



SHROPSHIRE ARCHERY SOCIETY

Newsletter

Lots of news about both past and future events in the Shropshire Toxophilological scene. I stand to be corrected if that is an incorrect word – but it sounds impressive.

CONGRATULATIONS - to Sue Williamson who was awarded the GOLD Plaque at the recent ArcheryGB AGM. This is the top National award for volunteers in the sport and was awarded to thank Sue for innumerable years of work in our sport. In addition to this, Alison Williamson was awarded honorary life membership of ArcheryGB in recognition of her participation in no less than 6 Olympic Games.

County Indoor Competition, February 2016.

Firstly, many thanks to Telford Archers for once again hosting this event.

Such was the popularity of the shoot, held at the impressive Sports Hall at Telford College, that the shooting was split into two sessions, morning and afternoon. A total of 84 archers took part with 10 of Shropshire's 11 ArcheryGB affiliated clubs represented. There were 24 juniors – which meant that the overall archers' ages ranged from under 10 to 70+ - a great inclusive shoot in keeping with the spirit of our sport.

Detailed results have been circulated to all clubs and can also be found on the County Website – so no need to repeat them here.

Field archery.

The regular winter series of field shoots hosted by Bowbrook archers has nearly finished but there are a series of sessions planned through the summer. These are mostly on Wednesday evenings – a full list can be found on the calendar shown on Bowbrook Archers' new website.

April 10th marked the latest in ongoing field archery tussles between Bowbrook Archers and Audco Archers. This year the shield was won by Audco Archers.

Croesoswallt "Silver Dollar" shoot.

Sunday 4th September 2016.

This is a long standing event that will surely test the stamina of all who take part. It consists of a "Double American" round – thus each archer will be shooting 15 dozen arrows (+ sighters!) during the day! 2.5 dozen at each of 3 distances, 60, 50 and 40 yards, all repeated. It is shot in the grounds of Oswestry Orthopaedic hospital, with sighters at 915am.

For more details contact Will Spalding, secretary of Croesoswallt Archers – jillibill2@gmail.com.

County AGM.

This was held on 29th March in Church Stretton. As always, only about 3% of all Shropshire's archers were able to attend which is disappointing. There are no significant changes in the structure of our County's archery governance. Finances are healthy.

Some changes have been made to the rules of shooting for the winter indoor postal league. There will now be 4 separate competitions.

Essentially each of the senior leagues will now involve only one bow type. There will be Separate competitions for Recurve, Compound, Barebow and Longbow. Junior leagues will continue to mix bow types.

It is accepted that some clubs have space and time limitations at their indoor shooting venue so it is now no longer compulsory to shoot the qualifying rounds for this competition in 3 arrow ends. Having said that, those top archers whose scores are likely to be counted as part of a team are encouraged to continue with 3 arrow ends where possible. It should be noted that Portsmouth rounds shot with 6 arrow ends are not eligible for County records or to be entered for other competitions outside Shropshire or for handicap calculations outside your own club.

It was decided that from now on Shropshire Archery Society will provide (and pay for) all medals awarded in County competitions (not heritage shoots). These will be designed specifically for SAS and organising clubs will be given enough medals to cover a particular shoot. Medals will be awarded for all junior age categories. Some additional trophies will be purchased where there are enough entries in any particular class to justify this.

The entry fees for all heritage shoots will rise to £6 for seniors – juniors stay at £3.

SHROPSHIRE SPRING SHOOT.

Sunday 8th May 2016.

Venue:	Long Mynd Archers, New House Farm, Church Stretton
Rounds:	WA 1440 (gents & ladies)
Judging:	Chris Platon
Times:	Assembly at 8:30am followed by 45 minutes of practice from 8:45am
Entries:	Free to enter for all Shropshire archers and associate archers, however the selection shoot is for the senior county squad so only senior distances will be shot although any junior able to participate at these distances is welcome (this may be opened up to include junior distances depending on space) Archers can only enter for their appropriate WA 1440 round, there will be no Veteran, Cadet or Master categories At the present moment the only bow styles shot at county level are recurve, compound and longbow. We welcome archers shooting other bow styles, but please be aware that you may not be selected to represent the county at this time until competitions are extended to include different categories
Trophies:	There will be no medals or trophies presented at the end of the shoot as archers are vying for the honour of representing Shropshire at intercounty shoots

From this shoot we as a county will rank archers in all categories and use this as a measure for the rest of the season. Scores from other competitions throughout the season will also be taken into consideration before any squad is named to represent the county

GNAS dress regulations as shown in rule 307 will apply

Archers who are unable to collect or pull/score arrows should bring a helper with them who can do this for them. Please notify the organiser if you have any specific requirements e.g. relating to a disability.

All entries and any enquiries to be sent **no later than 1st May 2016** to:

All entries or questions to; Simon Nelms, 9 Roberts Drive, Heath Hill, Telford, TF4 2GB

Email: sjnelms83@yahoo.co.uk. Telephone enquiries: 07967 256305.

