

BOWMEN OF GLEN

NEWSLETTER

Dear Members

Welcome to this December issue of the Bowmen of Glen Newsletter. I am told that the club used to publish a newsletter, but that was before I joined the club in 2017.

Having been a member myself for about three years now, I am of the view that the club ground and outdoor shooting facilities are probably second to none in Leicestershire, (the clubhouse maybe not so!). But overall it's great to be part of this club.

But as a rookie to the club, one of the biggest problems I experienced was not knowing how to do things, and then, not knowing who in the club could offer help, whether it be technical issues, club procedures, advice on competitions, whatever?

Of course it is not difficult to contact people. Eddie, Jamie, and all can be emailed, (email addresses are on the website), but often all you want is a word in someones ear who can put you right, and it's very much luck of the draw as to whether you manage to bump into the right person at the right time. Saturday mornings, or Thursday club nights during the summer months are probably the best times, but even at those times there is no guarantee that someone will be at hand. So I hope that in some small way sharing members news with each other will not only be of interest, but may encourage more social activity within our club.

Events calendar

BOGAS- New years day Clout. Saturday, Jan 1, 2022 start 12.00am
 LAOFAC - WA18m Sunday, January 23, 2022. 8:00 AM 6:00 PM
 details on www.laofac.co.uk

Bowmen of Glen Clout shoot

We are now well into the 'Clout' season and have had two meets at the field. The morning of Sunday Nov 7th saw 13 members compete in the first event of the year. the weather was kind to us with just a light breeze blowing across the field. Then on Sunday 28th 12 members competed on a lovely still and sunny morning albeit perishing cold! Early indications are that Rosie is running away with the title having won both competitions so far!



For those who may not know, we shoot 8 rounds of 3 arrows at a flag placed randomly at about 90metres, and score 5 down to 1 according to distance from the flag. We use club training bows to try and make it an even playing field for all.

Come along and have a go at the next meet on New Years Day!

Results:

Sunday 7th Nov	Junior: William	19
	Ladies: Rosie	33
	Gents: Mohit	24
Sunday 28th Nov	Junior: William	10
	Ladies: Rosie	24
	Gents: Bob	16



L&R Frostbite/ L&R300 competitions

I urge everyone to have a go at these two competitions! It's easy to take part and a good way to see how you compare with other archers both within the club and throughout Leicestershire. You can find all the details on the LRCAA website or talk to any of the committee. Just to make it as easy as possible all the faces needed are available in the clubhouse.

It would be nice to see more red on the scoresheets. You'll see what I mean if you look at the results on the LRCAA website!

BOGAS WhatsApp

Many of you will be aware of the existence of the Whats App group. Currently there are 28 members in this group. It can be a very good way of keeping in touch with what's going on.

If you would like to join the group, Please contact: Mark Weldon : mark@bowmenofglen.org

Clubhouse/CASC Status

All members should have received emails from Eddie explaining the situation with the redevelopment of the clubhouse. Unfortunately one side effect of Covid is that any local 'section 106' funding for schemes such as ours has been temporarily redirected. As a result the whole redevelopment process has been put on hold until such time funding is once more available to us.

Eddie also sent all members an email on 10th November which explained that there is a need to maintain participation in club activities above a certain level for tax reasons. Club members falling below a certain threshold of attendance were asked to complete a questionnaire in the hope that the answers would give pointers as to how we could increase levels of attendance and involvement at the club.

Although statistically a very small survey, it has nevertheless shown things that should be considered. The results showed that Covid and Health issues have continued to keep people away. Some members cited lack of time to devote to Archery.

Specifically there was a request for more coaching to be available. This shortfall was already on the radar and steps are being taken to increase the number of qualified coaches befitting a club of our size. Another request was for more club shoots (non competitive?). Yet another point was about indoor shooting. (Something we should consider with the Clubhouse on hold?)

Club Success

At the EMAS Senior Inter-counties team tournament held at Sherwood on the 5th September, Bill Chapman competed in the L&RCAA team which won the "Bradgate Trophy". Shooting a York round, Bill (gents compound) had the highest individual score of 1258 /125 golds. Well done Bill!

Equipment For sale / Wanted

Have you Items to sell or wish to buy? Let us know and we can place in the newsletter.

contact: news@bowmenofglen.org

Future Newsletters

Have you anything at all that you would like to share with the Club? It could be news, or advice, tips, links to websites, or YouTube videos of interest. Maybe ideas for improving your club? If so:

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