



March 2025 Newsletter

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The Chair Chats



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

Bookings for the Club field competition went live on 1st Feb and we are nearly half full already. If you intend to enter, better to do it sooner rather than later and risk it being sold out.

I attended the County AGM in February and like us with a new committee last year, there is a lot of excitement and proposed changes moving forward. I did learn that Juniors (U18) can claim county records at club shoots.

Interestingly, I mentioned about Judging last month, and this month the County is trying to set up a Judges group like the Coaches one to offer support and development. If you are interested in either Coaching or Judging please do email into the club.

Before I explore an offer of a burger type van is there anyone who would like to do basic food at the Field competition in June? Please email in or speak to me on the line.

Stephen

Chairperson

Congratulations and good news

Congratulations to Andres, Micky and especially Steve D (who was only one point from a 3rd place finish), when they entered the Blue Arrows Indoor shoot in Ipswich recently. Good to see members representing the club at local competitions.

Congratulations to all the members who undertook and passed 1st aid training recently. There will be a list of all members who can provide 1st Aid cover in the shed shortly.

The club has received CASC status from the tax office and together with the "old St Edmund archers club" are working towards transferring their closing funds into GVA accounts permanently. We can then start to look at how the new status is most beneficial to the club.

Down the Range - Chris W

A new secure cupboard has been ordered to help making access to the club's beginners' equipment better and then there will be a general stock take and tidy up in all the huts once it is in situ. Help maybe needed to move it from the car park to the range. Scheduled for delivery 11th March.

Website

The website is undergoing some updates and reorganising so there may be some disruption and moving of information. Tell us what you think of the new look website.

Judge and coaching corner – Chris P

This year the coaches are hoping to run 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, blow-up balloons, type of jobs).

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

Beginners Courses; 30th Mar - 13th April, then 22nd June - 6th July other dates to follow.

Taster Sessions; 29th March, then 4th May

Friday March 21st, 2025, 7-10pm seminar with Bryony Pitman (Olympic team shooter) at Mayflower Archers in Essex, costs £10. Full detail from

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

Membership Matters

Range Rules - At the recent committee meeting it was felt that the current system of managing the range when shooting is in progress was not working and needed revisiting. It was decided that at all times the club would use audible devices (bell or whistles on the range) when 2 or more people are present. Extra squeeze whistles are being purchased. The range rules will be updated shortly to reflect this.

Club Records - The club has not historically maintained and published a record of best scores achieved by club members, something a lot of clubs do. We would like to change this and publish record scores going forward as a club from 31st March 2025. This would be a simple list of the highest score achieved for a given recognised Archery GB round, by gender, age and bow style.

These will be published on the club's website so that the current record club score is visible. Should a club member then better that score they will have their name, score and date achieved added, replacing the previous record holder.

Publication of a person's name is allowed under the current Data Protection Laws. However, as we respect a person's right to privacy, should you not wish your name to appear against the record on our website, please 'opt out' by letting the club know before 20th March 2025. Please email gva_club_scores@outlook.com, simply state your name and club records with "opt out" in the subject line should you wish to opt out.

If you opt out your score and date achieved will still be published however the name will show as "withheld". This will be the arrangement for members over 18 years of age..

This disclaimer has been included in the amended membership form.

For those under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian will be required to 'opt in' should they wish their child's name to be published. This will be managed on a case-by-case basis by the clubs Records Officer.

The same principles will apply to internal club championships results starting with the winter championship at the end of march, details later.

Club Policies - The Committee are in the process of reviewing the club policies and procedures and as they are approved and adopted, they will be published on the website. Please check regularly, as these are what you have agreed to as members of the club.

Behaviour & Etiquette at external shoots was also raised at the last meeting, please remember to uphold these. As we are representing the club, this reflects on the club, if you practice good behaviour and etiquette at the club it then it is easier when at external events. It is also common courtesy to inform the Tournament organiser of the event if you are unable to attend or shoot, if everyone has checked in, the tournament can start rather than waiting for someone who isn't attending and then you can pick up your medals earlier!

Finally, many thanks to all for the members who completed the recent survey the committee will be analysing the results to understand how the membership wants the club to move forward, without losing its friendly reputation which we are proud of.

Tournament Officer – Stephen

What's happening in March and beyond?

<http://www.gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/club-calendar/club-calendar/>

From March 9th we move from the Worcester to three weeks of Vegas rounds. Technically this means your arrows must be numbered and then shot in order. (I find this round is excellent for checking form as the target faces are also shot in order).

Following the Vegas rounds, on the 30th March we will be hosting the Clubs first handicap tournament to mark the end of the Winter/Indoor season.

This event was requested by members last year, so please support by coming along and see who our first champion will be. Shooting a Portsmouth round, once briefing

at 10.30 is over, shooting will commence, only morning scores will count if you want to continue shooting in the afternoon.

You may not know it, but every time you submit a score from a target day, you get a handicap score, between 1-150, once you have submitted three scores you get a handicap score, which theoretically if added to your (actual) score on the day when shooting a round would give you a perfect score!

Therefore, regardless of bowstyles or experience everyone has a chance of winning. Please ensure you have submitted at least three recent target day scores by March 16th, so we can work out your current official handicap (it's not always what it tells you on phone apps) to count towards the tournament. I am always happy to chat to anyone who would like more information about AGBs handicap system.

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>

Something for those willing to travel a bit further, then why not try;

Southern Counties Archery Meeting (SCAM) May 8-11th Thurs BLBS scoring, hits, not points win!

[SCAM/2025/Entry/SCAM_Prospectus_2025.pdf](#)

Club Records - Jackie

Congratulations for those who have improved on a club record over the winter so far that we have been publishing via this newsletter in advance of the round.

Archery Round Scoresheets Submissions

Recognising a lot of club members now like to use scoring apps on their phones and send digital scoresheets to the Records Officer for recording, we have set up a dedicated e-mail address. Going forward, if this is your preferred method please submit electronic scoresheets to gva_club_scores@outlook.com Thanks.

Paper scoresheets will continue to be collected from the folder in club hut for those members who prefer this method. This will hopefully be the last club record via the newsletter. Before we go live on the website.

Vegas current club records

Max score	600	50+	Senior	U18
Barebow	Ladies			
	Gents	Steve D 460		
Recurve	Ladies	Teresa M 270		
	Gents	Norman B 423		
Compound	Ladies			
	Gents	Trevor B 451		