

ANOTHER 101 IFAF ARCHERY EXCUSES. by Andrew Wayland.

Due to the positive feedback from last weeks 101 archery excuses, below are some MORE excuses you may hear whilst out on an archery course....

Hmmm, I have definitely heard some of these before as you probably have too.

1. Would you believe I put my limbs on the wrong way?
2. My serving is frayed... oh and my arrow rest is faulty.
3. My riser handle is too sweaty.
4. My exams are next week, can't concentrate on archery.
5. There was a mistake in my score, should have had another 130 points out there today, I was robbed!
6. Too many people in my group, don't like shooting with more than three others.
7. His lack of any archery skill just puts me off.
8. Too many hold ups out on the course today.
9. His lack of personality made my day intolerable. You would get more conversation out of a stone.
10. Wish he'd just shut up for two minutes.
11. My arrow definitely went right through the 3d turkey's feathers, should have counted as a score.
12. Every time I take aim, he sticks his head in my line of vision for a clear view.
13. Finding it difficult to concentrate, locked my keys in the car when I arrived this morning... not sure what I am going to do. (actually has happened on a few occasions)
14. Think I got food poisoning at break time, that fourth burger just didn't taste right.
15. Bit my tongue at breakfast time.
16. Got mosquito spray in my eyes earlier on.
17. What oh sorry, I didn't realise I was that far in front of the shooting peg.
18. My wife thinks I am out painting our shed today... and she just text me to say she is on the way down with lunch.
19. My husband thinks I am at home in bed waiting for him to return home from his tour of duty. His phone just died before I could tell him my mother is there house sitting for me today.
20. He is a danger to himself and everyone else within a two mile radius.
21. He takes a full four minutes to shoot an arrow.
22. Should have stuck with playing golf instead of this archery lark.

23. Work in the morning and the boss found out late on Friday what I did to (did with) his photocopier.
24. Just can never shoot well outside of Ireland for some reason.
25. All seven in my category were cheating today, I should have won.
26. His camera has a distance finder on it.
27. Somehow I've managed to get tree sap on my handle....Yuk!
28. Fingers too sore today after playing twister last night with my daughter who stood on my hand.
29. Broke my lucky arrow that I've had for three years.
30. My quiver keeps detaching from my belt.
31. Hurt my back earlier when reaching for an arrow from my back quiver.
32. The masseuse nearly crippled me with her elbow during my physio session yesterday.
33. What, are you sure it is NOT a four arrow round?
34. Brought my sons shorter arrows with me by accident.
35. My cap keeps sliding down over my eyes when I aim.
36. I would probably hit more today if I used plastic toy sucker arrows.
37. His hi-vis jacket keeps distracting me as I aim.
38. He just will not stop whistling!
39. I'd swear he is deliberately stepping on the twigs to put me off.
40. He does more moaning than Vincent Brown.
41. If I hear anymore about Eastenders, Home and Away, Fair city or Coronation street this afternoon, I will be driven mad out there.
42. I just don't have enough room to cant the bow to my liking.
43. Hmmm another left hander's shot I see...
44. If he gets any more frustrated with his shooting here today , he could turn on any of us... (but with the way he is shooting we'd probably be safe enough anyway!)
45. The couple I am shooting with are such a pair of show offs, it's embarrassing!
46. I shouldn't have bet twenty five euro on beating my daughter out there today... I hate losing.
47. He just told me to calm down and take my time... CALM, I will give him a sense of calm in a moment!
48. I can't concentrate, I think my partner is going to propose to me after the shoot today.
49. Don't like to be beaten by a woman!
50. Put too much pressure on myself with trying to win my gold gain.
51. Would have won today had I not tripped and fell into that stream.
52. T- t – too c – c –co – cooooooold!
53. That wind would cut the balls off a brass monkey!

54. Too far to walk between targets.
55. I am fed up shooting this course, it's not a challenge anymore.
56. Was doing okay til somebody mentioned that there was a ghost in these woods!
57. I have this fear my limbs are gonna explode so I close my eyes every time I draw.
58. I am an animal rights campaigner so that is why I deliberately miss the animal targets.
59. Bursting for the loo all day.
60. I felt awful having stepped on and smashed three of her arrows today.
61. It hit the low branch on the ground not the ground itself so I maintain my 20 points should stand, lucky or not...
62. It's so not fair; - the target faces are not placed in the centre of the butts.
63. Can't shoot using these red fletched arrows.
64. He had serious (personal) wind issues all day today!
65. Terrible stances at all the pegs today.
66. Not enough clearance overhead on this course, - hmmm obviously wasn't set by a trad archer!
67. He keeps "accidentally" prodding me with his long stabiliser... once more and I will prod it somewhere he mightn't like!
68. There are more instruments on his bow than there are on a space shuttle.
69. Strung the bow upside down.
70. I should have got the points there, isn't my fault the boar is missing a front leg.
71. Talked myself out of the shot, knew I'd hit the antlers.
72. The wife is in town with my credit cards, can't focus on my shooting.
73. Brace height keeps dropping on me.
74. Shooting this bow for first time in five years, it's not tuned for me.
75. Thicker arrows and I'd have had that!
76. Pah, his arrows are like broom handles...
77. Will he ever stop talking shop?
78. Arrows too stiff.
79. Arrows not stiff enough.
80. What do you mean by stiff arrows?
81. A Kayak is what was needed here today.
82. I will never buy arrows from him again, nocks and feathers keep coming off.
83. I'm afraid a tree is going to fall in this wind.
84. He pulls my arrows out like they are made of rubber.
85. Those two have been bickering all day... so off putting.
86. The words brainless imbecile comes to mind!
87. Shouldn't have camped last night, rain came through the canvas at 4am.

88. Toothache today, have an ingrown toenail, razor burn, and have a touch of the flu... and hurt my ankle yesterday too.
89. Just can't use a tab and this glove is too loose.
90. The scoring lines must be at least two inches into the animal faces, I hit every single animal and yet didn't score most of the time.....
91. Forgot to bring my hand warmers.
92. My wet gear is too tight on me.
93. I think he likes wood carving, spent most of the day digging his arrows out of the superbutt frame. Either that or he just likes showing off his knife.
94. Don't know if I locked the back door or not this morning.
95. How many times do I have to tell her I do not eat Tuna sandwiches!
96. His arrows are doing more than 300fps for sure!
97. Couldn't get my limbs to click in properly.
98. Up the hills, down the hills, up the hills, down the hills, I feel like a mountain goat!
99. Got thorns in my hands looking for their lost arrows...
100. She's so fluky, she could snap twigs from the ditch, load them, and still hit the target.
101. Well if I had 20 euro arrows and a bow worth a grand, I could shoot that well too.

Perhaps yet another 101 might be compiled at a later stage. No shortage of contributors at our shoots, that's for sure...