

Phoenix Bowmen of Halifax



Annual General Meeting

January 2017
Newsletter

The next Annual General Meeting of the club will take place at Ovenden Park on Sunday the 22nd of January 2014, commencing at 12 noon.

Please have a think about whether there are any items you want to be discussed, or any changes that ought to be made to the constitution. The club only works because of it's members so try to attend if you can. Have a think and if you think you could contribute in some way then please let us know, or stand for a committee role and have your say about the activities that we are involved in. You don't have to worry about getting press-ganged into anything though even if you attend - all roles are volunteer-only.

Chairman - currently Tracey Smith

This is a role that is definitely 'what you make of it'. Responsible for chairing meetings but also providing enthusiasm and direction for the club. Tracey is wanting to step down from this role so we really need someone keen to push the club forward.

Secretary - currently Tim Mason

Responsible for membership, correspondence and technical aspects of how the club runs. Also recording minutes from meetings and the AGM (and numerous other things that nobody realises).

Treasurer - currently Tony King

Obviously in charge of money! Keeping track of club finances, membership fees, etc.

To be eligible for the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary you need to have been a member of the club for at least 12 months. All other posts are available for someone who has been a member for at least 6 months.

Child protection officer - currently Shaun Brooksbank

The person who is making sure we provide a safe environment for our younger members.

Records Officer - currently David King

Responsible for collating scores submitted by members. Making sure we abide by the ArcheryGB rules of shooting and administrating classifications and handicaps. Scores are kept as a permanent club record.

Indoor Records Officer - currently Wayne Evardson

Much the same as David King above - but indoors (obviously)!

Newsletter Editor - currently Wayne Evardson

The newsletter has been a useful way of keeping the club membership aware of developments and achievements over the last few years. This hasn't been the best year for it as other commitments have made it difficult to find the time to write these regularly so I would like to step down this year.

Equipment Officer - currently Tim Mason

Oversees club equipment and monitors any repairs or new equipment needed. We would really like someone to fill this role as Tim has enough on his hands with Secretary tasks.

General Committee Member - no specific role but lets you have you say and help your club.

In accordance with the agenda Tim emailed out, we will also be talking about minimum age for membership, membership fees and also social media and publicity. Hope to see you all there.

January Challenge

Every year ArcheryGB run their 'January Challenge'. This is open to all members and all bow styles.

All you have to do is shoot at least one Portsmouth Round in January and send the scores to me at phoenixindoorscores@gmail.com

I will collate them and send your best score for the month to ArcheryGB. This will be submitted in very early February so make sure you send your scores to me by the end of January.

Good luck and good shooting!

Membership Fees

Subs are now due again by the AGM of the 22nd of January.

Payment for either the next 6 months or the whole year should be passed on to Tony King or any of the other committee members.

Senior £110 (half year £55)

Junior £50 (half year £25)

Due to problems chasing subs over the last couple of years we would appreciate prompt action from members. We are hoping to have an online method of paying subs available for next year/half year - we'll keep you informed.

Please make sure you receive a membership card to attach to your quiver to show you have paid - speak to any of the committee or come to the AGM. This must be displayed whenever you shoot.

The deadline for payments will be the AGM on the 22nd January and we remind members that if you haven't paid by then you are not able to shoot with us either indoors or out until you have paid up!

Winter Championships

The club normally holds a winter shoot in February 2015 - this determines who of the people that are stupid enough to shoot in the freezing cold are the best!

There isn't a lot to sort out with it but we would like to find a volunteer to organise and oversee the shoot.

It is usually a double Frostbite, but if you have any ideas to make it more exciting let us know. If you are interested then please have a chat with a committee member.

HRUFC Rugby Committee

As members of Phoenix Bowmen we are also members of HRUFC Rugby Club. This means we are entitled to have a representative present at their committee meetings.

As they are in charge of the venue which we shoot at and their matches affect our shooting times it would be nice to have someone to pass information from them back to us, but also to have our voice heard and make sure they keep our needs in mind when making decisions.

If this is something you feel you could do for us (I think meetings are once a month) then please let a committee member know. Tracey has been doing this so far for us so feel free to have a chat with her also.

