

Arrowpoints

Bournemouth Archery Club's Newsletter March 2023

Dear Members,

Welcome to the latest spring issue of Arrowpoints. It is now the start of the 'outdoor' season, so let's hope for lots of nice weather so that people can enjoy their shooting outside! Below are the important issues that you need to note in your diary/calendar for this year's outdoor season.

INDOOR SHOOTING

Just a reminder that the indoor shooting in the rifle range has now finished for this season. It will start up again in the autumn and we'll advise you of the dates later in the year.

INTERIM MOVE TO CRICKET 2 (previously known as Cricket 1)

We will move from our main cricket shooting ground on **Monday 3rd April** onto Cricket 2 (BU have now reversed the names of C1 & C2) for a temporary period of 3 weeks, prior to moving to our usual summer shooting ground Mini Rugby as below. Targets and all other ancillary equipment will be moved by our equipment team plus the marking up of a temporary range. **This mean that shooting will not be available until Tuesday 4th April.** Unfortunately following a recent break-in of the Cricket scoreboard building the bottom store door is not able to be locked. This means that it is unlikely that we can use this space for making hot drinks etc. so please bring your own drinks or use the main bar if it is open. Target faces, measure wheels, metal detectors and the first aid trolley will be in the tournament container along with the signing-in diary. The padlock will be changed to allow access by the designated Field Captains. Toilet facilities will be in the main clubhouse or via the Cricket 'home' changing room as before. Please park sensibly so we don't block access by the groundsmen and avoid parking in the coach parking bays.

MOVE TO SUMMER SHOOTING GROUND

We will be moving to our summer shooting ground on Mini Rugby on **Thursday 27th April**. Our equipment team will mark out the shooting field and move our equipment over. To enable this work to be done, **shooting will not be available until Friday 28th April.**

Range bookings via Eventbrite as usual, and please remember to sign in the diary when you arrive and before commencing shooting. The diary will be available in the Clubhouse.

Please ensure that if you wish to cancel your session, you follow the cancellation procedure on Eventbrite as this otherwise prevents other archers from booking a lane.

WHENEVER YOU WISH TO SHOOT, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE BOOKED A SESSION IN ADVANCE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO ALLOW US TO MAINTAIN A PROPER RECORD OF ARCHERS SHOOTING AT CHAPEL GATE.

PPE and sanitisation equipment will continue to be available at our outdoor venues for anyone who wishes to use it. Although Covid restrictions have been lifted, we recommend that archers make use of the hand gel before shooting and at the end of their session. We also ask you to be considerate of any members who may be vulnerable and have underlying health conditions. We want everyone to enjoy their experience of shooting at the Club - Covid is still with us so respect others' space!

IMPACT ON ARCHERY OF SPECIAL EVENTS AT CHAPEL GATE

We have now received details from the Uni of the impact of special events being held at Chapel Gate over the spring and summer that will result in BAC not being able to shoot. **Please note that BAC's annual facility hire fee has been reduced to reflect the dates we are unable to shoot.**

- **Rugby Youth and Mini Tournament**
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April - no shooting.
- **R & T Football Festival (1)**
Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April - no shooting.
- **Uni Varsity Day**
Wednesday 10th May - no shooting.
- **R & T Football Festival (2)**
Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May - no shooting.
- **Bournemouth 7s Festival**
The Bournemouth 7s Festival will be held at Chapel Gate from Monday 15th May until Friday 2nd June, including set up and clear away time - no shooting during this period. (Festival weekend is 26th to 28th May).
- **Bournemouth Uni Ball**
The University Ball will take place on Saturday 3rd June - no shooting.
To allow for final clearance of the site and remarking of our range, **shooting will resume as normal from Tuesday 6th June onwards.** All sessions will need to be pre-booked via Eventbrite.

BLUE LION 2023

The Blue Lion Tournament will be held on **Sunday 13th August** on Mini-Rugby. Full shoot details and the Club entry form are in the Cricket changing room on C1 (formerly C2) and on the Club website. A copy will also be put up in our Clubhouse on Mini-Rugby. This is our major outdoor tournament so please put this date in your diaries and get your entries in!

Entry fee is £15.00 for adults and £12 for juniors. This is a great opportunity to start your tournament career with as it offers distances for all abilities.

AGB NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

Following a review, AGB has introduced a new Code of Conduct which replaces the separate codes for adult archers, young archers, spectators, parents and carers and coaches/judges/officials. This new code outlines behaviour expected from everyone involved in the sport at every level, and having this set of behavioural standards in one document makes it simpler to adopt and implement.

Members can access the code via the AGB website through your member's sign-in area and a copy of the code will be made available at our shooting locations.

3-SPOT CHALLENGE (Indoor season)

This indoor season, the Club trialled a 3-spot 'fun' challenge which consisted of shooting 24 arrows in 3 ends on a 40cm 3-spot target face. Your three best scores are then submitted monthly into ongoing leagues. The overall league winners will be the ones having the highest grand total at the end of the indoor season. You can shoot as many rounds as you wish and take your best 3 scores.

Monthly leaders in the leagues will get a small box of chocs for the highest monthly scores in both Senior and Junior bow categories, and a big box will be given to the overall league winners at the end of the season. A monthly league will also be published.

All bow types are catered for, and you can shoot more than one bow type if you wish, just remember that you will need to submit three scores for each bow type you choose to shoot. Following the success of this trial it is planned to run the challenge again at the start of the next indoor season in October 2023. We will provide more information on this shoot as we approach the new indoor season. The first lot of results are as follows: -

- Senior Gents Recurve Mike Lockyer
- Senior Ladies Recurve Alison Innes
- Senior Gents Crossbow Malcolm Oldfield
- Junior Ladies Recurve Hannah Dearsley
- Overall highest score Malcolm Oldfield

CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS

AGB have recently updated the Outdoor Classification & Handicap scheme which now covers a wider range of abilities and Rounds. Archers of all levels can now progress through the various awards available, from Archer 3rd Class right through to Elite Master Bowman. This new system begins from 2023 onwards. AGB have put together a range of documents and an FAQ page to help you understand the changes - these can be found at: <https://archerygb.org/resources/outdoor-classifications-and-handicaps>.

New age groups have been added to the classification & handicap update, with a new Under 21 age group and an Over 50 age group being added. We will put a copy of the summary of changes at the shooting locations so that you can familiarise yourself with these, however if you wish to understand more fully then please look at the Archery GB website address above.

We are delighted to announce that the following Classifications were obtained for 2022:
Bowman - Alison Innes First Class - Hannah Dearsley, Mike Lockyer

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Club's first aid equipment and defibrillator will be available at our shooting locations for the summer outdoor season.

COACHING

A new Introduction to Archery course started on Sunday 12th March; this will be over 3 afternoon sessions and is planned to finish on Sunday 26th March. This will be followed by the usual Development sessions for those new members joining the Club.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

If you wish to purchase any Club items, including shirts, badges, car stickers, key rings, pens, exercise bands etc please contact John Richardson, our Club President, on johnrichardson@hotmail.co.uk. A list of items available and prices can be found at our shooting locations.

AND FINALLY...

Don't forget to keep an eye on the BAC website! This is the place for details of upcoming shoots and entry forms, shoot results and all sorts of other important information. Logon to BAC at www.bournemoutharcheryclub.com

Happy shooting and keep safe!
The Committee