

Phoenix Bowmen of Halifax



Phoenix Bowmen News

January 2016
Newsletter

Outdoor Shooting

Sessions outdoors are still continuing over the winter. These are still normal times of Saturday 10.30 & Sunday 11.30.

There does not seem to have been a lot of archers attending recently - probably due to the weather! There are still some brave souls who will still shoot whatever the weather, but on a Sunday if the weather is too bad for outdoors then there is always the possibility of shooting indoors. Please meet up at Ovenden Park and the decision will be made there.

Club Subs

Annual subscriptions are now due again. These are currently £110 for senior members and £50 for juniors.

You are able to pay for the entire 12 months, or half the amount in January and the other half in July.

These must be paid by the AGM at the latest, and if you have not paid by this date then you will be unable to continue shooting.

Please pass on your payments to any of the committee. If you are unable to see any of us in person before the AGM then please just drop us an e-mail to tell us you are wanting to rejoin and we'll sort out how to get your payment from you.

Upcoming Tournaments

- **Sunday 10th January**
Wakefield Double Portsmouth
- **Sunday 24th January**
DVAC Double Portsmouth
- **Sunday 7th February**
Savile Double Portsmouth
- **Sunday 14th February**
Barnsley Combined WAT8/25m
- **Sunday 21st February**
York - Yorkshire Combined
- **Sunday 28th February**
Bramcote AC Double Clout
- **Sunday 13th March**
YAA Indoor Championships
- **Saturday 14th March**
Burton Agnes Longbow Western
- **Saturday 26th March**
White Rose Crazy National
- **Sat 26th & Sun 27th March**
DVAC Easter Field Shoot
- **Saturday 9th May**
Chantry Longbow Tournament
- **Sunday 15th May**
Selby Open Westerns

Container News

We had a good turnout of archers on Sunday 3rd January to sort the container out and install the metal racking which we recently bought to try to make better use of the available space. We now have a dedicated shelf for beginners kit and found plenty of 80cm faces for Frostbite season!

Many thanks to all those who helped sort, sweep and stack.

We have also labelled the straw bosses with numbers (more to come on that), also some that need damage blocks behind when used as the centres are a bit soft.



Winter Tournament

The club's Winter Championships 2016 will be held on Sunday the 21st of February.

We will meet and set up at 12:00 noon, and begin shooting shortly after. Please be there for around 11.45.

The round will be a double Frostbite. A Frostbite is 3 dozen arrows at 30 metres on an 80 cm face, using 10-zone scoring. A double Frostbite is...one Frostbite then another! We'll shoot ends of three arrows.

There will be a short break between rounds to allow snacks to be consumed. Feel free to bring a bit of lunch to keep the energy levels up.

Awards are for scores over the double Frostbite. There will be awards for the various bow styles, age groups and genders, and the overall trophy will be awarded on handicap.

To be eligible for the handicap trophy, you must have submitted at least three scores to David King over the last year. So, best to get down to Ovenden Park when you can to shoot the rounds if you are lacking.

We are still needing someone to volunteer to organise the event on the day so please let us know if you fancy taking charge!



More Phoenix News

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 31st January at Ovenden Park in the clubhouse.

All members are encouraged to attend as it is a chance to have your say about the running of the club and also to vote for the new members of the committee. Have a read of the documents that Tim has e-mailed to all members and have a think about any matters that you think should be discussed at the AGM. Let Tim know before the meeting if there is anything you would like to be brought up.

It is a good chance to get as many members together in one place as we can so please come along if you are able.

Committee Positions

Available for voting at the AGM are Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary all of which need to have been a member of the club for at least 12 months prior to the AGM.

We also have the roles of Newsletter Editor, Indoor Records Officer, Outdoor Records Officer, Equipment Officer and Child Protection Officer. We have previously also had a Membership Officer and a Vice-Chairman.

There are also general committee roles which allow you to have your say in the meetings but have no defined responsibilities.

If you would like to stand for any of the committee roles then feel free to have a chat beforehand with any of the current committee members.

