

NEWS FROM WINDWHISTLE COMPANY OF ARCHERS

WINDWHISTLE'S THIRD LUNCH-SHOOT IS BIGGER & BETTER

Windwhistle Company of Archers in Somerset came close to their limit of 18 for their latest monthly three-course lunch-shoot, with two lady members joining the dining archers.

As always, the formula consisted of tea, coffee, and biscuits on arrival – followed by two loops of 14 targets, and a three-course lunch between those two loops.

The July 20th lunch menu included a salmon & prawn terrine with dill & cucumber relish, coq au vin with Welsh new potatoes and minted peas, and chocolate tart with coffee cream.

On completion of the second loop of 14 targets, archers were welcomed back to the basecamp with iced beers (including non-alcoholic beer) and cider.

According to Alan Grieves, the professional chef who produces the starters and desserts (and oversees the laying of the table with linen table clothes and napkins, porcelain plates, and silver-ware): "We'll now fill the one remaining gap for our August event.



"NFAS rules debar us from serving alcohol until the end of shooting, when we serve beers and cider. But our lunch-table lacks wine glasses, so we'll be serving well-chosen non-alcoholic wine on 17th August", said Alan.

Another feature of these monthly lunch-shoots is the prize awarded to winner of each of the four shooting classes (Primitive, AFB, Longbow, and Hunting Tackle). For the latest event, those prizes were jars of home-made jam.

Top score of the day was achieved by Steve Rufus, winning the jam for Primitive with 528 points. Second highest score was made by Richard Irons, shooting AFB, with 392 points. Mike Taylor won the jam in the Hunting Tackle class, with 356 points. The Longbow prize went to John Rider, with 326 points.

A key feature of the latest Windwhistle lunch-shoot was the addition of a newly purchased toilet tent, to match the purchase of the weather-proof marquee that provides the lunchroom and kitchen.

"The addition of that toilet may have helped us, for the first time, to get two of our lady members to join our lunch-shoot", said event organiser, David Sturgess.

Windwhistle's next lunch-shoot will be on **Saturday 17th August** (10am for a 10.30 start). These events are open to Windwhistle members (at a cost of £4) and NFAS member guests (at a cost of £4 + £5 for the visitor's shooting fee).

"Given the size of our car-park and our marquee, we have to set a limit of 18 participants for these lunch-shoots", said David Sturgess. "That means that we work on the basis of 'first-come-first-served'.....so anyone wanting to book in the next event should contact Lee Brice at info@windwhistlearchers.co.uk" he added.