

# Arrowpoints

## Bournemouth Archery Club's Newsletter August 2023

Dear Members,

Welcome to the August issue of Arrowpoints. The summer outdoor shooting weather has been a bit unkind to us so far, let's hope for better weather to end the season! Below are some important issues that you need to note in your diary/calendar for the remainder of this year's outdoor season.

### **BAC MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Many thanks to all those members who have already renewed their membership for this year. A gentle reminder that renewals are now due and should be paid by the end of August 2023. If you wish to discuss your renewal please contact Alison Innes, our Membership Secretary.

### **BAC MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS**

We are very pleased to report that Alan Hayden has been selected to participate in the Paralympic selection shoots, having achieved the required scores at the 4 selections shoots this year. Alan will now participate in the two final selection shoots next year which will determine the squad for the Paralympics to be held in Paris in 2024. We wish him all the best!

Alan also came 1<sup>st</sup> at the Peacock Archers World Record Head-to-Head shoot and the Cambridge Archers two-day World Record Status (WRS) Masters shoot. He also achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place, with Mike Pearce at the DWAA 50/70m WRS pairs and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at the Southampton two-day WRS combined double shoot. These results clearly show that Alan has achieved amazing results despite his disability - a very inspiring example to any disabled archer!

At the recent Dunster tournament Ali Innes improved on her personal best (PB) by 80 points in the Hereford Round at the Somerset Championships and improved her PB in the longbow Western by 58 points. She also came third on both days at the Forest of Bere weekend tournament doing a World Archery (WA) 70m and WA 1440 70m.

Mike Pearce achieved 1<sup>st</sup> Visitor at the Somerset Championships, and 1<sup>st</sup> in County at the Salisbury Double 720, and compound team winners with Alan as mentioned above. He was also 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the Cleve FITA.

Hannah Dearsley, one of our Junior members, has also had a good season with her achieving 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Southampton spring clout and at the Osprey triple shoot. She also came 1<sup>st</sup> in the recent Club Outdoor Champs.

We congratulate all members who have competed in home and away tournaments over the last year.

Please note that there are a number of local shoots, both outdoor and indoor, provided by other archery clubs during the year. These will cover rounds and distances that most Club archers can achieve. Details will be available on our website and on the Club noticeboard and speak to Mike Pearce for more information.

Whilst we naturally encourage members to compete in Club and local shoots, we also support all our social archers who do Archery purely for the fun of it - we are happy to accommodate everyone!

### **TOILET FACILITIES ON MINI RUGBY GROUND**

Please note that due to Football starting their training/matches this month, the toilets in the portacabin changing rooms will not be available on the following dates: 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August, and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Hopefully the toilets in the main clubhouse will be available on these dates.

### **MOVE TO OUR WINTER SHOOTING GROUND ON CRICKET 1**

It is currently planned to move to our winter shooting ground on Cricket 1 (previously Cricket 2) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Targets and all other ancillary equipment will be moved by our equipment team. Allowing for the movement of our equipment and setting up the new range, shooting will commence on C1 on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**. Target faces, pins etc and the signing in book will be available in the 'Home' changing room, along with toilet facilities. Car parking will be available in the car park adjoining the cricket pitch. Please park carefully to avoid blocking other users of the car park. Disabled archers with severe mobility issues can park their vehicles near our storage container and use their Motability scooters to travel to our shooting range.

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

**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.**

### **INDOOR SHOOTING ARRANGEMENTS**

The indoor shooting season will start on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** in the Rifle Range from 6.30pm to 10pm. The Range will be available on Tuesday and Friday evenings only. The Range will not be available on Saturday mornings due to the lack of demand and the availability of Range Captains. The hire fee per session will be £4 per adult and £3.50 per junior. This follows an increase in the hire fee being charged to BAC by the Gun Club. We now have a card reader and members will be able to pay their range fee via credit/debit card if they wish, rather than with cash. The card reader will be available in the Range on shooting nights.

### **3-SPOT CHALLENGE (Indoor season)**

The 3-spot challenge will run in November 2023, in line with the Range opening for the indoor season. The shoot consists of 24 arrows in 3 ends on a 40cm 3-spot target face. Your three best scores are 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 chocolates 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 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. Keep an eye out for further details.

## **2023 BAC AGM**

This years AGM will be held in October 2023. Further details, including the Agenda, will be sent to all members in due course. We would like to highlight that our Club Treasurer, Helen Wraight, is standing down this year and we will therefore be seeking a replacement. This is an important role in the Club and it is a 'necessary officer' role. A job description is available for anyone who may be interested in taking this position on. If you are interested in this role and want to have a chat about what it involves etc, then please contact either Dave Williams, Club Chairman, or Helen Wraight, Club Treasurer.

## **UNIVERSITY IMPROVEMENTS AT CHAPEL GATE**

The University were successful in obtaining a grant from the Football Foundation for major works at Chapel Gate. This will include the provision of a new artificial grass pitch located next to the fenced astro-turf hockey pitches and work has already started. The project also includes improvements to the main changing room block.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Club's first aid equipment and defibrillator will be available at our outdoor shooting location. Club first aid equipment will also be available in the indoor range - please note that there is a sports campus defibrillator on the outside of the main clubhouse.

## **COACHING**

A new Introduction to Archery course will commence in the Rifle Range on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and will run over three consecutive Saturday mornings, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you want to know if spaces are available, please contact Carole Tidd.

If any new or transferring member has not yet received a Club Welcome Pack, please contact Dave Williams who will be happy to provide one. This is a useful guide to the Club and covers safety, etiquette and copies of the various current Club policies, including safeguarding and privacy.

## **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

If you wish to purchase any Club items, including shirts, badges, car stickers, key rings, pens etc please contact John Richardson, our Club President, on [johnrichardson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.bournemoutharcheryclub.com)

**Wishing you all happy shooting!**  
**The Committee**