Entry forms for this event have been sent to all Shropshire Club secretaries.

Clout archery. Some dates have been fixed for clout archery practice sessions, to be held at Bowbrook Archers' field (Postcode SY4 4PS – or visit bowbrook archers website for detailed directions). Specific Clout instruction will be given. Dates are; Sun Apr 24, 10-12am, Sun May 22nd, 10-12am, Weds June 29, 6-9pm, Weds Aug 3rd, 6-9pm, Sat Sept 3rd, 10-12am, Sat Oct 8th, 10-12am.

If anyone is interested in attending any clout competitions in the region, either look at the list in ArcheryUK or contact Jonathan Walton – jonathan@the-waltons.co.uk. They start with a FITA clout near Chester on Bank holiday Monday May 2nd. A FITA clout has an enormous scoring circle!!

A new sport? – synchronized clout archery –spot the arrows.



Shropshire Architectural Heritage Shoots.

These are a great series of shoots, 8 in total with most of Shropshire's clubs hosting one. All Shropshire archers welcome to take part. Great for novices – it is a very friendly introduction to archery competitions. Entry forms have been or will be emailed to all clubs – they can also be found on club websites. Entry fees this year £6 for adults and £3 for juniors. All rounds shot are varieties of the “National” round, being 4 dozen arrows at a longer distance followed by 2 dozen at a shorter distance. Unless specified to the contrary, all shoots start at 1pm on a Sunday afternoon and end up with a slap up tea (included in the entry fee). Families/spectators are welcomed.

Dates (and venues) for your diary;

May 29th, Shrewsbury Bowmen, Adcote School
June 5th. Long Mynd Archers, Church Stretton.
June 12th. Haffren, Newtown
June 26. Archers of Teme, Moor Park School.
July 17th, Telford Archers. Allscot sports club.
August 7th, Bowbrook Archers, Attingham Park.
August 14, Audeo Archers, Longford Hall, Newport
August 28th, Whitchurch.

Winter Postal League.

An extensive amount of information has been sent out to clubs and has also been posted on to the County Website. This includes the final league tables, the highest scores by individuals for the different bow types, all the scores posted by every archer whose score was submitted as well the proposed composition of the leagues for next winter.

Many congratulations must go to Audco who topped Division 1. It was very close in this division with everything still to shoot for right up to the very last month.

Division 2 was also close – congratulations to Whitchurch who fared best in the matches although Audco B had the highest aggregate score.

Well done to Hafren who ended up on top of Division 3.

Bowmen of Caradoc came of age this year, topping Division 4 – including some very close matches. Bowbrook managed the highest aggregate score but that is not what counts in this competition!

Long Mynd Archers' juniors showed everyone how it should be done in Junior Division 1 while Archers of Teme Juniors ended on top of a depleted pile in Junior Division 2.

What is really encouraging was how many archers took part in this league. 154 seniors and 40 juniors. And those are just the numbers whose scores were sent across to Ian Johnston the organiser. Many other archers recorded scores but didn't "make" the team. Well done to everyone who contributed in any way.

And finally a big thank you to Ian Johnston who has been running this competition for more years than he cares to think about. We are all grateful for your efforts Ian and we look forward to the new revised structure next season which we hope will encourage even more archers to take part.

Shropshire Level 1 coaching Course.

Course Number; 16.L1.31

Where? To be held at Mary Webb School, Pontesbury, SY5 0TG.

When? 16 & 17 July, 13 August and Assessment 01 October 2016.

How much? £265

Course Organiser; Barbara Barrett, email; mike.bar@btinternet.com.

Level 1 coaches are the key to the health of grassroots Archery in the UK. Level 1 coaches are qualified to assist coaching in their club, to run one off Have-a-go type or Taster events and to organise and run Beginners courses.

Every archery club needs them!

This is the first Level 1 course run in Shropshire for two years –

So don't delay, sign on. Maximum of 12 places and a number are already filled.

Just to tease your brain!
Wordsearch – up, down or diagonally.

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Things you need to shoot

How many here?

More than thirteen.

Just list all the archery equipment you can find.

First entry back to Jonathan

with correct answers will receive a (small) prize

Full answer next month

jonathan@the-waltons.co.uk

Final note; Further to the information given in an earlier newsletter. County has agreed to give some funding assistance to Cleobury County Archers and Long Mynd Archers towards club development. In each case this amounted to around 50% of the total project cost.

The New Shropshire Archery Website is being regularly updated. Almost everything you need to know about what is going on in the County Archery scene is there. If something that you are involved with is missing – just send it to Dave Baron! The ability to add your own stuff in is not yet in place.

If you have any comments on this newsletter or would like to send any contributions to the next newsletter send them to Jonathan. All contributions will be welcome.

NEXT NEWSLETTER PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 2016.

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