



Ratpack Archers

Newsletter

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Well we are coming to the end of July and I think most of us are still anticipating the start of summer!

Maintenance

Firstly, and I think you will all agree, a massive thank you is owed to the club members who helped with the moving and relaying of red course, it is an absolute joy to shoot and is a welcome change.

As part of the ongoing maintenance and tinkering, blue is also going to be revamped, consisting mainly of skins and 3d's. A lot of the bosses are in need of repair and the targets that are taken off blue can then be used to supplement green. When a date is confirmed, an email will go out asking for support with the relaying. Any help anyone can provide is greatly appreciated.

On green course, target 8, the walk away behind the bear has been removed, you are now required to walk to the right.

Southern Water

Southern Water are looking for a place to lay a new pipe. One of the proposed plans sees the pipe going through the woods. It is not at the consultation stage yet, and they are considering alternative routes. The ecologist who was sent out for a survey is under the impression they will avoid the woods, due to the expense of tree removal, while this is not certain, it is reassuring to hear.

Theft and Flytipping

In recent weeks there have been numerous targets stolen. Due to the location of stolen targets, it is likely to be someone familiar with the woods, so if you see anything suspicious, please contact Andy.

Trail cameras have been installed across all three courses in an attempt to catch the person(s) responsible. A select few targets have also had trackers fitted.

You may have also noticed the deposits of waste at the entrance to the public footpath, by the side of the road as a result of flytipping, so again, if you see anything of note, please contact Andy.

Sunday 18th August

On **18.08.2024** there is an equipment day being held where you can ask for advice on anything from bow setup, fletching, string making and coaching. You are more than welcome to bring your own equipment to use, or there will be equipment available to practice with, i.e. fletching jigs, string jigs. If you do decide to use someone else's equipment, be prepared to compensate them, glue and serving etc is not cheap! Please find a list below of the individuals who have very kindly offered to give up their time for the benefit of the club:

Ken - Fletching

Nick - Coaching

Alan – String Making

Phil – All things archery

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available.

For the equipment day, the practice butts will be used for coaching and arrow tuning etc, if you wish to have a general shoot, all three courses will be open.

Bodnik Bowhunter Challenge 2024

It will come as no surprise to all of you to hear that Kim Lea has picked up yet another medal!

For the third consecutive year she has retained her title as Women's champion, an impressive feat!

Buy and Sell

If you have anything to sell or are looking to purchase anything archery related, just pop it into the whatsapp group! If you aren't already a member of the group, drop Andy a message and he will invite you. Its a great way for messages to be sent out quickly and means you don't have to spend time checking emails.

ETAR

If any of you follow the eastern traditional archery rendezvous held in the states every year, it is happening this weekend, so keep an eye out if you need an archery fix.

Wildlife

Not many deer about but the ticks are so dress or spray for your protection.

The red kite is now visiting quite regularly.