

British Blind Sport Charity Shoot

Have you ever seen a visually impaired archer shoot and wonder why their target doesn't move and how they shoot? Well here is your chance to find out more.

Visually impaired (VI) archers shoot what is called a Burntwood round which is equivalent to the normal round, York, Hereford, Western, American, FITA etc but instead of moving distances the boss stays at 30m and the target faces change from small ones to larger ones to simulate the target moving closer. This is because the archers who use a tactile aid and foot locators are vulnerable to the target moving slightly from side to side when the bosses are brought forward. Unlike archers who can see the target and adjust for a slightly different position, the VI archer's feet and hence their body are fixed in the direction that the foot locators are facing.

You are invited to see how this all works by taking part in a Burntwood American which is where the target is set at 30m and the first 2½ dozen are shot on a 60cm face, the second on an 80cm face and the final set on a 122cm face. Don't worry you are allowed to use your sight for the competition but for those who would like to experience more there will be a have a go with either partially sighted or total blackout simulation specs after the main competition so you can try shooting as a visually impaired archer or even just go for a walk and try to navigate the field. There will be experienced spotters/guides around to help you with your experience.

There will also be some visually impaired archers attending who will be shooting alongside you and will be around to talk more about their type of sight impairment and how this affects their archery experience.

I look forward to seeing you in June, I am sure it will be an informative and fun day.

Melissa Carter.

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Date: Saturday 11th &
Sunday 12th June 2011.

Round : Burntwood American

Place : Sandyacres Social Club,
Sandyhurst Lane, Ashford,
Kent , TN25 4PD

Assembly : 9:45am

Start : 10am

Judge: TBC

Lord Paramount : TBC

Shooting fee : £6 per day

GNAS dress code.

Please bring your own lunch as the bar will be closed for a private function.

(bacon sandwiches will be available to purchase throughout the day)

