

BOWMEN OF GLEN

NEWSLETTER

DEAR MEMBERS

We are well into the winter season now and I guess visits to the club are fewer and far between for most of us. However most Saturday and Sunday mornings you will still find a steady trickle of members shooting. So why not wrap up warm and get down to the field. It's a good opportunity to meet up, shoot and chat.

I'm sure you all shared my sadness upon learning of the untimely death of BOGAS member Mick Cox. Mick had been a member of the club for seven years and was a frequent visitor to the field playing an active part in many club events.

Thoughts go out to his wife Julie and family at this difficult time.

Peter M

L&RCAA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP / L&RCAA v NOTTS -INTER COUNTY MATCH

Sunday September 18th saw the last tournament of the season to be held on the club field. BOGAS hosted the combined L&RCAA Outdoor Championship and L&RCAA v Notts County Match. Despite it being late in the year the weather remained good for archery.



Bill on his way to success

Sadly in the county match L&RCAA lost out to Notts by a slender 87 point margin. (Final score: Leicester & Rutland 16485- Nottinghamshire 16398).

However the news was not all bad on the day as the top gents compound archer and winner of the **Squires Plate** for 2022 was our very own Bill Chapman. Defending his title from 2019 (when the event was last held), he scored 1291. The runner up archer (Neil Brown - LAOFAC) scoring 1265. Well done Bill!



Competitors and Judges



Compound county champions: Carol Smith (FosseArchers) / Bill Chapman

CLOUT SHOOTS



November Clout

After five rounds the leader in the gents clout is Kevin Clarkson, and second place is Mo. They remain well ahead of the third place archer! Rosie is top lady, and incidentally is top over all! Robyn is the only junior shooting at the moment so by default is in top spot, however, her total score to date sees her 5th overall out of 20 archers. Not bad for a newbie, and junior to boot!



New Year Clout

It's a shame more people couldn't make the **NEW YEAR CLOUT**. A small band of intrepid archers turned out on the day, including new members Nick and Joanne, having a go for the first time.



Before we shot, Eddie asked that we held a minutes silence in memory of Mick Cox. Mick was a frequent visitor to Clout shoots along with his wife Julie and daughter Charlotte. Once we started shooting, I anticipated some wayward arrows because of the strong crosswind but on the contrary, we saw some good tight shooting. The new longer scoring line with three zone scoring (15,10 and 5) which was introduced last September, certainly helps to open up competition and levels out the scores, although the same old faces still manage to dominate. First timers however are far less likely to leave the clout disheartened with a big fat zero scoreline, (as I have on more than one occasion!)



New line in action!

Top archers on the day were:

- Gent: Kevin Clarkson with 160
- Lady: Rosie Clarkson with 145
- Junior: Robyn Murray with 50

Top score for single end (3 arrows) : Paul Spencer 35 from possible max 45



New Years Day Archers

FROSTBITE COMPETITION

The L&RCAA decision to discontinue this competition for 2022/23 is a shame, but BOGAS have decided to keep the tournament going at club level. I know there have been plenty of emails and WhatsApp messages explaining things to you, so why not give it a go! You can mark your best scores up on the clubhouse white board at any time. All future competition dates can be found on our website.

Club Events Calendar 2023 (so far!)

Beginners Course	1st/2nd April
Beginners Course	24th/25th June
Beginners Course	19th/ 20th August
Beginners Course	23rd/24th September



BURGLARY

I don't suppose there are any members who aren't aware of the recent break in which resulted in the loss of a considerable amount of kit, and sadly, also most of the club trophies, some of which dated back to the sixties. It being the second break in within two years there is a realisation that as we cannot hope to make the field secure, we should probably look at offsite storage facilities, certainly for the more valuable items.

CLUBHOUSE

I had hoped that by now I would be reporting on significant progress with regards improving our clubhouse in some way, shape or form, but sadly the wheels of progress turn very slowly. We are still hoping that the club will move forward soon with a replacement steel structure positioned immediately to the left of the field gate where the containers are currently sited. This would give us a similar square footage to the existing clubhouse. The current club finances are sufficient to fund this more modest build without the complications associated with community funding. This structure could then, (if the members still have the appetite for it!), be extended at a future date, in line with the already approved plans to include an indoor range.

Obviously in light of the burglaries we must give more thought in the build, as to how best to manage security.

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Sally Farmer
 Joanne Gilbertson
 Nick Mee
 Andy Robinson (stu)

Welcome to the Bowmen of Glen!

INDOOR SHOOTING

BOGAS hopes to be able to offer indoor shooting for members at a local venue in the near future. Talks are progressing, and full details will be shared with members once finalised.

FUTURE NEWS

Anything to say about your club? please contact: news@bowmenofglen.org