

# GREEN DRAGON BOWMEN

## Shooting Rules –2016/17

The following rules are intended as a guide to new and existing members regarding current arrangements and expected conduct. They 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 Archery GB Rules of Shooting.

### GENERAL

1. Entrance to and exiting from the Knebworth Estate must be made via the Old Knebworth Lane entrance at all times and is for the sole purpose of shooting. Members entering the park at any other time or to attend any of the events taking place should pay the current entry fee.
2. Car parking is allowed outside of the club buildings. St. Mary's Church, car park should only be used for dropping off equipment. 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 display their up to date club membership cards on their quivers when shooting and the current copy of the club car pass in their cars 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 and is available to senior archers only.
5. The equipment hut keys are kept in the main hut which is accessible using the current access code. All keys should be replaced in the appropriate places at the end of shooting.
6. **The equipment hut must be locked and padlocked at all times, even when shooting is taking place. This is a condition of our insurance policy.**
7. The designated shooting session for indoors is Saturday from 12.30pm to 3.20pm as we must be clear of the hall by 3.30pm when our booking finishes. For the outdoor season, the designated shooting times are Wednesday evenings and Sunday Mornings. These can be supplemented by use of the facilities at any other time subject to Park restrictions and club events.
8. 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
- (4) the club website.

9. 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.

10. The current club field captain is Mr. John Bacon. Please note, in the event of John not being available, **only a senior and not a junior may take his place.** *Whoever has taken over the role of field captain is overall responsible for the safety of the shooting field.*

*11. The current coaching team are Mr Gary Bellamy, Mrs Denise Carpenter, Mr John Meischke and Mr Daniel Smith. Coaching is available indoors on Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at Knebworth School and Tuesday evenings from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in Knebworth Park.*

**12. Only non-marking sole shoes are allowed in the sports hall.**

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**THE RANGE – Target Shooting**

1. Outdoors, targets and associated equipment must be transported onto the field using the **hand pulled** trolley.
2. The attachment of the trolley to any vehicle to aid transportation is expressly forbidden. Likewise, the trolley should only be used for the purpose for which it is intended as any other use, contravenes both the parks' and our insurances.
3. Outdoors, 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. Outdoors, targets and stands must not be manhandled under the fence opposite the club hut by lifting the post and raising the wire mesh.
5. **All members are expected to assist in getting bosses and associated equipment out of the huts and set up on the range before they get their own equipment ready and any shooting takes place; also to assist in taking down and storing away at the end of shooting.**

6. Targets and associated equipment must be stored in the purpose built cupboard indoors and in the appropriate hut outdoors.

7. Entry to the sports hall will be controlled by the person taking the indoor shooting fee so that shooting is not interrupted once it has begun and safety is maintained.

**8. The indoor shooting fee must be paid before entering the sports hall and any attempt to shoot is made. There is no additional outdoor fee.**

9. Outdoors, the hazard warning signs must be displayed in their designated places whenever shooting is to take place.

10. Outdoors, 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 the new field layout to be used, which is displayed in the club hut and on the club web-site).

11. Outdoors, the shooting line is defined by two sunken discs, 25 meters apart, embedded in the turf. The red line must be stretched out along the ground between these two markers whenever shooting takes place.

12. A second, yellow line should be placed 10yds behind the shooting line as a waiting line whenever shooting is taking place.

13. Outside, each shooting distance is defined by a set of two discs embedded in the turf 22.5m apart, their distance away from the shooting line being marked on the discs.

14. Indoors, each shooting distance, the shooting line and the waiting line are defined by lines marked on the floor.

15. No alcohol is allowed.

**16. Members using the range who consume sandwiches, drinks and other foodstuffs, are reminded that they should not leave any litter, as this will offend the Knebworth Estates management. It should not be left in the club hut either. In an effort to control the amount of waste being left in the hut, all bins have now been removed. Indoors, no food is to be consumed in the hall.**

17. Indoors, there is no smoking within the building. Smoking is allowed on the archery field although not where it will cause offence to others and not on the shooting line or at the bosses. 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.

18. Shooting must cease if members of the public or estate employees wander onto the range or safety area.

19. There must be no more than **4** people shooting on a boss at any one time.

20. Should an archer wish to shoot on a boss that is already occupied, the newcomer is expected to ask those already shooting on the boss if they have any objection.

21. No more than **3** arrows per end should be shot.

22. 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**

23. All bows except longbows must be drawn to full draw with the arrow horizontal to the ground.

24. 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.

25. 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.

**26. 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.**

27. When junior archers are shooting individually or in groups, they must be supervised by an Archery GB affiliated member of the club.

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

29. 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.

**30. Current Archery GB 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.**

**31. Both indoors and outdoors, at the end of the session, it is the responsibility of all members to put the equipment away tidily.**

### Equipment Safety

1. No club member is permitted to shoot any bow or arrows that are not fit for purpose.
2. A recurve bow is deemed unfit for purpose if (ie) string damage, end serving damage, limb twisting, stress fracture or de-lamination it MUST not be used.
3. A compound bow is deemed unfit for purpose if it has a mechanical failure such as (i.e) Cam twist, cam lean, cam pin damage, limb de-lamination, stress fracture and string damage and any situation that leads the bow to be de-strung it MUST not be used.
4. Before the aforementioned equipment is permitted to be re-used, it MUST be either checked by a club coach (coach not liable), replaced or repaired by a reputable repairer (stockist) and then proof of such given to club secretary or a club coach.
5. If you are unsure of the above please speak to a club coach in the first instance.
6. Failure to not adhere to the above will be classed as gross misconduct and will be treated as such by the club committee.

### LONGBOW-Clout Shooting

1. Clout shooting is no longer permitted as we no longer have sufficient overshoot.

### **Complaints**

In the event that a club member has a complaint either about another member, a club procedure or an event/activity, they should make the complaint in writing to the club secretary or chairman. The complaint will then be discussed at the next club meeting and a response will be received in writing.

