

Welcome to the January Edition of the Bowmen of Wadebridge News Letter.

AGM 2021

After another successful year the club hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM). Each committee member delivered a report on their year in post and these can be found in full in the minutes which will be issued in due course.

Firstly the Club would like to welcome back to the Committee Rob Williams as Chairman, Richard and Elaine Jones as Treasurer and Secretary, Bob Arnold as Equipment Officer, Sean Mcardle as Training Officer, John Tizzard as Postal Officer and Andrew Scott as a committee member without Portfolio.

It would also like to welcome Simon Wadsworth supporting the Chairman in his role as Vice Chair, Glen Young as a Safeguarding Officer and Andrew Thatcher as Communication Officer.

Most importantly it would like to formally recognise its exiting Committee members for all their hard work and support and in helping making the club what it is today.

Great Funding News

You may recall Rob mentioning at the AGM that Katie had applied for grant funding from Wadebridge Renewable Energy Network (WREN) Treworder Community Fund for new equipment to enable us to be more effective and versatile with beginners courses and have-a-go sessions.

Thanks to Katie's hard work with the application, we are fortunate to have been awarded the full amount applied for.

We have already specified what we intend to spend this funding on and while a large chunk of it is earmarked for beginners equipment, we have also included 2 new foam targets on wheels and additional material to enable us to repair the existing targets and club equipment.

I'm sure this funding will help us as a club and enable us to portray a more professional image to the community and organisations we work with.

Beginners Training News from Sean

So, what's planned for 2022 in respect of beginner training? Well, as many of you know, I like to provide beginner training prior to the commencement of the outdoor season and that means running the first session in March, in fact, the 20th March, which is a Sunday.

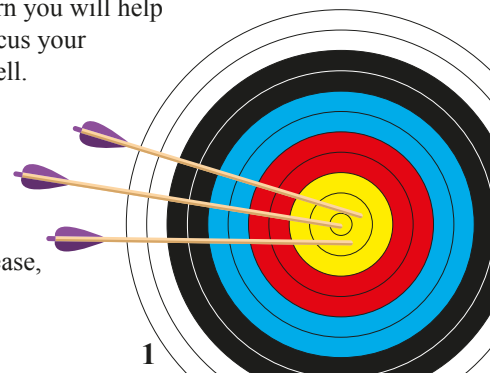
Ideally the course will be split over three two-hour sessions, but if necessary I will offer two three-hour sessions.

Now the interesting part - some of you lovely people have already assisted in events such as the Eden Education sessions and school have-a-goes but that does not mean there isn't opportunity for others to help out at both beginner sessions and events.

Even if you are new to archery and the club you will be welcome to help with the beginners - formal qualification in training is not a pre-requisite and I can assure you all some of the best help and advice I have received in my archery career did not come from qualified coaches!

If you wish to assist please let me know by email at spmmcardle@gmail.com, and I can assure you that in helping others learn you will help yourself. Seeing what others do wrong will focus your thoughts on what you also do maybe not so well. You never know, it may be your first step toward getting you own archery coaching qualification.

So far we have seven confirmed for the first course but I am hopeful this number will increase, although with the continuing pandemic it might decrease... Anyway, I live in hope.



A Message From Rob:

We're still in January so it's not too late to wish you all a happy new year.

This is the first newsletter we have done for a long time with input from most of the committee so I hope you find it informative and useful. As I'm sure you will understand, there won't necessarily be an update from every committee member in every issue but if there is something you would like to see added, please get in touch with Andy.

With so much input from everyone it has left me with very little to add, except to say thank you to everyone who has contributed and to you for taking the time to read it.

See you on the shooting line!

Simon's update:

I recently met with Lee Bateman from Wadebridge Senior School.

We again discussed the potential for us to use either the gym or potentially the main hall to shoot but appreciates that not being able to shoot past 7pm makes the possibility of us using the venue as a no starter for now.

Further more he would be really keen for us to support the school by running an after school club which would act as a potential feeder to the club and help build up the youth section of the club.

Finally he would be happy to support the club in running "have a go" sessions on the school fields which he is fairly sure will be at no cost to the club.

Further updates as I have them.

