

# NUNEATON ARCHERS

## Newsletter

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## Senior Club Captain stands down.

Terri has decided that it is time for her to stand down from the position of senior club captain and to resume shooting without the additional pressures caused by also being the captain.

As a club we should all be grateful to Terri, who took on the role when the format changed at the last AGM and has worked tirelessly since to make

sure that shooting remains safe and enjoyable and that new members are included and welcomed into the club and therefore settle in faster.

All work aimed at keeping the club running smoothly is time consuming and eats into your personal shooting time and there comes a time when you know it is right to take a step back and let someone else do their bit.

Terri has worked on the committee for many years now and will still be there shooting and helping out where necessary but her focus can now be on shooting.

A big 'Thank You' from the club

*On Saturday 18th May we featured on the BBC Coventry & Warwickshire Radio, with a piece in their 'Club of the Week' slot.*

*It went out live at 9.15am and was followed up with another feature on the following Tuesday evening*



## Item 2: The Club Website

After much discussion at the last AGM work has been taking place behind the scenes to make the necessary changes to the club website. We are at a point where we have made the site 'live' and so now if you take a look you should see some differences.

The decision was made some time ago that the website would be the cornerstone of our communication strategy. The general pages are pretty similar to how the old website looked and so those looking for a club, a course or to see what they have to do to start will find all the information they need.

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### Item Two: Club Website Continued



The big difference for the members will be on the ‘members only’ pages where we are hoping that all the information you will need will be stored. Work behind the scenes to move relevant information and add new and important detail is continuing and eventually it is planned to have a ‘Notices’ page where information on current shoots, work parties etc will all be found.

It does take time to get it all in place but when completed it should be a good site for scores, external league shoot information as well as our own summer and winter ‘round of the month’ information. More about that later.

There is also an ‘app’ for your phone where information can be received very quickly and is already proving to be a useful form of communication.

Please sign up to the website so that you are aware of what is happening.

#### Thought for the week

*“If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.”*



Entrants shooting at the 2018 Club Open Windsor

### Item Three: Field Captain Role

We have seen a few issues over the last few months with potentially dangerous consequences.

Please be aware that the Field Captain is the person in charge of shooting at all times.

If you attend the field on your own, or with a couple of you shooting together, then you can sort it amongst yourselves. However, as soon as there are more shooting, then there

needs to be an 'identified' Field Captain who takes charge of the field and the shooting activity.

At that point the Field Captain makes all the decisions about shooting. They can stop you shooting and even remove you from the field if you refuse to accept their authority.

To assist in being able to identify who the Field Captain is we have purchased some orange vests. If you take on the role of Field Captain at any time then you must don the vest so that all archers shooting can easily identify you. The vests will be hanging in the club house and should be returned there when you stop being the field captain.

If we are operating a split field, with two shooting areas, then there should be two Field Captains, each responsible for their own part of the field.

The rules on the split field identify the 'safe ground' in between the two shooting parts of the field as being a safe area for both parts of the field. If anyone needs to enter that 'safe area' then shooting across the whole field must stop as it would be unsafe for anyone to enter whilst shooting on any part of the field continues.

Equally, if we wish to split the field further than just two areas, then the additional area should have poles/flags and eventually a rope, to identify another 'safe space' between shooting areas.

As with all rules and guidance, if in doubt, ask one of the committee for an explanation.

## Item Four: The Round of the Month

We have introduced the Round of the Month to encourage more members to shoot recognised rounds and submit their scores to Bryan for recording. (This helps you to track any improvement and allows Bryan to produce a handicap rating and a classification for you)

There are a couple of groups for senior recurve archers. If you don't feel that you want to push up to the longer distances then shoot in the group that allows shorter distances. The idea is to encourage you to shoot, score and enjoy it. Hopefully then your archery, confidence and ability will improve and you will be able to shoot, and enjoy, the longer distances.

There are groups for barebow and longbow, as well as another for the arbalists and also juniors.

The rules are in the clubhouse, but basically shoot the round of the month as many times as you like. Submit your scores to Bryan and see how you do. You will get points just for entering and so even if not in the top three you can still increase your total points by entering as often as you can.

The entries and scores will also be used as part of the criteria to identify the club person of the year.

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### Item Five: Club ‘Closed’ Comp

#### !!!!!!!!!!!!!! Saturday 20th July !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The plan is for this year to hold a ‘Closed’ competition for club members.

That means that only club members will be allowed to shoot, and as such we can decide any changes to rounds etc that we might like in order for as many members as possible to feel able to join in.

The exact details of distances, number of arrows etc are still being decided, but the whole competition will be shot over a ‘shorter’ distance before lunch.

Over lunch the scores will be sorted and a finishing list produced. We will then have a ‘Head to Head’ shoot off in the afternoon. Again, it will be a shorter distance to give everyone a chance, but will be in the style of the Olympic format of 3 arrow ends.

There will be 3 ends with 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw, with the winner being the one that reaches 4 points first. In the event of a tie after 3 ends the winner will be decided by single arrow shoot off. Closest to the X in the centre of the target to win.

Straight after the shooting (or whilst the final shoot offs are happening) the BBQ will be lit and everyone is asked to bring their food and get involved in cooking it themselves. The club will provide salad, condiments, bread rolls etc but those attending would need to bring their own meat, chicken, fish etc and of course their own drinks. Alcohol will be allowed on the field but cannot be consumed by anyone that still has to shoot.

#### SATURDAY 20TH JULY 11am Start



### Item Six: Club Open Competition

This years ‘Open’ Windsor will take place on Saturday 24th August and the entry list is already open.

Although we will require some members to help with the various roles on the day, we would also like to encourage the ‘newer’ members to enter and shoot.

The round of the month should have given you a little bit of experience and built some confidence so the next step is a Windsor.



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### Item Seven: Indoor Shooting

#### Indoor Season 2019/2020

Indoor Shooting last year was slightly hampered by the building taking place at the school. It is hoped that by our return for the 2019/20 season that most of the work will have been completed and things will look a little different.

We are not sure of times etc and there might be some changes. As soon as we find anything out we will make sure that all members are aware.

We do know that we will not be able to get access until at least the 5th November and so our first Portsmouth league shoot of the season is likely to have to take place on a Saturday morning outside!

We are some way off the indoor season and so an etiquette reminder will be repeated closer to the start of the season, but it is worth reminding everyone at this time that there has to be a minimum of two people left at the end of the evening to ensure that the nets are taken down and all kit stored back in the cupboard.

Once we have confirmed times etc details and rules for shooting will be circulated.

### Item Eight: Important Dates

#### **Committee Meeting**

Saturday 3 August Club House, 1pm.

#### **Work Party Dates**

Saturday 10 August

#### **Competitions**

Sunday 30 June NCF Competition

Saturday 20th July Club 'Closed' Competition

Sunday 11 August NCF Crossbow Competition

Saturday 24 August Nuneaton Archers Annual  
Windsor - Reg UK Status

#### **Annual General Meeting**

tba October Chestnuts Club

#### **Presentation Evening**

Oct/Nov – tba Chestnuts Club