

# Eastbourne Archers

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## Newsletter Autumn 2015

What a summer we've had!!

That's if you can call it a summer with the amount of rain, and the lack of sunshine.

We kicked off the summer season with our annual historical round, the St. Leonards; a couple of weeks later a host of us went to St. Leonards for the Hastings Soup Shoot to start the season's competitions off.

We held Pete's clout on 24<sup>th</sup> May with a number of Juniors taking part in their first clout, with some fantastic shots at the flag.

We've successfully hosted a number of competitions, starting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 Way Western Longbow shoot, which drew lots of Longbow archers, ensuring this new competition will continue for next year. With the British weather proving it's usual unreliability the Longbow / Barebow Western tournament on the 5th July was a bit of a washout, but no spirits were dampened. Our 2 day Rose award was a complete contrast, weather wise, with the sun shining and records being broken. Due to a few clashes with other competitions the attendance was down on other years, so watch this space as the date may move for next year. We have now become the permanent venue for Doreen's Junior Sussex shoot, with juniors from around the County enjoying the atmosphere and a well run competition. Thank you Daniel.

The next event is our Club Championships, to be held next weekend. We will be shooting a new 'Eastbourne' round; created to be able to cater for all archers at all abilities.

## Eastbourne Archers L/B B/B Tournament 05/07/2015

On the 5th of July 2015 Eastbourne Archers held their 17th Longbow/ Barebow Tournament at Langney.

As I'm the current Chairman, Daniel Bridge, (who's organised the last ten tournaments), asked me to be the Gentleman Patron for the day, (the male equivalent of the Lady Paramount). We started getting the field ready at 8.30 for a 10.30 assembly; helpers were Ian Cosham, Diane and Keith Billenness, (who helped all day), plus Sam Hookway and all the members who were shooting. It poured down in the morning and once everyone was completely soaked the weather improved and the day ended very pleasantly !

Daniel does all the organising and collating scores etc. and Dave Egalton was the Field Captain and so my duties are only to welcome the archers at the start and then hand over to Daniel to give all the instructions; I also have to present all the awards at the end of the day. To cap it all most of the Lady's awards were won by our lovely Eastbourne Archers members who all gave me a, (completely undeserved), hug and kiss; that alone is a very good reason to be Chairman ! !

Jill, (my wife), took loads, (51), of photos and kept a running commentary on my performance, (none of it complementary though it was quite funny), and all in all it was another triumph for Eastbourne Archers.



## PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Those of you who attended the awards evening in January will remember we were unable to award the Personality of the Year trophy to Len Brownsell on the night. This was awarded for his dedication to archery and the way he makes light of the problems he has had to face in the last few years. We were proud to finally award this trophy on Saturday. It was good to see him back on the field (bad weather and health problems had kept him away). I am sure he will be part of the Saturday line up now that the weather has, hopefully, improved for the summer.



## Halloween Fun Shoot.

This year on 1st November 2015 we will be holding our first Halloween fun shoot. There will be all sorts of spooky targets, so test your wits, dress up as scary as you can and have some spooky fun.

There will be prizes for the best fancy dress, along with many other prizes. Do remember you need to shoot in your costume.



### Have a Go for Sport for All.

Eastbourne Archers were asked by the Borough Council to hold a have a go at Hampden Park Sports Centre as part of the Sport for All weekend which is overseen by the NSPCC in aid of their charity. This is the fourth year we've done it and it's two hours, split in to two sessions for local children, (and some of the parents), to try archery; this year on the 17th of May.

I'd agreed we could take up to 20 a session and so we had about 25 for the first and the Lord alone knows how many for the second, but definitely a lot more than 25! We started setting up at 13.30 and had to be out by 16.00, (at which point we were all just about ready to collapse).

It all went really well, we had just enough helpers and loads of balloons for the kids to burst and a good time was had by all, (it's official, the Sports Centre told us how much everyone enjoyed it).

Helpers were David Chadwich, Pat and Chris Evans, Ian and Shayla Cosham, Mark Worsfold, and helping at the start and finish to set up and take down Chris Petken, Nick Royale and Darren Murrel, (Alex's Dad); thanks to them all.

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### Archery tasters for Girl Guiding members

Eastbourne Archers held taster sessions for Brownie, Guide and Ranger units recently. Eastbourne Division Rangers, 42nd Eastbourne Brownies, 42nd Eastbourne Guides, and Chiddingfold Guides came to the Eastbourne Archers club at Langney Sports, over three evenings, and were given an introduction to archery by club coaches and members. Under the clubs' guidance, they were shown how to shoot safely.

(Photo is members of Eastbourne Division Rangers, and 42nd Eastbourne Guides enjoying the taster sessions)





## Club Championships.

Our annual outdoor Club Championships are fast approaching, to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September. This year we have decided to create a new round, which we are calling the 'Eastbourne', rounds have to originate somewhere, to be able to cater for the majority of our archers, from seasoned competition archers to the new novices who may only have been shooting a few months.

**The Eastbourne follows the pattern of a Windsor but is at shorter distances, and consists of 3 doz. @ 70yds, 3 doz. @ 60yds then 3 doz. @ 50yds**

## Committee vacancies.

As the summer season is coming to a close and the winter season is nearly upon us, those in the committee have been thinking of their positions, some of us have already decided that the time is right to let someone else have a role on the committee. Come the AGM in February the following posts will be available. Other posts may still become available.

- **Publicity Officer.** This job, my job, involves the running of the website, keeping it clean, tidy and up to date; along with publishing the Newsletter and dealing with the local news to promote us and our archers where applicable.

- **Chairman.** This job is to mainly make sure the club runs effectively and efficiently. You will chair the committee meetings. If there are any dealings with Langney Sports you will be their port of call. If there ever has to be any disputes you will be the one keep the piece and to uphold the constitution.

## FINALLY THE DUCK QUACK SCORES!!

During the recent Clout shoot five Canada geese flew over from Pevensey towards the stadium honking noisily. Then a lone duck quacked up at them and they all turned back and landed on our field looking for the duck who had called them in to what they probably thought was a feast. Unfortunately they only found the Clout flag and had to be gently encouraged to fly away before we started shooting them for dinner. - Marilyn

