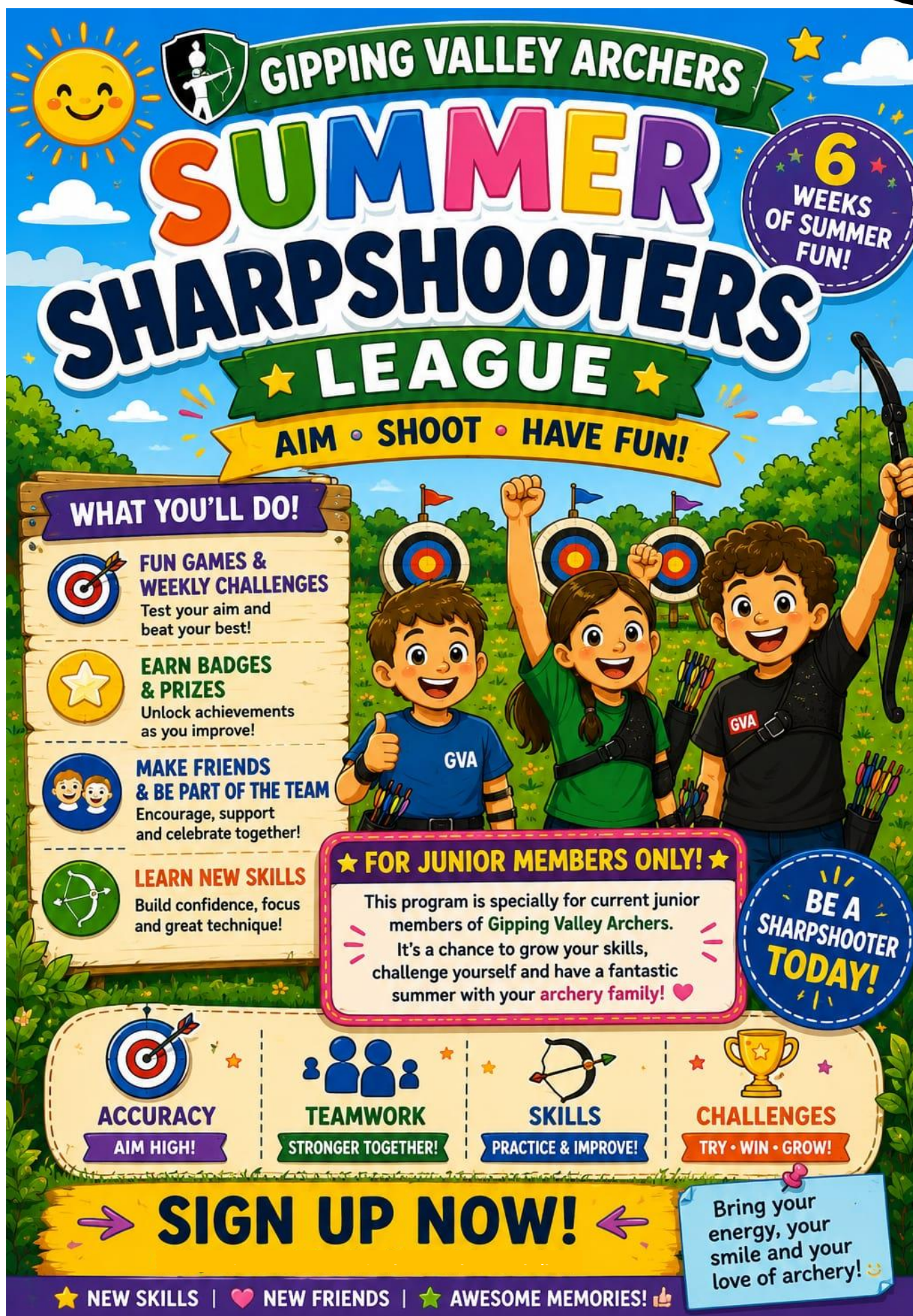




GIPPING VALLEY ARCHERS

SUMMER SHARPshootERS LEAGUE

6 WEEKS OF SUMMER FUN!

AIM • SHOOT • HAVE FUN!