Outdoor Season Update

The classifications gained in the 2016 season are:

Master Bowman

Mrs L, Atkins BB

Bowman / Junior Bowman

Mr Neil Patterson Com
Mr Luke English RC JBM
Miss Connie Gaunt BB JBM
Mr Wayne Evardson Com
Mr Steve Atkins RC
Mr Phil Johnson LB
Mr Boleslaw Sawicki LB

1st Class

Mr Andy Sutcliffe LB
Mr Steve Atkins RC
Mr David King BB
Mr Phil Carr RC
Mr Cameron Allatt RC
Mr Martin Queen Com
Mr Tim Mason Com

2nd Class

Mr Malcolm Rothery RC
Mr Steve Atkins LB
Mr Thomas Hudson RC U16
Mr Sam Copland RC U18
Mr Stephen Baugh RC
Mr Rob Gaze RC
Mr Rafe Dolan RC U14
Mr Chris King Com
Mr Joseph Shaw RC U14

3rd Class

Mr Tim Mason BB
Mr Simon Bailey RR
Mr Suf Gafoor BB U16
Mr Jack Hudson RC U14
Mr Luke Walker RC U12

Congratulations to all concerned!

Classification Badges

The club runs this scheme as laid down by Archery GB. The wearing of unauthorised class badges is not permitted in the club as this detracts from the efforts of those who have gained them by adhering to the rules.

So if you are not entitled to wear the badge this year, take it off until you have shot the scores required, (then you can wear it with pride again).

Please note you may only wear/claim awards if you have put the scores for them through the clubs records, so please keep scoring and sending those scores in to me.

David King

Indoor Season Update

Indoor season well under way with everyone starting to think about when they can shoot outdoors again. Good practice make all the difference over the winter though and the best way of doing that is to come indoors.

If you've never shot indoors before then please have a chat or send a message to Wayne, Martin, Liz or Steve and we'll let you know how it works and get you set up with sightmarks if needed.

With the January Challenge running this month I would like to get as many members shooting as possible so we can send lots of scores off to ArcheryGB - so come and have a go!

These are the current classifications for indoor shooters:

A-Class

Wayne Evardson

C-Class

Liz Atkins
Steve Atkins
Karly Johnson
Martin Queen

D-Class

Cameron Allatt
Phil Carr
Lee Dawson
Matt Johnson
Ian Moorhouse
Eve Newton
David Nutbrown
Malcolm Rothery

E-Class

Sam Copland
Luke English
Connie Gaunt
Thomas Hudson
Nancy Page
Pete Stockins
Jason Smith

F-Class

Suf Ghafoor
David King
Roger Merriman
Boleslaw Sawicki
Joseph Shaw
James Walker

G-Class

Jack Hudson
Ruby Kilner
Keith Smith

I do have badges available if anyone wants one, for the bargain price of £3.

Wayne Evardson

Classifications

As David pointed out in his outdoor update above - only wear badges of classifications for which you are currently 'qualified'.

As we all know, 3 scores of a certain scoring level (as set by ArcheryGB) which are submitted to the clubs records officer means you can use the title appropriate to that score level. The score needed for a level will depend upon age, bow style, type of round and the maximum distance within that round.

Outdoors the levels are:

For seniors - Archer, 3rd Class, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Bowman, Master Bowman, Grand Master Bowman.
For juniors - Archer, 3rd Class, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Bowman, Junior Master Bowman.

3rd Class through to Bowman can be claimed from club shoots, whereas Master Bowman and above have to have qualifying scores from 12 dozen rounds shot in Record Status competitions.

Indoors the levels are (lowest) H, G, F, E, D, C, B, A (highest).

These scores are again set by ArcheryGB but only have senior ladies and gents scores, and only for recurve and compound. Juniors, barebow archers and longbowers miss out unfortunately and are all ranked against the same scores as senior recurves.

The classification you earn applies for the remainder of the current season and also carries over through the next. Outdoors, the season runs by calendar year - 1st Jan to 31st Dec. Indoors, it is staggered by 6 months so 2016/17 season runs 1st July 2016 until 30th June 2017.

So, for example if you shot your third 1st Class score in July 2016, you are then a 1st Class archer until December 31st 2017 (the remainder of the 2016 season and also the following 2017 season). If within 2017 you only managed to achieve 2nd class scores then you can still call yourself a 1st Class archer until December 31st. Once you move into 2018 you would then be reclassified as a 2nd Class archer until such time as you shoot three scores of a higher level again.

Reclassifications also occur mid-season when juniors change age group or move up to being seniors on their 18th birthday.

All the criteria and also tables of the scores needed for the various levels are available on the ArcheryGB website - search for 'shooting administrative procedures'.

I have also produced some printable tables of the score levels - available via the club forum at:
<http://phoenixbowmenac.proboards.com/thread/160/rounds-lists-classification-scores>

Both outdoor and indoor tables are available there - ideal for laminating and keeping in your quiver/bag.

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