

Longbow Flight Shoot

Sunday 11th April

This will be the first longbow flight shoot for 2010. We hope to have another one in September, date to be advised.

The shoot is for Longbows only due to ground limitations. Detailed rules are as per current AA schedules. A summary is attached on the following page.

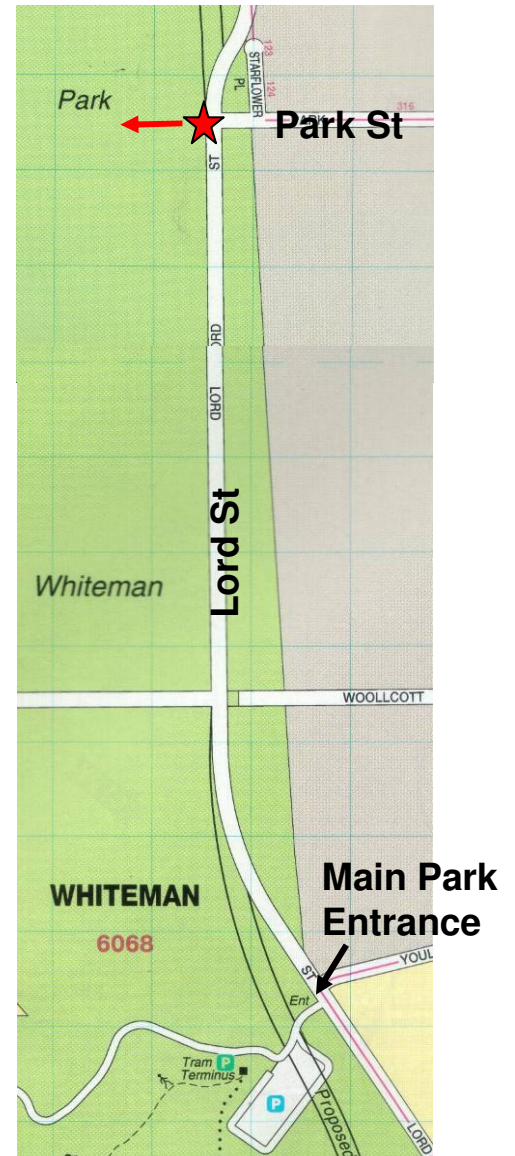
- Where? Whiteman Park, but not at the Archery Complex! We will be on the east (Lord Street) side of the park at the Park Street venue. To get there, go north about 2.25km along Lord Street from the main entrance on the east side of the park to the Park Street intersection. Turn left down the ramp and go through the gate, then follow the signs. Be careful making this turn as Lord Street carries a lot of traffic. The turnoff is quite sharp and a little bit steep, so go slow when you go off the road.
- When? Weigh-in from 7.30am onwards for 8.30am start. We will close the gate at 8.15 for safety reasons. If the weather is bad we have a fall-back date of the 2nd May
- How Much? Entry cost \$10.00, payable on the day – cash will be fine.
- What else? The closest toilet facilities are those in the main park complex, approx 1km in from the main Lord Street entrance.

After the flight shoot we will have some fun shoot events. We anticipate being finished around lunch-time. BYO food and drinks to keep body and soul together in the meantime.

We will accept entries at the ground on the day, but it would be nice to get some idea of numbers. Contact Graeme Broadbent on 0419 925 590 or Paul Salmon on 0408 846 669 if you plan to come along. Paul has volunteered to help people weigh their bows and can make himself, and the weights, available by appointment in the days before the shoot.

If the weather is bad on the day we have a fall-back date of the 2nd May.

Location Map



Rules of Engagement

Longbows Only! (due to ground limitations). Detailed rules are as per current AA schedules, but here is a friendly reminder about the most important points:

- 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 160cm (63”) for men and 150cm (59”) for women and juniors. As far as formal FITA flight rules are concerned, almost all bows in common use will be probably be classified as American Longbows unless somebody can present compelling evidence and measurements to submit a bow as an English longbow. We will not be shooting Primitive classes as per the American rules.
- Bows will be weighed at the maximum draw length i.e. where the point of the longest arrow being used would fall off the arrow shelf at the belly of the bow. 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 the poundage at their full arrow length exceeds the division the bow is entered for it will simply be entered in the correct class on the day, 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 propose to have Open Men, Women and Junior divisions. Because of the likely small numbers of people and the small number of arrows that are shot we do not propose to have Masters, Veterans etc divisions unless people really want to make an issue of this.
- As per current AA rules records can be recognised for the following weight classes, so official results will only be recorded in the following categories:
 - Men and Junior boys: up to 25kg and Unlimited
 - Women and Junior Girls: up to 18kg and Unlimited
 - Cadets, Intermediate and Cub: up to 18kg and up to 25kg.We will have informal 18kg, 33kg and 40kg divisions for men, and 25kg divisions for women on the day.
- No medals will be issued. The shoot is for bragging rights and hopefully for somebody to set a record or two.
- 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 day...