

**Dear GVA Club Members**

## **AGM - Important date for your diary**

The clubs Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 2-5pm** at the Golf Centre Café area. The club will be providing food and drinks as usual. It's your chance to influence how you wish the club to develop, evolve and proceed over the next twelve months. Everyone is encouraged to support the club and committee to keep the club running for your archery enjoyment.



The AGM will elect a new committee for the 2025/26 season, agree the club membership fees, and agree any club wide constitutional changes. It will also hear reports from the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer(s) on the years progress.

Invites, draft Agenda and Committee Roles were sent via email on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August. To help the club prepare please let us know if you're able to attend or not, if you wish to stand for a committee role or if you're not able to attend the option to provide a Proxy vote to someone to vote on your behalf. Please use this link [AGM](#)

## **Membership Renewals**

It will soon be time at the end of September for the majority of club members to renew their Archery GB (AGB) membership fees. This is for members who joined the club before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The club is once again happy to manage this renewal process for you. You will receive a renewal notification e-mail from AGB during September you can **ignore this** if you wish to renew membership via the club. If you wish to renew directly with AGB that's fine but please let us know. Also let us know if you have decided not to renew via email to [gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com](mailto:gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com)

After the clubs AGM on the 21<sup>st</sup> September the club will contact you regarding any changes in GVA club fees. So that AGB fees (if paying via the club) and annual GVA club fee payments can be collected by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025. If you pay GVA club fees monthly via bank transfer, we will let you know if it needs to change so you can continue payments that way.

For newer members who joined after the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 your annual AGB payment is due on the anniversary of the date you joined. You will be contacted prior to that date to arrange renewals – in the meantime you dont need to do anything.

As the renewal process has become more complicated and the club now has circa 100+ members we hope to appoint a Membership Secretary at the AGM to help manage this going forward. Any questions please use the email address above to raise them.

## **Club Championship – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

In September the club is running an informal club handicap competition. This is open to all at 10:00 to setup with a 10:30 to start with sighters. And should finish about 12:30 (2 hours) with a break.

We will shoot Western rounds, which are eight dozen arrows in total (16 ends) using 5 zone scoring. Four Dozen (eight ends) at the first distances and another four dozen at the second distance. Distances available will 50 and 40, 40 and 30 or 30 and 20.

As it's a handicap-based competition everyone has the same chance to win irrespective of if they have been shooting for years or just taken up archery. Awards will be presented to the winners at the AGM for four bow styles (longbow, barebow, recurve and compound), Male and Female archers and three Age categories. Over 18, 18 to 12 and under 12. So that's 24 medals up for grabs! Come and join in it will be fun.

But importantly if a competition is not for you and you just wish to shoot a few arrows that of course will always be available at our inclusive club.

## Range News



Hopefully most members have had a chance to use the new, improved hard standing area in front of the clubhouses. Which will really benefit us all in the winter season.

Plans for the next few months include :

- \*Treating the netting poles and shed with a preservative for winter protection.

- \*Greasing the netting cables.

- \*Ongoing Boss maintenance.

- \*We are also investigating having pergola style rain protection structures built for all 3 ranges.

- \*A solid path down to the long range and also a cover between the clubhouses and the shed.

Some of these works will have to be contracted out. Some jobs however, we will complete ourselves. With that in mind, there may be some " calls to action" for help on the main WhatsApp group. Any help at all, even for a couple of hours will be massively helpful and very much appreciated.

We really do have a club to be rightly proud of and we will continue to look for ways to improve things for everyone. Your Range Master Team - Chris W, Martin and John

## OnTarget Club Development

If you have read the Summer 2025 Archery UK magazine, you will have seen the 8-page supplement which describes the Archery GB OnTarget club development programme in some detail. Although this programme has been available to clubs since 2010, up until now our club has not been involved. That is now about to change, three of us, Martin, Stephen L and myself Trevor G are going through a registration process and club health check before engaging with a revamped OnTarget programme in November.

It's perhaps not surprising, that much of what our club already does meets the minimum of operating standards and in some cases exceeds it. This however is about recognising this but still looking at ways in which we can develop further as a club. The road to development is never ending.



Once registered with OnTarget through Archery GB, we will need to focus on one of the four specialisms, these are

- Community
- Performance
- Progression

- Young People

A detailed description of these specialisms can be found in the 8 page pull out from the Archery GB magazine. From the discussions the three of us have had so far, we are tending to lean towards starting with the progression specialisms.

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*The OnTarget progressive specialism is much more than just a set of tick boxes that clubs need to follow; it's a guide to creating a vibrant, forward-thinking archery club where each member feels supported on their personal journey. It's where the club itself is constantly learning, evolving and thriving.*

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How can members help? By helping the three of us, by providing feedback on areas that you wouldn't want the club to change, as well as ideas as to how we can develop any area further. Trevor G, Martin and Stephen L

## Recent Achievements



Peter Boyd has got his 100 yards 252 award – believed to be the first the club has awarded!

Peter Boyd and Steve Dye have also completed Six Gold Ends at 80 yards. That's an end full of arrows in the Gold 80 yards away!



**Summer Classification Rounds** - From September we move to metric rounds and ten zone scoring. These include Metrics, Long Metrics, Short Metrics, WA 900 and the recently added AGB 900 (at 70,50,40 and 30M). So, you have a wide range of metric distances, rounds of 12, 7.5 or 6 dozen arrows and two face sizes 122 and 80cm.

Want to find out more come along to one of the Clubs Target Days – on Saturdays or Sundays.

Regards

GVA Club Committee

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