



July 2025 Newsletter

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The Chair Chats



Welcome to July's edition of the club's newsletter.

Sorry, there was no newsletter last month, but time pressures took over and again this month so just a small one to keep the updates flowing.

Hope you have all settled into the "outdoor season" and are progressing your personal achievements, whether it's progressing in the AGB progression award scheme, or your own goals. Remember the AGB progression scheme, archer levels can be shot anytime, bowman levels on a club target day or competition, and master Bowmen must be shot at a competition.

This month we will continue with the "***you asked- we listened/actioned***" - so exciting times ahead.

I was pleasing to see so many club members take part in the field competition earlier this month several entering a competition for the first time, well done to them.

Again, I will appeal for any member to take over the collation of the newsletter, I feel I have taken the newsletter development as far as I can within the time I have available, therefore we are looking for someone to volunteer to take on the collation for future issues if you would like to know more, please contact me.

Stephen

Chairperson

Congratulations and good news

This section is to celebrate archery achievements of members and please let us know if you have anything to celebrate or just how you got on at a local competition/coaching event that you have attended.

Congratulations to all those who have recently joined the club to start their archery journey. The real learning now starts!

As mentioned in the chair chats congratulations to those members who entered their first competition and especially a field event. For those who shot both days you are now on the national ranking system. [Fieldrankings.expertarcher.com/home](https://fieldrankings.expertarcher.com/home)

Congratulations

Steve D

Micki I

Peter B

For those who shot one day we hope you enjoyed yourselves and learnt a lot about this form of archery. Because it was a two-day event only those who shot both days are eligible to have their score put forward to the ranking system.

Congratulation and thanks must also go to the field crew of Alan, Chris and Martin for making it possible in the weeks up to the event and also to Stuart, Marie and Ian on the day.

Assembly



The field crew



One of the clubs' new flags



A lot more photos were posted on the main GVA WhatsApp group

Membership Matters

Last year saw the move from a club target day once a month on a Sunday to both Saturday and Sunday every weekend – and this really helped with members obtaining and progressing their nationally recognized achievement awards. Ps In last month's newsletter I forgot that Wednesday evenings were also previously agreed as a target session.

UPDATE – We were unable to start this in June so fingers crossed will start in July

“You asked- we listened” After discussion at the last committee meeting, the following was agreed - that on the second weekend of the month, the Sunday target day will be known as Club competition day and run as if at a competition to give members the experience to shoot under competition conditions. Therefore, on those days there will be a single start time AM and PM on the main/long ranges. Kit inspection/advice 10am, briefing on the round, and then sighters followed by a uniform start at approx. 10.30am (1.30 and 2pm for afternoon session). We have worked on the background information needed and will be ready to start this exciting new development from June.

The practice range - if no organised activity is taking place - will still be available for casual start time/practice, and for all other target days will be as currently with the “rolling start”.

“You asked- we listened” Since January the field range at the weekends have been included in the “target days” and set up so that classification scores can be achieved just like the Indoor and outdoor Bowmen awards. This will continue to be available to the members. If unsure speak to Stephen, Chris W or Martin.

“You asked- we listened” There were requests for 3D days, and this is something that we will consider at the next committee meeting as to how best to resource this request.

Archery Round Scoresheets Submissions

A Reminder that we have set up a dedicated e-mail address for the submission of scores from apps. gva_club_scores@outlook.com . A fantastic problem to have is, that as everyone's scores are improving, we need to distinguish whether it is a practice day or a Club target day. Archer level awards can be shoot on practice days, but Bowmen level must be on a Target/Competition Day - so please indicate whether it is a practice or target day on the email.

Paper scoresheets will continue to be collected from the folder in the Club hut for those members who prefer this method. Please tick the box that says practice or target day.

Down the Range

At the time of writing work had started on the hardstanding area outside the clubhouse so we are not wading through mud in the winter this was another one of the **“You asked- we listened”** actions from the survey held earlier this year.

Communication

“You asked- we listened” from the survey most replies were in favour that the newsletter and website were the primary sources of information about upcoming events and news, therefore if you have information to share this needs to be forwarded to the club’s email mid-month before the upcoming issue if you want it included in the newsletter.

Reminder The WhatsApp group should only be used for what it was intended, to arrange shooting partners outside of club days. Or emergency closures of the range for example.

Judge and coaching corner

The club hosted the latest county coaching session last Saturday and was well attended by both archers and coaches from the club, lots of hints and tip gained all round to try out in the coming week. Why not try the next one at Mayflower archers next month, booking via ECAA website.

This year the club coaches are running multiple Beginners Courses. For this we could really use the help of the membership, to assist the coaches (help set up run the line, change bows/ broken arrows, and blow-up ballons type of jobs).

If you can spare your time and for the dates below it would be greatly appreciated by the coaches and the Committee.

Beginners Courses.

3rd Aug - 17th August

28th September- 12th October

Tournament Officer

What’s happening in July and beyond?

The summer programme is now viewable online

<https://www.gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/new-events-calendar-2/>

Reminder that July we move to a metric round so back to 10 ring/zone scoring.

Clout shoots will resumed once a month on the 3rd Saturday evening of the month from May onward, once the golf range closes at 6pm, Thank you David for agreeing to run them again this year.

Again, this is something that makes our Club unique in that we can offer the three main disciplines of archery with AGB - Target, Field and Clout. Last year we also built an archery “wand” that is another interesting form of archery, hopefully we will bring it out again this year.

If you enjoy the idea of the club's field competition in June then the County Championship is in October, this is a 24 marked course so no guessing distances!

Entries via the link [Essex Field Shoot](#):

The Essex and Suffolk county events calendar is always being updated and is worth a look for local competitions and the new outdoor season events are starting to be listed - <https://ecaa.org.uk/tournaments-records/2024-events-in-essex-suffolk>

I am pleased to see some members entering the County metric Championship, dare I say, not with the view to win but for the experience and to meet future friends in the archery world we wish you happy and arrow that fly straight.

We are proposing to hold our 2nd Summer Club Championships on the 7th September. As the club members progression have improved over the last year, adult rounds will be Warick 50, U18s Warick 30, so a couple of months left to gain those distances.

Awards for Bowstyles in Barebow, Compound, Recurve and English longbow