

# Eastbourne Archers

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## March 2018 Newsletter

It was agreed at the AGM that there was a need to put up the club fees.

It was also decided that, with effect from the 31<sup>st</sup> March, the club would scrap the current green fee that members must pay, but, the increase in the club fees would now incorporate that.

The new annual fees for 2018 are as follows:

Adult	£115.00
Senior	£105.00
Student	£105.00
Junior	£60.00

*If you have any ideas or articles for the newsletter, please send to me at*

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I would like to welcome the new members to the Eastbourne Archers committee, and also take the opportunity to thank all of the committee members for giving up their spare time to assist in the running of the club.

Following voting at the AGM last month, the committee currently consists of:

Chairman:	Ian Cosham
Secretary:	Liz Davis
Treasurer:	John Ellwood
Records Officer:	Marilyn Dewar
Membership Secretary:	Andrew Britsch
Equipment Officer:	Paul Bridge
Publicity Officer:	Nick Royall
Junior rep:	Eleanor Smith
Supernumary:	David Gates

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By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

[Benjamin Franklin](#)

It was good to see so many of you at the awards evening, and the AGM this year, and I thank you all for your continuing support.

It was agreed at the AGM to increase the membership fees for this year, but to offset this, the club has decided to abolish target fees effective from 1st April. You will still need to sign in when you shoot, and visitors fees are unchanged.

I also put forward that the club would host a taster event, and following further discussion at the committee meeting this month, we have decided to proceed with this event in July. I am looking for people to join a sub committee to organise this event, and would welcome volunteers. If this is a success, it will raise the profile of the club, bring in revenue, and potentially new members, so is beneficial to the club on many levels, and I would like everyone to support this event., which will be held probably on a Saturday afternoon.

# **MICE SAY THANKS FOR THE SOUP THEY REALLY ENJOYED IT!**

Once again the mice have been encouraged by our bad habits. They have helped themselves to the packet soups left on the counter. If you use the kitchen area, or bring anything edible, please make sure it is stored in a sealed plastic container. Can all members take responsibility for making sure that this area is left clean and foodstuffs secured before leaving. It only takes a minute to check and, hopefully, our furry friends will take the hint.



The outdoor season will be starting shortly and all archers are encouraged to test themselves and try shooting longer distances and rounds. In order to help, Don and the other coaches are making the following offer:-

## **Shooting the Max**

This year, the Club Champs will involve maximum distances, (90m for men, 70m for ladies and age related for juniors). For those who haven't shot these distances it may seem a bit daunting but DON'T PANIC! There's a chance to improve your distance shooting and make sure you're getting the most out of your equipment.

If you would like to come along to an evening, (when the weather is warmer), I (and other coaches), will have a look at your equipment and shooting to make sure you can get the maximum distance. At the very least you'll get a chance to see how far you can shoot!

If you'd like to come along let me know at [mac.mccallum@btinternet.com](mailto:mac.mccallum@btinternet.com) also could you say which evening would suit you best. I can then keep you up to date on when we'll do it.

Don.

## **Make Your Own Strings**

Would you like to make a string for your bow? I'm asking for names of members who'd like to come to a session and learn how to make a string. Also it will be a chance for a few to make one for their own bow.

This will involve you working in pairs, (so if it's not perfect you can blame your partner! !), and you'll be able to choose what colour for the string and serving. I'll make a striped string so you can see how that's done.

This will be upstairs in the Study Centre of Langney Sports Club, probably an evening session. If you're interested please let me know at [mac.mccallum@btinternet.com](mailto:mac.mccallum@btinternet.com) and also say which evening suits you best.

If I get enough replies we'll go ahead and I'll keep you up to date with when etc.

Don.

## EASTBOURNE ARCHERS - SUMMER FIXTURE LIST 2018

**THE FIXTURE LIST IS PRODUCED TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO SHOOT A VARIED PROGRAMME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MOST ROUNDS CAN BE SHOT AT A VARIETY OF DISTANCES TO SUIT ALL AGE GROUPS AND ABILITIES.**

		<b>NOTES</b>	
<b>KEY</b> <b>Club Trophy Events</b> <b>Open Trophy Events</b> <b>Imperial Scoring</b> <b>Metric Scoring</b>		<b>Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday target day shoots all start at 10.00 am</b> <b>Please try to arrive by 9.30am to help set up the field</b> Members wishing to shoot in the afternoon should be ready and set-up by 2pm latest 12 doz rounds may be shot thro' lunchtime with a short break but allowance must be made for those who shoot in the afternoon to set-up	
Sunday 1st April	10.00 am	St. Leonards round (historical round 1850) 36 arrows at 60 yards and 39 at 50 yards 122 cm face. (75 arrows) (Round shot in the presence of Queen Victoria)	
Sunday 8th April	10am	Western(s) Warwick(s)	
Sunday 15th April	10.00 am	Windsor(s) Short Warwick(s)	<b>Hastings &amp; St Leonards</b> <b>Soup Shoot</b>
Sunday 22nd April	10.00 am	York/Hereford/Bristol(s) National(s)	<b>HANDICAP</b> <b>Trophy Series</b>
Sunday 29th April	10.00 am	St George/Albion/Windsor(s) Warwick(s)	
Sunday 6th May	10.00 am	WA 900	
Sunday 13th May	10.00 am	Metrics WA 70/WA 60	<b>Handicap</b> <b>Trophy Series</b> <b>Newhaven</b> <b>Western</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20th</b> <b>May</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>PETE'S CLOUT</b> <b>OPEN</b> <b>GNAS CLOUT 180/140 yds</b> <b>GNAS CLOUT - Junior distances</b>	 <i>Regrettably, due to insufficient overshoot NO compounds can take part</i>
Sunday 27th May	10.00 am	Long Metrics Short Metric(s)	
Sunday 3rd June	10.00 am	Western(s) Warwick(s)	<b>HANDICAP</b> <b>Trophy Series</b> <b>Ditchling</b> <b>Windsors</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10th</b> <b>June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>CLUB</b> <b>Double American Trophy</b> <b>American (Dench Trophy) L/B &amp; B/B</b>	 <b>Only the First American of the day counts for the Dench Trophy if the Double is shot</b>
Sunday 17th June	10.00 am	Historical/Foreign Round A list of historical/foreign rounds will be available to choose from.	
Sunday 24th June	10.00 am	Long Metric(s) .. Gents / Ladies Short Metric(s)	