WHAT YOU'LL DO!

- FUN GAMES & WEEKLY CHALLENGES**
Test your aim and beat your best!
- EARN BADGES & PRIZES**
Unlock achievements as you improve!
- MAKE FRIENDS & BE PART OF THE TEAM**
Encourage, support and celebrate together!
- LEARN NEW SKILLS**
Build confidence, focus and great technique!

★ FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS ONLY! ★

This program is specially for current junior members of Gipping Valley Archers. It's a chance to grow your skills, challenge yourself and have a fantastic summer with your archery family! ❤️

BE A SHARPshootER TODAY!

ACCURACY
AIM HIGH!

TEAMWORK
STRONGER TOGETHER!

SKILLS
PRACTICE & IMPROVE!

CHALLENGES
TRY • WIN • GROW!

→ SIGN UP NOW! ←

Bring your energy, your smile and your love of archery! 😊

★ NEW SKILLS | ❤️ NEW FRIENDS | ★ AWESOME MEMORIES! 🍷



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Get Ready for the Most Epic Summer Ever!

What's up, Gipping Valley Juniors!

If you're tired of the same old practice and bored of just shooting at a normal target, get ready, because this summer we're launching something actually insane.

Introducing... The Summer Sharpshooters League!

*This isn't your average Saturday morning shoot. This is a full-on, six-week-long tournament where we'll be battling it out for the ultimate bragging rights. The theme is "**Heroes of the Valley**," so get your game face on.*

Squad Up!

We're making **mixed teams**, so you don't have to stress about your skill level. It's all about the vibes and improving together. Plus, we're using a **handicap system**, which basically means you're competing against your own personal best. So, whether you're a pro or just starting, you've got a real shot at winning. No cap.

Check Out These Challenges!

- **Dragon's Hoard:** Nail the center for massive bonus points.
- **Archery Battleships:** Literally sink your friends' ships with arrows. It's gonna be chaos.
- **Balloon Quest:** Pop balloons, get points. Easy.
- **Hit or Bust (Blackjack):** Risk it all to hit 21. Are you feeling lucky?
- **The Grand Head-to-Head:** The final showdown. A team vs. team knockout to crown the champs. It's gonna be intense!

The Loot

What's a competition without prizes? We're talking medals for the winning team, plus individual awards like the '**Golden Arrow**' for the most improved archer and the '**Spirit of the Hero**' award for the best teammate.

There will also be a prize for the best themed fancy dress. However dressing up is optional.

And to top it all off, we're ending the league with a massive "**Heroes' Feast**" (basically a huge BBQ/pizza party) for everyone who takes part.

Wanna Join?

The league kicks off the first week of the summer hols, running every Saturday morning.

If you and your mates wanna be part of the first-ever Summer Sharpshooters League, let me know ASAP! By putting your name in the tub (located in the club hut)

It's gonna be a blast. See you on the shooting line.

Kaitlyn

Junior Club Rep

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Club Handicap Competition – May 31

The club held the first of its monthly handicap competitions attended by 21 club archers. We plan to hold these the last Sunday of the month and will alternate between metric and imperial round mapping the published rounds being shot on club days that month. A link to book will go out via WhatsApp nearer the time.

