen.

Secondly, it is important to identify arrows that have posed a safety issue. If you shoot at a target and the arrow ricochets off a tree/ground and lands near another peg/group of archers, it is helpful to know where it was shot from and if that individual was adhering to the rules (shooting from pegs), so the course can be altered to account for overshoots/ricochets as much as possible.

As Andy has mentioned, a local club recently had this issue, and no one owned up to the incident. The landowner subsequently deemed it unsafe, and the club lost their ground. This is particularly relevant to Ratpack because of the public bridleway that runs through the middle of the woods and continues down the side of the blue course closest to the A27.

So, if you have not done so already, please could you mark your arrows according to the NFAS rulebook “**This identification should be a minimum of the archer’s initial and surname.**” If, on examination your arrows are found to be unmarked, you will be asked to leave until you have marked your arrows.

## Kim's Page

As seems to be customary with the newsletter, it is another opportunity to congratulate Kim Lea on her consistently exemplary shooting.

On the 15.07 and 16.07, Senlac held the annual Bodnik Bowhunter challenge. This consists of some challenging shots and even more difficult scoring.

There are 3 classes which are determined as follows (taken from Bodnik website):

### CLASS 1 - WOODEN BOWS

Natural material limbs without any fiberglass laminations. Arrows must be made of wood and shot over the back of the hand. Mediterranean anchor with a defined anchor point is required.

### CLASS 2 - TRADITIONAL

Longbows and recurve bows, which are shot off the shelf. Arrow rests, sights, and stabilizers are not allowed. The arrows must be made of wood. Mediterranean anchor with a defined anchor point required.

### CLASS 3 - TRADITIONAL OPEN

Longbows and recurve bows, which may be equipped with an elevated arrow rest and/or a stabilizer up to 12" in length. The arrows can be made of any material. At least one finger must touch the arrow nock and only one defined anchor point is allowed. Buttons, plungers and similar devices that influence the arrow flex (archer's paradox) at the shot are not allowed.

The scoring is over two days, the first day consists of 2 arrows at each target, each arrow scoring 10 for a kill and -2 (yes, minus 2) for a wound, and 0 for a miss.

The second day consists of 1 arrow at each target, a kill scoring 20 and a wound scoring -5, with misses counted as 0.

Now you can understand the standard of shooting required to excel at this event, is it any surprise that Kim is the reigning champion for the second year in a row? I think not. Congratulations Kim.



## Challenger Pegs and Reinforcing Foam

Andy mentioned in recent communications about challenger pegs.

Challenger pegs (sometimes known as wasp pegs) are often used by shooters who would like a little bit more of a challenge (hence the name). This could include distance, increased/decreased visibility and elevation.

You do not have to use these pegs; you can continue to shoot from any of the other pegs as you normally would.

The new pegs can be identified by the black pipe used with yellow and green tape. The target intended to be shot from these pegs can be identified by a plain yellow marker.

After being trialled on green course, they will now be rolled out to all courses, so thank you to the course layers for the hard work involved!

You may have noticed additional black foam on the back of most of the targets, this is intended to prolong their life and slow some of the faster arrows down a lot quicker, which seems to be working.



### Upcoming Shoots

Holmbush – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August

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South Wilts – 03<sup>rd</sup> September

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Company of 60 – 10<sup>th</sup> August

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To book, contact any the clubs on contact information provided.