

GVA Newsletter May 2026



Easter Fun Shoot 2026 – thanks Storm Dave!



A changeable weather day with lovely Sunshine, then rain, then wind then Sun again.

But 22 Club Archers braved the conditions and

enjoyed another club Easter Fun Shoot. Thanks to Caroline, Norman and all who made it happen. Well, done to the winners

Male – Compound Steve D, Recurve Norman, Barebow Robert, Trad Steve M, Under 12 barebow – Nikolai.

Female - Recurve Caroline, Under 14 Compound Imogen.

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. They are free - to book

[10th May 2026](#)

[28th June 2026](#)

[12th July 2026](#)

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

30 May at Gipping Valley Archers <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDXU>

27 June at Mayflower Archers, Billericay <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDXV>

25 July at Colchester and District Archery Club

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

22 August at Southend and District Archery Club <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDXY>

ECAA Junior Training – they are free (10am-2pm)

20 June at Mayflower Archers <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDYE>

8 August at Colchester and District Archery Club <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDYO>

Committee Representative

Our Club Representative Ade has decided that as he can't at present get to the range very much he will not continue as Club Rep on the committee. We all hope he will be shooting again with us very soon.

So, anyone fancy feeding back to the club committee the views, questions, wishes or concerns from club members? Its only six meetings a year for a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon and does not hurt too much!

Summer / Outdoor Rounds

Following the Easter Fun Shoot the club is now shooting summer / outdoor longer distances and bigger target faces as well as the ever popular 252 award scheme. The club will alternate monthly between Imperial Rounds (Yards/5 zone) and Metric Rounds (Meters/10 Zone)



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Info about these is on club noticeboards. Your chance to improve your PB and get a higher classification badge. In addition, the most improved handicap Hatton Cup Rose Bowl is up for grabs at the end of the summer. Currently held by Gavin for his last years improvements.

Indoor classification badges awards

The committee intended to present these at the Easter Fun Shoot as normal but were not able to on this occasion. They are being presented to all who achieved an award over the winter season when your next at a Saturday or Sunday Club shoot.

Club Tournaments

Simon D - Has agreed to take on the role of TO (Tournament Officer) and has been co-opted to this year's GVA Committee. Following the level of interest from a recent WhatsApp poll, Simon will be discussing the possible format and styles of club tournaments at the early May committee meeting. If you have views talk to Simon or ping a message via WhatsApp or e-mail to the club.

Range Improvements

Over the past month the range team has been hard at work with various projects across the range. The training bosses have been upgraded and are now mobile with wheels and lifting arms fitted, similar to those on the main range.



The space between the club hut and shed has now had a roof fitted to keep spare bosses and materials dry. Many thanks to all who assisted with its construction and the clear out of the items filling the space. Much appreciated.

The grass is cut on the main and training range and the waiting, shooting and distance lines have been painted.

The long range will be done shortly.

A shout out to Clayton for the great job with cleaning the plastic garden chairs. They look like new again. And he has generously donated a very nice set of garden sofas.



Over the coming weeks we will be refreshing the target bosses and replacing damaged layers.

Sale of old club 90cm foam layer bosses

The club has decided to reduce its stock of older 90cm foam layer Bosses. We will keep the best ones and have already donated four to Halowtree Scout Activity Centre. The rest we are offering to club members for £10 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

The Club gained six new members from the April Beginners Course. Welcome David, Adam, Lindsey, Julius, Abi and Max. We hope you enjoy shooting with us all at the club. Also welcome to the clubs fifth Chris who also joined having previously shot with Kestrels in Biggleswade.

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Golden Records - Take Control of Your Archery Progress

For many archers, tracking performance can feel like a chore—juggling spreadsheets, chasing updates, or waiting on club records to see how you're improving. Golden Records changes that completely, giving you a simple, powerful way to manage your archery journey anytime, anywhere.

Your Performance, Always at Hand

Imagine finishing a session on the shooting line and logging your score right there and then—no paperwork, no delays. With Golden Records, you can instantly record your rounds as you pack away your gear. As soon as you submit a score, the system updates your handicap and classification automatically, keeping everything current without extra effort.

Clear Insights Through Visual Tracking

The platform transforms your data into easy-to-understand charts and graphs. Whether it's rounds shot, scores over time, or classification progress, you can quickly see patterns in your performance. These visual tools make it easier to identify strengths, spot areas for improvement, and stay motivated.

Stay Engaged with Your Development

No more waiting to hear from a records officer or wondering where you stand. Golden Records keeps you fully informed and engaged with your progress. By having instant access to your history and performance trends, you can make smarter decisions about your training and goals.

All the Power of Club Records—Personalised for You

With all the features of a club records system tailored for individual use, this tool puts you in control. It reduces admin, saves time, and replaces outdated tracking methods with a streamlined, cloud-based solution.

Improve with Confidence

When your data is organised, accessible, and easy to interpret, improvement becomes more achievable. Golden Records doesn't just store your scores—it helps you understand them, learn from them, and ultimately shoot better. Take the guesswork out of your progress and focus on what really matters: hitting the target.

If you would like access to your own Golden records account, please drop Chris P a message via gva_club_scores@outlook.com and he will give you member level access.

Further information on how to use will be posted in the club noticeboard very soon.

Membership numbers and renewal

The club now has 89 members with 13 U18. If you receive a renewal notice from Archery GB the club is happy to manage the renewal on your behalf just get in touch with the membership secretary Jackie via GVA_Membership_Sec@outlook.com

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