

BOWMEN OF GLEN

NEWSLETTER

DEAR MEMBERS

The summer has finally drawn to an end, but the un-seasonally warm autumn has enabled members to continue to shoot at the field without suffering too much with the winter archers curse of wet feet and cold fingers!

So what's happened over the second half of summer anyway?

- The big news has to be the start of the long awaited new clubhouse build! more about that on page 2.
- Then there was our second tournament of the season, -see report on right. Also we bring you news of club members tournament successes on page 3.
- Oh yes, and did you hear BOGAS members interviewed on Radio Leicester? Report on page 2.
- Since the last issue we have held two more beginners courses. These courses continue to introduce fresh blood to the club. So hello to all you new archers, and I hope there is something of interest to you in this the latest newsletter.

Peter M.

GLEN TOURNAMENT Sat 16th Sept -WA1440, Sun 17th Sept- WRS WA50,60,70m



Sunday's medalists and helpers



It was a dull, damp and misty start to the competition on Saturday and the early rounds saw the 33 competing archers struggle to keep warm, but hey, the forecast was promising and eventually the sun broke through and the layers of clothing began to be shed!

Compound archer Dan Cheetham was the only BOGAS interest on Saturday, shooting in his first ever tournament!

On Sunday, rain was forecast for the afternoon, and fingers were crossed in the hope that shooting could be completed in the dry. Sunday saw about 60 archers competing and we had a bit more club interest with Yusuf Ali, Robyn Murray (her first major tournament) and Dan, back for his second day of competition. Sadly neither Yusuf or Dan were placed, but Robyn won gold in her group. Well done Robyn!

Oh yes, the rain stayed away until right after the medal presentation which was lucky for the competitors, not so for the poor field crew who got drenched packing up the field! - C'est la vie!



Dan, Robyn and Yusuf in action

NEW CLUBHOUSE - AT LAST!

Anyone having visited the field in the last month will be aware that we are finally seeing progress with the new clubhouse build. The footings



are now in place and we eagerly await the steelwork which could well be up by the time you read this. Once the shell is up, then the next stage will be fitting out with internal walls, electrics, plumbing etc. The hope is that we

could be using it at the start of the 2024 shooting season.

Please take extra care if visiting the field during the coming weeks whilst the build continues.

PS. Once the shell is complete, we will need help to finish fitting out, so if you have skills that we need (plumbing/electrical/decorating) and have not yet been press-ganged by Eddie let us know!

L&R FROSTBITE & L&R300 COMPETITIONS

Just a reminder that October sees the return of the L&R Frostbite and the L&R 300 competitions. It's good to see the Frostbite back after a years absence from the Leicestershire scene.

Both competitions run from October through to March and are so easy to fit in at the start of a session, only requiring 36 arrows to complete.

I urge all members to have a go, and that includes all you new members!

Details of both competitions can be found on the L&RCAA website www.lrcaa.org. You just have to submit your best monthly scoresheet to Jamie Frost at the end of each month.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We continue to open our field to the wider community offering sessions for groups to 'have a go' at archery. One such group was the Great Glen scouts who came along on two consecutive Wednesday evenings for have a go sessions ending with a mini tournament. This has become an annual event but with scouts returning year on year we are seeing standards improve greatly amongst the budding young archers! There is talk of developing this event to include other Leicestershire scouts groups in the hopes of encouraging more youngsters into the sport.

Talking of youngsters, we also welcomed groups of children from Stonegate school for an all day session in early July. This also seems to have become an annual event, and the feedback from the school was very positive.

If you fancy the idea of a group event, maybe for a birthday or a corporate style event, (see article in the summer edition), then contact us to discuss. email to: chairman@bowmenofglen.org

BBC RADIO LEICESTER



Sports reporter Emily Herbert from BBC Radio Leicester visited us on a club night and interviewed several members as part of a series of programmes featuring a different sport each week. It was a good opportunity to promote both the sport and our club.

After chatting to members, Emily finished her visit with a chance to try the sport for herself under the expert tuition of Eddie.

CLOUT SHOOT

Sunday October 29th will see a start to the 23-24 Clout season, so to all you long standing members come and remind yourself what you've been missing, and for all you new members, come see what it's all about.

For the 22-23 season the final rankings were as follows:

Gents :

1st	Kevin Clarkson	-665 pts
2nd	Mohit Gadhok	-445 pts
3rd	Paul Spencer	-370 pts.

Ladies:

1st	Rosie Clarkson	-813 pts
2nd	Joanne Gilbertson	-25 pts
3rd	Rebecca Humphrey	-25 pts

Juniors:

1st	Robyn Murray	-356 pts
2nd	William Piper	-75 pts

POLO CHALLENGE!

After this shot, Rosie's thrown down the gauntlet, can you shoot out a Polo hole?

She managed this with her longbow at 10yards.



Nice work Rosie!

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Michael Lang
Maxwell Mee
Anya Kolis-Mee
Luke Benford
Nathan Gribble
Donika Brassington

Welcome all to the Bowmen of Glen!

Club Events Calendar 2023

Clout shoots will continue on the last Sunday of each month, -start at 11.00 am.

For dates of local tournaments go to:

<https://www.lrcaa.org/calendar>

FUTURE NEWS

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

news@bowmenofglen.org

CLUB MEMBERS RECENT TOURNAMENT SUCCESSES

BOGAS archers Bill Ball, Yusuf Ali and Meghan Havers all competed at the Meriden Autumn Weekend tournament at Meriden.

In the WA 720 & H2Hs, Bill Ball was very pleased to come home with a gold medal in Gents Barebow.

Second medal of the weekend went to Meghan Havers with a bronze in Women's Recurve.



Elsewhere, junior archer, Robin Murray was competing in her first ever tournament, a novices competition held at LAOFEC in Countesthorpe. She didn't seem to let nerves get the better of her and put in a super performance to win gold in her class. Well done Robyn!

It's been a busy year for Meghan and after the last round of the National tour, She was one of the eight top scoring archers in the UK. Those eight archers went through to a head to head final at Wollaton Hall, Nottingham on Sept 3rd. Megs started the day strongly with a 6-0 victory in the quarter final but succumbed to Penny Healey 7-1 in the Semis. She then went on to lose 6-2 to Briony Pitman in the bronze medal play off. That probably sounds disappointing doesn't it? Absolutely not! She finished her first year competing in the UK national tour ranked fourth in the UK! Am-az-ing!

Finally in early October Hassan Bulbel decided to have a go in the Bickestaffe Bows Sandringham Shoot. I don't know anything about this event other than it's a competition for traditional style bows. Hassan won a gold in his particular class. Hopefully we can give you more info on his success in the next edition.

