



Welcome to the March Edition of the *Bowmen of Wadebridge News Letter*.
 It's been a bit of a mixed bag weather wise this month but for the beginners course the sun came out and has continued to stay out (for now).
 With the outdoor season about to start let's hope for a dry, sunny and warm spring to make our club evenings perfect.

A Message From Rob:

March has been a month of preparation - The new beginners' equipment has arrived and Sean has been refreshing the inventory of club bows, ready for the beginners' course; Richard and Elaine have given the grass its first couple of cuts of spring and Andy T has made brand new, printed distance signs, which he has installed at the field. Thanks to everyone who has helped with these jobs.

The outdoor season is just a few days away and while covid rules have now been relaxed, we are keeping the booking system in place as a way of keeping a register of who is shooting. Please continue to book to shoot through the website and if you haven't paid annual target fees, please pay by bac or cash in the box.

With life returning to some semblance of normality, here's hoping that archery can too.

See you on the shooting line!

New Round Names

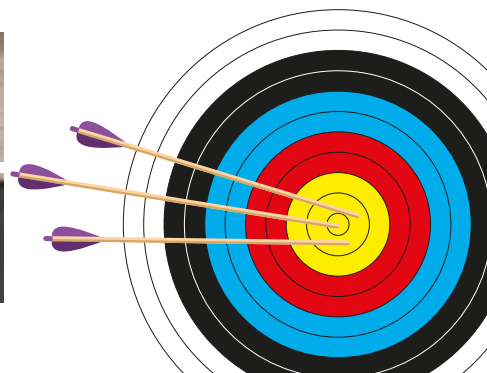
In case you haven't seen the latest rule change, Archery GB are renaming "short" and "junior" rounds to be more inclusive from April 1st (not a joke!) The number after the round name indicates the longest distance shot in the round. The rounds are now named as follows:

PART 3. TARGET ARCHERY – OUTDOOR
Rule 308 RECOGNISED ROUNDS
 (a) Table 3–1 Archery GB Imperial Outdoor Rounds 5 Zone Scoring – 122cm Face

	Round	100y	80y	60y	50y	40y	30y	20y	10y
A	St George	3	3	3					
A	Albion		3	3	3				
A	Windsor			3	3	3			
D	Windsor 50				3	3	3		
E	Windsor 40					3	3	3	
F	Windsor 30						3	3	3
A	New Western	4	4						
A	Long Western		4	4					
A	Western			4	4				
D	Western 50				4	4			
E	Western 40					4	4		
F	Western 30						4	4	
A	New National	4	2						
A	Long National		4	2					
A	National			4	2				
D	National 50				4	2			
E	National 40					4	2		
F	National 30						4	2	
A	New Warwick	2	2						
A	Long Warwick		2	2					
A	Warwick			2	2				
D	Warwick 50				2	2			
E	Warwick 40					2	2		
F	Warwick 30						2	2	

Full Archery Set for Sale

Great for beginner or intermediate Archer, Complete with two sets of limbs for different draw. A stunning riser and limbs, all used but well looked after and always kept in bag and protective cases when not in use, could do with a new string but does have one with it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan on 07763040571 Complete set for £375



A quick fact:

It was required by law that all English males over the age of 14 carry out at least 2 hours of longbow practice each week.

Also if you lived in York, it was permissible to shoot a scotsman with a bow but not on a Sunday.

Fortunately, while these laws are still on the statue books, they are moribund and superseded by later legislation, although at least one GA member was demanding the 2hr a week legally mandated practice be reinstated while under COVID house arrest.

Vice-chairman Update from Simon:

As some you may know Noah recently responded to a request for archers all over the country to become an ambassador for Archery GB. The process isn't very clear but having completed the induction day's training on Sunday the 20th we are now waiting to hear if he has been successful in his application. The brief is to support not just our club but clubs all around the county and region. It is hoped that through the programme Archery GB can encourage more members having seen a huge attrition rate through Covid and a reticence to return since. Fundamentally they are really keen to encourage youth members to join clubs and Noah will be tasked with running Q&As at schools and other facilities around the local area as well as continuing to help at have a go's and beginners sessions.

As ever we will keep you updated

Communications from Andy:

Hello all.
Spring is on it way.
Let's hope for some good weather for our club evenings at Colquite.

I apologise this month for the lack of updates. This really annoying thing known as work has reared its ugly head and has taken up far too much of my time.

I will hopefully be able to manage my time a bit better next month and keep on top of the news updates as I get them.

With the outdoor season starting I am hoping to organise at least one different round to shoot a month. It's been a long time since we shot the St. Nicholas and we just couldn't find the right weekend for the American with the weather.

Keep an eye on your emails as well as the Club Members Facebook page for updates as soon as I get them.

If there is anything you would like to add for future editions please contact me at andy@mdgfx.co.uk.
Please can I have the details by 20th April.

Records update from John.

Congratulations to
Saffron Knowles, Ladies Under 14 Recurve, for Portsmouth & Recurve
Chloe Scott, Ladies Under 16 Compound, for Portsmouth & Frostbite
and Paul Ching Barebow Frostbite.

We had some great results in February for the DCAS and Shelby leagues.

DCAS Portsmouth:

Recurve A 3rd, Recurve B 2nd, Compound 1st, Longbow 3rd, Junior 1st.

DCAS Frostbite:

Senior A 2nd, Senior B 1st, Longbow 1st, Junior 1st.

