

Dear GVA Club Members

What's going on?

In club

On 30th June the first open competition that the club has run is filling up nicely with competitors, 45 at present from 15 different clubs! So now is the time to focus on who can support the running of the competition.

As a committee we are looking for help in making cakes/buns etc. Natalie and Maddi have kindly offered to do the main catering on the day but if you feel able to help then please either contact Stephen or Natalie.

We will also be looking for help with transporting the bosses (16) from the club on the Wednesday (26th) beforehand plus various bits of equipment to the venue.

On Thursday and Friday help with setting out the bosses and pegs will be needed; we will also need people with strimmer's/pruning shears to clear pathways and shooting lanes to and from the targets and around the course plus signage on the roadsides. Saturday final measuring out and placing signage on the roadside and any last-minute adjustments.

On the day of the competition Sunday, am and during the day, we also need people to help with the central control and admin, Field working party (if the set-up is done well on the days beforehand then this role could involve drinking lots of tea!)

Sunday PM /Monday morning clearing the site and returning all the equipment back to the club.

This is a great opportunity to get involved with helping the club even in a small way if possible and especially as it is our first one there is no set way of doing things and you could make the role your own as we hope to do it all again next year!

If you feel you are able to help, please drop an email to the club or talk to Stephen or Trevor.

Local

The club has arranged a come and try field archery day on 21st April at a local field archery venue, £10pp if interested please contact Stephen.

A good local target tournament coming up in May is the Bill Tucker at Colchester archery club details below.

County

Keep an eye on the county website for local shoots <https://ecaa.org.uk/tournaments-records/2024-events-in-essex-suffolk>

Depending where you live it is worth keeping an eye on other local county websites depending how far you want to travel!

National

Field events the best place to check is <https://www.gbnifield.co.uk/shoots>

Target/Clout/Field events there is the AGB website <https://archerygb.org/competitions/find-a-competition>

A lot of events also used to get listed on the Brighton Bowmen site that don't always get on the above two sites, however they do list archery events from other associations as well so before entering make

sure Your AGB membership covers the event, or you may need to join another as well.

<https://www.brightonbowmen.org.uk/archery-tournaments/>

There are links to all the above websites on GVA website.

Club Programme

The new summer “outdoor” programme is now on the website and this year includes regular clout and field days. <http://gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/club-calendar/club-calendar/>

252 Scheme

As it is now summer season we have stopped the indoor winter 300 scheme and started the 252 scheme, for those that are new to the summer season the 252 is a score that you have to achieve twice on different days on a 122cm face at increasing distances (the 252 is based on a recurve score, shooting 36 arrows, 6 sighters adjustments are made for different bowstyles) full details on the website.

Coaching

The Club has had a very successful winter coaching season, with lots of great feedback, and we will continue club coaching throughout the summer months. We are going to continue to offer coaching clinics at least once a month (subject to coach availability) and we are planning a couple of technical sessions on bow tuning for barebow, recurve and compound. We also still have availability if anyone would like to join our development programme, please email for more information.

Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association will once again be running monthly Saturday coaching clinics from 10am -2pm at various clubs across the two counties. The first three have venues confirmed. You can attend as many or just one if you wish. Last year they were £5 per session and is a great opportunity to meet other archers and a range of coaches at different levels including County and National level.

20 April at Mayflower Archers

25 May at Gipping Valley Archers

22 June at Colchester and District Archery Club

20 July venue TBC

24 August venue TBC

14 September venue TBC

Winter “Indoor” Classification Awards

These have proved popular this year with 25 archers participating in the new Archery GB scheme introduced this winter. Unfortunately, the new badges for the scheme are not being made available by AGB until next season and recommend using the old badges. So, we gave out the following number of awards – well done everyone who participated – and the to the archer of the Bowmen 1st Class who has been shooting just short of a year!

Indoor Archer 3 Class	1	H	Indoor Bowman 3 Class	4	E
Indoor Archer 2 Class	4	G	Indoor Bowman 2 Class	1	D
Indoor Archer 1 Class	7	F	Indoor Bowman 1 Class	1	C

