

# Arrowpoints

## Bournemouth Archery Club's Newsletter March 2022

Dear Members,

Welcome to the spring issue of Arrowpoints. It is getting to 'outdoor' season now and let's hope for lots of nice weather so that people can enjoy their shooting. There are several important things for you to note in your diary/calendar in this issue.

### 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.

### MOVE TO SUMMER SHOOTING GROUND

We will be moving to our summer shooting ground on Mini Rugby on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Time will be needed to set up the shooting range lines, move the equipment etc and so shooting will **not** be available until **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**. Shooting will finish on C2 on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

You will still need to book your sessions via Eventbrite, however, please note that you will now be able to book up to a maximum of four people per target. Please remember to sign in the diary when you arrive, this 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!

### UNI VARSITY DAY

Please note that the Uni will be holding its annual 'Varsity Sports Day' at Chapel Gate on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - **no shooting** will be available on this day.

### **BOURNEMOUTH 7'S FESTIVAL**

The Bournemouth 7's Festival will be held at Chapel Gate on the Queen's Jubilee Celebration weekend - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Due to the need for time to set up for the event and clear away, **we will be unable to shoot from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May through to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Shooting will be able to recommence on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June up until 2pm.** This restriction is due to the Uni Ball.

### **BOURNEMOUTH UNI BALL**

The University Ball will take place on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - we will be able to shoot in the morning and up until 2pm but **will need to be off site by 2.30pm.** Shooting will resume as normal from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June onwards. All sessions will need to be pre-booked via Eventbrite.

### **BLUE LION 2022**

We are really pleased to be able to confirm that the Blue Lion Tournament will be running this year for the first time in 2 years! It will be held on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** on Football pitches 3,4 and 5 - these are the pitches next to the fenced Astro pitch area near the main car park. Shoot details and entry form are in the Cricket changing room on C2 and on the Club website. This is our major outdoor tournament so please put this date in your diaries and get your entries in!

Entry fee is £12.00 for adults and £10 for juniors. This is a great tournament to start your tournament career with as it offers distances for all abilities.

### **SECURITY AT THE BAC CLUBHOUSE - MINI RUGBY**

Following a recent break-in which resulted in us losing a number of training bows and sets of arrows, we have taken steps to improve security with the installation of CCTV. There are cameras outside of the building and one inside. To allay any members' concerns about privacy, the video filmed by the indoor camera will only be retained for a maximum period of 30 days, and the footage will only be used in the event of further incidents.

We have also installed an additional padlock on the front door of our clubhouse - your existing key will fit both padlocks. As a consequence of the recent break-in, we unfortunately have had to block the main window above the sink to improve security.

### **ARCHERY GB AGM**

Archery GB will be holding their AGM on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30am** - this meeting will be online and you should have received details direct from AGB. AGB will be sending out further details on how to log into the meeting in due course - keep an eye on your in-box.

### **DORSET & WILTS ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (DWAA)**

As some of you may be aware, DWAA - our County organisation - was mothballed last year due to the inability to fill the required Officer roles on their committee. You will have recently been notified that DWAA is being resurrected with a small Committee of people from the Wilts area. They are holding an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm online.** If you wish to participate you will need to register your interest - please see the recent email forwarded to you from BAC for details.

## **CLUB CLASSIFICATIONS**

Opportunities to achieve archery classifications have been impacted by Covid over the last two years, with less tournaments being available to shoot. We are therefore delighted to announce that the following club archers achieved their 'first class' classification last year: -

Alison Innes

Heidi Underwood

Drew Underwood

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Club first aid equipment and defibrillator will be available on Mini Rugby for the summer shooting season.

## **COACHING**

We are currently running an Introduction to Archery course on Sunday afternoons which is planned to finish on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The subsequent Development Sessions will be starting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April evening session and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April afternoon session - these sessions are designed for our new members to improve their archery skills and knowledge following attending the Intro course.

## **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

The Club President, John Richardson, has kindly taken on the 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](mailto:johnrichardson@hotmail.co.uk). A list of items available and prices can be found at our shooting locations.

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

BAC would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members. 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. If you wish further coaching, please approach a Coach and ask - they are recognisable by their red 'BAC coach' shirts!

## **CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS**

With the lifting of restrictions, we are hoping to be able to run our Summer Fun Shoot and barbeque this year, again the first one for two years! We don't have a date set yet but we will keep you posted, and please keep an eye on the website for further details.

## **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](http://www.bournemoutharcheryclub.com)

**Happy shooting and keep safe!**  
**The Committee**