



County Junior Squad Newsletter - April 2024

Farewell:

Sadly, we lose another amazing coach, Penny Smith, who attended her last coaching session with our county last month (senior practice at Cleve). Penny is a county level coach who began supporting our junior team back in 2020. She moved to the Minehead area in 2021 and yet continued to impressively attend our county coaching sessions and work with our archers, despite the 4-hour round trip. Sadly, there is no possibility of commuting from Northumberland which is where Penny is moving to in June. We will miss her and we thank her so very much for her dedication and invaluable support!

GWAS Regional Inter-Counties:

Hot off the press! This year, both the junior and senior GWAS Regional Inter-County Team Championships will be held at Cleve! The Junior tournament will be on Saturday, September 21st, and the seniors will shoot the next day on Sunday, September 22nd.

Although further details have been announced for the senior event (round - Double 720, total number of archers per team - 20), there has been no additional information released yet for the junior event.

County Junior Round Robin Practice:

The county will be hosting a Junior Round Robin practice at Deer Park, Shurdington on **Sunday, April 28th**, giving archers an opportunity to practice H2H skills in a relaxed, no-pressure environment.

Based on a pre-arranged rota, there are no eliminations and everyone gets a chance to spend the same amount of time on the shooting line. If we have time, we will add knock outs after the initial rota. Groups will be limited to no more than 6.

Depending on the numbers in each bow type group, we may have to mix disciplines. If this is the case, then a handicap system will be used.

This practice will be run like a tournament with timing system, a T.O. (Peter Sisson) and a judge (Declan Ashworth).

Assembly will be at 12:45PM and we will begin shooting promptly at 1:00PM. We are expecting to finish by 4:30PM at the latest.

We feel it is more important for juniors, especially this early in the season, to focus on H2H skills rather than distance. If you are registering your young archer(s), please let us know what distance they would like to shoot and/or feel most comfortable shooting at, and we will accommodate them accordingly.

There is a £4 practice fee per archer. 100% of this covers venue hire.

RSVP with Elaina is essential. If you would like to participate, please let me know as soon as possible so Peter has time to organise the rota.

County Senior Round Robin Practice:

The county will also be hosting a Senior Round Robin practice on **Sunday, April 21** and juniors who can manage the distances mentioned below are welcome to attend. Details for the practice are identical to those above, however distances will be as follows:

Barebow and Compound will be shooting at 50m.

Recurve and Longbow will be shooting at 70m.

Please note, if you shoot Longbow or Recurve and have not been able to reach 70m yet, you are welcome to join the BB and CU group at 50m.

There is a £5 practice fee per archer. 100% of this covers venue hire.

RSVP with Elaina is essential. If you would like to participate, please let me know as soon as possible so Peter has time to organise the rota.

Worcestershire-Gloucestershire Friendly Update:

This year's Friendly will be hosted by Stourbridge Company of Archers on Sunday, May 12. The round will be a Double WA720 and WA122 for juniors, UKRS status.

The invitation process had ground to a halt for a period as Worcestershire had to re-evaluate the number of archers they can accommodate due to the recent addition of an obstruction on their range. The team numbers had to be reduced slightly for Men's and Women's Recurve in order to ensure there were enough bosses for the juniors.

As revised numbers have now been confirmed, we are now free to finalise the team. I will be counting on early outdoor scores to finalise the remaining places.

Western & Welsh Counties Mixed Team and Open WA720 and H2H (WRS):

Entries are now open exclusively to County Team Managers for this event. **Open individual and team archers will be able to enter from May 1st.**

This event will be held at Deer Park on Sunday, June 9, as part of Deer Park's Anniversary Weekend. This tournament will be a copy of the Day 2 format from the National County Team Championships, offering an opportunity for archers to prepare for the NCTC and/or gain experience with Mixed Team H2H skills.

In order to book a place, please access Deer Park's Bookwhen system. Here is the link:

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sg9m-20240609090000>

Indoor Classification Awards:

Please note that the Indoor Classification Badges (IGMB, IMB, etc) will be administered by individual club records officers. Please do contact your club for further information on how to submit your classification and ensure that your top 3 indoor scores have been recognised and logged.

Gloucestershire 3rd Annual Winter Postal 2024:

The County Winter Postal officially concluded with the Lottery Draw at Cheltenham's Easter Bunny on April 1st. For the past three years, our county winter postal has gone from strength to strength and every year sees an increase in participation. Statistics:

Number of Participating Clubs:

- 2022: 5
- 2023: 9
- 2024: 8

Total Number of Archers:

- 2022: 51
- 2023: 82
- 2024: 87

Total Number of Rounds Entered:

- 2022: 203
- 2023: 258
- 2024: 306

Number of Lottery Tickets Issued:

- 2022: 1,015
- 2023: 1,290
- 2024: 1,530

Thank you to all the archers who participated, the clubs and coaches who organised group Short Gloucester rounds, **Bob Nicholls** for managing the IT so ably and Cheltenham Archers who kindly allowed us some time at the Easter Bunny to hold our lottery draw.

