

GVA Club Newsletter – May 2024



Dear GVA Club Members

May saw the return of the monthly Clout and a new monthly activity Mixed Field Shoot.

Clout was shot at 180, 140 and 100 yards on Saturday Evening with 11 participants. With an outstanding score at the 180y of 46 for Recurve and 23 for barebow, by Saevar and Martin second and first go at clout respectively. And Stuart our newest member a close second on barebow on 17. With other winners Mary 140y and Jackie 100y (big bruise - armguard next time!) and well-done Marie, a new archer and first clout for getting on the score card after persevering to get the distance. Our two Longbow archers were joint winners with the UK's normal Eurovision score!



Then the following Sunday we had the first **Mixed Field Shoot** of the summer program, field and 3D round nice to see new faces trying these different disciplines of archery, lots of things learnt by those attending and from the feedback everyone enjoyed themselves. Shooting a range of distances, marked and unmarked at both 2D and 3D targets.

Bill Tucker Memorial Shoot – 2024, hosted by Colchester and District Archery Club sore two of our members won their category, well done Steve and Micky.



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

Outdoor coaching Clinic 25th – hosted at our range. The weather forecast was not good, so the intended 20 archers was

sadly reduced to 12 archers with 8 coaches present. Representing six clubs from the Essex and Suffolk Area – Clacton Archers, Southend & District AC, Mayflower Archers, Blue Arrows, Deben Archers, Braintree Bowmen and ourselves. Good feedback from attendees and a bit of range envy with our facilities. There are four more session this summer.

- 22 June at CADAC - Colchester
- 20 July at Deben - Ipswich
- 24 August at Bowmen of Ardleigh - Hornchurch
- 14 September at West Essex - Averly, South Ockendon

What to lookout for in June 2024

Sunday 9th Technical Session – Compound Bow Tuning from 11am-2pm – come and get you compound straightened out!

Saturday 15th – Clout Shoot 6pm – 8pm

Saturday 22nd Outdoor County Coaching Clinic 10-2pm Colchester

Sunday 23rd Coaching Clinic 2-4pm

Sunday 30th Open Field Event Haughley Park. If your taking part good luck if you're helping out thanks very much. Its not to late to get involved either participating or helping at the event. Just contact us on the club's email gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com

Saturday Club Target Days - The committee were asked to consider making Saturdays a Club Target Day for those cub members who can't make Sundays and want to participate in AGB's Classification Scheme.

In short, the committee agreed to trial this during the summer with immediate effect. Further details available at <http://gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/unpublished-pages/club-target-days-saturdays/>

Backstop Netting – We have been messed around by a couple of builders but now have firm date of the 3rd June to install telegraph poles and the netting will be added once the poles are in place. In the meantime, please be careful of the temporary netting set up as it both a trip hazard and people might not be visible behind it searching for arrows.

First Aiders – the club would like to understand how many of our members have current first aider training. We plan to arrange additional training but would like to understand the current holders. Please drop an e-mail to the club e-mail gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com thanks.



Events Lead – we still have a committee role for someone to lead on events management. This is **not** a proactive promote the club role. It's a reactive role to respond to requests the club gets from time to time to run public and private events. You will get a lot of assistance and we have outline project plans, so you know what needs to be done. So, a project manager co-ordinating other club members to make the event happen. Do let us know if you would like to know more about it.


**Little Stonham Summer
Fete & Music Night**
Saturday 31st August
Fete 12noon -4pm
Free Music Event 5-9pm

Art & Craft Stalls
Car Boot Pitches
BBQ & Food Trucks
Vintage, Custom & Unusual Vehicles
Kids Area & Games

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Little Stonham Village Fete and Music Night – ‘Have a Go event – ‘the club intends to run an event and split the proceeds with the village and our club. Its Saturday 31st August from 12 noon to 4pm. Helpers required to setup, run the Have a Go and take down after. The club will pay for food and drinks for volunteers, and you will get time to look around the small local village fete.

The Committee has created two new guides to help club members. These are **Code of Conduct** and **Etiquette Guide** simple common-sense approach to enjoy your archery. They are available on the club's web site at <http://gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/club-activities/governance/>

Regards
GVA Club Committee