



August 2025 Newsletter

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The Chair Chats



Welcome to August's edition of the Club's Newsletter.

Last month saw the first of the Target competition practice days when we run Sundays as if it was a Tournament. Several members took the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the basics of how a tournament works. We look forward to seeing you at the next one - remember the club championship is coming up in September and will be run in the same way, so take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the processes.

Thoughts are once again turning towards the Club's AGM (Sept). As Chairperson, I have asked the current committee members if their role description matches what they currently do, and if there are any updates needed. If anyone is interested in taking on any of the roles, fresh faces/ideas are always welcome, please look at the website for the current year's descriptions and then any updates that are agreed at the next committee meeting.

Our nominated "On target" officers are well underway with the stage one audit that is needed to be completed before we can apply for an official On Target status club. There was a good article in last month's Archery UK magazine if you want to know further details.

Again, I will appeal for any member to take over the collation of the newsletter, I feel I have taken the newsletter development as far as I can. Therefore, this will be my last one as editor/collator unless anyone steps forward to take on the production for future issues, if you would like to know more, please contact me.

Stephen

Chairperson

Congratulations and good news

This section is to celebrate archery achievements of members and please let us know if you have anything to celebrate or just how you got on at a local competition/coaching event that you have attended.

Congratulations to all those who have recently completed their beginner's course and joined the club to start their archery journey. The real learning now starts!

Congratulations to those members who have entered external competitions both in Target and Field over the last month.

Andres, who won the Target County Championship Short Metric II, seen collecting his medal at Rayleigh Archery Club.



And Stephen L who came 2nd at the Regional (SCAS) Field Championships in Ashford Kent, pictured with Steve D and Micki I who are progressing up the National Rankings. Pictured before the start of day two.



Membership Matters

At the last committee meeting it was agreed we would do “light touch” welfare checks on members that we hadn’t seen for a while to see check if everything is alright and if there is anything we as a club can do to help with your archery journey.

“You asked- we listened” The next Club competition day will be the second Sunday in August and run as if it is a competition to give members the experience of shooting under competition conditions. Therefore, on those days there will be a single start time AM and PM on the main/long ranges. Kit inspection/advice 10am, briefing on the round, and then sighters followed by a uniform start at approx. 10.30am (1.30 and 2pm for afternoon session).

The practice range - if no organised activity is taking place - will still be available for casual start time/practice, and for all other target days will be as currently with the “rolling start”.

“You asked- we listened” Since January the field range at the weekends have been included in the “target days” and set up so that classification scores can be achieved just like the Indoor and outdoor Bowmen awards. This will continue to be available to the members. If unsure speak to Stephen or Martin.

“You asked- we listened” There were requests for 3D days, and this is something that was mentioned at the last committee meeting and there is potentially an opportunity to take this forward with an offer from another local club who may be looking to dispose of some excess 3D stock.

Archery Round Scoresheets Submissions

A Reminder that we have set up a dedicated e-mail address for the submission of scores from apps. gva_club_scores@outlook.com Two of the most popular free apps are [expertarcher](#). Very popular amongst field archers as it cover the three main governing bodies for field archery as well as all the AGB target rounds and also [archeryscoresheets](#) which has most of the current target rounds on its platform.

A fantastic problem to have is, that as everyone’s scores are improving, we need to distinguish whether it is a practice day or a Club target day. Archer level awards can be shot on practice days, but Bowmen level must be on a Target/Competition Day - so please indicate whether it is a practice or target day on the email.

Paper scoresheets will continue to be collected from the folder in the Club hut for those members who prefer this method. Please tick the box that says practice or target day.

Reminder that there are some cans and bars of chocolate left over from the field shoot that are for sale to members £1 each, just ask any committee member who should be able to sell get them out of the store.

Down the Range

At the time of writing work had started on the hardstanding area outside the clubhouse so we are not wading through mud in the winter this was another one of the **“You asked- we listened”** actions from the survey held earlier this year.

Communication

“You asked- we listened” from the survey most replies were in favour that the newsletter and website were the primary sources of information about upcoming events and news, therefore if you have information to share this needs to be forwarded to the club’s email mid-month before the upcoming issue if you want it included in the newsletter.

Reminder The WhatsApp group should only be used for what it was intended, to arrange shooting partners outside of club days. Or emergency closures of the range for example.

Judge and coaching corner

Fancy taking your archery in another direction - have you ever considered becoming an Archery Coach? It’s a great way to extend your knowledge of archery, learn new skills and give something back to your club and archery in general.

The Club and County is always keen to develop its coaching resources so we can train individuals to learn to shoot and join the archery community. As a club we offer some assistance to cover the cost of training which is about £300 for a session coach by contributing to half the cost once you pass your training. In addition, if you coach at the clubs’ beginners’ courses there’s reductions to your Club membership fee.

The training is mostly online on a weekday evening totalling eight 2-hour sessions. And then two practical days normally on a Saturday within the Suffolk or Essex area. More information is available at [Archery Session Coach Course - AGB](#)

Interested and want to find out more, talk to one of the club coaches – Caroline, Stephen, Robert, Chris P, Chris M or Trevor B.

Tournament Officer

What’s happening in August and beyond?

The summer programme is now viewable online

<https://www.gippingvalleyarchers.co.uk/new-events-calendar-2/>

Reminder that August we move to an Imperial round so back to 5 ring/zone scoring.

Clout shoots resumed once a month on the 3rd Saturday evening of the month from May onward, once the golf range closes at 6pm, Last month we welcomed several visitors from other local clubs to make it a more interesting experience.

Again, this is something that makes our Club unique in that we can offer the three main disciplines of archery with AGB - Target, Field and Clout. Last year we also built an archery “wand” that is another interesting form of archery, hopefully we will bring it out again this year.

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>

We are proposing to hold our 2nd Summer Club Championships on the 7th September. As the club members progression have improved over the last year, adult rounds will be Warick 50, U18s Warick 30, so a couple of months left to gain those distances.

Awards for Bowstyles in Barebow, Compound, Recurve and English longbow