



Shropshire Archery Society



NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2015

It was hoped that this newsletter would be out in time to wish everyone a Happy Christmas – the best laid plans of mice and men..... So, you will have to make do with a “Happy Year everyone!”.

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New

NEW COUNTY WEBSITE.

Dave Baron has worked hard this Autumn to design a new website for Shropshire Archery Society. www.shropshirearcherysociety.com. Please take the time to visit it. Dave did circulate all the county’s clubs asking for extra information to populate the “clubs” section – but had only a limited response. Please could all club secretaries take a little time to review their club’s section on the website and send any proposed changes to Dave. shropshirearchery@gmail.com. Once the website is pretty much finished then it is Dave’s intention to send details to all club secretaries for them to log in and make and changes they wish. At the moment, if you have any comments about any aspect of the website, just let Dave know. Thanks to Dave for all his efforts.

Possible funding assistance for Archery clubs? - now you all should read this!!!

As many of you are aware, Shropshire Archery Society has a sensibly healthy bank balance. We are prepared to accept applications from clubs for funding specific projects. Every application will be judged on its merits – we are more interested in assisting clubs with capital projects rather than general club running costs. There is no specific time scale for this – each application should include details of the project plus all associated costs and how the project will be funded. All applications should be sent to Sue Williamson.

Sue@chelmickforge.co.uk. An application will be discussed at the meeting following receipt of the documentation – a club representative will be invited to present the case at that meeting.

Field Archery.

By comparison with many other counties, Shropshire is not a hotbed of Field archery (shooting at various distances at 2D or 3D models of animals in the woods. Having said that, 3 of the county’s clubs do have a field archery course. Once a month (2nd Sunday in the month) an open Field Archery competition is held near Shrewsbury, hosted by Bowbrook Archers. This combines good shooting with excellent company and fantastic Bacon butties. There is also an open Field archery practice session (no bacon butties) on the 4th Saturday of each month. For more information about these events, contact Paul Holland . (nooklane@btoopenworld.com). It really helps if you can let the organisers know before an event that you wish to attend – numbers are limited (so is car parking) – and it helps with catering. All archers are welcome, irrespective of age, ability or bowtype.

The last field archery meeting saw 54 archers attending. Because of limitations of parking, we ask that wherever possible archers share cars to these events.

Next event; Sunday 14th February. All welcome.

NEWS FROM THE CLUBS.

This information was gleaned from reports sent to the last County Exec meeting in December. Autumn is generally a quiet season for archery but there still seems to be plenty going on in the County. The County postal Portsmouth gets lots of support, as do the Frostbite leagues – one frostbite round was recently shot in such a gale that the archers had to be shielded by other archers in order to stand steady enough.

Congratulations to Katie Clarke from Telford – her National Record for Longbow Double American Round has been accepted. Congratulations too to Becky Chilcott of Audco Archers – she picked up a Bronze medal in the Junior Barebow category at the recent Nationals. And well done too to Ryan Woodhouse from Long Mynd who took part in the same competition.

The membership picture across the county is mixed over the last 12 months – some clubs have grown, others have fewer members. But the general picture is positive, in line with the trend in ArcheryGB's National membership.

Club secretaries – please make an effort to get a report from your club to Sue Williamson, county secretary, shortly before each county meeting. Even better, get someone from your club to present the report to the meeting in person. Meetings are always the second Tuesday of alternate months in Church Stretton, starting at 8pm. More details from Sue Williamson. Next Meeting is Tuesday 9th February.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

10 January. Hafren Foresters, Newtown. Portsmouth Round. Entry form on County Website.

17 January. Boreatton Roving clout. A wooden bow/wooden arrow event – details from Bowbrook Archers website. No formal entry but let Bowbrook know if you are coming – for Catering purposes.

Shropshire County Clout report.
Sunday 1st November 2015.

Shooting was in jeopardy right up to the starting time – lingering fog on the field. But all went ahead as planned with over 80- archers from all over England taking part. At least there was virtually no wind which always helps when shooting clout. It was good to see so many juniors taking part – they came away with 5 new County records plus a National record.

As ever, thanks to Adams Grammar school in Newport for letting us use the venue and to Bowbrook Archers for hosting the event.

Note; The 2017 Shropshire Clout will be held at Longford Hall, Newport on Sunday 23rd October.

Regular open Clout practice sessions will be held at Bowbrook Archers' field – approximately every month.

Indoor archery competitions.

Don't forget the Shropshire County Indoors championships – hosted by Telford Archers. This will be held on Sunday 21st February in the Sports Hall at TCAT (same venue as last year).

The organiser is Jayne Clarke – I understand that entry forms for this event will shortly be sent out to all Shropshire's archery clubs – the form will also be posted on the County Web site. Get your entry in early – last year this competition filled up very quickly and some archers were disappointed.

The West Midlands Indoor championships are also coming up. At this stage we know the dates are 31st January for Juniors and 6 March for seniors. For more details look at the WMAS website in due course. No Venues known at this stage.

We are hoping to get the next County Newsletter out around Easter time. This will have details of all the Summer's events planned in Shropshire.

Dates for almost all the Heritage shoots have now been set as well as the Wenlock Olympians event which we understand will be held on July 10th at Attingham Park in 2016. Note that entries for the Olympian event filled up very early in 2015 – by mid-March! So be warned. Find out more details for this event from Bowbrook Archers – the entry form will be on the County Website in the very near future.

And Finally; We would be interested to hear any comments about this newsletter. We hope that it will get sent out 4 times per year. It partly depends on how much there is to say! If you have interesting news about your club (including pictures) that you would like to share, please send it to the email address below. If we have got anything wrong please let us know! If there is anything in particular that you want to be included in future newsletters please let us know. We hope that you have persevered and read it all the way through to here!

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