Congratulations to the 5 lottery winners:

- 1) Karen Macey (DPA)
- 2) Pat Holroyd (Great Rissington)
- 3) Grace Curran (DPA)
- 4) Sam Bowden (DPA)
- 5) Esme Simpson (Newnham)

County Rankings:

We will be reviving our county rankings this month and publishing rolling rankings for both our junior and senior archers for the 2024 outdoor season. You will be able to find the rankings on our county webpage in the drop-down list under "Records".

Last year, I had searched for and manually entered over 700 individual scores overall. There is always a possibility that I might miss the odd tournament. If you notice that any of your highest scores have not been included in the rankings, please let me know.

Here is an outline of how the ranking table will work:

- we will only be taking scores from "Prestige" rounds (WA720; York/Hereford/Bristol and WA 1440/Metrics). You can "shoot up" to longer rounds but cannot submit rounds for shorter distances.
- scores will be accepted from record-status or non-record status tournaments and from Club Target Days
- scores will be converted into handicaps, the average of your best 3 handicaps will be used to create the rankings
- the scores will largely be added by the team manager. However, if any have been missed, contact Elaina or alternately, archers can submit scores by completing the following form online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfRY-tWRwWu4Ur5IC7EfgBd5kpKksPGP2bGxv7HH7xul8Myw/viewform>

- the rolling ranking system will be updated regularly on the County website

Western & Welsh Counties Indoor Team Championships Review:

Gloucestershire hosted this inaugural event at the stunning Sports Hall at Hartpury College and University on March 9th, in tandem with the Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Championships. We were happy to welcome teams from 4 visiting counties - Glamorgan, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, with nearly 160 archers attending in all. There were some impressive performances from all counties represented as both junior and senior mixed teams battled for trophies. The higher the team was ranked, the more points a county was awarded. The county with the most points would be set to win the overall Championship Trophies.

Thanks to the brilliant effort by our Gloucestershire archers, our county impressively secured 5 team trophies:

Senior Recurve Team
Senior Barebow Team
Senior Longbow Team
Junior Compound Team
Junior Barebow Team

We managed to earn enough points to also win the Overall Junior Team Championship and the Senior Team Championship Trophies!

Well done to our entire Gloucestershire County Indoor Team - each and every one contributed to the day's success:

SENIORS:

Longbow:

Grace Curran (Deer Park)
Sean Kains (Deer Park)
Kevin Macey (Deer Park)

Barebow:

Paul McCormack (Tockington)
Isabel Plowman (Newnham)
Luke Yates (Cleve)

Recurve:

Roisin Mooney (University of Bristol)
Riley Spencer-Nice (Deer Park)
Alec Thomas (Cleve)

Compound:

Louise Bassett (Deer Park)
Amy Bode (University of Bristol)
Kieran Macey (Deer Park)

JUNIORS:

Recurve:

Carlos Amata (Cheltenham)
Jasmine Kendall (Cleve)
Sophie Leivers (Cheltenham)

Compound:

Harriet Beckinsale-Smith (Deer Park)
Ryan Faulkner (Deer Park)
Lily Wright (Deer Park)

Barebow:

Sam Bowden (Deer Park)
Eva Jefferies (Deer Park)
Jack Palmer (Deer Park)

Longbow:

Jessica Sweet (Newnham)

Many thanks and much gratitude to Jeff Grinnell and Cheltenham Archers for the loan of the foam bosses and netting; Deer Park for providing the straw bosses; Paul Honour, our brilliant County Chair, for building the stand alone, custom-made curtain rail; Peter Sisson, our Tournament Organiser Extraordinaire who seamlessly and expertly ran 2 separate events at the same time; Roger Crang for all his support; the brilliant volunteers at Deer Park's Men In Sheds who worked for months creating the lovely trophies; Kevin Macey who hand made the unique, laser-burned wooden disk medals; Amanda Cale and Classy Glass who provided the engraving on the trophies and Perspex design; Grace Curran who designed the event logo; Wales Archery Specialists for generously supporting and sponsoring our event; the small army of dedicated helpers from Deer Park Archers, Great Rissington and Cheltenham Archers who put so much effort into setting up, field crew on the day, helping at the cake stall, and packing everything away after a very long day. Thank you to our judges Adrian Gifkins, Richard Jones, Andrew Stanford and Graham Kent. And a very big thank you to the team at Hartpury College who were such a pleasure to work with. This event was years in the making and dependent on the valuable contributions of so many people. Thank you, everyone, for making this happen. Already looking forward enormously to next year's event!

