



BOWMEN OF GLEN ARCHERY SOCIETY

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Welcome all to the latest newsletter. Are you sitting comfortably? Good, let's begin.....

GLEN ALBION

The Glen Albion was held on Sunday 11th September and saw a disappointing 6 targets being shot on (down from 16 the year before). A good percentage of archers were from Glen, and a good afternoon was had by all. Many thanks to Kev Pownall, Sandra Stuart & Ken Smith for their help on the day. Thanks also to the members of Glen who joined the field party to help move targets on the distance changes. Check out the full results online.

In light of the low attendance at this shoot the committee have decided to replace the Albion with a FITA 720 from next year onwards. This proposal requires agreement from both GNAS and the county, however we don't anticipate this being an issue. The FITA 720 should prove to be a much more popular choice of round which will hopefully see plenty of archers wanting to come to our ground to shoot.

CLUB COLOURS

As those of you who attended the AGM will recall, a close vote was taken to decide on what to register as the club colours. The winning combination was a white shirt with royal blue sleeves & the club logo on the front of the shirt, again in royal blue. These have now been successfully registered and we're currently organising getting them produced.

Plans are for both shirts and sweatshirts to be available. Prices are to be confirmed.

INDOOR SEASON

The darker nights are beginning to appear once again which can mean only one thing – the start of the indoor season. The first indoor session will be Thursday 6th October, at Bushloe High School, Wigston. Fees will be £2 for seniors and 75p for juniors. Access to the school officially starts at 6.30pm, but you may be able to get through the door from 6.15pm. For those who haven't been before, you need to drive through the gate that provides access to both Bushloe and Abingdon. Shooting is done in the school gym (the building with the undulating roof). All archers are requested to assist with setting up and taking down the equipment – please don't leave it to a few people to do the work for you!

CLUB CHAMPS

Before the indoor season gets underway there is the small matter of the club champs to attend to. If you fancy taking part (and hopefully you do), it'll be taking place on Sunday 2nd October – sighters at 10am.

FIELD SHOOTS

The winter season also means that it's time for the field shoots again. These consist of shooting at animal faces on targets situated at differing distances and positions, using either longbow or barebow. The first shoot will take place on the first weekend in November. If you're interested in going along see Kev for details.

AFFILIATION

You should have all received your affiliation fees request from Jeff Green. Just a reminder to all archers that this is due to be paid by the end of the month. If you don't pay you can't shoot!

WORK WEEKEND

As the summer season draws to a close it's time for the second work weekend of the year. Accordingly, the field will be closed for shooting on the 29th & 30th of October. As usual all members are requested to come and help do the jobs that need doing. There'll be a list left in the clubhouse so come and do your bit!

CLOUT

It'll soon be time to start planning your Christmas shopping and seeing as the clout shoot comes just a week later I thought I'd mention it now. If you fancy a lighthearted shoot then this is the one for you. Using the club's training bows, it's a challenge to try and drop arrows as close to a pole in the ground as possible. If you fancy a twang be there for midday on 1st January. Just bring your arrows, arm guards, and probably your gloves.

AWARDS & SKITTLES EVENING

The combined awards & skittles evening which took place at the start of the year was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who went. With that in mind, we thought we'd do it again. The exact date hasn't been booked yet, but we'll be aiming for somewhere in early January. That's another reason to attend the club champs mentioned earlier – you'll be able to enjoy a great game of skittles and bag some silverware at the same time.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the new members receiving their first newsletters: Shane & Sharon Chamberlin, David Hardman, Bryan Middleton, Nicholas Tobitt, Robert Batson, John Wright & Charlie Baxter. Welcome to the club.

COACHING

Fancy a go at training the beginners? If you think you've got what it takes to be a coach, and you'd like to give it a go then Eddie will be pleased to hear from you.

COACHING II

Talking of coaching, one of our resident coaches, Mark Stuart, is considering running a course on a Saturday during October. This will be mainly based around the art of bow tuning for new and old archers alike. If you'd be interested in learning more about tuning your bow give him a ring.

COMMITTEE

As promised last time, please find contact numbers for the new committee below (phone numbers removed for online version):

Chairman	Eddie Pemberton
Honorary Secretary	Ken Smith
Honorary Treasurer	Sharon Green
Ground Officers	Kevin & Rosie Clarkson
Equipment Officer	Kevin Pownall
Social Officer	Position Vacant
County Representative	Eddie Pemberton

Other positions:

Records Officer	Stuart Coutts
Coaching Organiser	Eddie Pemberton
Tournament Organiser	Mark Weldon
Media Officer	Mark Weldon
Membership Secretary	Jeff Green
Junior Club Representative	Mark Stuart
Child Protection Officer	Terry Weston
Health & Safety Officer	Position Vacant

OCTOBER	
Sunday 2 nd	Club Outdoor Champs – FITA – Sighters 10am
Thursday 6 th	Indoor Season Begins – Bushloe High School
Saturday 29 th – Sunday 30 th	Field Closed For Shooting – Work Weekend
JANUARY	
Sunday 1 st	Clout Shoot – Starts Midday

That's it from me, see you next time,
Mark Weldon