Archer Name	Bowstyle	Round	Age Group	Score	Hits	Golds	Adjusted Score
Abi	Barebow	Short Metric IV	U12	525	60	5	1733
Paolo	Barebow	Short Metric IV	Senior	556	66	19	1673
Withheld	Recurve	Short Metric IV	50+	527	67	13	1665
William	Barebow	Short Metric V	U12	326	58	9	1507
Calleigh	Recurve	Short Metric V	U14	321	61	1	1480
Kaitlyn	Compound	Long Metric V	U16	567	72	12	1473
Richard	Barebow	Metric 122-30	Senior	332	59	2	1467
Frank	Compound	Metric 122-50	50+	609	72	18	1453
Ian	Recurve	metric 122-50	50+	419	71	2	1446
Chris P	Compound	Long Metric III	Senior	632	72	19	1443
Andres	Compound	Metric 122-50	Senior	614	72	16	1442
Brian	Compound	Long Metric IV	50+	663	72	60	1438
Robert	Barebow	long Metric II	Senior	408	68	12	1438
Trevor B	Compound	Long Metric III	50+	566	72	9	1437
David	Barebow	Metric 122-40	50+	470	71	4	1429
Micky	Compound	long Metric II	50+	634	72	48	1428
Trevor G	Recurve	Metric 122-30	50+	475	72	14	1411
Simon	Barebow	metric 122-50	50+	474	72	7	1410
Andy	Barebow	Long Metric IV	50+	394	68	10	1399
Martin	Recurve	Long Metric II	50+	541	72	15	1399
Teresa	Recurve	Long Metric IV	50+	487	71	16	1369

Club WhatsApp Groups

The committee is proposing to move to a Communities version of WhatsApp. This allows various groups to be set up under one main group heading which we believe will be beneficial by having a number of interest or sub groups within the club under one main heading.

This will include additional channels such as Announcements, Equipment Sales and the current meetup to shoot and general archery banter group. As well as the various interest and sub groups in the club.

We are going to test this first with a few groups to ensure it works as we wish. With the intention of including all GVA groups. You do not need to do anything at this stage, and we will keep you informed.

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Clout Shoot – first of the season and for Clayton who says:-

So, I turned up for my first clout shoot. Not knowing what to expect apart from knowing that I would be firing arrows a long distance and wondering how many I would lose. Under the guidance of Martin and Saevar. With the safety training and coaching guidance as to how to do it we were all armed and ready to go.



With the flags out of on the range at 180, 120 and 80 yards and the sun setting in the distance. We shot these arrows way up the golf range, trying to hit this tiny flag. I was wondering how this was scored as there were no markings on the floor around the flag, but the genius of Gipping Valley has a dedicated measure length of which everyone takes part in scoring arrows.

Had a great fun time with everyone who turned up and was a great laugh. What I would say is if you are a compound archer you may have issues as you can't get the arrows to drop due to the power. Had great fun watching arrows skimming from our one compound archer trying to guess where to start bouncing the arrows. Recurve with lighter power limbs are perfect. In conclusion. Wonderful fun - great people and a brilliant experience.

Editor's Note – unfortunately with the ground so dry and hard arrows were not staying where they landed. Three more are planned for 27th June, 25th July and 29th August.

Data Protection

The club must ensure it is holding up to date and accurate personal data for all club members. We also need to be able to prove we have your consent to hold this data within the various systems; applications we use to manage the club. These are AGB Sports 80 portal, Golden Records, ClubEvents, WhatsApp, Microsoft OneDrive. As well as share it with specific organisations these are as Archery GB, Regional and County Archery Associations.

Later in June you will each receive an e-mail requesting you to check your data on the Archery GB portal. This will include guidance on how to log on, navigate to your profile and correct any data that may have changed or is wrong. Finally, we will need you to confirm your consent to hold and share your data. This will all be explained in the e-mail you will receive during June. This ensures the club is GDPR compliant – we appreciate your cooperation.