A quick fact:

If you love bows and arrows, you're a Toxophilite.

It's a funny-sounding word, but it's legitimate. "Toxophilite" originates from Greek "toxos" for "bow and arrow" and "philos" for "loving."

Finance update from Richard:

Could we please ask that when you book a lane at the range, could you also pay your target fees at the same time please.

Alternatively you can pay for the whole year in advance for shooting outside.

Outside target fees to 31.12.22 are £35 for the whole year, or £1.00 per visit to the range. Indoor target fees are £3.50 per session for adults and £2.50 for juniors.

Please use your name and either Indoor or Outdoor as your payment reference.

A Word from Elaine:

Did you know that you have a Sport 80 account? You can access it through the AGB website - Members' Portal - Archery GB. Please go in and check all your details are correct.

All members who shoot either indoors or outdoors MUST book a slot via the online system and it would be preferred for back payment to be paid at the same time for any target fees.

If you have an issue with this please speak to Rob or Elaine.

January Challenge - This year once again, Archery GB is running a postal shoot for individual archers. Scores will be submitted by John Tizzard for you and will be your best indoor Portsmouth score for January. The January Challenge started in 2004 as something that every club member could take part in, and has steadily increased the number of entrants from a start of around 200 – until, in recent years, we suddenly leapt up to over 2,000. Juniors can enter but will be counted alongside adults (often they do, and, of course, beat them).

Would it please be possible for anyone who shoots outside at Colquite at this time of year to please move the targets to another lane once a week as the shooting line and area in front of the targets are showing signs of distress.

If anyone is able to help out there is some rubbish behind the containers that could with being taken to the dump. If this could be removed it would be most appreciated.

Records update from John.

We won't know the teams standings in the divisions, or their results for DCAS, until I receive the results sheets from them both, but the Selby league, we send/receive results sheets with our opponents.

Firstly, The Selby teams results.

Portsmouth: Recurve A, Recurve B, Compound, Longbow A all won their matches. Longbow B lost theirs.

Frostbite: Recurve A, Compound, Longbow A & Longbow B all won, but Recurve B lost.

Now for the team make-up and scores. Sorry it's so convoluted, but there are differences in the team make-up between DCAS & Selby!

Selby: (each division has a threshold score, with a penalty for exceeding it)

Portsmouth:

Recurve A: Rob W., Andy W., Lee. Score 1613 (over threshold, so penalised.)

Recurve B: Richard, Bob, Hedley. Score 1540

Compound: Andrew S., Andy W. Score 1154

Longbow A: John, Bob. Score 820

Longbow B: Andy W., Richard. Score 578

Frostbite:

Recurve A: Rob W., Mike., Lee. Score 959

Recurve B: Bob, John, Cliff. Score 892

Compound: Andrew S., Andy W. Score 694

Longbow A: Bob, Andy W. Score 437

Longbow B: John, Richard. Score 272

DCAS: (Junior can include 1 Compound)

Portsmouth:

Recurve A: Rob W., Andy W., Lee. Score 1687

Recurve B: Richard, Bob, Hedley. Score 1540

Compound: Andrew S., Andy W., Adam. Score 1719

Longbow: John, Bob, Andy W. Score 1187

Junior: Chloe, Saffron, Noah. Score 1286

Frostbite: (Senior can include 1 Compound)

Senior A: Andrew S., Rob, Mike. Score 1007

Senior B: Andy W., Lee, Bob. Score 955

Longbow: Bob, Andy W., John. Score 641

Junior: Chloe, Saffron, Noah.

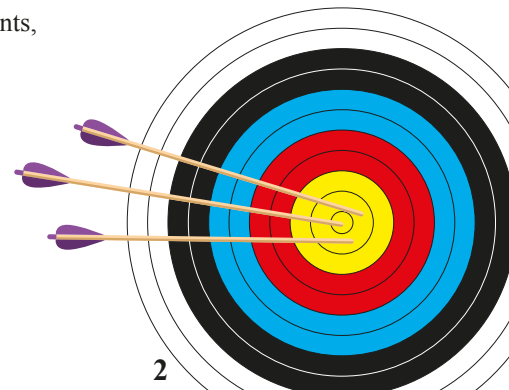
Competition and Tournament News

Several of our members had entered the Brixham Clipper tournament, which was due to be held on 30th January. This is a great fun indoor tournament shooting the Portsmouth round. Sadly the Clipper has been cancelled this year but every cloud having a silver lining, we have managed to book the barn at Trebudannon for that date so will be holding a fun tournament ourselves.

