

Tavistock Company Of Archers

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Devon Challenge Field Shoot.

The Devon Challenge is an eight day shoot held amongst four volunteer clubs throughout the county. It draws archers from right across the country and even some from Europe and beyond.

Each club hosts two days of shooting. This year starting at Ashcombe on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th July moving on to Tavistock on Monday 31st July and Tuesday 1st August.

Wednesday is a rest day followed by Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th at Dunkery and finishing with Westcombe on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th.

As this competition draws many of the top archers it must be laid out so that each shot is interesting and challenging but still with safety in mind. Tavistock Company of Archers have a reputation for being able to lay their courses to achieve this. The landscape adds a level of difficulty. This work takes many members several weekends to plan, clear the paths and layout each target. But is rewarding both financially and with the praise and thanks that we so often hear from our fellow archers.

We are having a **work day** to start the layout on Sunday 9th July meeting at 9:30 in the Trout and Tipple car park.

There will be a couple of work mornings leading up to the shoot itself but most importantly help will be required on Saturday 29th July in the final set out of the targets, pegs, direction signs, safety notices, and the gazebo etc.

If it can all be completed in time then many members of the Club will shoot the course on Sunday 30th. Of course we will also need help with car parks and marshalls on the Monday & Tuesday of the shoot itself.

The twinning visit from **Les Archers de Pontivy** went well despite the confusion. On the Friday we visited Cardew Pottery and the House of Marbles in Bovey Tracey then moved on to Trago Mills for lunch and shopping before heading home to entertain our guest (and hopefully get them drunk.) The day of the shoot, although slightly wet, did not dampen our spirits and the shoot itself went well. TCA won by a margin.

The farewell dinner was great fun and the "Jumelage Ale" went down a treat as well.

Our thanks to all who helped out by hosting our visitors and working on the day of the shoot. It all made for a successful visit.

Next years visit of **TCA to Pontivy** will be the same weekend at the end of May. Please pass your names to Robin or Lez if interested in going.



At the **AGM** in June the committee was elected as follows: Chairman—Mike Charlesworth, Secretary—Sandi Cackett, Treasurer—Robin Booth, Events—Lez James, Equipment—Myles Singleton, other members, Carolyn Bennet, Andy Brown, Nigel Cammann, Rose O'Neill.

In general the club is doing well. It is healthy both financially and with new members.

A motion to ban crossbows from club shoots except under NFAS rules was defeated. A motion to amend the constitution clarifying that all existing committee members should stand down and be duly nominated was passed.

Ashley has made a string jig. If anyone would like to get a bow string made up, please give him the dimensions. Prices from £9 for a recurve.
Archery Equipment for sale.
A pair of Green Regatta Ladies trousers size 16 worn twice.
Available to a good home. Call Sally on 01822-832266

Comments: . If you have any comments, views, items you would like included, suitable jokes, or equipment for sale, then drop a note to Nigel or Sandi at the Club or send an email to news@tavistock-archers.org.uk

This years Christmas dinner is being set for 2-Dec-06.