

## FRENCH, ITALIAN, AND ENGLISH DISHES FEATURED AT WINDWHISTLE'S SECOND "SATURDAY LUNCH-SHOOT".

*And cold beers & cider awaited the archers*

**Participants at Windwhistle's second "Saturday Lunch-Shoot" (6th July) were presented with an international three-course meal.**

On arrival, the 12 archers – evenly split between Windwhistle members and visitors from other clubs – shared tea, coffee and biscuits for a sociable gathering.

On completion of the first loop of 14 targets, everyone gathered in the marquee, where the tables (with linen table-cloths) were set with silver cutlery and porcelain crockery.

The starter, created by Alan Greaves, was a French inspired warm camembert and caramelized red onion tartlet on a dressed leaf-salad. The main course was a traditional Italian dish – chicken cacciatore with penne pasta tossed in olive oil and parsley. This was followed by the eminently English dessert – strawberry Eton Mess.

The lunch discussion highlighted the reason for Windwhistle creating these lunch-shoots, which are currently unique in the UK and emulate how French field-archery clubs arrange their open-shoots.



“At most UK open shoots, everyone arrives at the catering tent at different times – and there is little opportunity for socializing, with everyone watching when the group ahead of them finishes their lunch, so as to get back onto the course”, said event organiser, David Sturgess. “These Saturday lunch-shoots mean that everyone finishes the first loop at about the same time, and can then relax together over a three-course lunch – and resume the second loop when everyone feels ready”, he added.

“It was a delight to see everyone chatting and laughing together over the lunch table. Windwhistle wants to create events when members and guests can socialize as well as compete on the course. These lunch-shoots are meeting that objective”, said David.

The event was blessed with warm weather, so – when the shooting groups returned to the marquee – there were ice-cold beers and cider waiting for them.

These Saturday-Shoots always provide prizes that are different to the tin-medals at other open shoots. This time, the prizes were packs of chocolate-chip cakes. The biggest group was Hunting Tackle, which was won by Tom Hemmings, with 326 points. The AFB group was won by Richard Irons, with a superb score of 434 points, while Peter Whiteman won the Longbow class with 250 points.

The next Windwhistle Lunch-Shoot will be on Saturday 20th July, when the main course will be coq-au-vin with new potatoes and minted peas. The starter and dessert have yet to be revealed: but there will be tea/coffee/biscuits on arrival, and cold beers & cider on completion of shooting.

The entry-fee is just £4 for Windwhistle members, and £9 (ie, £4 for lunch and £5 for the guest-fee) for visitors.

“The constraints of our marquee and car-park mean that we have a limit of 18 participants, so pre-booking is essential, said David Sturgess.