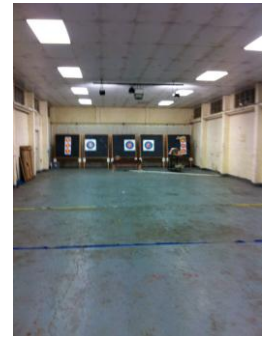




Now I know I'm coming at this report from the wrong end, but it never ceases to amaze me how the range goes from a 20 target field course (with a roof on of course!), to a 5 boss practice range in a matter of about 45 minutes – and that includes a swept floor! Which of course we couldn't have done without the help of the last session's archers. **So, thanks you everyone.**



This year's attendees, where no different to previous years, in that they were all looking forward to it, and couldn't wait to see what deviousness we'd been up to this year! Well Hugh and John's Beastie Workshop, had once again been busy. Keeping topical, we had a small selection of Aleksandr Orlov's family and friends. Meerkats being a twitchy sort of creature, they didn't stick around for too long, and the archers weren't given a great deal of time to shoot true. ☺



They were given enough time to safely have the arrow on the arrow rest (or hand) and then nocked on the string before the button was pressed to start the process of 'popping' up the first meerkat, followed by the second little chap at a random interval, but their flighty behaviour didn't stop a lots of the archers getting some good shots in. And these two weren't the hardest meerkats to shoot! Jonathan's Hydraulic Wonderland (being responsible for the 'travelling' penguin last year), created a little running fella, who was visible, for about 2 seconds – but we did give you two chances at him! He ran out, he ran home. **Simples!**



Now as most of you will know (if you read your NFAS Newsletter, or visit NFAS.com, our President, Harry, will not be re-standing for 2012. Some of you will be aware of Barry the Bear. He's an associate member of the NFAS, and in one of those fateful evenings in the social club, (although I think this one took shape while camping at Liberty's summer bash this year – well it was better than counting earwigs...), our mini-bear decided he would look good dressed as Barry the Bear. All the archers had to do to vote for Barry was shoot the NFAS card around his neck! Now I have to say, a lot of those cards were made, to replace after each session, so we have the evidence of how many of you actually shot the card – for the maximum points. I believe more meerkats were shot than NFAS cards. Harry, you may have to stay ☺



And of course, the excitement around the Flying Pigs, was accompanied by the usual audience participation. You were lucky archers; the talk around the campfire mentioned putting jockeys on them this year! But we couldn't find something suitable – well you saw what happened to one of the fluffy toys that came to the range...



I spoke to a few people, who were experiencing their first Outdoor Indoor, and they, like many others, didn't leave before signing in to next year's shoot. My favourite comment this year, at the end of the last session, was 'I want to shoot it again!', and a big smile. That feeling is exactly what we try to achieve, and what makes all the hard work so worth while.

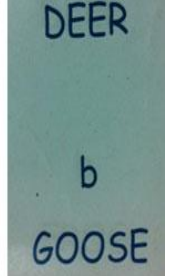
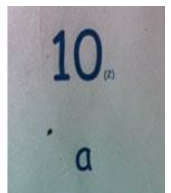
As usual, the two weekends ran smoothly, and this is thanks to all the volunteers and organisers, no matter how small the part they played, it allowed lots of us, who usually put in lots of time, to sneak off for a couple of hours here and there, and do necessary chores elsewhere, or to have a nice rest and a pint. This shoot is so well run and organised now, once the whistle goes, it pretty much takes on a life of it's self, and the 'yellow jackets' can enjoy watching you all having fun. See you all next year.



Emma controls the flying pigs



New admin assistant





Simples!

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