Selby Portsmouth:

Recurve A 3rd, Recurve B 1st, Compound 2nd, Longbow A 1st, Longbow B 4th.

Selby Frostbite:

Recurve A 2nd, Recurve B 3rd, Compound 1st, Longbow A 1st, Longbow B 1st.

News from Sean our Training Officer

Well so much for the fifteen confirmed beginners - ten came and I did get emails from two who had to defer, as for the others, I really do wonder why they were so keen but having been sent the pre-course reading and possibly realising it was harder than they anticipated the least they could have done was get in touch and say they would not come - I guess common courtesy is a thing of the past.

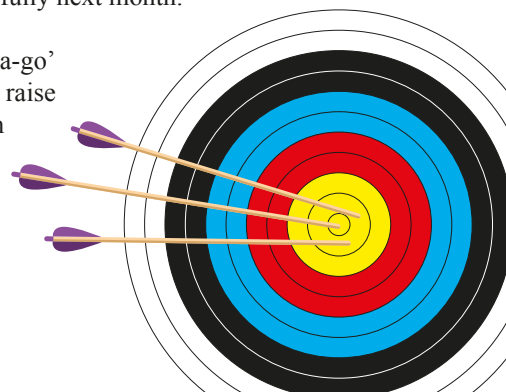
Anyway, of those that began on the 20th so far so good, a couple showing promise immediately. A big thank you to all who assisted.

With the potential for new members from early April now is the time for any of you with kit that is serviceable but no longer wanted/needed to decide whether to offer it - at realistic prices - to anyone wishing to buy equipment but maybe not ready to commit to brand-new items. So have a good look at what you have and list it on an email to me so I can advise the new folk what is available and from whom.

Now, an apology - I referred to Bob's 'niece' Maisy when in fact she is his grand-daughter. I knew that! Must be going senile. Sorry Maisy!

The new kit is in place, some used already for the beginners, and for anyone who's interested we have re-numbered all of the bows, new labels attached to risers and limbs. As for arrows - well, the least said about those the better, but we will be carrying out some maintenance over the summer season and if any member wishes to hone his or her fletching and arrow straightening skills we're considering a few 'equipment upkeep' training sessions - will advise more on this topic, hopefully next month.

In the meantime we are hoping to get a 'have-a-go' or two arranged to both publicise the club and raise some more funds, and we have a scout session booked for April - thanks to those who have already volunteered to assist.



Finance update from Richard:

Just a gentle reminder to please remember to book a lane at Colquite using the booking system on the club website everytime you shoot.

Please remember that if you have not paid your annual target fees that it is £1 to shoot. We would ideally like this paid by BACS when you book or alternatively there is a box in the clubhouse to put a shiny £1 coin in.

The annual fee is only £35, so if you shoot twice a week from now till the middle of July you will have effectively get August, September and October free.

New and returning members:

With the beginners' course starting in March we will hopefully be welcoming some new members to the club in the near future. Fingers crossed.

On the 20th March, the first day of the beginners' course we also met Dan and Phil who will be potentially joining us from April.

Safeguarding update from Glen:

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

Competition and Tournament News

March has been a quiet month for tournaments, with only the DCAS Virtual Indoor Championships being shot. We shot our leg at Newquay on Friday 4th March and the results are:

Andrew Scott - 1st place Gents Compound
Saffron Knowles - 2nd place Junior Ladies Recurve
Rob Williams - 2nd place Gents Recurve
Andy Thatcher - 17th place Gents Recurve
Paul Ching - 9th place Gents Barebow

The January Challenge results are still pending, but can be seen here as they currently stand <https://www.ianseo.net/TourData/2022/9936/IC.php>

Well done to everyone who shot in the January Challenge and the DCAS Virtual Indoor Champs.

April sees two Longbow tournaments and DCAS Grand Day on 1st May. Closing date for Grand Day entries is 23rd April and it would be great to see plenty of members at the first tournament of the season.

Please see the DCAS website for more details (<http://www.dcas.org.uk/events/>).

Club Shoots

So that's the end of the winter indoor season done.

Time to enjoy the great British summertime at the beautiful range at Colquite.

We've had some great evenings at Trebudannon and for the last couple of months at Newquay over the winter and had some very good results in the postal leagues. We would like to give a very big thank you to our friends at Newquay for letting us be a part of their club evenings on a Friday when we needed a new venue to shoot at due to Trebudannon needing their barn back at the end of January. It has been most appreciated

So we are going for it and having club evenings from 30th March (and also Fridays). The booking system will be amended asap tomorrow to have a 6.00 session..

So on to April and of course we have St .George's day on the 23rd. That gives us a great excuse to shoot a St. George round on the day as it happens to fall on a Saturday.

I know it's a long distance to shoot but come along and have a go. Maybe shoot a Windsor or a Short Windsor (sorry a Windsor 50, 40 or even a 30) for those who are not so confident at 100yds.

Let's have a great outdoor season this year. See you on the shooting line.

Who are you? **Bob Arnold**

Where are you from? **Totnes, Devon.**

What do you do? **Retired from Graphic Design, Media GIS and Web Design.**

Do you have any other hobbies? **Clock and watch repair, furniture restoration, and keeping the wife happy with walking and gardening.**

How long have you been a member? **Since Spring 2017.**

What's your preferred round to shoot? **Whatever I'm currently shooting with whichever bow I'm using.**

What's the best round you have shot so far? **Probably my Longbow Portsmouth 454**

Nugget of Wisdom? **Never eat yellow snow.**

