

Phoenix Bowmen of Halifax



Phoenix Bowmen News

June 2016
Newsletter

HRUFC Activities

Some dates are coming up when our ability to shoot will be affected.

On the weekend of the 25th and 26th of June the rugby club is holding its Bull Weekend, when volunteers will be strimming, painting and picking up rubbish. That usually includes a good few from Phoenix - if you can spare a few hours during the day, please pitch in. We won't be able to shoot at our normal times, but could shoot after 5:00 PM.

The Rugby Sevens tournament will be on Saturday the 16th of July. We won't be able to shoot that day. We should be OK for the day after, as long as people haven't camped in daft places.

Range Etiquette

We've had a bit of friction recently over setting up of the range.

There's probably nothing massively wrong, but to avoid such friction we should follow a few rules of thumb.

If people are still setting up the range, please assist them - don't put your bow together until the range is set up.

If you're late arriving (as I often am), please stick around at the end to help put away.

If you arrive late and want to shoot a different distance from those already set up, please get the target yourself and avoid holding others up.

Summer Subscription Time

Phoenix Bowmen subscriptions are due for the period July-December 2016.

Tony's working on an online facility for collecting subs, but you can of course use the usual method of passing the dosh to a committee member. Unless you're already paid up for the whole year, it's £55 if you're aged 18 or over, £25 if you're under 18.

These must be paid by no later than Sunday 15th July so that we can renew members' ArcheryGB membership shortly after this. Early payment is of course appreciated! :-)

Any members who have not paid by July 15th will be removed from the members list and be unable to shoot.

Bow International Postal League

Bow International magazine runs a WA70m league for recurvers and WA50m league for compounders. You can either enter as an individual or as a team of three. You need to submit 6 scores before the end of September. These can either be shot at the club or at competition and must be witnessed. Rules are available online in more detail.

There is no charge to enter and Liz Atkins has volunteered to collate and submit the scores so please let her know if you are interested.

Upcoming Tournaments

- **Sat 18th & Sun 19th June**
York Archers Double York
- **Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd July**
Wetherby Double FITA Star.
- **Sat 9th & Sun 10th July**
Bronte Double FITA Star.
- **Saturday 17th July**
St Georges Memorial Clout.
- **Saturday 6th August**
YAA Longbow Champs.
- **Saturday 13th August**
Chantry 2-Way Clout.
- **Sunday 14th August**
Danum Top Down Shoot.
- **Sunday 21st August**
AOER WA720 and H2H.
- **Sat 27th & Sun 28th August**
York Archers Double FITA Star.
- **Monday 29th August**
York Archers Double WA720.
- **Saturday 3rd September**
Wakefield Pomfret 60.
- **Sunday 4th September**
Bowmen of Adel Open.
- **Sunday 4th September**
NCAS Annual Clout.



Outdoor Season Update

This years shooting record and information is available via a link to Google docs. If you have put a score in then you should have been sent the link ... if not let me know (there has been some trouble getting the link both on one drive and Google to work, hopefully it is ok now),

The one drive link will soon be dropped in favour of the Google drive one, if you need a new link let me know. If you have not put in a score I have assumed you would not be interested in this particular information!

Below are the awards gained in the last three months:

Well done to every one (all this information is available through the previously mentioned link too).

David King

Classifications gained in March April and May

BM / JBM

Mrs L, Atkins BB
Mr N, Patterson COM
Mr L, English RC U12.

1st Class

Mr B, Sawicki LB
Mr A, Sutcliffe LB
Mr S, Atkins RC
Mr D, King BB
Mr P, Johnson LB
Mr P, Carr RC

2nd Class

Mr M, Rothery RC
Mr C, Allatt RC U18

3rd Class

Mr T, Mason BB
Mr S, Bailey RC
Mr S, Copland RC
Mr S, Gafoor BB U16

Records gained in March April, and May

1st Place

Mr C, Allatt
Frostbite RC U18
Short National RC U18
Western RC U18
National RC U18
WA 60 RC U18
Windsor RC U18