Tournament Results:

Here are the top performances and highlights for the final six weeks of the indoor season:

WMAS & CWAA Senior Indoor Champs (WA18) - Evesham - Feb 4

GOLD Visitor - **Isabel Plowman** - Women's BB - 497 + IGMB (U21)

CWAA Junior Indoor Champs - Redhill - Feb 10

Gold Visitor medal for **Lily Wright** - U14 CU - 563 + IGMB

Gold Visitor medal for **Jaz Brain** - U21 RC - 511

Droitwich WA Combined - Feb 25

Grace Curran U21 Women's LB: 25m - 414 + IGMB + **UK REC**

18m - 371 + IGMB

WA Combined: 795 + **UK REC**

Sam Bowden U14 Men's BB: 25m - 494 + IGMB

18m - 467 + IGMB

WA Combined - 961

European Indoor Championships from Croatia (Feb 19-24):

Isabel Plowman clinched the European Barebow title for U21 Women after placing 3rd in qualifying (443) and subsequently winning CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD in the H2H's.

TEAM GOLD for **Isabel Plowman** and **Emily Summers** for U21 Barebow Women

SILVER for **Chloe A'Bear** for U21 CU Women

GWAS Indoor Championships - WA18 (Mar 3):

GOLD and Regional Champions:

Grace Curran - Women's LB (420) + IGMB + **UK REC**

Ava Snell - Women's U14 RC - 456 + IGMB (U14)

Lily Wright - Women's U14 CU - 551 + IGMB (U14)

Sam Bowden - Men's U14 BB - 499 + IGMB (U14)

Isabel Plowman - U21 Women's BB (458) + IMB (U21)

Carlos Amata - Men's U16 RC - 515 + IMB (U16)

Andrew Warner - Men's U14 RC - 382

Jack Palmer - Men's U16 BB - 272

SILVER:

Maja Kliczka - Women's U21 RC (417)

Maddison Nelmes - Women's U15 RC - 430

Amber Snell - Women's U14 RC - 296

BUCS Indoor Champs - Central - Portsmouth (Feb 17):

BRONZE for **Chloe A'Bear** - Women's CU - 590 + IGMB

BUCS Indoor FINALS from Coventry - WA18 (Mar 16)

SILVER:

Chloe A'Bear - CU - 577 + IGMB (U21)

Gloucestershire Senior Indoor Championships - Portsmouth (Mar 9):

GOLD and County Senior Champions:

Ryan Faulkner - CU - 578 + IGMB (U18)

Louise Bassett - CU - 577 + IGMB (U18)

Sam Bowden - BB - 543 + IGMB (U14)

Grace Curran - LB - 456 + IGMB (U21)

Isabel Plowman - BB - 522 + IMB (U21)

SILVER:

Riley Spencer-Nice - RC - 573 + IMB (U21)

BRONZE:

Jasmine Kendall - RC - 562 + IGMB (U18)

Emily Summers - BB - 460

Special Mentions and great shooting from:

Eva Jefferies - U12 BB - 441 + IGMB

Ava Snell - U14 RC - 524 + IGMB

Lily Wright - U14 CU - 561 + IGMB

Carlos Amata - U16 RC - 538 + IMB

Harriet Beckinsale-Smith - U16 CU - 562 + IMB

Jessica Sweet - U12 LB - 200 + IMB

RJD Double Worcester (Mar 24):

Grace Curran - **2 UK RECS for Junior Women's LB** - Single round 218 and Double round 409 + 2x IGMB (U21)

Sam Bowden - **2 UK RECS for Junior Men's BB** - Single round 267 and Double round 527 + 2x IGMB (U14)

Tournament Listing:

The list of tournaments published here are either hosted by our county, neighbouring counties or are national comps.

