

# ETIQUETTE on the ARCHERY RANGE

There are many things that you can't do on the archery range because it is against the rules. On the other hand, there are things that you shouldn't do because of range etiquette. For the most part common sense can help you do the right thing and avoid having a marshal or another archer expressing their unhappiness towards your actions. The problem is that common sense works much better if you have some experience level with the situation. If you are new to archery you don't have this experience to draw from. The following should help you not make someone else part of your learning curve.

- Do keep distractions such as laughing, talking while other archers are on the shooting line to a minimum.
- Pay attention to where you place your feet and don't walk on, or stand on someone's equipment. In turn, use lots of common sense to ensure you don't place your equipment in a position for it to be stood or walked upon.
- DO pick up any of your arrows lying short of the target.
- An archer should place one hand on the target face and one hand on the arrow shaft close to the target face when pulling out their arrows.
- DO NOT yank your arrows out, remove them by "worrying" them out.
- DO NOT handle or touch anyone's equipment unless you have asked and received the owner's permission.
- It is not usually proper to ask someone to shoot their equipment. Serious shooters spend time and money to fine tune their equipment. You can lose or break an arrow that is part of a matched set that can't be replaced that easily.
- If you find someone else's shaft buried in the grass and decided to pull it out, do it carefully. Pull it out in the direction it was flying. This will keep from messing up the fletching any more than necessary. You may lay it on the ground where you found it, carefully holding it near the point (if the ground is soft) stick it into the ground to be better seen, take it back to the target, or return it to the line. Whatever method you use, pay attention to how you treat other people's equipment.