

# **GREEN DRAGON BOWMEN**

## **Shooting Rules –2009/10**

The following rules are intended as a guide to new and existing members regarding current arrangements and expected conduct.

### **GENERAL**

1. Entrance to the Knebworth Estate must be made via the Old Knebworth Lane entrance at all times. Exiting the estate can be made via the A1 or Old Knebworth Lane.
2. Car parking is allowed outside of either the club buildings or St. Mary's Church, when the church is not in use. It is not allowed on the archery field itself except for those disabled archers who have acquired permission from the estate management.
3. Members must carry their club membership cards and display their current copy of the club car pass at all times when in the boundaries of Knebworth Park for shooting purposes.
4. The combination to the club hut is changed annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. Notification of the new combination is made after the renewal of subscriptions.
5. The keys for the Equipment Hut and the gates are kept on a hook in the club hut and should not be removed at any time.
6. Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons are designated club times. These can be supplemented by use of the facilities at any other time subject to Park restrictions and club events.
7. Occasionally the Knebworth Estate management may request that we do not shoot on certain dates to avoid conflict with park events. Club members will be notified of these dates by: -
  - (1) a notice in the club hut
  - (2) a notice in the equipment hut
  - (3) the minutes of the monthly club meetings
8. The Park gates are shut at dusk. The white gate, near St. Mary's Church is shut at 5.00pm when the estate is closed to the public.
9. The current club coach is Mr. Mike King and the assistant coach is Mr. Derek Ingle.
10. If members, through their own carelessness, break other members' equipment or arrows, it is expected that they offer to compensate their fellow archer for the loss incurred.

The following shooting rules are not intended for formal shoots or matches but for guidance to club members when practising on an informal basis. Formal Shoots will be covered by the GNAS Rules of Shooting.

### **THE RANGE – Target Shooting**

1. Targets and associated equipment must be transported onto the field using the hand pulled trolley.
2. Targets and trestles must not be manhandled under the fence opposite the club hut by lifting the post and raising the wire mesh.
3. Care must be taken when maneuvering the trolley and its load of targets and stands through the gateway so as not to damage the low profile estate fencing.
4. All members are expected to assist in getting bosses and associated equipment out of the hut and set up on the range; also to assist in taking down and storing away at the end of shooting.
5. The hazard warning signs must be displayed in their designated places whenever shooting is to take place.
6. The hazard warning flags must be placed 25yds from the first boss, in an arc from the field entry gate to the shooting line. (Please see attached plan of new field layout to be used).
7. The shooting line is defined by two sunken discs, 20metres apart, embedded in the turf. A line must be stretched out along the ground between these two markers when ever shooting takes place
8. A second line should be placed 5yds behind the shooting line as a waiting line whenever shooting is taking place.
9. Each shooting distance is defined by a set of two discs embedded in the turf, their distance away from the shooting line being marked on the discs
10. Members using the range who consume sandwiches, drinks and other foodstuffs, are reminded that they should not leave any litter which may offend the Knebworth Estates management. Smokers are also reminded that a sand bucket is provided for the safe disposal of cigarette ends and should be brought to the field for that purpose whenever shooting is taking place.
11. Shooting must cease if members of the public or estate employees wander onto the range or safety area.

12. There must be no more than **4** people shooting on a boss at any one time.
13. Should an archer wish to shoot on a boss which is already occupied, the newcomer is expected to ask those already shooting on the boss if they have any objection.
14. Members are not allowed to use any non-standard competition bows or crossbows when shooting at G.D.B. facilities.  
Anyone wishing to purchase/shoot any bow that differs from normal competition bows should discuss the matter with Mr. D. Ingle (Equipment Officer).

**Anyone who contravenes this rule will be suspended immediately, subject to an investigation**

15. When pulling arrows from the boss, those on the outside of the group should be pulled first. This avoids the possibility of damage to arrows whilst stretching for access to central hits.

**16. No child (any person under 18 years of age) should be present on the field when shooting is in progress without being accompanied by a parent or appointed guardian.**

17. When junior archers are shooting individually or in groups, they must be supervised by a GNAS affiliated member of the club.

18. All lost arrows must be entered in the Lost and Found Equipment Book, which is kept in the club hut.

19. In order to keep time searching for lost arrows to a reasonable level, members must abide by the field captain's discretion as to when searching must cease and shooting continue.

**20 Current GNAS rules state that when shooting in grounds where public have right of access, there must be two people present (over 18 years of age), one of which need not be an archer. One must act as lookout whilst the other shoots. The club will not be responsible for any accident in situations where this rule is not followed.**

#### **LONGBOW-Clout Shooting**

1. Clout shooting is only permitted after 5.30pm during the Country Park's open season. Outside the season, there are no time restrictions.
2. All bows except longbows must be drawn to full draw with the arrow horizontal to the ground.

3. High trajectory clout shooting is banned when the park is open to the public and is for Longbows only

4. GNAS deem as reasonable, a minimum distance of 75 yards from the clout centre to the boundary of any land to which the public has access. This must be adhered to as far as possible.