

# GVA Newsletter April 2026



## Easter Fun Shoot – 5<sup>th</sup> April



Hope you're all looking forward to this year's annual Easter Fun Shoot with Easter theme target faces and prizes for each age group, gender and bowstyle.

Any donations of cake and savoury snacks always welcome.

Setup from 10:30 with first arrows at 11:00 no sighters and finishing about 1:30.

Always fun and a great social event for the club for all ages.

## Club Events Calendar

Has now been updated with all our summer activities as well as those run by the county.

[Club Calendar](#)

## Coaching

### GVA Club Coaching Clinics

Initial dates for May, June and July are now agreed and available to book. These are all Sunday afternoons 2-4pm. To book

[10th May 2026](#)

[28th June 2026](#)

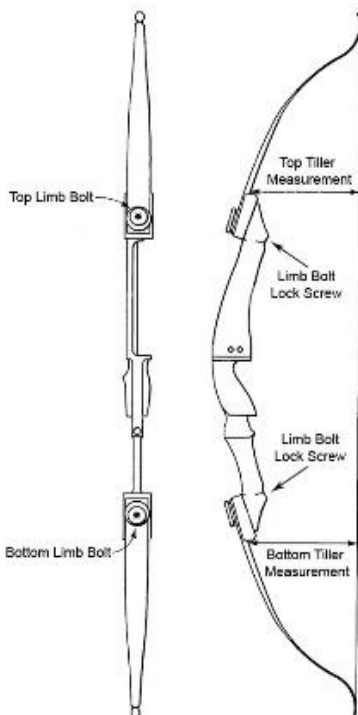
[12th July 2026](#)



We hope to announce other dates and times that are Saturday and Sunday mornings very soon.

### Recurve and Barebow tuning

Want to know more about how to tune your bow? Things like Brace Height, Limb Tiller, Limb Alignment, Button alignment and tension? As well as bare shaft and walk back tuning and how to use or a paper tuning Jig?



### String and Arrow repair/maintenance

Would you like to learn how to replace a serving- centre of end loops. Or even build your own bespoke string. Fancy build arrows from parts and re-fletch or re attach.

If you're interested in either drop an e-mail titled "Clinic" to [GVA\\_coaching@outlook.com](mailto:GVA_coaching@outlook.com) and let us know what you're interested in.

If there is enough interest the club will set up a 2-hour session on a Club Day (Saturday or Sunday).

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## **CADAC Easter Juniors Shoot (free)**

Easter Juniors Coaching Session will be on Tuesday 7th April, 1000-1400. Near Colchester Football and Rugby grounds. Usual format of coaching, followed by lunch break and some archery chat, then some Easter-themed fun shooting. Drings provided, bring your own packed lunch.

If you're interested in attending please send an e-mail to [GVA\\_coaching@outlook.com](mailto:GVA_coaching@outlook.com)  
Each junior must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

## **ECAA County Coaching Clinics – cost £5 (10am-2pm)**

30 May at Gipping Valley Archers  
27 June at Mayflower Archers, Billericay  
25 July at Colchester and District Archery Club  
22 August at Southend and District Archery Club



## **ECAA Junior Training – cost TBC (10am-2pm)**

18 April at Colchester and District Archery Club  
20 June at Mayflower Archers  
8 August at Colchester and District Archery Club

Links to book these will notified once available.

## **Junior Committee Representative**

Hi, I'm Kaitlyn and I'm your junior representative for the club, I'm here to take your issues and ideas to the committee on your behalf. I have been part of the club since August 2024 and have helped on the beginners' courses; I am also aiming at becoming a junior coach in the future. My other hobbies alongside archery are drawing and cosplay. You will normally find me down the club with the rest of my family most weekends, especially during the summer season.

Feel free to come and chat with me if you have any ideas that would improve our club or if you dont see me on the field I am intending to put a " junior suggestion box" in the club hut so feel free to pop ideas in there for me to bring to the committee

## **Club Tournaments**

The club is considering running several Club Tournaments if there is enough interest. Three different events are proposed which all need to be developed further to agree exactly how they will work.

Club Championship – Run on one day shooting a specific round as held previously.

Knockout Competition – Entry list of participating Archers will be seeded based your current scores / handicap. You then start off against a similar level archer - one vs one, winner goes through to next round with a final held on a specified Club Day. This can be done over a month or two to give everyone the opportunity to compete with participants agreeing a time and day to shoot with each other.

Ladder Competition - Taking place over the summer and / or winter seasons. Each participating archer is placed on a rung of a ladder based on current scores / handicap. You challenge someone within 5 places above you. You agree the round, day and time between you and your opponent. You get 5 points for a win 3 for a draw and 1 point for losing (participating) - or instead of points you just take your opponent's place if you win.

A WhatsApp poll will be run in early April to gauge the level of interest among club members.

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## Range Development Plans

We have been busy planning some improvements to our range facilities and many of you will have seen the changes to the old Field archery area. We made the decision to extend the main range to give us more scope for not only our growing membership but also with a view to hosting inter club and maybe even county events.

We plan to add extra paths and hard standing across all the ranges. Increase netting throughout and of course lots more bosses to shoot at. As we get more info and dates for you will let you know.

The training bosses will all have wheels on them before the first beginners' course in April. To make it easier to set up for beginners' courses and of course for bow tuning, walk back and paper tuning.

After that we plan to cover the area between the clubhouse and the shed. And include an overdue tidy up. Thats all for now - watch this space for more updates

## Stowmarket Golf Centre Developments



Duncan (Stowmarket Golf Centre Director) has planning permission in progress to extend his facilities. This included a new building in place of the current green mats.

To have a lower carpark in place of the current putting green. Which will move to the area right of our Training Range which has been recently cleared. We may have to make some adjustments as a result.

But we will have a closer carpark to use as well as toilets in the new building.

## Sale of old club 90cm foam layer bosses

The club has decided to reduce its stock of older 90cm foam layer Bosses. We are donating four to Halowtree Scout Activity Centre. The rest we are offering to club members for £15 to £25 depending on condition. Remember you are not covered by Archery GB insurance so it's your responsibility to ensure they can be used safely with no risk of stray arrows leaving your land. If interested contact one of the Range team Chris W, Martin or John.

## Beginners Courses

Are filling up with the April fully booked and the June with eight booked. The August and October courses have no bookings at present. If you know someone interested in taking up archery, please let them know of our courses. These can be booked via our club home page at [Gipping Valley Archers](#) and also via a dedicated tab [Beginners Course](#) .

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Beginners Courses are vital to all Archery Clubs to maintain the club by bring in new archers to take up our sport. Whilst these are managed and run by our club coaches, we always need volunteers to help run them. Just 30 minutes help to setup the range and equipment up or clear down after the event is always appreciated. As well as managing shooting line and safety whistles. So, if your able to help please let the club know by talking to a committee member or a club coach. A list of names posted in the club hut.

## New Metal Detectors

The club has purchased a new metal detector as or exiting one had become unreliable. In addition, a point detector has been purchased to locate lost or broken points in our bosses so they can be removed and prevent damage to your arrows. If you lose a point or an arrow, please log it in the Lost Log in the hut so we can locate them.



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