



From Jonathan Walton, County Chair.

## ***IMPORTANT STUFF – Please read when you get a moment.***

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.** We have our Shropshire Archery Society AGM at the Mayfair centre in Church Stretton, starting at 8pm. (Mayfair Centre (Opposite the Co-op – park in Co-op car park), SY6 6BL). Please do your best to get to this meeting – it is an occasion when things are discussed and decisions made – please add your voice – at least please work hard to ensure that all our County’s clubs are represented. Directions are on the Shropshire Archery Society Website ([www.shropshirearcherysociety.co.uk](http://www.shropshirearcherysociety.co.uk)) – click on “events”.

I was rather catapulted into the role of County Chair last year when nobody was nominated which meant that the vice chair moved up by default. I said at the time this was for one year only – the role of County Chair comes to its 3 year end this year anyway. We do need to find a new person to take on the role. It is not an arduous job – exec meetings happen every two months – in recent years there has been not much else happening. You don’t have to be a top level archer to take on the job, or a coach – but a grasp of basic electronic communication is pretty important. It would be great if someone from one of our County’s smaller clubs put their head over the parapet this time round.

Before the SAS AGM starts at 8pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> there will be the County Coaching group’s AGM at 7pm. I am delighted to say that, subject to ratification at both meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup>, we have a new CCO – Tim Swane. Tim was a Shropshire archer back in the 1980’s but then moved up to Cumbria. He is a senior coach and has been chair of ArcheryGB’s coaching committee for a number of years. He has now reached retirement age and has come back to his Shropshire origins. He has lots of experience and is keen to get the coaching group’s activities moving onwards and upwards. Please, could all those archers who are coaches, or who have any interest in helping our county’s archers attain their aspirations in the sport, come to this meeting. It would be really great if all the county’s clubs are represented at this meeting so that Tim can introduce himself and outline some of the ideas he is already hatching. For those who might be interested, there are already discussions about putting on another Level 1 coaching course in the County, along similar lines to the one that Barbara Barrett organised a couple of years ago.

There are 2 more County Roles that are decided at the AGM – those of Secretary and Treasurer. Sue and Tom Williamson have filled these positions for more years than most of us have been involved in archery. They have both indicated that they would be keen to retire. Treasurer is up for Re-election in 2019 and Secretary in 2020. Please think about taking on one of these roles in the next year or two.

If you analyse the ages of our 700 or so archers in Shropshire, probably 90% of them would be below retirement age – yet at present all 3 of our senior county positions are held by those in receipt of Pensions! Come on forward all you younger archers!!!

If you would like to discuss (confidentially) any of these posts, please contact me – here are my details. (email [jonathan@the-waltons.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@the-waltons.co.uk), mobile 07970 702084).

## **Shropshire Archery Society Website.**

Dave has added a “Calendar” to the website. This is at the request of the exec. The number of events available to our County’s archers has been increasing steadily over recent years, at Club, County and regional level. This calendar is a chance for all events that are open to Shropshire archers and that are held inside Shropshire (plus some in West Midlands) to be viewed at a glance. However, the onus is on individual club secretaries to enter details!! There is a “submit” button next to the calendar – I have recently submitted a couple of events successfully. If I can manage it then it can’t be that complex! This calendar will include all the Heritage shoots, the monthly Clout Practices and Field archery sessions that are open to all plus other one off competitions. Apart from entering details of your own event, a few minutes visiting the calendar before you make firm plans will hopefully remove the problem of double bookings. **BUT IT IS UP TO ALL OF US TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THIS FACILITY!!**

## More general news.

### ArcheryGB November Challenge.

This is a National event, open to juniors archers all round the country and shot on a particular day in November at your home club. The competition consists of 3 dozen arrows shot at 20 yards, to a 60cm face, indoors. It attracts large numbers of archers – 86 barebows, 49 Compounds, 12 Longbows and 265 Recurve bows. A total of 19 archers from Shropshire took part.

Shropshire results. (position/number taking part.)

#### Ladies.

U12 Recurve, Katie Mundy-Gill, Bowbrook, 20/21  
U14 Recurve, Leah Ferriday, Bowbrook, 7/32  
U14 Recurve, Sienna Dudley, Bowbrook, 26/32  
U14, Barebow, Lydia Want, Bowbrook, 7/10  
U16 Recurve, Lauren Rawlings, Bowbrook, 8/38  
U16 Recurve, Megan Costall, Hafren 9/38  
U18 Barebow, Becky Chilcot, Audco, 2/8  
U18 Recurve, Jessica Hulse, Audco 8/35  
U18 Recurve, Rhian Costall, Hafren, 9/35  
U18 Recurve, Mary-Jane Cartwright, Long Mynd 12/35  
U18 Recurve, Holly Hulse, Audco, 14/33

#### Gents.

U10 Barebow, Charlie Becker, Bowbrook, 2/8  
U12 Recurve, Jack Turner, Long Mynd 5/24  
U12 Recurve, Nathan Ferriday, Bowbrook, 7/24  
U 12 Recurve, Luke Goddard, Bowbrook, 9/24  
U14, Recurve, Luke Yates, Bowbrook, 16/33  
U16 Recurve, Finlay Scott, Long Mynd, 4/44  
U16 Recurve, Harry Mackereth, Long Mynd, 13/44  
U16 Recurve, Adam Edgington, Long Mynd, ` 21/44

**Well done to all of you for making the effort to get involved.**

### County Indoor Competition.

**Held at TCAT on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

It may be the norm for recurve archers but a 3 gold end for a longbow archer is a rare thing of beauty. Which is why Phil Slack is looking both pleased and surprised!



