

Phoenix Bowmen of Halifax



Phoenix Bowmen News

May 2015
Newsletter

Pitch Usage

Frank is re-seeding and messing about with the main pitch at the moment and has asked us to stay off it until further notice.

So that means that we are to shoot on either the Training pitch or the bottom pitch for the moment. We will let you all know as soon as we hear otherwise.

Natwest Rugby Force Weekend

HRUFC are holding a weekend of club maintenance on Saturday 27th June (main day) and Sunday 28th June.

There will be a list of jobs to be done like painting the stands and perimeter barriers.

Please consider helping out, you can just turn up on the day and help out, even if only for a few hours.

Windsor Shoot

As you all know, our Windsor open shoot is coming up soon.

We will need club members to help out on the day in a number of roles. Without a field/kitchen party we will be struggling to show our entrants from other clubs how good a club we are and nobody wants to be a laughing stock!

So please let a committee member know if you are willing to help out - we need you!

Upcoming Tournaments

- **Sat 23rd & Sun 24th May**
East Riding Double Clout
- **Sunday 24th May**
Danum Archers Westerns
- **Saturday 6th June**
NCAS FITA Star
- **Sunday 7th June**
YAA Annual Championships
- **Sunday 7th June**
Burton Constable Medieval LB.
- **Tuesday 9th June**
York Charity Clout
- **Sat 13th & Sun 14th June**
South Yorks. Dbl WA1440
- **Sunday 14th June**
Harrogate Archers Western
- **Saturday 20th June**
EAF English LB Champs.
- **Sat 20th & Sun 21st June**
York Archers Double York
- **Saturday 4th July**
Chantry Sword LB Tournament
- **Sat 4th & Sun 5th July**
NCAS Double FITA Star

Ovenden Audiences

We are lucky in not having much trouble whilst shooting at Ovenden Park, but we do tend to get a teenage audience at times. As we get into outdoor season then this can be an issue.

Please keep an eye on equipment left on the shooting line and consider leaving someone back to mind the gear whilst the others score and pull arrows especially if there is anyone hanging around. There's a lot of money in those bows.

It only takes a second for someone to nip out of the bushes take a bow and run off again - a much shorter time than it takes us to walk to the bosses, score and walk back!

We have also had times where kids kicking a football around have strayed onto the main pitch.

Please start by having a friendly word with them before screaming and shouting as that

inevitably tends to lead into a good game of "winding up the archers".

It's amazing how both adults and kids are genuinely oblivious to the dangers of pointy sticks hurtling through the air at great speed. Once it's pointed out to them that arrows were invented to kill things rather than just get scores from a target, they are generally keen to get out of the way!

Phoenix Bowmen on Tour

As summer competition season starts in earnest we have a number of Archers travelling to competition with no small measure of success!

The Thirsk 720 was a weekend of 50m for compounds and 70m for recurves followed by a head to head (knockout) competition. Steve Atkins and Wayne Evardson attended and although Wayne got knocked out in the first round (albeit to a previous paralympian), Steve won his first match but unfortunately just got pipped to the post in his second.

The weekend after this was the Double York at Bronte. After a VERY wet first day, the second day wasn't quite so bad. Steve Atkins came 7th in the Gents recurve and Wayne managed a medal for 2nd in Gents compound and also got best Gold at 100 yards.

The annual (and windy as ever) Selby Westerns is always a popular shoot. Dave Brogden and Malcolm Rothery were our representatives there. Dave got 13th place and Malcolm 25th in Gents recurve.

Assheton Bowmen in Manchester are a very nice club to visit and have had two competitions recently.

Their Early Bird Albion was held on the 12th April. Neil Patterson took his compound and got 7th place for the Albion. David Nutbrown shot a Windsor and came 2nd.

After this they held their annual novice shoot, which is an ideal first competition for anyone to attend. This is an American round so the maximum distance you need to hit is 60 yards. In the Gents recurve section Andrew Sutcliffe came 15th and David

Nutbrown 18th. In Gents compound Neil Patterson came second, and in junior gents compound Bradley Fenton came 1st.

Well done to everyone on their achievements, especially those new members who have dived into competition head first!



Outdoor Season Update

There were 64 rounds put in this month, an improvement on the 46 posted in March.

Please remember if you shoot off club and you want your scores to show in the records you must submit them,

As before if you have not had the link to the clubs outdoor record site on Microsoft's cloud and would like it please let me know.

Well done to the Archers below, always nice to see Archers progressing.

David King

Club records claimed in April:

1st Place:

Mr W, Evardson
WA 50m Com
Mr B, Fenton
Short National Com
Mr D, King
Long Metric IV BB
Mr A, Wilkinson
Long Metric IV RC
Mr K, Johnson
National RC

2nd Place:

Mr C, King
National Com

Handicap improvements:

Miss K, Johnson RC 46,
Mr B, Fenton Com 45,
Mr C, King Com 27,
Mr I, Moorhouse LB 65,
Mr M, Queen Com 33,

Mr S, Copland RC 77,
Mr T, King RC 55,
Mr M, Gledhill RC 55.

Classifications gained in April:

JBM

Miss K, Johnson RC

1st Class

Mr W, Evardson Com
Mr B, Fenton Com
Mr B, Sawicki LB

2nd Class

Mr C, King Com
Mr A, Wilkinson RC,
Mr M, Queen Com,
Mr I, Moorhouse LB.

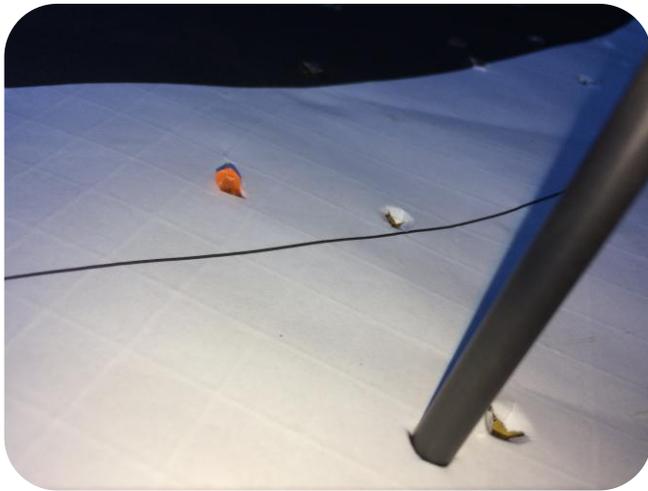
3rd Class

Mr T, King RC

Good Shooting!



Wayne managed to shoot his own fletching - the day after actually fletching them in the first place!



Jason paid the price of shooting on the same boss as a compounder. Chris shot one of his nocks, causing a bit to fly off and stick in the target. Unfortunately he couldn't even claim the extra 2 points for it either!

Please send any input to wayne_evardson@hotmail.com for next month