

# BOWMEN OF GLEN

## NEWSLETTER



### GLEN TOURNAMENT Sat 13th -Sun 14th May - UKRS WA1440 / WRS WA 70m & H2H

It's always nice to see our ground buzzing with archers, and so it was on the weekend 13th/14th May when we held our first tournament of 2023. It was a damp start on Saturday and remained very misty during the morning.

Shooting the 1440 compound men 50+, Bill Chapman was our only representative on day one. He scored 1348 and finished top of his class. (.....not to talk it down, but he was the sole archer in the group!)

Bill was back on Sunday shooting the 720 and achieved 660 after 104 arrows, but alas went out in the first round of the H2H to the eventual gold winner, Thomas Prause-Kai (High

### DEAR MEMBERS

It's only when I started to compile this edition of the newsletter that I realised how much has actually happened since I last put pen to paper....er...I mean fingers to keyboard! (Doesn't sound quite so poetic does it!)

Anyway filling the pages with copy and pictures was easier than for most issues. Editing, (ie what to leave out) was my biggest worry.

So here we are. Four pages of news, pictures and trivia.

Is there anything missed out that you would like to have seen? Let me know if so, and we'll feature it next time round!

Peter M.



A chilly start to Saturday's shooting



Good to see BOGAS shirts on the shooting line.



Bill's BOGAS shirt in the wash I guess?

Weald AC).

Shooting his barebow, Bill Ball put in a dogged performance holding on to third spot after 104 arrows. He then made it right through to the final in the H2H, succumbing only to the Foxes Ian Collins. I think Bill was more than happy with his silver medal though!

Meghan Havers along with fellow GB Archer Sophie Meering dominated the women's recurve, and true to form, faced each other in the H2H final. Meghan just losing out 7-6.

A mention to all the club members who's efforts over the weekend, and before, helped to make the weekend such a success.

## U3A 'HAVE A GO' at ARCHERY



On a sunny Saturday morning back in May we welcomed a group of ladies from the U3A (University of the the third age), for an archery taster session. This formed part of their course which is entitled "How hard can it be?" The group meet regularly to have a go at an activity completely new to them all. In the past they have tried activities as varied as climbing Snowdon, and basket weaving!

After basic instruction, the morning progressed to a competition enabling them to show off their new found skill. All performed well at shooting but struggled to add their scores up, .....they may like to consider a session of mental arithmetic as a future subject for their course!!!

More info on U3A may be found at :  
[www.u3asites.org.uk/leicester/home](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/leicester/home)

## CLOUT- May 28th

Eight 'Clouters' competed in the May Clout.

- Top Gent - Kevan
- Top lady - Rosie
- Top Junior - Robyn

## CLUB NIGHT

Club nights are taking place now. The first couple of weeks were well attended and we held a Warwick competition both weeks. Since then it has rather degenerated into a weekly 252 session.

The more members who turn up, the more inclined we are to move bosses around for a proper competition. ....So if you can find time, get down on Thursdays 6.00 pm onwards

## AGM - Saturday 3rd June



'Al Fresco' AGM! Yes the weather played ball this year (although it was held a month or so later than normal).

Annual reports were presented by all committee representatives.

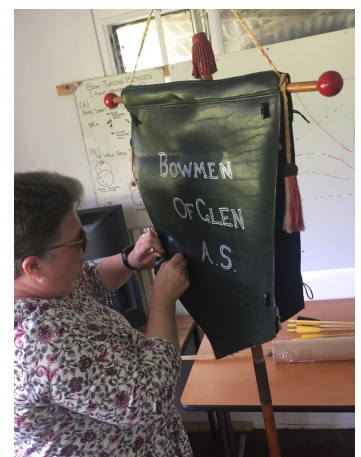
Unusually there were no major or contentious issues raised by members.

Andy Bettles was invited to speak about the current situation regarding the new clubhouse, which at long last is looking as though construction will start at the end of this season, and should be ready in time for the 2024 season. Hopefully more on this subject next issue.

## CLUB BANNER

Whilst helping tidy the clubhouse in the spring, Julie Cox kindly offered to take away and refurbish the 'Bowmen of Glen' banner, which has for a while been looking a little tired and unloved. So we were pleased when Julie appeared at the AGM with the banner fully restored, complete with a new cover, (Julie's idea!), which should protect it from fly damage and keep it looking pristine for years to come. A Big thank you to Julie for her time and effort!

Does anyone knows the history of this item, like when and who originally made it?



## CORPORATE ACHERY EVENTS



Above: Pictures from the LCC Competition evening

Below: LCC group photo pictured with Meghan

Bottom: Presentation to winners

Two corporate events were held in June. Both groups returned this year having attended similar events in previous years, so we must be doing something right!

Both events followed the same format. Firstly, afternoon tea, (a yummy spread supplied by **LouLou's, of Great Glen**). Next, after basic instruction and a quick practice the archers were split into two teams and competed for the team prize. Then all archers moved on to a knockout competition to find an individual champion. A trophy was presented to the winning team and medals to the top three archers.

In my experience these are always fun afternoons, both for the archers and the helpers and I'm always surprised how intensely competitive people become, especially at the Head to Head stage.

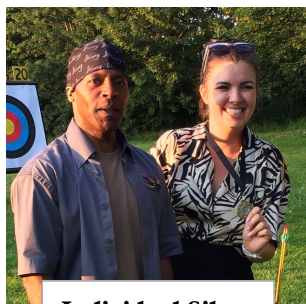


For the first evening we hosted a group from **Leicestershire county council**, and the eventual victor was Mike Thomson who retained his gold medal from last years competition. Well done Mike!

Staff from **IMA architects of Blaby** joined us for the second event. ( Unfortunately no report of the evening but I know it also went well.)



Individual Gold



Individual Silver



Individual Bronze



Team Winners

## COMPETITION News

Results of BOGAS archers competing at the Glen tournament of w/e 13th May are shown on page 1.



Those members who use the club WhatsApp group will know already of Meghan Havers trip to the European Youth Cup in Switzerland -2nd leg, but for the benefit of everyone else, read on!

The venue was Bucharest last year, but this year Megs was in Sion, Switzerland representing GB at the **European Youth Cup 2nd Leg**. After an arduous trip involving transfers from airport to a 2hr train journey, and finally a half hour bus journey, Megs, mum Clare, and the rest of the GB team made it to what looks to me, a pretty magical setting for an archery competition. This would be their base for competitions and events over the following five days.

First up for Megs was the recurve under 18 women. After 72 arrows at 60m (not her favourite distance I am told), she was in 9th place out of 22. She progressed through to the 1/4 finals, losing out to the eventual winner the event.

Later in the week she competed with fellow GB archer Max Oakley in the mixed U 18s. After 144 arrows they were 4th of 9 pairings. In the H2H, she and Max made it to the final round and finished up on the podium taking the bronze! A wonderful result. Congrats to Megs (and Max).



**Megs back at Glen complete with her trophy!**

### Club Events Calendar 2023

Thursdays	-Club night (weekly every Thursday)	-6pm onwards
Wed Jun 28	-Glen scouts evening	-6pm onwards
Mon Jul 03	-Stoneygate school	
Wed Jul 05	-Glen scouts evening	-6pm onwards
Sat Aug 19	-Beginners course	
Sun Aug 20	-Beginners course	
Sat Sept 23	-Beginners course	
Sun Sept 24	-Beginners course	

### NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Dorothea Shipley  
Storm Boulting  
John Boulting  
Justin French  
Xavier Palfreman

**Welcome all to the Bowmen of Glen!**

### FUTURE NEWS

Anything you want to say about your club? Then please contact:

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