Sunday 1st July	10.00 am		<b>OPEN Longbow/Barebow Tournament - Western 1 Way</b> <b>Assembly 10.30 - Sighters 10.45 am</b> Help needed to set up the field please from 8.30am, also during the day and to pack up at the end.	
Saturday 7th July			<b>Doreen's Open Junior Shoot</b> Help needed to set up the field please from 8.30am, also during the day and to pack up at the end.	
Sunday 8th July	10.00 am		York/ Hereford/Bristol(s) National(s)	
Sunday 15th July	10.00 am	Gents & Ladies WA 1440 Metric(s)	<b>HANDICAP</b> <b>Trophy Series</b>	<b>Crawley Charity Shoot</b> <b>14/15 July</b>
Saturday 21st July	1.00 pm	<b>PUBLIC TASTER FUN AFTERNOON</b> Help required to run and set-up		
Sunday 22nd July	10.00 am		St George/Albion/Windsor(s) Warwick(s)	
Sunday 29th July	10.00 am		WA 70/WA 60 Metric(s)	
Sunday 5th August			<b>ROSE AWARD OPEN SHOOT</b> Help is required from 8am onwards to set up the targets, also during the day and to pack up at the end.	
Sunday 12th August	10.00 am		Long Metric(s) - Ladies & Gents Short Metric(s)	
Wednesday 15th August	10.30 am Sighters		<b>OPEN</b> <b>Lazy Shoot</b>	
Sunday 19th August	10.00 am		Ladies/Gents WA 1440 & Metric(s) Long Metric(s)	<b>HANDICAP</b> <b>Trophy Series</b>
	<b>SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 10.00 AM JUNIOR COMPETITION</b> Help needed to set up the field please from 8.30am, also during the day and to pack up at the end.			
Monday 27th August	10.00 am 2.00 pm		Warwick(s) <b>CLUB</b> "Golden Oldies" - Short Western ( Over 50's)	
Sunday 2nd September	10.00 am ALL DAY		<b>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> <b>WA 1440 Ladies/Gents and associated Metrics</b>	
Sunday 9th September	10.00 am		York/Hereford/ Bristol(s) National(s)	<b>HANDICAP</b> <b>Trophy Series</b>
Sunday 16th September	10.00 am		WA 900	
Sunday 23rd September	10.00 am		<b>OPEN</b> "Les Bishop" WA Clout <b>Ladies &amp; Gents 165 &amp; 125 metres + Jnr distances</b> <i>Regrettably, NO compounds due to insufficient overshoot area</i>	
Sunday 30th September			Cancellation date (if necessary)	

## **Classifications**

Classifications are important to all archers because they are the best indication of where you are in terms of scoring ability and provide a benchmark for levels of improvement. There are six classification levels: the lowest is third class, then second class, first class, Bowman, Master Bowman, and Grand Master Bowman at the highest classification level.

Archery GB produces tables detailing exactly what scores you need in each round to hit a certain classification. The scores required for a classification can be found in our **Shooting Administration Procedures** .

To gain a classification you need to shoot three scores that meet that classification level. The highest two classifications, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman, can only be achieved with scores achieved at record status competitions. Once you achieve a classification you cannot go back and claim a lower one.

You can hold different classifications for different bow types, but you can only hold your classification for the calendar year in which you shot your qualifying scores. You must re-qualify each year to maintain it.

## **Handicaps**

The handicap system is a way of adjusting scores to a baseline so that archers with different levels of experience can compete on an equal footing. A novice usually starts out with a high handicap, which reduces as they post better scores. To achieve a handicap an archer must shoot at least three rounds. These need to be shot with at least one other archer and the results need to be recorded, witnessed, signed and submitted to the club records officer, who is responsible for listing club members' handicaps.

The system has two main uses. First, handicaps can help you gauge your progress. Second, they are also used to produce adjusted results in handicap tournaments. Once the results of such tournaments are in, the Tournament Organiser will use the Archery GB handicap tables to calculate the handicap adjustments and find the winner. Many clubs have a handicap officer, who you can speak with for further information. Your club secretary may also be able to give you further guidance.