AGB have announced the dates for **2024's National Events**. They are:

May 18-19 - UK 3D Championships - Deer Park - *entries opened January 19*

May 25-26 - UK Field Championships - Overton Black Arrows - *entries open February 22*

May 31-June 2 - GNAM - Lilleshall - *entries opened on February 8*

June 29-30 - UK Masters - Lilleshall - *entries open February 29*

July 6-7 - Junior National Outdoor Championships - *entries open March 7*

July 27-31 - Youth Festival - Lilleshall - *entries already open on Sport 80*

August 3 - UK 50+ Championships - Evesham Archery Club - *entries open April 4*

August 10-11 - British Target Champs - Lilleshall - *entries open April 11*

September 14-15 - UK Disability Championships - Lilleshall - *entries open May 16*

September 28-29 - National County Team Championships - Lilleshall - *entries opened on February 8*

October 19 - National Clout Championships - York Archers Society

December 6-7 - Senior National Indoor Championships

December 8 - Junior National Indoor Championships

National Tour Dates:

April 28 - Stage 1 Bucks or Bounty - Lilleshall - *entries opened January 25*

June 29-30 - Stage 2 and UK Masters - Lilleshall - *entries open February 29*

July 13-14 - Stage 3 - Surrey - *entries open February 15*

July 20-21 - Stage 4 - Barnsley - *entries open March 14*

August 10-11 - Stage 5 and British Target Champs - Lilleshall - *entries open April 11*

September 7-8 - The Final - Wollaton Hall, Nottingham - *invitation only*

Junior Archery Series Dates:

April 27 - Stage 1 - Lilleshall - *entries now open on Sport 80*

May 18 - Stage 2 - Woking, Surrey - *entries now open on Sport 80*

June 1 - Stage 3 - Scotland - *entries open on Sport 80 on February 29*

June 15 - Stage 4 - York - *entries open on Sport 80 on April 18*

August 17 - Stage 5 - Wallingford - *entries open on Sport 80 on April 18*

August 31 - FINAL - Meriden - *invitation only*

OUTDOOR SEASON:

April 14 - Bath Albion

<https://batharchers.org/events/2024/Bath%20Albion%202024%20Entry%20Form.pdf>

April 21 - Gloucestershire Senior Round Robin - County squad event at Deer Park - *RSVP with Elaina essential*

April 27 - Junior Archery Series Stage 1 - Lilleshall - entries via Sport 80

April 28 - Gloucestershire Junior Round Robin practice - County Squad event at Deer Park - *RSVP with Elaina essential*

April 28 - National Tour Stage 1 Bucks & Bounty - Lilleshall - entries on Sport 80

May 4 - Wallingford Junior Matchplay

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/wallingford-junior-matchplay-2024/>

May 5 - Cleve Spring tournament - Double WA720 - WRS

<https://bookwhen.com/cleve-tournaments#focus=ev-seb1-20240505083000>

May 6 - Redhill Open American - non-record status - Birmingham - *waiting list only*

May 12 - Worcestershire-Gloucestershire County Team Friendly - Double WA720 - UKRS
- *invitation only*

May 18 - Junior Archery Series - Woking, Surrey - *entries via Sport 80*

May 18 - Llantarnam Double WA720 - Newport, Wales

<https://www.welsharcheryassociation.com/events/v/59-llantarnam-archery-club-double-720/>

May 18-19 - UK 3D Championships - Deer Park - entries on Sport 80

May 18 - Junior Archery Series Stage 2 - Woking, Surrey

May 19 - Bromyard Bowmen - 23rd Open WA 900 and Junior 900 rounds

<https://bromyardbowmen.org/resources/forms/entry-form-wa-900-2024.pdf>

May 19 - Black & Gold Spring Tournament - Imperial and National rounds

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLZpn0EfAeniL6vVJziL8r-tZtocOkkSG8EgodJjo2XOk7iA/viewform>

May 25 - Cleve Junior Open Tournament - St. George, Albion and Windsor rounds - UKRS -

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Cleve-Junior-Open-Prospectus-2024.pdf>

May 25-26 - UK Field Championships - Overton - entries on Sport 80

May 27 - Meriden Spring Bank Holiday WA720 & H2H -

<https://meriden-archery.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Prospectus-270524.pdf>

May 31-June 2 - GNAM - National and Double Imperial - Lilleshall - *entries open on Sport 80*

June 1 - Junior Archery Series Stage 3 - Scotland

June 2 - Minchinhampton Tournament - National and Imperial rounds

<https://www.bowmenofminchinhampton.co.uk/courses/bom-annual-tournament/>

June 8 - Deer Park WA720 & H2H

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-s57l-20240608090000>

June 9 - Western & Welsh Counties County Mixed Team and Open WA720 & H2H - Deer Park - Entries now open to county team managers. Entries to open to open archers on May 1st.