Midweek Shooting

Indoors we are currently shooting from 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Monday nights are reserved for Junior training.

We are also able to open up on some Fridays, let us know if you want to do so - and make sure you are a member of the Phoenix Bowmen Facebook group as the Friday sessions will be announced on there.

Outdoor Scores

For November and December there appears to be nothing to report for Outdoor season - apart from Tim getting a new PB for a double Frostbite.

To stop him getting bored, make sure you score and send them in to him!

Junior Success

At the moment our juniors are taking part in the Northern Counties Postal Portsmouth League. There are 129 juniors taking part from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Cheshire, Durham & Northumberland.

Currently we have:

Luke English - U12 RC - 8th
Joe Shaw - U14 RC - 10th
Connie Gaunt - U14 BB - 1st
Nancy Page - U16 RC - 8th
Eve Newton - U16 COM - 2nd
Thomas Hudson - U16 RC - 12th
Brad Fenton - U16 COM - 2nd
Suf Ghafoor - U16 BB - 2nd
Karly Johnson - U18 RC - 4th
Cameron Allatt - U18 RC - 6th
Sam Copland - U18 RC - 11th

Well to to all those concerned - your hard work at the training sessions shows in the scores you are achieving!

A lot of the other scores are submitted from clubs which have large and well established junior sections. Phoenix is getting there with 11 juniors regularly attending coaching sessions.

Indoor Season Update

Another 2 months of shooting indoors, and despite the numb hands and toes people are still shooting new PBs and club records!

The ArcheryGB January challenge is now on and I will collate your best Portsmouth scores throughout the month and submit them to ArcheryGB. So please make sure you send your scores in to me as you shoot them.

To keep the season interesting we will also be choosing certain days to shoot different rounds. People tend to get fixated on shooting Portsmouths, and a change of scene will help to stave off the indoor boredom.

Wayne Evardson

NOVEMBER

New Classifications

Malcolm Rothery - Class D
Jason Smith - Class E
Nancy Page - Class E
Cameron Allatt - Class E
Suf Ghafoor - Class F
Sam Copland - Class F
Eve Newton - Class E
Luke English - Class F
Jack Hudson - Class G

New PB

Matt Johnson - Portsmouth
Martin Queen - Worcester, Bray 1
Ian Moorhouse - Bray 1
Jason Smith - Portsmouth
Jack Hudson - Portsmouth
Suf Ghafoor - Portsmouth
Simon Bailey - Portsmouth
Sam Copland - Portsmouth
Cameron Allatt - Portsmouth
Connie Gaunt - Portsmouth
Eve Newton - Portsmouth
Brad Fenton - Portsmouth
Thomas Hudson - Portsmouth

New Club Records

Martin Queen -
New 2nd Place COM Worcester
New 3rd Place COM Bray 1
Suf Ghafoor -
Inc. 1st Place U16 BB Portsmouth
Sam Copland -
New 3rd Place U18 RC Ports.
Cameron Allatt -
New 2nd Place U18 RC Ports.
Connie Gaunt -
Increased 1st Place U14 BB Ports.
Eve Newton -
New 2nd Place U16 COM Ports.
Brad Fenton -
Inc. 1st Place U16 COM Ports.

DECEMBER

New Classifications

Steve Atkins - Class G
David Nutbrown - Class D
Lee Dawson - Class E

New PB

Jason Smith - Portsmouth
Malcolm Rothery - Dbl Ports.
Lee Dawson - Portsmouth
Wayne Evardson - Double Ports.
Steve Atkins - Ports., Worcester
Martin Queen - Portsmouth
Tony King - Portsmouth
Matt Johnson - Portsmouth

New Club Records

Wayne Evardson -
Inc. 1st Place COM Double Ports.
Steve Atkins -
New 2nd Place LB Portsmouth
New 2nd Place LB Worcester
Martin Queen -
Increased 2nd Place COM Ports.

Please send any input to phoenixindoorscores@gmail.com for next month