Report from Telford Archers.

The County Indoor Championships 2018 was hosted by Telford Archers and held at Telford College of Arts and Technology, Wellington, our club's indoor venue. The Shoot was well attended with approximately 100 archers attending

both the sessions from all of the Clubs in Shropshire. It was great to see a range of archers from beginners using club bows to intermediate and County archers all mixing together and supporting each other through the day. There was probably a 70year age difference between the oldest and youngest archer – a great advertisement for our sport.

I would like to thank everyone for attending and making the day so enjoyable.

Sorry the results have taken rather a while to send out. When the scoresheets were examined again after the event it was clear that there were a large number of mistakes. This meant that every scoresheet had to be re-checked carefully. Most of these mistakes are things that shouldn't happen – archers either don't understand the rules or don't take enough care. Examples are;

Both 9s and 10s scored as golds. 10s only!

The scoresheet forms didn't have names on – some were not filled out correctly. Not satisfactory to put only your first name!

Incomplete scoresheets – Hits and golds not added up. A few archers left out the name of their club.

Full results are available on the County Web site. Just a summary here.

These events couldn't take place without the effort of the Club members who give up their time to make everything happen. A huge congratulations to the Team for a smooth, successful, enjoyable competition.

Jayne Clarke.

PS. Added by County chair – a huge thank you in particular to Jayne for all her hard work.

## Trophy winners from County Indoors competition. Full results on County Website.

### Trophies

Junior Boy Recurve	-	Finlay Scott	Long Mynd Archers
Junior Girl Recurve	-	Charlotte Llewellyn-Smith	Audco Archers
Mens Recurve	-	Martin Gulliver	Audco Archers
Ladies Recurve	-	Isabella Booth	Long Mynd Archers
Mens Compound	-	Leigh Bradshaw	Archers of Teme
Ladies Compound	-	Anne Beer	Audco Archers
Mens Longbow	-	Neil Clarke	Bowbrook Archers
Ladies Longbow	-	Penny Turner	Bowbrook Archers

### Shropshire Winter Postal Competition.

January is the halfway point in the Indoor League, so here is an update on the leading teams and Archers' best individual performances.

The league got off to a good start in November with some very good team and individual scores but December brought some very heavy snow and disrupted some clubs shooting venues which lasted into January resulting in some DNS teams.

Each month a full results sheet is sent to club league reps. for display at their venue and at the end of the season not only are all the teams final positions published on the County web site but also all the scores submitted for each archer throughout the competition, so they can see how they have performed within the county.

Below is a table of each division's leading team and the best individual scores entered as at the end of January, round 3.

Leading Teams

Discipline	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Recurve	Bowbrook A Won 3 out of 3	Telford A Won 2 & 1 Bye	Shrewsbury B Won 1 & 2 Byes
Compound	Long Mynd Won 3 out of 3	-	-
Barebow	Bowbrook Won 2 & 1 Bye	-	-
Longbow	Bowbrook Won 2 & 1 Bye	-	-
Junior's	Long Mynd A Won 2 & 1 Bye	Audco B Won 1, 1 Bye & lost 1	-

### Senior and Junior Ladies best scores

Senior Discipline	Name	Club	Score
Recurve	Bella Booth	Long Mynd	571
Compound	Kay Lucas	Teme	557
Barebow	Rachel Beer	Audco	507
Longbow	Katie Clark	Telford	332
Junior Discipline			
Recurve	Penny Healey	Bowbrook	562
Compound	Kaitlyn Beetz	Long Mynd	538
Barebow	Becky Chilcott	Audco	513
Longbow	None shot		

### Senior and Junior Gents best scores

Senior Discipline	Name	Club	Score
Recurve	James Beckett Joe Becker	Bowbrook “	589 “
Compound	Peter Clarke	Telford	595
Barebow	Dean Prior	Bowbrook	533
Longbow	Neil Clarke	Bowbrook	435
Junior Discipline			
Recurve	Finlay Scott	Long Mynd	565
Compound	Adam Wilson	Hafren	458
Barebow	Charlie Becker	Bowbrook	378
Longbow	None shot		

## The Outdoor season.

This week sees the start of March – so thankfully the outdoor shooting season is only about 6 weeks away. I am sure we will all be really pleased to end our Toxophilitic Hibernation.

This also means that it won't be long before our County's series of Heritage shoots start. We were able to work out most of the dates at the last County Exec meeting and these will be finalised at the AGM.

Some dates suggested so far.

27 May - Shrewsbury Bowmen,  
Teme,

3 June - Long Mynd Archers,

24 June – Archers of

5 August – Bowbrook,  
Whitchurch.

12 August – The Audco Archers,

26 August (hopefully) –

So far no dates decided for Heritage shoots at Cleobury, Telford and Hafren so if those clubs could come up with some dates before 13<sup>th</sup> March that would really help. Other shoots in the County during the summer are; Wenlock Olympians – 15 July (At Bowbrook's field), Sword of Shrewsbury – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, County Champs – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. No date confirmed yet for Croesoswallt's Double American but this is usually held on the first Sunday in September.