GVA Club Newsletter – February 2024

Dear GVA Club Members

Club strategy / aspirations – Norman

Good day Fellow Archers - As Chairperson, I would like to see some more interaction form the General membership, so we can encourage more members to assist at events that are up and coming, most of the members that cover these events at the moment are not getting any younger and it would be good to see some new blood willing to step in to assist,

I know club shirts and other club 'Uniform' can be expensive, but it would be nice to see members entering competitions wearing some form of club colours,

I hope everyone is enjoying using and being members of the club, any problems please approach a member of the committee, and we look into your problem and see what we can do to resolve the problem. Stay safe and always obey the whistle.

Field Archery – Stephen

If you go down to the woods

Exciting things are happening at GVA this spring and summer.

In April, (likely 21st) we are arranging a visit to a field archery club nr Bury St. Edmunds for a come and try/have a go day, although not an AGB club it will give a good idea of what field archery is about. Investment cost £10pp. For adults the distances range from 20 feet up to 80yards, however it is a come and try so if you are not confident at the longer distances then there will be shorter distances marked. It is a fairly flat course so anyone with mobility issues can participate.

Other exciting news for your diaries is the Club will be hosting its first Field competition at Haughley Park on Sunday 30th June. Entry forms will be out shortly for those wishing to have a "proper" go at an AGB field competition.

Even if you don't fancy shooting, we will be looking for volunteers to help either on the day or the week before to help make it run. (think of: admin, catering, car parking, field crew). It will be a great chance meet archers from around the country and talk to them, they don't bite apart from at the catering tent!

For those interested in field competitions there is a link on the clubs' website, but to get you ready, the club started a winter field league a few weeks ago, a few results a starting to come in, but remember that you need 3 scores to rank before the end of march. Depending on bowstyle and age distances, range from 5m to 60m. (ps you don't have to entry any competitions to do the winter league). For further information contact Stephen List

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Range – Chris W
Ready for the spring / summer shooting season. The range distance markers are being upgraded to make it easy to set up for any distance / round and we will also upgrade the long range to include a 90m and100yd bosses.

Training / Coaching – Caroline
Coaching Clinic - going very well so far Dates are Sunday 25th Feb at 2pm, Sunday 10th March 11am, Sunday 24th March 2pm.

Beginners and Tasters - first Taster Session of the year is on the 10th March at 2pm!

If you know anyone who would like to take up archery, they will need to book quickly because we are already fully booked for April and June Beginners!

Easter Fun Shoot – 31 March – more details next month.

Results / Awards – Jackie

The 300 scheme is going well with three archers achieving Pink and two on Gold.

New Indoor Classification badges will unfortunately not be made available by AGB this season so we will have to use up old-style badge stock. Sorry

Good range of classification already achieved with several Bowmen 3rd Class and a couple of Bowman 2nd Class already in the bag. Both 300 and Indoor Classification run to the end of March, when we will move to 252 and outdoor rounds.

Membership / Committee / Governance – Trevor B

Stephen List has kindly agreed to be the Clubs Tournament Officer which is great news. We still need an Events lead should anyone wish to step up and help.

Next committee meeting 17th March – please let us know if you wish anything discussed / agreed.

The access bridge to range has been replaced with a much wider shallower slop to improve access and drainage at that end of the carpark.