Mr L, English

Short Junior National RC U12
Junior National RC U12

Mr S, Atkins

Bristol 1 LB.
WA 50m RC

Mr S, Gafoor

Junior National BB U16
Short Warwick BB U16
Short National BB U16

Mr J, Shaw

Short Junior National RC U14
St Nicholas RC U14

Miss C, Gaunt

Short Junior National BB U14
Junior Warwick BB U14
Short Western BB U14

Mr S, Copland

Short Warwick RC U18
Western RC U18
Short Western RC U18

Mr T, Hudson

Junior Warwick RC U14
St Nicholas RC U16

Mr N, Patterson

1/2 Fita Gents

Mr T, Shaw

Junior National RC U14

Miss R, Kilner

Short Junior National LB U16

Mrs L, Atkins

WA 60m BB

2nd Place

Mr S, Atkins

Frostbite LB

Mr C, King

Long Metric Gents COM

Mr D, King

St George BB

Mr N, Patterson

Long Metric Gents COM

Mr P, Johnson

WA70 LB

3rd Place

Mr A, Sutcliffe

Frostbite LB

Long National LB

Mr C, King

New Western COM

Mr N, Patterson

Long Metric Gents COM

Mr P, Johnson

Long National LB.

Handicap Improvements gained in March April and May

Mr S, Baugh RC 54.
Mr S, Bailey RC 48.
Mr A, Sutcliffe LB 63.
Mr R, Dolan RC 85.
Mr P, Carr RC 43.
Mr P, Johnson LB 57.
Mr L, English RC 64.
Mr T, Hudson RC 62.
Mr J, Shaw RC 62.
Mr S, Copland RC 57.
Miss C, Gaunt BB 72.
Mr S, Gafoor BB 75.
Mr C, Allatt RC 50.
Mr S, Atkins LB 68.
Mr T, Mason BB 61.

252 in 2016.

Mr P, Carr

RC 252 @ 60,50,40,30,20yds.

Mr C, Allatt

RC 252 @ 40yds.

Mr T, Hudson

RC 252 @ 30yds

Mr J, Shaw

RC 252 @ 30yds.

Miss C, Gaunt

BB 252 @ 40,30yds

Mr L, English

RC 252 @ 30yd.

Competition News

Another summer season has set off again - here's hoping it will be a less windy one than last year.

Bronte Archers held their Spring Weekend shoot at the start of May. For the Gents it was a double York, the ladies shooting a double Hereford.

Wayne Evaradson took 2nd place in the Gents Compound, Steve Atkins was 6th in Gents Recurve. Liz Atkins too 1st in the Ladies Barebow!

The Lez Newsome Memorial Metrics were held for the first time in June. We had a few archers visit Wetherby for this. Liz came 2nd this time in Ladies Barebow pipped to the post by only 1 point but did get her first MB score of the season. In Gents Compound Wayne came 9th and Neil Patterson was 14th.

The following day was the YAA Outdoor Championships. Sunny

and wind-free it was unlike any Wetherby conditions known before! Wayne came 2nd in Gents Compound, beating two current members of the Yorkshire squad! Liz again came 2nd in Ladies Barebow.



Thirsk Bowmen held their triple 720 and H2H weekend in April which is great for working towards a national ranking. On the Saturday Liz took first place Ladies Barebow and Steve came 18th in Gents Recurve. On the Sunday Steve unfortunately got knocked out in the first round and Liz managed to get to the quarter finals before bowing out.

Liz and Steve also went to Eccles Archery Club to take part in their WA70m competition.

Well done all - remember if you have taken part in a competition, let me know so I can include it.

Phoenix National Competition

Our 'National' competition is moving along well. If you are unaware of how this works, I will explain it!

National family round (from short junior to new national) scores should be submitted to David King from January until the end on November 2016. He will work out your handicap adjusted scores and collect your best 6 for the year.

If you have shot a longer round which contains a national round within it (e.g. a Western round is a national if you take the last 2 dozen arrows off it) you can submit this as a separate score to David making sure he is aware that this is for the national competition as it will not count towards your handicap or club

records. Please submit the first possible national from the round (e.g. For a Bristol 1 it would be a long national). These should be shot at a Phoenix club shoot or in competition.

