

Dell Farm Woods Field Shooting.



Introduction:

Dell Farm Woods provides us with the opportunity to experience, practice and enjoy another popular form of archery – Field Archery.

There are various types of Field Archery covered within the World Archery, Archery GB and National Field Archery Society auspices. However, because the AGB Insurance cover enjoyed by Bowbrook members does not cover shooting alongside non-AGB affiliated Archers, we can only allow AGB members to shoot.

This document summarises our own Club Field Shoots, explaining our Rounds and Equipment categories, which all fit within the WA / AGB 'Rules of Shooting' models.

Bowbrook Big Game Round:

This shoot is loosely based on a Big Game round, but with a higher proportion of shorter distances (20 – 40 yards). These targets may be a combination of unmarked or marked distances.

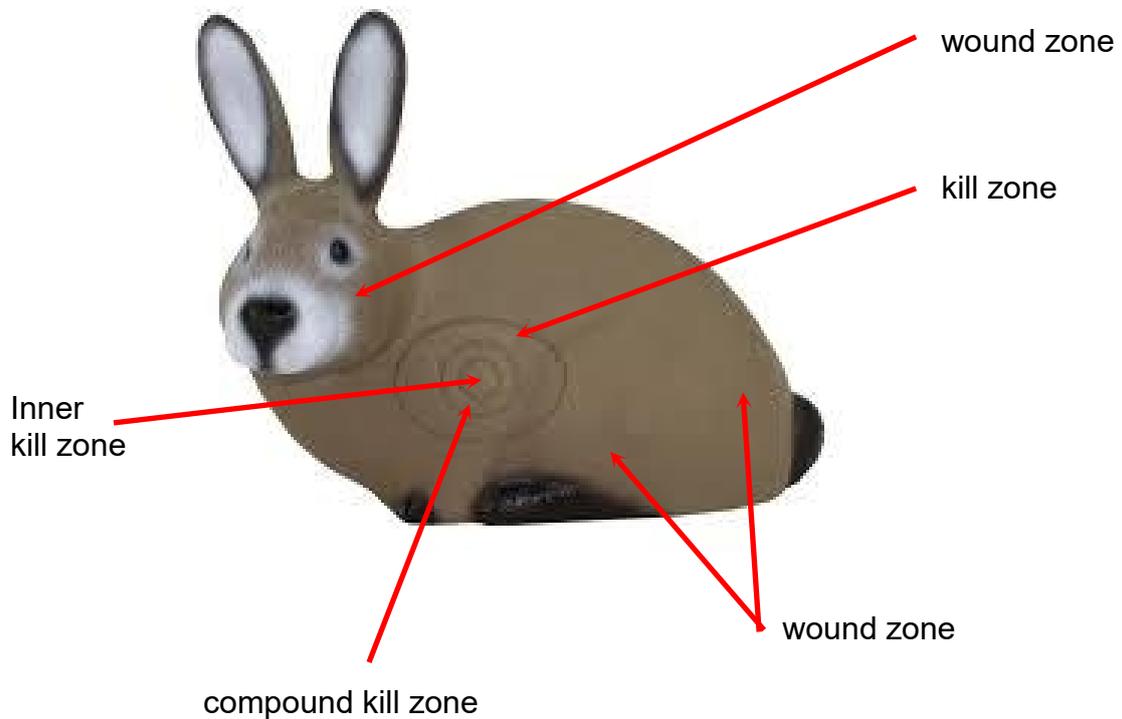
Animal targets with a small 'kill' zone(s) in the heart region and wound zone(s) covering the rest of the body. During the individual Shoot gathering, it is announced whether we are shooting 'fur and feathers', (meaning that an arrow touching anywhere on the animal counts as a hit).

Each target will also have a smaller area (or areas) within the Kill zone(s) which are counted as Compound Kills.

Up to three shots are allowed at each target, one from each of (up to) three different positions, marked by coloured pegs – in order Red, White and Blue. These three pegs should be shot from sequentially by all adult and Junior (age 15-17 inclusive) archers. Juniors aged 12-14 inclusive shoot their first two arrows from the adult middle peg (White) then move to the final (Blue) peg for their third shot. Junior archers (aged 11 and below) shoot their three arrows from the nearest (Blue) peg.

The archer stops shooting as soon as the target has been hit; only the 1st scoring arrow counts.

The scoring for each attempt is as follows:



Scoring	Inner (compound) Kill – Compound Bow Only	Compound Kill – all other Bow types	Kill – all Bow types	Wound – all bow types
1st arrow	24	24	20	16
2nd arrow	14	14	14	10
3rd arrow	8	8	8	4

Bowbrook Foresters Round:

This round is loosely based on the Foresters Round.

