

GVA Newsletter December 2025



Christmas Fun Shoot



The club will be running its annual Christmas Fun Shoot on Sunday 7th December, set up from 10:30 shooting starting at 11:00 sharp. Three arrows per end and no sighters, so make sure you have sight marks for 20 yards. There will be awards for the winners of each bow-style, gender, and age group.

Halloween Fun Shoot – 2025 Results

35 archers, 10 targets, 2100 arrows, one mushroom shot (you had to be there) and one flying bow! Plenty of bagels, biscuits, cakes and sweets consumed. Lots of laughter, smiles. and happy archers and even a mature member having a jig at the target! Winners were: -

Barebow

Male Adult Gavin (116) U16 Jefferson (43) U12 Nikolai (37) U10 William (48).
Female Adult Shannon (57), U14 Molly 96.

Recurve

Male Adult Martin (150),
Female Adult Aster (130), U14 Calleigh (51)

Compound

Male Adult Steve (267)
Female Adult Sam (188), U16 Kaitlyn (53), U12 Imogen (31)

Pictures of this year's shoot are on the club website at

[Halloween-fun-shoot 2026](#)



Club Winter Program

Is available on the club website at [Club Calendar](#)

Club Development

As part of improving club operations and record-keeping, the committee are going to use a software system called Golden Records. Used by many archery clubs and can manage several aspects of an archery club. To use this, we will need to hold a small amount of your personal data on this third-party platform. To ensure the club continues to be fully data compliant we will be separately requesting your consent, including the details of the data we would like to include.



GVA Coaching Clinics

The GVA coaching team will be running GVA coaching clinics during the winter season. These free Coaching Clinics can help both novice and experienced archers to improve and develop their skills and abilities, so they continue to enjoy our great sport. You can participate in as many as you wish. Its preferable if you have your own equipment **BUT** we are happy to coach you with a club bow.

To book use the following links

18/1/2026 <https://events.clubevent.co.uk/clubs/gva6/8531.html>

8/2/2026 <https://events.clubevent.co.uk/clubs/gva6/2600.html>

8/3/2026 <https://events.clubevent.co.uk/clubs/gva6/3763.html>

Festive Season Club Range Closure - The range will be closed on the 25th and 26th December.



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Range Rules

There are a couple of word changes that have been made to the Clubs Range Rules, these are not new but add a little clarity to avoid confusion.

Insurance to Shoot - Please remember that only GVA Club Members are insured to shoot on our ranges. Non-members are very welcome to attend with a club member to be the 'second adult' and "look-out" but cannot shoot. Archers with AGB or another archery affiliation may shoot on Club Target Days, with a green fee of £5.

Three Arrow Ends Winter Shooting – as we have moved to indoor rounds which are mostly 3 arrow ends and on club target days (Saturday and Sunday) the main range will be 3 arrow ends, for all indoor rounds and 300 scheme except for the Worcester which is 5 arrow ends! If you wish to shoot 6 arrows you can do so at other times if all in attendance agree or at the weekend on the long and training ranges.



Another reason we shoot only 3 arrows is due to the smaller targets and shorter distances. If you are having a good day and all your arrows end up in the gold, you will struggle to fit more than 3 arrows in the 10. Wasting potential opportunity for a higher score.



Golf Ball collection at Weekends - The arrangement for weekend ball collection has been slightly changed during these times we need to stop shooting. On Saturdays normally no ball collection until after 3pm. On Sundays a short 20-minute collection at 12:00 and one after 3pm if needed. But we can also agree changes to accommodate events like the Christmas Fun Shoot or Coaching Clinics etc.

Smoking and Vaping – the club's policy does not allow smoking or vaping on any of the club's ranges and ask members to move to the putting green if they wish too. We appreciate this is an inconvenience but is only fair to other club members and as well as not encouraging younger members by vaping in their presence.

Target Faces - Now we have moved to indoor rounds and the windier weather has arrived please remove **ALL** target faces after use to prevent them being blown off and littering the ranges and golf centre and avoid the risk of them blowing onto the road and possibly obscuring a driver's vision.



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

County Coaching Days - Saturday Indoor Coaching Clinic – there are two remaining in the new year. They are held at Gosfield School, CO9 1PF. From 10:00 – 13:00 and cost £5. You will have access to coaches from across the county to help you, including the County Coach Emma. Sign up and pay using the links below.

31st January - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLOM>

28th February - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FLON>

2026 ECAA Championships open for booking

County Championships are on the County website you can find the entry details and booking links for the following Championships:

- ECAA Indoor Championships - 14/15 February
- ECAA Target Championships - 31 May
- ECAA WA Championships - 12 July

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The County Calendar is up to date with competitions that the county has been made aware of, have a look. [2026 County Calendar](#)

Vacant Committee Roles - following the Clubs Annual General Meeting in September there are several committee roles that have not been filled. For all of these the club will provide support, guidance and training to anyone wishing to help the club continue to grow and thrive. These are a great opportunity to develop new skills and help your club.

Lead Development Coach - Tournament Officer - Events Officer - Web Editor

If you are interested or would like to find out more about how you can help talk to one of the committee members.

Club WhatsApp Group – the committee have reviewed how this group is used and if some posts are outside the intended use of the group. On balance the view is the odd bit of friendly banter helps foster the ethos of the club and the inclusive friendly atmosphere we like to promote.

So, whilst its main purpose remains to co-ordinate visits to the range it does no harm to allow a little archery related banter. Provided it is good natured and friendly, we will continue to monitor its use and review this regularly.

Please observe the groups rules and to keep to is open hours off 8am to 9pm. If you don't want to be disturbed by messages placed on the group, you are advised to silence the notifications from the group in your personal settings.

Selling Archery Equipment

The club has been running a monthly Sunday sales table with limited success. Recognising the sale of no longer need equipment helps members to upgrade and improve their kit and recycle members equipment.

The club is going to trial the use of the **Club WhatsApp** group to advertise equipment for sale. If you have something to sell, please post **Item for Sale** a brief description, price and your name along with one picture of the item. Anyone interested is asked to contact the seller **directly** (not via Club WhatsApp group) to discuss sale. The seller must delete post once the item is sold. The committee will review this trial after three months to see if it is a success and if it should continue.

The GVA Committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and an Accurate New Year.

Regards

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