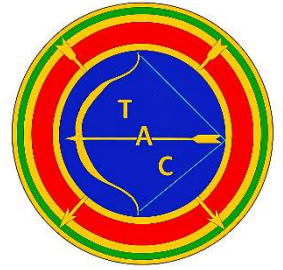


Thanet Archery Club

Member Induction



Introduction

This document is a brief starter to get you ready to shoot at the club and to inform you of our safe and secure archery practice. For full information on the club rules, please refer to the club booklet, which can be found on the website, in the member's area.

Shooting Times

Members are allowed to shoot at any time during daylight hours.

The only exception to this is on **Wednesday mornings (until 2pm)** when **ALL RANGES ARE CLOSED** to allow maintenance to be carried. For safety reasons no shooting is permitted whilst maintenance is being carried out.

Club days are held every Saturday and Sunday and members should try to attend at least one per month, preferably on a Saturday. New members are encouraged to shoot regularly at the club during the first three months, to familiarise yourself with club procedures and interact with other members.

Club Days – Summer Season

1st April – 31st October.

Saturday/Sunday: Arrive at 9:30am, ready to start shooting at 10am. Shoot generally finishes around 2pm or 3pm.

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: (May - August) – evenings from 5pm to 7pm in daylight only. (If an instructor is planning to arrive at the club before 5pm, they will alert members via WhatsApp).

Club Days – Winter Season

1st November – 31st March

Saturday: 10am – 12pm

Arriving at the club

If the main terminal gate is closed on arrival, there is a key coded lock in place (**code 1952**). Please open the gate towards the main road. When you lock the gate back up, please ensure that the padlock combination number is scrambled.

On club days, people tend to arrive between 9am and 9:30am. Between these times, the club operate a relay system. Please open the gate and wait in your car for the next person to arrive. They will then take your place and do the same. From 9:30am onwards, there is no requirement to wait. You can then lock the gate and make your way to the club house.

Weekdays, from start of business, the gates can remain open. After 5pm please close and lock the gates.

Weekends and Bank Holidays, please close and secure the gate when entering or leaving.

Remember to scramble the lock code.

Red Flag – The red flag **MUST** be raised whenever someone is on the club grounds. This should be the first thing that you do upon arrival. The last person to leave the club **MUST** lower the flag.

If the red flag is flying, access to all the ranges will be via the marked path or via the road (for those with impaired mobility) and behind the safety line of the practice field.

Clubhouse - If access is required to the clubhouse there is a key coded lock in place – (code **5834**). You open the door by pulling the small, wired handle. The padlock can then be hung up inside, above the sink.

If there is no one in the clubhouse the doors **MUST** be kept locked **at all times** and the padlock combination number scrambled. For clarity this applies at any time even if there are people on the ranges and includes club days, competitions, courses and events.

Booking in and out - We are required to register attendance at the field **at all times**. There is an electronic booking system. This can be accessed via the tablet in the clubhouse or on your mobile device.

To log in:

In your web browser type: <https://thanetarchery.ddns.net>

Username: ThanetArchery

Password: ThanetArchery61

Safety

If you are the first person to arrive you **must not** start shooting until another person is on the premises. Experienced archers may have prior approval to shoot alone.

When shooting on the practice range the backstop netting **MUST** be pulled across behind your target. This should be tied back once you finish shooting.

Archers are to be mindful of any members of the public walking down the road, alongside the practice range, and not shoot until they are clear of the road and out of view.

On the **target range** the backstop netting can be used at the archer's discretion.

The above is safety practice particular to our venue. For general archery safety & etiquette, please read the club booklet.

Safety equipment

The following items are kept in the field hut near the practice range.

- **First aid kit** – this should be kept stocked up from the main British-standard Workplace 1st Aid box in the kitchen. If stock is running low, please inform a member of the maintenance team (Building, Field or Equipment officer).
- **Defibrillator** – any use of this **must** be logged as an incident.
- **Arrow-puller** - this is the safest way of removing arrows embedded in target stands, so please use it. You may avoid stabbing yourself with an arrow-knock.

Leaving the club

Always remember to sign out on the app when you leave. Remember to follow the guidance on gate security. If you are the last person to leave, please ensure:

- All lights are turned off.
- Water turned off by the stop tap in the far disabled toilet, below the basin on the left.
- Kettle/small appliances are switched off and unplugged.
- The kitchen door is shut and locked.
- The emergency door is closed.

Target Fees for visitors

There are no target fees, except £5 for associate members and visiting archers (non-members). This must be paid in advance by BACS or by putting the correct money in the pot provided. Visiting archers **MUST** be accompanied by a senior club member.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are the codes for the padlocks to be given out to non-members, regardless of whether they are friends or family. Anyone found to be in breach of this may have their membership terminated.

Shooting Alone

Members who have recently joined via a beginner's course must be accompanied by an experienced archer/instructor, until such time that they are deemed competent and safe by the head coach.

Once signed off as competent and safe, members are allowed to shoot **ONLY** when another person is on the premises who **MUST** be made aware that the member is shooting and what range they are using. The second person does not have to be shooting or a member.

Non-members, however, **MUST** be accompanied by a member at all times whilst on the premises.

Approval for lone shooting may be sought by experienced archers, via the committee. (See Club Booklet).

WhatsApp Group and Website

Once inducted, you will be added to the TAC WhatsApp group. This group is used by the club to communicate any club competitions, field maintenance, or activities taking place. It is also used by members to inform others of when they are attending the club to shoot, so that you can attend at the same time, or share lifts etc.

It is a friendly and well-mannered group. **Under no circumstances** are members of the club allowed to post anything derogatory, abusive or insulting. Any members found to do so may have their membership terminated, following disciplinary procedures.

WhatsApp:-

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Drww1fSIlaT7qiC3x6rbZ6>

Website - www.thanetarchery.club

Password to access the members area of the web site is 'ThanetArchery61', the same as for the Sign-In app. The link can be found on the top right of the home page.