We have invited members of Newquay Archers to join us and we will be shooting under (relaxed) tournament conditions to give everyone a feel for what it's like. The full format hasn't been set at the time of writing but an email will go out to everyone with the details.

The DCAS Indoor Championships were also due to be held at the end of February in Plymouth but the physical event has now been cancelled due to covid related issues. Instead, DCAS have decided to run it as a virtual event between 26th Feb and 6th March. We will hopefully registering both club nights as dates we can shoot and those wishing to take part will be shooting a WA18m (5 dozen on a 40cm face) under as close to tournament conditions as we can make it. Full details can be found on the DCAS website (<http://www.dcas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/DCAS-Virtual-Indoors-2022.pdf>).

Any questions about either of these tournaments, please speak with Rob Williams



Communications from Andy:

Welcome to my first news letter. I hope everyone enjoys having a read through. If there is anything you would like to add for future editions please contact me at andy@mdgfx.co.uk.

Hopefully all of you are getting emails from me, as well as getting all of the posts on the Club Members Facebook page.

We are trying to keep all of you up to date with happening in the club as regularly as possible

If you have anything you would like me to include in the February edition please can I have the details by 20th February.

Equipment news from Bob:

There has been a small amount of storm damage to the Perspex roofing between the containers and everything was getting wet.

When the weather improves a little we will be making it water tight again but we will need your help. If anyone is able to lend a hand please let me know.

The straw bosses, stands and trolley have been relocated to the old container. I suspect that most people are using the foam bosses anyway and that anyone who might want to shoot at a straw will know how to access the container anyway.

Safeguarding update from Glen:

If you have any safeguarding issue you would like to raise with the club please do not hesitate to contact me at: glenyoung@aol.com

Club Shoots

We are still shooting Portsmouth rounds indoors and Frostbite rounds outdoors for postals. Any rounds shot please send your scores to John Tizzard so he can fill the teams.

Just before Christmas we had a festive shoot at Trebudannon. Christmas Targets along with some mice pies and mulled cider. Thanks to everyone who attended. A good fun evening was had by all.



We held our first club St Nicholas shoot on New Years Day and it went very well indeed. Thanks to everyone who came out to shoot. It was a great way to start the New Year with a good turn out on short notice. Below are the scores for everyone who took part.

We are going to be shooting a different round each month as a club just for a bit of fun. Our next round in early February is going to be an American so go and make sure you have site marks for 60, 50 and 40 yds.

Archer	Score	Class	Category	New record
Andrew Scott	744	Compound	Gentlemen	
Andy Thatcher	652	Recurve	Gentlemen	
Andy Wilton	710	Recurve	Gentlemen	
Bob Arnold	529	Longbow	Gentlemen	
Chloe Scott	712	Compound	Ladies U14	Club Record
Cliff Gobbitt	622	Recurve	Gentlemen	
Hedley Omant	590	Recurve	Gentlemen	
John Tizzard	548	Longbow	Gentlemen	Club Record
Katie Welch	450	Recurve	Ladies	
Noah Wadsworth	447	Recurve	Gentlemen U16	Club Record
Rob Williams	750	Recurve	Gentlemen	
Simon Wadsworth	608	Recurve	Gentlemen	



Member Profile

Who are you? **Andy Thatcher**

Where are you from? **Dartford, Kent**

What do you do? **I Make Signs and Exhibition Graphics and Displays at MDGFX LTD**

Do you have any other hobbies? **Photography, Green Laning, Walking**

How long have you been a member? **Since August 2021**

What's your preferred round to shoot? **Bray 1 Indoor - 122/50 Outdoor**

What's the best round you have shot so far? **St Nicholas January 2022 Colquite**

Nugget of Wisdom? **If at first you don't succeed, give up and go to the pub.**