The winner will be the archer with the highest aggregate handicap adjusted score over 6 rounds.

All the information is available on the appropriate sheet in the Google Docs link with the club records, etc. from David.

The top archers at the moment who have submitted 6 or more rounds

- 1 Luke English
- 2 David King
- 3 Liz Atkins
- 4, Steve Atkins
- 5, Simon Bailey

The archers below have submitted scores but not the minimum 6 required, they are in score order

Cameron Allat. Andrew Sutcliffe. Malcolm Rothery. Tim Mason. Thomas Hudson. Joe Shaw. Boleslaw Sawicki. Connie Gaunt. Sufyan Ghafoor. Sam Copland. Philip Carr. Rafe Dolan. Philip Johnson. Tony King. Jack Hudson. Steve Baugh.

The more scores we get, the better the competition will be - so make sure you get involved. Any questions, talk to David King.

Phoenix Junior News

For those who aren't aware, Phoenix Bowmen has a thriving junior membership for whom we run a weekly coaching session all year round.

Over the winter months, they've worked really hard and I think it's time for their achievements to be brought into the light (out of Range Court!). After a month or so of indoor shooting, they started the winter by competing in the November challenge, which is a national postal competition run by Archery GB solely for juniors.

Next up was the January challenge, which again is run by Archery GB but this time it's for the senior archers. This doesn't prevent juniors from entering, but they're placed in the same categories as the rest of us. Once again, they did well.

After this came the Yorkshire indoor championships. Unfortunately not all of our juniors managed to get places but those who did brought home the medals in style! There was some really good shooting, especially given the fact that for some of them, this was their first ever competition and for some the first time they'd shot indoors somewhere other than Range Court.

On top of all this, Phoenix juniors have also been involved in the NCAS postal league which runs for 5 months over the winter. This involves shooting a Portsmouth round each month and they compete against the four other regions which makes up the Archery GB Northern Counties. The results for this are below:

Luke English - 7th - U12 Boys RC
Constance Gaunt - 1st - U14 Girls BB
Joe Shaw - 6th - U14 Boys RC
Jack Hudson - 11th - U14 Boys RC
Nancy Page - 6th - U16 Girls RC
Eve Newton - 2nd - U16 Girls COM
Thomas Hudson - 10th - U16 Boys RC
Suf Gafoor - 2nd - U16 Boys BB
Brad Fenton - 3rd - U16 Boys COM
Karly Johnson - 3rd - U18 Girls RC
Cameron Allatt - 5th - U18 Boys RC
Sam Copland - 7th - U18 Boys RC

In and amongst all of the competitions, they've been working towards getting their indoor classifications. Bearing in mind that there are no junior indoor classification scores, all of them have been shooting to the senior standards.

Cameron Allatt - Class D
Sam Copland - Class F
Luke English - Class F
Brad Fenton - Class D
Connie Gaunt - Class E
Suf Ghafoor - Class F
Jack Hudson - Class G
Thomas Hudson - Class F

Karly Johnson - Class C
Eve Newton - Class D
Nancy Page - Class E
Joseph Shaw - Class F

All our juniors have worked really hard this winter, but it wasn't all hard work as we made sure that there were some fun shoots in and amongst (the balloon manufacturers have been kept very busy this winter!). Well done to all of you!!!

I would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who has given up their time over the winter to help our juniors, for example when we ran a YAA practice session which gave them all a taster of what a competition is like, and to those who've turned out in the cold on a Monday night to offer advice and support. Thank you.

Six Gold End

Well done to Martin Queen who recently achieved his 6-Gold End at 70m and 80 yards.

For those of you that don't know, that means he can claim a badge from ArcheryGB and gets his name in the next magazine too.

Well done Martin!



Phoenix Shirts

Martin has also sourced some snazzy new Phoenix shooting shirts for us. They are professionally printed sublimated sports shirts and will cost £20.

Martin is currently taking orders, so if you are interested please speak to him or send him a message as soon as possible.

If there are any other ideas for clothing items you would like to see, or if you want any of the older embroidered logo'd shirts then speak to him also.



