

Dear GVA Club Members

Halloween Fun Shoot – Our regular spooky fun shoot will be **THIS Sunday 29th October**, setup at 10am, briefing 10:45 and shooting starts at 11:00. Medals for winners of each-bow type, gender, and age group. Always great fun - dressing up optional but encouraged!



Our Christmas Fun Shoot will be **10th December** – more next month.

Open Portsmouth Round - on **Sunday 19th November** - hosted by Braintree Bowmen at Gosfield School Sports Hall, CO9 1PF. Participation cost £10 and can be booked at <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/braintreebowmen/1030175>

Would be good if the club could field a team for this one. We have a planned Portsmouth round that will be run on **Sunday 5th November** which will start at 10:00 to setup your equipment with a quick briefing on competitions and what to expect. Followed by sighters at 10:45. A Portsmouth is 5 dozen arrows, 60cm target face at 20 yards – 5 zone scoring – shot in ends of 3 arrows. So, 20 ends should take approximately 1½ hours.

County Archer Development Days (indoors) - open to all archers who are looking to increase their knowledge, improve their skills and meet archers from other clubs. The sessions will give archers access to county coaches, round/head-2-head experience and archery-specific talks and discussions. To be held on the following Saturdays 10am to 2pm - **28 Oct, 25 Nov, 27 Jan, 24 Feb and 30 Mar**. Venue – (Sports Hall) Gosfield School, Halstead Road, Gosfield, Essex, CO9 1PF. Cost £25 (fixed cost) covers all five sessions.

Interested - in joining these sessions, please send an email to coaching@ecaa.org.uk with the following information: Name, Email address, Bow style, Junior / senior, Current standard, Previous coaching experience. Then just turn up – several coaches and archers from the club will be attending.

Winter 'indoor' season - Indoor Classification Scheme and 300 badges.

As we move into the winter, we once again move to shorter distance rounds that are normally shot in warm indoor facilities – which we don't have! So, as we have done previously at the Golf Centre, we will brave the elements and continue shooting during the winter. Plenty of layers, shorter visits and we can continue having fun shooting.



We will again run our 300-progress scheme – shot at 20 yards but with increasingly smaller target faces and fewer arrows to increase the challenge as you progress. Similar to 252 but instead of increasing distance its reducing target faces. Can be shot any time you visit. More

info on the club's website at <http://gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/archery-info/awards/300-awards-scheme/>

Archery GB have updated the indoor classification Scheme, similar to the revised outdoor scheme but using the recognised indoor rounds – with Archer, Bowman and Master Bowman Classes to be achieved. As with the outdoor scheme Archer class anytime you visit, Bowman Class one of our Club Target Sundays (two a month) with Master Bowman being record status event only. We will run a 30 minute session to explain the new indoor scheme on Sunday 12th November at 11am. More info on AGB website at <https://archerygb.org/news/indoor-classifications-and-handicap-update>

Coaching Survey – thanks to the 23 members who completed surveys and gave the coaching team feedback on what you want help with and your preferred method of delivery. The Coaching Team led by Caroline has met and reviewed your input and will soon share how we plan to structure coaching going forward.

Club Xmas Meal - Saturday 9th December at the Duke of Marlborough Somersham, Ipswich, Suffolk IP8 4QA at 7:30pm. Menu and cost to follow but if interested please let Andy Mitchell know either via private WhatsApp message or Email to andy.mitchell10@btinternet.com.



Mower For Sale – the club has been donated a John Deere X145 ride on mower, its 9 years old with only 192 hours use on the clock, in full working order, we are looking for circa £1700 for it. So, if you are interested or knows someone who is interested, of if you work in that sort of field and have contacts willing to sell it for the club please get in touch. Proceeds will be used to further extend the clubs facilities.

Novice Field Shoot – unfortunately the planned inaugural intra club competition on the 21st October had to be cancelled due the previous 24 hours of heavy rain and extensive local flooding. We plan to reschedule in February 2024.