

GVA Newsletter October 2025



AGM

The clubs Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 21st September, notes of the meeting will be published on the club's website shortly. In the meantime, these are the key points for club members.

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The meeting voted in the new Committee which is now as follows:-

| GVA Committee Role 2025/26 | |
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| Club Chairperson | Trevor Benjamin |
| Vice Club Chairperson | Vacant |
| Club Secretary | Sam Punton |
| Assistant Secretary | Vacant |
| Treasurer | Robert Clark |
| Assistant Treasurer | Teresa Mitchell |
| Membership Secretary | Jackie Benjamin |
| Welfare & Safeguarding Officer(s). X2 | Trevor Gibbs, Jackie Benjamin |
| Data Protection Officer | Trevor Gibbs |
| Club Representative(s) X3 | Ade Coote, Kaitlyn Punton, Vacancy |
| Lead Session Coach | Chris Punton |
| Lead Development Coach | Vacant |
| Web Master / Editor | Trevor Benjamin |
| Tournament Officer | Vacant |
| Records and Medals Officer | Chris Punton |
| Range Masters | Chris Wiseman, Martin Fox, John Dowsing |
| Grants & Funding Officer | Chris Mannox |

Membership Fees - This year Archery GB has increased its annual membership fees by £5. So that makes over 21 - £65 and under 21 and disabled - £25. They also plan to increase the fees again next year by a further £5. In an economy where everything is going up the committee wanted to help so proposed, and the AGM agreed to reduce GVA club membership fees this year for over 18's by £12 p/a. Reducing annual club membership from £120 to £108 p/a, this will cover AGB's fee increases this year and next plus a bit more!

Current AGB Membership renewal position

42 members are renewing

24 are not due to renew on 30/9/2025

3 have confirmed they are not renewing

Which is 69 accounted for

At present with a membership of 101 there are 32 members who have not yet responded.

If your Archery GB membership expires on the 30th September, you will have received an e-mail from the club on how to renew your Archery GB membership.

Remember if you pay monthly your standing order only covers GVA club fees and you need to pay a yearly AGB membership fee to be a member of GVA. Any questions or issues please contact the club via e-mail gippingvalleyarchers@outlook.com

Equipment Hire for New Joiners – The club has decided to change the way it hires bows to new joiners. They will no longer be limited to hire equipment only on a Sunday for £3 per session. Instead, they will have the use of bow and other equipment which they can take home and use on the range any day – subject to normal Range Rules. They will pay a refundable deposit of £50 and will be responsible for any loss or damage beyond reasonable use. There will be no hire fee, and the equipment can be kept and upgrade for up to 12 weeks.

Club Handicap Competition

On the 7th September the club held a handicap competition with prizes for winners presented at the AGM.

The winners were:-



Compound Men – Brian. Recurve Men - John D. Barebow Men - Robert P

Compound Women – Sam. Recurve Women - Teresa M

Compound under 14 Female – Kaitlyn.

Recurve under 12 Female – Calleigh. Barebow under 12 Male - William

Hatton Cup - The club introduced this last year in recognition of the original founders of GVA in 1998 Maureen and Roger Hatton. It's awarded too the most improved archers handicap from one summer seasons to the next. This year's recipient was our Barebow archer Gavin and runner up was Lynne, well done both of you.



Range Rules

Golf Ball Collection – the club has agreed to take a break in shooting on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 1:30 to 2:00pm. To allow collection of golf balls on the driving range immediately behind our targets. This was felt the best time as it coincided with the hour overlap between golf centre team people and when morning archers are leaving and before afternoon archers arrive and for the all-day archers a good time for a break. Please lower the range flag at 1:30 to acknowledge the range is closed, it's normally completed in 20-30 minutes. Thanks for your co-operation.

Halloween Fun Shoot 🎃

The club will be running its annual Halloween Fun Shoot on Sunday 2nd November, 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 prizes for the winners of each bow-style, gender, and age group. Fancy dress is optional but encouraged, so come along and join us its always great fun.

Regards

GVA Club Committee

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