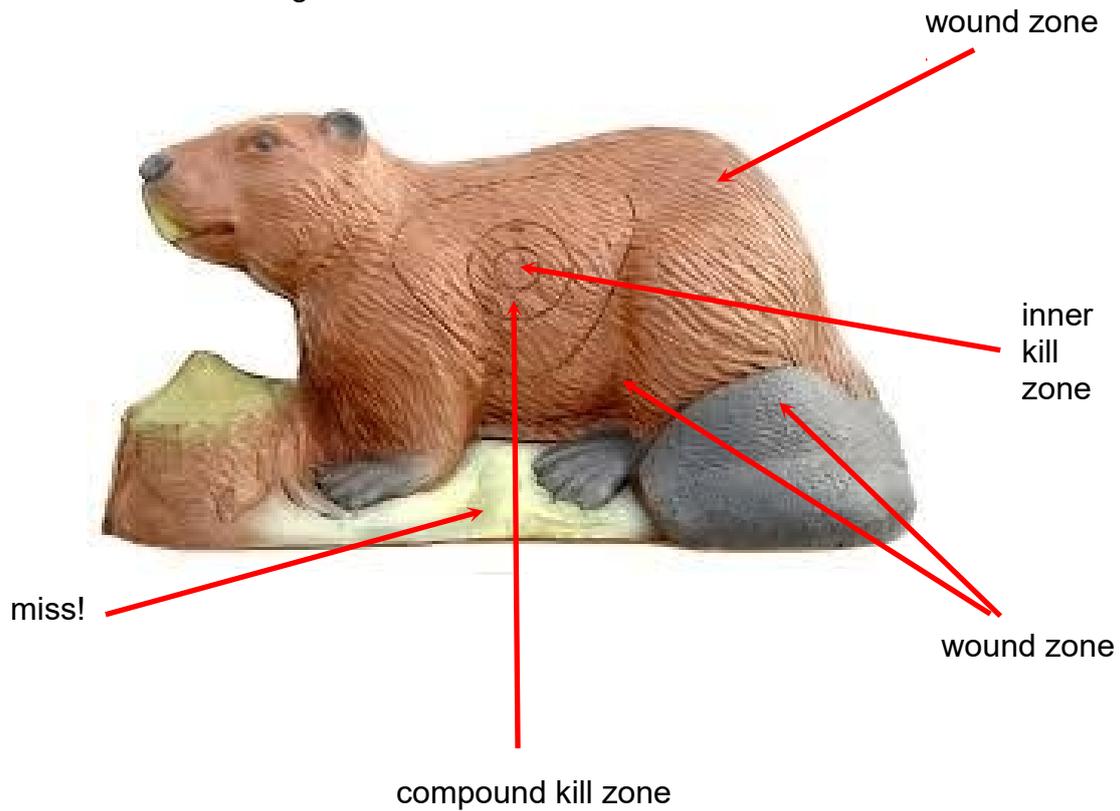
Similar to the Bowbrook Big Game round as far as the target set up is concerned.

Pegs will vary shoot by shoot, with some echoing the Bowbrook Big Game layout, other times there may be different pegs laid out for the morning and afternoon sessions.

Another variance is that only one peg will be laid out for the morning session, with a different single peg laid out for the afternoon session.

The pre-shoot gathering will detail which is applicable for the day.

In this round, scoring is as follows:



Scoring	Inner (compound) Kill – Compound Bow only	Compound Kill – all other Bow types	Kill – all Bow types	Wound – all bow types
1 st arrow	15	15	10	5
2 nd arrow	15	15	10	5
3 rd arrow	15	15	10	5

For both rounds:

Archers will be divided into groups of 4 or 5, each group starting at a different target.

At the start of the shoot groups will set out and take up position at their target, but must not start to shoot until the horn is sounded.

Bows must be left at the 'pegs' when going to collect or look for arrows. This tells the following group that there is someone behind the target and they must not shoot. Ideally, only a couple of people will go to score & collect, whilst at least one stays by the 'pegs' as another means of following groups being aware that archers are collecting arrows.

For safety reasons, all archers not shooting must stand 'behind' the shooting archer.

Please keep to the marked path. You could wander into the overshoot area behind a target you did not notice.

Do not go back to a target for any reason; someone else may be shooting at it.

Please observe a '2 minute' rule when looking for lost arrows. Any group that spends too long shooting or looking for arrows causes a bottleneck and delays the whole shoot. If you find any arrows that are not yours, drop them off at the assembly area.

There must be no overtaking. Even if you are being held up and the next target is clear you must not leap-frog the group in front of you. All archers are asked to be considerate to others, and not take too long in deliberating between shots. A sensible, courteous time to shoot is encouraged.

Bow Styles:

For the purposes of the Bowbrook Shoots, there are five classes of bow-styles:

- Compound (Compound Bows less than 60# draw)
- Recurve Freestyle (recurve with sights),
- Barebow (recurve without sights)
- Historical (Longbow and Horsebows, shot off the hand, wooden arrows only)
- Traditional (wooden bows – be they Barebow, American Flatbow: must be shot off the (fixed) shelf, and only using wooden arrows.)

Other equipment:

Please note that no range-finders, of any description, be they attached to the bow or not, are permitted.

Scopes / binoculars are permitted as long as they do not have any range finding capabilities.

Hints:

Sensible dress regulations apply. Wear bright colours and stout boots or wellies.

You will lose or break arrows – do not bring your best target arrows.

Longrods get tangled in the branches, use one if you must but you are better without.

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