

Longbow Flight Shoot Sunday 30 November 2014

This will be the second and last longbow flight shoot for 2014.

It is scheduled for Sunday the 30 November at the Barkers Bridge ground. This is the same venue as for the last few shoots. The ground is located near the Lilac Hill cricket ground, off Barkers Bridge carpark on the West Swan road. To get there, go along the West Swan Road from Guildford to the river (Barkers Bridge). The carpark is located approximately 100 metres north of the river on the left hand (west) side. Turn into the carpark and follow the signs through the gate into the paddock.

The shoot is for Longbows only due to ground limitations. AA rules are still in draft form: we use AA rules for equipment but to shoot to FITA poundage classes. A summary is attached on the following page. We will include a couple of classes for wooden bows and English longbows this time.

We will be weighing bows from 8.00am onwards for an 8.45am start. We will close and lock the gate at ~8.30 for safety reasons.

We anticipate being finished around lunch-time. BYO food and drinks to keep body and soul together in the meantime. There are no toilet facilities at the ground.

Entry cost is \$10.00, payable on the day. Please bring your current AA card. If the weather looks like it is going to be bad on the morning of the shoot, call Graeme Broadbent on 0419 925 590 or Paul Salmon on 0408 844 669 to see if we are going ahead.

We will accept entries at the ground on the day, but it would be nice to get some idea of numbers. Contact Graeme Broadbent by email on debbroadbent@bigpond.com (tel 0419 925 590); or Paul Salmon on 0408 844 669 if you plan to come along. Paul has volunteered to help people weigh their bows and can provide access to the weights, by appointment, in the days before the shoot.



Location
Map

Rules of Engagement

Longbows Only! (due to ground limitations). Detailed rules are as per current AA and FITA schedules, but here is a summary of the most important points and some variations we propose for this shoot:

- Bows must conform to FITA Rule 9.3 (basically almost any bow where the string only touches the bow at the nocks). Minimum bow length 162.5cm (64") for men and 152.5cm (60") for women and juniors. As far as formal FITA flight rules are concerned, almost all bows in common use in WA will be probably be classified as American Longbows, and these are all that we can claim records for in WA. However, on the day, and depending on interest, we will have classes for wood-only bows (any design) and English longbows (wood only; thickness of bow must be greater than 5/8 of the width at all points along the limbs). We will not be shooting Primitive classes as per the American rules. This includes horse bows.
- Bows will be weighed at the maximum draw length for the arrow used. That is, the draw length where the point of the longest arrow being used would fall off the arrow shelf at the belly of the bow when drawn. Unless arrows are cut specially to an exact length to conform to a desired poundage, this will be somewhat longer than the archers usual draw length. For those archers who simply want to see how far their longbow will shoot and don't want to make special arrows – come and try anyway. If you don't want to draw the bow past its' regular draw length it can simply be entered in the Unlimited division without being weighed, so anyone with a longbow can still have a go.
- Arrows may be wood or aluminium but must have feather fletches only. There must be a minimum of three fletches per arrow.
- Six arrows are shot per division. Arrows must be numbered with a unique number, the archers name or initials, and the weight class they are to be shot in.
- We only have Open Men, Women and Junior/Cub divisions. Because of the likely small numbers of people and the small number of arrows that are shot we do not subdivide further into Masters, Veterans, etc divisions.
- We shoot to FITA poundage classes. Current AA rules have changed and national Flight records are no longer maintained by AA. We can still make claims for WA state records. We will record results in the following categories:
 - Men and Women: up to 35lb (15.9kg), 50lb (22.72kg) and Unlimited
 - Juniors, Cadets, Intermediate and Cub: up to 35lb (15.9kg), 50lb (22.72kg) and Unlimited.
- No medals will be issued. The shoot is for bragging rights and hopefully to set or beat some State records....
- We will hold the shoot unless weather conditions are absolutely impossible, but will try to arrange the ground so there is a tail wind. If we decide to re-arrange the ground because of an unexpected change in wind direction it may mean a delay of an hour or so in starting, so hope for a calm, cool and dry day...