

Stonebow Field Archers
One way Single Clout & 3D Shoot
13th June 2010

Thank you to all those who joined us for the above shoot. To be honest we didn't really know what to expect, not having organised a Clout shoot before. The lead up to the event was somewhat testing to say the least with the original field we were going to use overgrown with particularly long grass due to the weather over the past few weeks. However, a plan B was formulated and the Clout went ahead with no problems whatsoever. The weather was kind to us, despite a pretty poor forecast, and remained dry and more importantly calm for the entire Clout element of the day.

The small but enthusiastic band of intrepid archers all seemed to enjoy the challenge of Clout, with all but a handful never having done this very sociable form of archery before.

The prize on offer for the ladies and gents winners was a bespoke longbow so the stakes were high! The Ladies result was pretty close with Mary Jones running out eventual winner much to her surprise (having never shot Clout before), whilst Dave Framingham was the winner by some considerable margin for the Gents. The other scores ranged from Zero to 24 points – with those scoring zero enjoying themselves just as much as the winners – which is really the essence of Clout shooting.

After a buffet lunch our visitors were invited to shoot our 30 target course of which 27 are 3D's. This part of the day was a very relaxed affair with all archers enjoying the tranquillity of our wood and the challenging shots on offer.

All archers seemed to go home very happy after having spent an enjoyable and somewhat different day with us, and we look forward to seeing them all again (and their friends!) for our next planned shoots in October.

Due to the success of the Clout, we hope to arrange another one later this summer so watch this space. For those who have never experienced a Clout, please do give it a try as it is a very pleasant way to spend time shooting.