Interesting Shooting



Steve Atkins took the 'place your arrow gently across the bottom of the stand from 70 metres away' challenge. He obviously succeeded and held it in place with a little bit of wood across the nock. He didn't even lose a fletch. Good work fella!



Lee decided it was too easy to hit the boss and decided to pierce the string handle of the indoor bosses instead. Unfortunately he also hit the frame and turned his lovely straight arrow into a banana. Fortunately for him it recovered nicely and lived to fight another day!

Coaching News

When you are shooting, how do you decide what you are going to shoot? Not arrows I mean what round, what distance, and what are you wanting to achieve?

There are many different things that archers are wanting when they shoot.

They may want to get scores which count towards a new classification, a 252 goal, an new PB or club record ... or maybe just shooting for fun!

There is lots of information on scoring, technical aspects of range setup and bow styles in the 'ArcheryGB Rules of Shooting' - google it and have a read, it's actually really interesting!

For classifications, they start at 3rd Class and work up through 2nd Class, 1st Class, Bowman (BM), Master Bowman (MB) and Grand Master Bowman (GMB). Classes up to Bowman can be gained within the club and appropriate badges bought from David King. MB and GMB can only be achieved at record status competitions and badges are despatched directly from ArcheryGB.

For all classifications, you must shoot 3 scores within a season (1st Jan to 31st Dec) above a certain level of score to gain that class for the rest of the current season and the next. So if you gain your third 1st Class score in June 2016, you are a 1st Class archer until 31st December 2017. Then this will lapse unless you have re-gained it within 2017 again.

The particular score you need depends upon your sex, your age, your bowstyle and the round/distance you are shooting.

The list of all available rounds and the scores you need to achieve various classifications are listed within the 'ArcheryGB Shooting Administrative Procedures' document - also easily googled.

I have also produced my own A4 cards for all ages, sexes and bowstyles which are available via the club forum (let me know if you don't know how to find it). These are ideal for printing out, laminating and keeping in your bowcase for reference. Most phone scoring apps will also tell you what classification score you have achieved.

Rounds are split into Metric and Imperial.

Imperial rounds are shot at yards and scored with 5-zone scoring (9, 7, 5, 3, 1). There are various families of rounds:

Warwick - 4 dozen.
National - 6 dozen arrows.
Western - 8 dozen.
St. George, Albion and Windsor - 9 dozen
York, Hereford and Bristol - 12 dozen.

There are various distances available also; so a New National is 100 yards and 80 yards. Whereas a Short Junor National is 30 yards and 20 yards. There are also Long Nationals, Nationals, Short Nationals and Junior Nationals which work downwards in distances.

Metric rounds are shot at metres and use 10 zone scoring (10, 9, 8, 7, etc..) Again there are various options:

Metric 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 - 12 dozen
Long Metrics - 6 dozen
Short Metrics - 6 dozen
WA 1440 - 12 dozen
WA 50, 60, 70m - 6 dozen

Metric rounds will also change the size of face down to an 80cm at various points depending on distance.

The distance you need to shoot for a classification also changes - for a senior gent to get a 3rd class score you need to shoot a round which includes at least 50 yards. 2nd class, 60 yards. 1st class, 80 yards. Bowman, 100 yards. Juniors and ladies will be shorter distances.

So for example a senior lady recurve archer shooting a 'WA1440 ladies round' would shoot 3 dozen arrows at each 70m and 60m with a 122cm face, then 3 dozen arrows each at 50m and 30m on an 80cm face.

To get a 3rd class score she would need to score 364.
2nd class is 602.
1st class 817.
Bowman 1037
Master Bowman 1169
Grand Master Bowman 1242.

MB and GMB scores for adults can also only be made on 12-dozen rounds including 90m/100yards for gents and 70m/80yards for ladies.

So as you can see, you have many options depending upon how many arrows you want to shoot or how much time you have. You can also see how you need to move up through distances as you move up through the classifications.

Any questions or confusion - just ask any of the more experienced archers and they will doubtless be happy to assist.

It's also nice to shoot a new round that you haven't done before, as it is a guaranteed personal best before you even start!

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