

Arrowpoints

Bournemouth Archery Club's Newsletter November 2021



Dear Members,

Welcome to Arrowpoints, this will be the first Arrowpoints in some while (pre Covid) but you will have seen updates from Dave Williams appearing in your in-box over the last 18 months! As we are now in the winter shooting season, and with Covid still prevalent, we thought we should keep you up to date with club shooting arrangements.

INDOOR SHOOTING

Due to the ongoing Covid situation and the hire costs involved, it has been decided not to use Victoria School for this winter indoor season. Instead, we will be using the indoor rifle range at Chapel Gate. Because of this we have also decided not to hold the Club Indoor Champs this year (see details of alternative shoot under 'Club Tournaments').

The rifle range is available for indoor shooting as follows:-

On **Tuesday evenings** the range is available from 6pm to 10pm for Club members - spaces will need to be booked to help keep numbers under control. Lanes can be booked via Eventbrite and that booking will be for the whole session. The number of archers shooting per evening in the range will be limited to 8. Please note that parents or guardians of juniors will have to book on the same lane as the junior member to avoid exceeding the maximum number. Please note that the number of archers has been set to avoid the increased risk of Covid during the winter months indoor season and is to keep you safe.

On **Friday evenings** the range is available from 6.00pm to 10pm - sessions will need to be booked in the same way as above, via Eventbrite. Maximum number 8 archers.

On **Saturday mornings** the range is available in place of Victoria School, from 9.30am to 1.00pm, again lanes will need to be booked via Eventbrite. Maximum number 8 archers.

Range fees will be £3.50 for seniors and £3 for juniors.

Operating procedures for using the range have been emailed to members recently, please read these and make yourself aware of these procedures. All shooting will be under the control of a nominated Range Captain.

OUTDOOR SHOOTING

Outdoor shooting will continue to be available on our range at Cricket 2. Lane booking will continue via Eventbrite. Outdoor shooting will be available throughout the winter months if you wish to do so and are hardy enough!!!

Please ensure that if you wish to cancel your session (indoor or outdoor), you follow the cancellation procedure on Eventbrite as this otherwise prevents other archers from booking a lane. The details on how to do this were sent to you with the Indoor operating procedures.

FOR ALL SHOOTING, BOTH INDOOR AND OUT, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE BOOKED A SESSION IN ADVANCE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO ALLOW US TO MAINTAIN A PROPER RECORD OF ARCHERS SHOOTING WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTS TRACK AND TRACE AND PROVIDES DETAILS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE UNIVERSITY IF REQUESTED.

PPE and sanitisation equipment will be available at both indoor and outdoor venues for your safety.

CHRISTMAS SHOOTING ARRANGEMENTS

Indoor Range:

Please note that the Range will be open on Saturday morning 18th Dec, Tuesday evening 21st Dec, & Tuesday evening 28th Dec. Shooting is **NOT** available on Friday 24th Dec, Saturday 25th Dec, Friday 31st Dec & Saturday 1st Jan. Shooting resumes as usual from Tuesday 4th Jan.

Outdoor Range:

The outdoor range will be available for bookings over the Christmas period subject to a club First Aider being available, especially during the period when the Sports Campus is closed (see details below). A Field Captain will also be required if not acting as First Aider. Please check Eventbrite for available bookings - if a club First Aider is not available the session will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

Please note that the Sports Campus at Chapel Gate will be closed from Monday 20th Dec until it reopens on Tuesday 4th Jan. During this period there will be no First Aid cover available from the BUCB staff so safety is a key factor - please be extra vigilant and have mobile phones with you for any emergency. First aid kits are available in both indoor and outdoor ranges and any injuries should be recorded in our accident book. Always phone 999 if it is a serious/major injury, and any serious incident must be reported immediately to the Uni by phoning 01202 962222 (available 24 hrs). The nominated Field/Range Captain should also report the incident to a Committee member so that appropriate action can be taken (telephone numbers are on the Club Contact list available at all shooting sites)