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GVA Club Coaching Clinics - Free

These are all Sunday – spaces are limited so please book

[28th June 2026 2-4pm](#)

[12th July 2026 2-4pm](#)

GVA Recurve and Barebow Tuning Clinic - Free

19th July 10:00 to 13:00

GVA Arrow Fletching and Nock replacement Clinic - Free

16th August 11:00 to 13:00



Essex and Suffolk County Archery Association

ECAA County Coaching Clinic May

On Saturday 31st the club hosted May's County Coaching Clinic attended by ten archers and six coaches for the counties of Essex and Suffolk. Another very hot day but all participants positive about the experience and have areas to work on going forward. Thanks to our County Coach Emma for organising, and the county coaches who attended for their time and input

Further ECAA County Coaching Clinics – cost £5 each (10am-2pm) are at:-

27 June at Mayflower Archers, Billericay <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDXV>

25 July at Colchester and District Archery Club <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDXW>

22 August at Southend and District Archery Club <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDXY>

ECAA Junior Training – they are free (10am-2pm)

20 June at Mayflower Archers <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDYE>

8 August at Colchester and District Archery Club <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDTO>

ECAA Bows and Biscuits Archery Meet-Ups 2026 – All Free

Are you a new archer looking to learn more about the type of bow you shoot, or an experienced archer keen to share your knowledge with other local county members?

This summer, Essex and Suffolk Archery will be hosting Bows and Biscuits sessions, where archers shooting the same bow style can shoot together, share hints and tips, ask questions and learn more about the equipment they shoot (and enjoy one or two of their favourite biscuits too).

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Archers of all experience levels are welcome to come and spend the day working together in a supportive environment. There are a different date and venue for each bow style, and you can book a space using the links below.

Dates and venues

- 6 June at Mayflower Archers - Compound - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDYB>
- 1 August at West Essex Bowmen - Recurve - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDYC>
- 29 August at Braintree Bowmen - Barebow - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GDYD>
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ECAA Coaching Conference 2026

Five GVA coaches attended the recent conference. We joined other coaches from all over Essex and Suffolk who came together for the 2026 ECAA Coaching Conference at Gosfield School.

The 25 attendees were joined by two local senior coaches and a specialist guest speaker. They delivered engaging presentations on soft coaching skills, neurodivergence and an introduction to coaching beginner archers with disabilities.

It was a useful to gain their knowledge and experience and the event was a thought-provoking and informative day for all who attended.

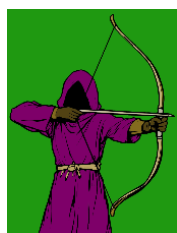


Bill Tucker Memorial Shoot - Colchester and District Archery Club

On an unseasonably cold and windy 10th May – GVA's Steve and Micky attended this year's annual shoot. With York, Hereford or Western rounds on offer. Steve and Micky came first and second well done.



Botolphs Bowmen WA900



Hi Guys, Chris P again and following more adventures on the road. This time I was at Botolphs Bowmen shooting in their first ever open tournament. It was a very interesting day; the field consisted of 9 targets and 35 archers myself included and boy was it hot.

The organisers had thought of everything from well written emails informing competitors of the weather forecast right up to buckets of water along the waiting line to aid with cooling down.

I went along with no expectations as I have only been shooting again a few weeks as the day progressed you could tell from the looks on people's faces, they were just trying to complete the shoot. I did achieve a personal best and new club record and headed home with some interesting tan lines.

All in all it was a well organised shoot and a fun but challenging day I am now on the lookout for my next day trip and would welcome company if anyone else feels the desire to try an open shoot away from the club.

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Feel free to ask anything you like when you see me at the range, hopefully I will be able to pass on the details of my next adventure. See you on the shooting line.

Chris P

P.S. for anyone wondering I managed to not change anything the week before this shoot so all good.



Question - Why would the club become part of OnTarget?

Answer - For a stronger, healthier club.

The Gipping Valley Archers Committee believes joining OnTarget, will enable the club to partner more closely with Archery GB, to work together with others in the archery community, to put the long-term effort in across the whole club, and to strive to be a 'gold standard' club.

So that the club and its members benefit in unique ways, to become a healthier, stronger club by:

- Increased member satisfaction
- Club growth
- Member progression
- Member retention
- Overall club health
- Plus, changes for each individual club – depending on their unique goals

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