

Mole Valley Bowmen

Winter Shooting Program – 2023 / 2024

2023

Month	Date	Round
SEP	Sun 10	Beginners (Wk 1) & Practice (2pm)
	Mon 11	Indoor shooting starts
	Sun 17	Beginners (Wk 2) & Practice (2pm)
	Mon 18	Portsmouth
	Sun 24	Beginners (Wk 3) & Practice (2pm)
	Mon 25	Portsmouth

Month	Date	Round
OCT	Sun 01	Beginners (Wk 4) & Practice (2pm)
	Mon 02	Portsmouth
	Sun 08	Beginners (Wk 5) & Practice (2pm)
	Mon 09	Portsmouth
	Sun 15	Practice (2pm)
	Mon 16	WA 25m
	Sun 22	Practice (last at 2pm)
	Mon 23	Portsmouth
Clocks	Sun 29	Improvers (10:30) & Practice (1 pm)
	Mon 30	Worcester

NOV	Sun 05	Practice
	Mon 06	Portsmouth
	Sun 12	Frostbite & Practice
	Mon 13	WA 25m
	Sun 19	Practice
	Mon 20	WA 18m
	Sun 26	Improvers (10:30) & Practice (1 pm)
	Mon 27	Portsmouth

DEC	Sun 03	Frostbite & Practice
	Mon 04	WA 18m
	Sun 10	Practice
	Mon 11	Portsmouth
	Sun 17	Christmas Shoot & Meal
	Mon 18	WA 25m
	Sun 24	No Shooting
	Mon 25	No Shooting
	Sun 31	Practice

2024

Month	Date	Round
JAN	Mon 01	Bank Holiday - Outdoor Shooting at 1pm
	Sun 07	Practice
	Mon 08	Portsmouth
	Sun 14	Longbow (noon) & Practice (1pm)
	Mon 15	Portsmouth
	Sun 21	Frostbite & Practice
	Mon 22	Portsmouth
	Sun 28	Improvers (10:30) & Practice (1 pm)
	Mon 29	WA 18m

FEB	Sun 04	Longbow (noon) & Practice (1pm)
	Mon 05	Portsmouth
	Sun 11	Frostbite & Practice
	Mon 12	Portsmouth
	Sun 18	Practice
	Mon 19	WA 18m
	Sun 25	Improvers (10:30) & Practice (1 pm)
	Mon 26	Worcester

MAR	Sun 03	Longbow (noon) & Practice (1pm)
	Mon 04	Portsmouth
	Sun 10	Frostbite & Practice
	Mon 11	WA 18m
	Sun 17	Birthday Shoot - Start time tbc
	Mon 18	Worcester
	Sun 24	Improvers (10:30) & Practice (1 pm)
	Mon 25	Portsmouth
	Clocks	Sun 31

APR	Mon 01	Bank Holiday - Outdoor Shooting at 2pm
	Sun 07	Longbow (noon) & Practice (2pm)
	Mon 08	Portsmouth (last indoors)
	Sun 14	Practice
	Mon 15	First evening outdoors
	Thu 18	Outdoor shooting
	Sun 21	Beginners (Wk 1) & Practice (2pm)

Key

Portsmouth (Postal + Club Comp)
WA 18m (Club comp)
WA 25m (Club comp)
Frostbite (Postal + club comp)

Longbow Challenge
Improvers & Practice
Event

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Winter 2023-24 Program

The following sets out the club's shooting program for the winter months. It covers notable events for your dairies – generally coloured coded – and a suggested guide, nothing more, to the archery rounds to be shot on other days (see notes at the end for details on a 'round').

Shooting times

Unless the program shows something different, **shooting is from 2pm on a Sunday during BST, 1pm on a Sunday when the clocks go back. Indoor shooting is 7pm on a Monday at Ewell Castle School.** We all have other commitments that sometimes make these times impractical, but we should all do our fair share of setting up and putting away over the season.

Easter Sunday is NOT a shooting day, but we do shoot on all Bank Holiday Mondays as if they are Sunday, and not in the evening.

Events at St Martin's

Sunday 17th December - Christmas Shoot and Meal (start time tbc)

Every year we meet on the field for a fun shoot (organised by last year's 'winner') in the morning, and then go for a Christmas lunch. We use the club jelly bows to make things more interesting! Details will be shared closer to the time.

Sunday 17th March – Birthday Shoot (start time tbc)

Another fun shoot to celebrate the founding of the club. Details will be shared closer to the time.

Club Competitions & Postal Competitions

During the winter we take part in two postal (virtual) competitions.

Portsmouth: this is shot indoors on Monday evenings from Nov to Mar at Ewell Castle School – shown in blue. The round is a Portsmouth (5 doz arrows at 20 yds on a 60cm face). This is also a club competition (see below).

Frostbite: this is shot outdoors on Sunday afternoons from Nov to Mar at St Martins' School – shown in yellow. The round is a Frostbite (3 doz arrows at 30 m on an 80cm face). This is also a club competition (see below).

There are four club competitions: Portsmouth (blue), WA18 (purple) and WA25 (grey) shot indoors, and the Frostbite (yellow) shot outdoors.

To take part, shoot and score on the dates shown, and submit your scores to Cameron. Trophies will be awarded on a handicap basis, normally on the best 3 or 4 scores over the season.

If you are interested in taking part in the Longbow Challenge, see Bob for details.

Improver Sessions

These are held on the last Sunday of most months: 11:30am setup. No booking required.

Mud

Please scrape your boots as you leave the field.

Lost Arrows

Lost Arrows are not allowed. All arrows must be found since we are using a school playing field. However, if after all efforts have been made no arrow has been found, please notify both the School and the Club Secretary as we must minute these instances for insurance purposes. We need to know roughly where it was lost and have a description of the arrow (e.g., type, length, fletching colour etc.). Blank forms for this are in the container and copy should be dropped through the door of the school and a copy sent to mvb.sec@gmail.com. Please also let us know if it is found later.

Rounds

There is nothing mysterious about rounds. There is a list of rounds on the inside of the right-hand container door.

A round is simply the name given to a set number of arrows shot at different distances, some based on yards and 9-7-5-3-1 scoring – Imperial Rounds, some based on meters and 10 zone scoring – Metric rounds. Most outdoor rounds consist of either 12, 9, 8, 6 or 4 dozen arrows shot in ends of 6 arrows, whereas a typical indoor round is 5 dozen arrows shot in ends of 3 arrows.

Many of the Imperial rounds are named after English place names and are evocative of history e.g., York, Hereford, St George, Albion, Portsmouth, Warwick, Windsor, Bristol, Stafford - the metric ones are maybe a bit less imaginative – Long Metric, Short Metric, WA 1440 etc.

Want to know more or ready to start scoring? Have a word with Cameron Stewart or any of the committee members.