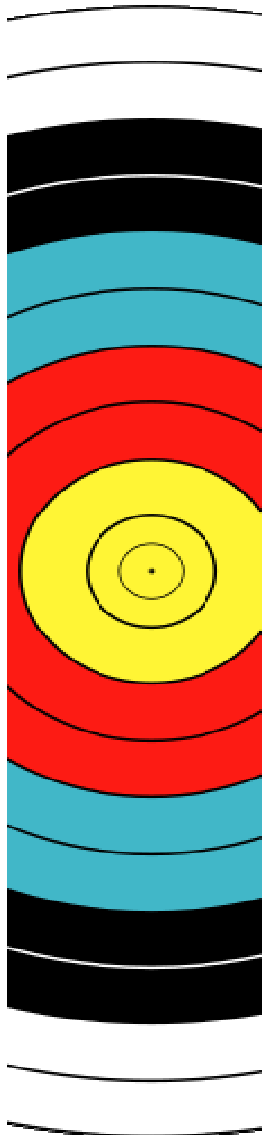




Clout



An altogether different form of Archery, Clout involves long distances, high trajectories and an interesting way of trying to predict the weather conditions! The object is to stand on the shooting line with your bow and aim to shoot your arrows into the air and 'drop them in' as close as possible to a flag in the ground. There will be a large circle marked around the flag with zones scoring 1 to 5 points depending on proximity to the flag (once again, no points for a 'miss'). Because of the large target area and its placement on the floor rather than vertically, Clout Archery takes place over longer distances than any other form of Target contest. On a Standard English Clout round Gentlemen will shoot 36 arrows at a flag 180 yds away, and Ladies 140 yds. Although not as widespread or popular as Target and Field, there are still many Clout clubs and competitions around, as well as tournaments and award schemes up to an International level. It is often noted the array of 'interesting' additions some Clout Archers make to their bows (unlimited classes only). You will see a huge range of rods, sights, timing devices and more protruding from the bows of Archers at a Clout shoot. Many of these will be home made by the Archer as opposed to manufactured and bought from a shop too! As a departure from conventional Target Archery, Clout is certainly entertaining and offers Archers and Spectators alike an entirely different take on the sport. As mentioned earlier, the weather is a big factor in Clout shooting due to the need to maintain accuracy over a long distance. Many people find (often to their disadvantage) that the wind is not blowing the same way high up in the air as it is at ground level!