

## **Aurora New Year shoot Jan 11th**

And so the conversation unfolded... “Not many shoots on in January are there?”.. “Don’t know about you but after all that archery cold turkey, food, drink and Cluedo over the Christmas period I’m gagging for a shoot”... “Hey, why don’t we put one on? You never know we may get 40 or 50 hardy folk turn up and it’ll be fun!”

Thus was born our inaugural New Year shoot and a massive thank you to each and every one of the 100 archers that turned up for what was a great day shooting. Even the weather was very kind to us offering perfect, dry and bright conditions, notwithstanding the monsoon type conditions punishing us on Saturday when setting out though.

100 archers on a 2 x 18 course certainly exceeded our expectations so to ensure the shoot kept flowing and finished in daylight hours, 12 of our targets were double pegged 2-arrow shots whilst the remainder were single pegged 1-arrow. Judging by the great feedback received, we’ve found a winning formula offering variety and challenge with everyone done and dusted and off home by 3.30 pm – result all round!

So, as per tradition, time for some thoroughly deserved appreciation. Firstly huge thanks are due to Holly and Stewart who designed our all-new course using the intricate terrain to great effect bamboozling many an archer with some very deceptive shots – fabulous job guys.

To Paul and all the marshals and crew (Neil, Ian, Darren, Charlie, Stu, Phil and Richard) for ensuring safe and efficient running of the day and super quick set up and take down of the course and glade – very slick and a great Aurora team effort.

To Sue, Steve, Peter and Agnes whose culinary exploits in the catering tent are becoming legendary. If I heard one person say how fabulous the venison casserole was I must have heard a hundred.

To Ian for once again being the warm, welcoming face of the club and Matt and Theresa, two of our newest members, for helping the old fella in the Admin tent (Ian not me!) and of course not forgetting Teresa, webmaster extraordinaire.

Thank you to the lovely and talented Madi Tricker for once again providing our wonderful, unique medals.

Trish Jones our new NFAS President for kindly agreeing to be our Lady Paramount for the day – a great honour thank you Trish and good luck for the challenges that lie ahead!

To Mick Mitchell and the Radical Bikes crew – your support and work on our behalf is truly incredible – we’re very, very lucky to know you.

To Lord Peter for continuing to let us use his fabulous Parsons Spring woodland which has so much to offer and explore.

And finally thank you to all our archery friends who support us, you are why we do it. We look forward to welcoming you back for our 2 day shoot on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March and of course our next New Year shoot in January 2016!

Martin Joy