IFAA Field Archery in Thailand

On 16 and 17 February, 16 key members of the Thailand Outdoor Archery Club (TOAC) got together and met at the Thai government recreational park of “Centre of Nature Observation and Ecotourism Jedkot-pongkonsao” in Bangkok to learn about Field Archery in accordance with the rules of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) under the leadership and guidance of coach George Loh, an IFAA certified instructor from Singapore.

The session started with a 4 hour classroom lesson on the nuts and bolts of field archery. Thanks to the power point slides the participants were able to understand better the different types of targets used in field, hunter and animal rounds. Other topics covered were the pertinent basic rules and the setup of the Field Range.

The next day saw a group that was eager to go.

It was hot, real hot…almost 36 degrees Celsius in the open and about 32 degrees in the shade.

After setting up a 6 target course, all the participants were paired up into groups and made to shoot the field round, the hunter round and the animal round.

It was very exhausting but also very satisfying as the group had a better understanding of lessons taught in the classroom the day before.

The day ended with a debrief in the clubhouse over a few ice cold drinks.

It is the intention to do the course again, but on a larger scale with the rest of the members in June 2012 ,followed immediately thereafter by a short competition.

Plans are also set up that George in cooperation with TOAC will organise a Field Championship in Chiangmai later this year in December.

More details about this event to follow on the IFAA Web site.”

Note by IFAA:

Thanks to George for his input in coaching and the pictures and short article. It will be great to have more members in S-E Asia soon.

I am sure that any archers who are interested in the Chiagmai shoot will be welcome.