

GVA Newsletter February 2026



New Club Sign

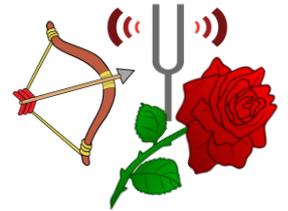
A couple of years ago we asked for ideas for a club sign for the side of the hut and possibly for use elsewhere. We only had one entry at the time and have now had a 122cm diameter sign made up which is now on the side of the hut. The Golf Centre has agreed to the club placing smaller ones either side of the car park entrance.

Recurve Bow Tuning – Gosfield School - Valentine's Day for Archers!

On Saturday 14th February, there will be a recurve bow setup day, where participants will be able to learn how to set-up their sighted recurve bow. There are two FREE sessions available.

Session 1: 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Session 2: 2:00pm – 4:00pm



The session will focus on the key areas of sighted recurve setup, with each archer working with a pair of Coaches to help them check their bow and teach them how to adjust if necessary.

The session would be particularly suitable for archers who are looking to develop their knowledge of their own equipment, and archers are welcome to attend both sessions if they wish. There is no cost to attend the bow tuning. [To Book](#) a place



Easter Fun Shoot – 5th April 10:30 to 1:30

Please put this date in your diary, this is one of the clubs annual Fun Shoots with Easter theme target faces and prizes for each age group, gender and bowstyle.

Voice Control of Range Shooting Line

Just a reminder that the shooting line must be controlled by audible signals such as whistle, squeaker or bell. In addition, verbal signals can be used which are "Shoot", "Collect" and "Stop or Fast".

Paper Tuning Jig

The club has a new Paper Tuning Jig which can help adjust your Nocking Point and Arrow Rest. It will be stored in the shed, if you wish to use it ask one of the committee members for access on a club target day. And they can help you use it.



Club Arrow Jack



We have replaced the "lost" arrow jack and it's in the little cabinet along with a small clamp, to help grip very thin arrows. The code for the lock on the box has been sent on the clubs WhatsApp Group and will be changed every three months and the new code notified. If you need to use it, please ensure its returned and locked again after use.

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Range Rules – arrow points

Waterproof Target Faces - Please only use “bullet style” arrow points on them. If your arrows have points with “shoulders” or have a shaft diameter greater than 9mm or 11/32 inches, please use paper target faces. Also, Broad head, edged, bodkin, silver spoon and any other large diameter arrow piles are not permitted by Archery GB rules.



OnTarget

The club is signing up to the Archery GB club development programme called OnTarget. We are proud of our club but need to think about what it is we do well and what we could do to make it even better.

There are four specialisms in the development programme, which clubs can engage with, either one at a time or more. These specialisms are listed as follows:

Performance – Progression – Community - Young People

The club will initially focus on Progression, which is achieved in three stages. So, what does this mean?

STAGE ONE

- The Club actively tracks the improvement of archers according to their motivations
- Two club members attend a workshop 'Volunteer Experience'
- The club prioritises the development and recruitment of various volunteers e.g. coaches, judges and tournament officers.

Volunteers are properly supported and progression is planned

Once achieved we will then move to

STAGE TWO

- The club looks to further improve the facilities offered to members
- The club actively involves the whole club in ideas and decisions, and is comfortable with innovative thinking, discussion and works to find solutions through a plan of action
- Tailored training programmes and training sessions are offered to archers on a least a monthly basis (or at least 12 a year)

And then finally onto

STAGE THREE

- The club proactively works with other appropriate bodies and agencies to promote progression e.g. nearby clubs, County activities, regional activities, JLOs, hosting workshops etc.
- Two club members attend the workshop 'Exploring Legal Structures'
- The club seeks to progress the easy and efficient access and interaction of all members through appropriate digital solutions and strengthens its online progress.

We believe that we should value what has already been achieved by our members at this club. Some of the requirements as listed above may have already been met. However, this is a development programme which suggests that we should not be complacent. For more information our leads are Trevor G and Martin.

THE ROAD TO DEVELOPMENT IS NEVER ENDING

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Volunteers and Skill-Sets

As a member of the club, you will know that everything from coaching to maintenance of the equipment relies on a volunteer workforce. Without any doubt, our club is developing year to year, you only have to observe how the facilities have consistently improved or how the club has been professionally managed.

We are now looking at expanding our volunteer group by valuing and utilising the skill sets of our members. All of us potentially have skill-sets be they work or personally related. Could you consider what skills you could bring to the club and whether you would be prepared to help in some way in the future?

Please include a message on the WhatsApp group, email the club or speak with any of the committee members on a club day".

Club Coaching Clinics – There are two further scheduled for Sunday 8th February and 8th March both from 2-4pm. Spaces are limited, to book go to [Club Event](#)

ECAA Indoor Coaching Clinic at Gosfield School - there is one remaining in on the 28th February. Held at Gosfield School, CO9 1PF. From 10:00 – 13:00 and cost £5. You will have access to coaches from across the county to help you. Sign up and pay using the link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLON>



Membership Privacy, Data Protection and Consent – As was mentioned in last month's newsletter we are going to check we have the up to date information for each member and get new consent to the info the club holds about you. We want to do this with the minimum of effort for the club and yourselves and without any printing!

So, during February you will receive an e-mail with your and/or your under18 membership details on a prepopulated membership form. Please check the information and let us know via return e-mail of any corrections / updates you need to provide.

We also need your consent to the club holding and using your data to manage the club, the systems we use and how we will keep your personal data safe on these systems.

Club Membership is subject to you agreeing to the use of your data. Therefore the e-mail will require you to provide your acceptance by replying and stating, "I Agree".

Thanks in advance and we will need 100% membership returns, so we will chase missing replies. Thanks for your co-operation.

Regards

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