



# Ettrick Forest Archers



## LONGBOW ARCHERY ETIQUETTE

*Ancient custom and traditional etiquette as perpetuated by the British Longbow Society.*

### At the shooting line:

1. Remain on the shooting line until your target companion has finished shooting. Avoid loud and distracting comment about your own, or their shot.
2. Endeavour not to chatter, sing or make indecorous noise on or near the shooting line, to the disturbance of those shooting.
3. Do not wander beyond the shooting line until the Field Captain has indicated that it is safe to do so.
4. Under no circumstances pick up or examine a colleague's tackle without first being invited to do so.

### At the Target:

5. Help your Target Captain by waiting until your score has been recorded before retrieving those arrows which have missed. Arrows in front of the target or embedded in the legs may be recovered at once.
6. Withdraw only your own arrows. If you damage another's arrow through carelessness, offer payment immediately.
7. Refrain from smoking without permission if sharing a target with Ladies. Dispose of cigarette ends etc, in the receptacles provided or with imagination if there are none.
8. The Target Captain and Lieutenant control the recording of the scores or numbers. The Lieutenant will verify the arrow called and the Captain will record its value. Minor disputes should be dealt with by consensus at the Target; the attention of the Field Captain – as arbiter – should be drawn to others.

### General etiquette and custom:

9. It is traditional for “shillings” to be paid to anyone scoring a “Perfect End”. Be ready and prepared to reward skill accordingly. Similarly, at certain Meetings it is customary for those aiming at one target and striking another to pay for the privilege of removing their arrow; in the proportion of two pence for each colour. Thus, Whites and Petticoats two-pence, Blacks four-pence etc, Target Captain to collect.
10. Gentlemen are encouraged to wear a tie or cravat with jacket or blazer, whilst at luncheon or tea. Jackets may be removed by permission of the President, or Senior Lady present.
11. Above all, be a pleasant and cheerful target companion: enjoy the day and the company of your fellow Archers.

**The above are not anachronisms; all members are expected to observe them.**