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

BAC Indoor Champs

As you may be aware, we will not be holding the BAC Club Indoor Champs at Victoria School this year. As an alternative, we will be running an 'online' tournament. This will be a Portsmouth Round and you will be able to shoot this at an indoor range session. The round is shot on a 60cm face and consists of 5 dozen arrows at 20 yards. If you are a compound archer, the round is shot on a 3 spot face. Rounds need to be signed off by a Range Captain and need to be submitted by the end of January. Please send your completed, signed off scoresheets to helenandbarry@outlook.com

Canford Indoor

Please note that due to the need to be mindful of Covid and the measures necessary to keep people safe, and the cost of running the tournament with reduced numbers, it is not feasible to run the Canford Indoor in January. This is disappointing but we hope that you will understand the reasons behind this and that we have a duty of care to try and protect the health and safety of all our members. We sincerely hope that this may be able to be reinstated in 2023.

Chairman's Cup

You will be very pleased to hear that the Chairman's Cup will be running in early 2022. Dates have been set for the following Sundays: - 20th February, 27th February, 6th March, and 13th March 2022. The Chairman's Cup consists of 3 dozen arrows shot on an 80 cm face at 30 metres. Compound archers shoot on a 3 spot face. You need to complete three sessions to enter the tournament. There will be two sessions run on each date to allow for numbers of archers wishing to shoot, morning and afternoon. There is a maximum of 16 archers per session and you will need to book your session via Eventbrite in order to shoot. Please note that if a particular session is full, for example morning, you will need to book a lane for the afternoon. Bookings for this tournament will be available on Eventbrite from the middle of January and members will be able to book three sessions on separate dates. This is a very popular Club shoot and we encourage new members and juniors to come along and give it a go.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Club is pleased to report that we now have 19 trained club First-Aiders and a list of these is available at our various shooting locations. In addition, we have recently purchased our own club defibrillator. This is currently stored in our container on C2 during the winter season. David Pascoe will be arranging for training to be given by a local paramedic on the use of the defib and CPR. Initial training will be offered to all club First-Aiders and Field/Range Captains. Please note there is another BU defib located on the wall just outside the main clubhouse. Club first aid kits are also available at all shooting locations.

CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS/OFFICERS

Following the recent AGM the following Committee Members & Club Officers have been appointed:

President: John Richardson	Chairman: David Williams
Secretary: Heidi Underwood	Treasurer: Helen Wraight
Equipment Officer: Alan Hayden	Asst. Eqpmt Officer: Norman Davies
Membership Sec: Alison Innes	Records Officer: Ian Sheppard
Safeguarding Officer: Heidi Underwood	Trophies Officer: Nigel Precious
Junior Rep: Alan Hayden	Club Covid Officer: Alan Hayden
Tournament Sec: Mike Pearce	Social Sec: Dave Steer
Webmaster: Ian Sheppard	Asst. Webmaster: Martin Shaw
Merchandise: John Richardson	Club Groundsman: Alan Hayden

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The Club President, John Richardson, has kindly taken on the additional responsibility of selling/promoting Club merchandise. Therefore, if you wish to purchase any Club items, including shirts, badges, car stickers, key rings, pens, exercise bands etc please contact John on johnrichardson@hotmail.co.uk. A list of items available and prices will be available at our shooting locations.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

BAC would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members, including those who have joined after completing the September 'Introduction to Archery' course. We hope that you enjoy shooting with the club and look forward to seeing you at our shooting venues. As a new member you should have received a club Welcome Pack, if not please contact Dave Williams and he will provide one for you.

CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS

As you will appreciate, the Club's social events, such as the summer BBQ Fun Shoot and the Christmas Dinner, have been hugely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope that we will be able to reinstate the programme of events next year subject to the Covid situation improving.

CLUB EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE:

We are seeking donations of unwanted tools and equipment that we can add to our Club workshop store. Hand or electrical tools will be very welcome - we will arrange PAT testing where necessary. So, if you are sorting out your workshop, garage or shed and have a few tools you would like to donate please contact Alan Hayden.

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

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year! Happy shooting and take care!