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sg9m-20240609090000>

June 15 - Bath Novices Tournament -

<https://batharchers.org/events/2024/Bath%20Novices%202024%20Entry%20Form.pdf>

June 15 - Junior Archery Series Stage 4 - Yorkshire

June 22 - Cleve Junior Metric - metric rounds (UKRS) -

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Cleve-Junior-Metric-Prospectus-2024.pdf>

June 22 - Oxfordshire Senior Outdoor Championships - Wallingford

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/coas-outdoors-2024/>

NEW: June 23 - Somerset Junior County and Open Championships - York/Hereford/Bristol (incl U21) - UKRS and Rose Award Status - Burnham-on-Sea

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeokUComVQtBWkFWEHuRhbmXPw6JQaKR4RyF9MqLXXuAmlgg/viewform>

June 29-30 - UK Masters & National Tour Stage 2- Lilleshall - *entries open on Sport 80*

June 30 - Gloucestershire Combined Outdoor County Championships - 1440 and Metrics - WRS - Deer Park

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sgpe-20240630090000>

July 6-7 - Junior National Outdoor Championships - Lilleshall (**NOTE:** Saturday is the metric FITA Star tournament. Sunday is the actual National Championships, Imperial round) - entries via Sport 80

July 7 - Dorset & Wiltshire 1440 - WRS 1440 + Metrics + Short Metrics - Supermarine, Swindon

<http://www.supermarinebowmen.org.uk/Resources/Uploads/DWAA%201440%207th%20July%202024%20Prospectus%20and%20Entry.pdf>

July 7 - Tockington Archers BBQ Shoot - Nationals rounds

<https://tockingtonarchers.co.uk/43rd-open-summer-tournament-2023/>

July 13 - Wallingford Summer Metrics - WRS

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/summer-metrics-2024/>

July 13-14 - National Tour Stage 3 - Surrey

July 14 - Catherine Oldacre Tournament - UKRS - Imperial rounds - Cheltenham Archers

<https://bookwhen.com/cheltenhamarchers/e/ev-sj8x-20240714080000>

July 14 -21 - Dunster Week - more information available from the GWAS website

July 14 - Rat's Ashes - American/St. Nicholas rounds - Stourbridge Co. of Archers -

https://www.scoa.org.uk/files/ugd/4a1a5a_d971a9abedc74c0a9fc5d00cb19788c3.pdf

July 20-21 - National Tour Stage 4 - Barnsley - *entries open on Sport 80*

July 21 - Deer Park UKRS Warwick and Fun H2H

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-ss96-20240721090000>

July 27-28 - Cleve FITA Weekend -

<https://clevearchers.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Cleve-WA-Weekend-Prospectus-2024.pdf>

July 27-31 - Youth Festival - Lilleshall - *entries open on Sport 80*

July 28 - Aubrey Ison Memorial Shoot & BBQ - WA70m and Long Metrics for juniors - Bromyard Bowmen

<https://bromyardbowmen.org/resources/forms/entry-form-aubrey-ison-mem-2024.pdf>

August 3 - Wallingford WA720 - WRS

<https://www.wallingfordcastle.co.uk/tournaments/7th-wca-720/>

August 4 - Black & Gold Summer Tournament - Imperial and National rounds

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5P55OpcjkBaqqpCvT5j3tI-7EG8CbmKsXjgQnTodBPRI62A/viewform>

August 10-11 - British Target Champs & National Tour Stage 5 - Lilleshall - *entries open April 11*

August 11 - Bath Hereford - *entries not open yet*

August 11 - Stourbridge Albion and Windsor rounds - UKRS

https://www.scoa.org.uk/files/ugd/4a1a5a_09eea9b79a1a49c081d967db45f3a4d7.pdf

August 11 - Deer Park All Day Imperial - UKRS and Rose Award Status -

<https://bookwhen.com/dpaopenevents#focus=ev-sdcr-20240811090000>

August 17 - Junior Archery Series - Stage 5 - Wallingford

August 31 - Junior Archery Series FINAL - Meriden

September 1 - Supermarine Marston Arrow - Hereford/Bristol/National rounds

<http://www.supermarinebowmen.org.uk/Resources/Uploads/Marston%20Arrow%201st%20September%202024%20Prospectus%20and%20Entry%20Details.pdf>

September 1 - Stourbridge Sheriff's Western - Western rounds - UKRS

https://www.scoa.org.uk/files/ugd/4a1a5a_b31c6f7a6d194c05a7ac619d3547c10e.pdf

Upcoming Gloucestershire County Tournaments - reminder:

April 21- County Senior Round Robin practice - Deer Park

April 28 - County Junior Round Robin practice - Deer Park

May 5 - Cleve Spring Tournament

May 18-19 - UK National 3D Championships - Deer Park

May 19 - Black & Gold Spring Tournament

May 25 - Cleve Junior Open