

Black Arrow September Shoot Report

As we enter a new age, mourning the loss of our Queen and presenting the Union Jack at half-mast as a mark of respect. We held the time honoured tradition of holding a two minute silence at midday which all archers observed, pausing to reflect on the passing of the Queen and the coming of a King, His Royal Highness King Charles III.



Like many of you, we are all deeply saddened at the passing of Her Majesty the Queen and wanted to extend our condolences to the Royal Family from all of us at Black Arrow including and our visiting company of archers during this period of national mourning.

We held our shoot knowing that her values are to our duty to carry on, support our people to enjoy life and help each other through the hard and good times, which is reflected in her quote.

"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future."



On the heels of the eagerly anticipated Nationals, Black Arrow have once again pulled out all the stops to set a challenging course preparing the valiant archers for the pending weekend's championships with a variety of new targets.

The Black Arrow Wood is a hive of activity with members orchestrating the shoot ensuring archers are warmly welcomed, parked safely by Chris' crew, directed towards Administration and then presented with the prerequisite breakfast by our amazing catering team.



After the long, hot and dry summer, we have finally had some rain and a good dose of fog, which has freshened up the woods bringing it back to life delivering the much needed and cooler temperature for the +100 archers to enjoy their shooting.

With our newly adopted digital scoring facility in Administration, we have continued to efficiently manage the results supporting a greater emphasis on the medal presentation and more time for some banter.

We are extremely fortunate and thankful to have such a phenomenal catering team (Hazel, Jady, Liz and Leyla) who surpassed expectations, offering an incredible array of scrumptious sustenance, beverages and a cake collection that made our mouths water just looking at them. We all love archery but there is no doubt it would not be the same without a lovely slice (large of course!) of cake, a hot brew in hand chatting with our friends!



Mike held court to make sure we knew what to expect, how the shoot would work and above all, keeping us all safe. That; no mean feat with 100+ archers all eager to win medals.

This pre-National's course was skillfully devised by Mike (our God-like genius, who has a wicked sense of humour for course setting) and his faithful partner in crime, Wayne, to really test the archer's mettle before the championships, however, keeping it fun and most importantly enjoyable. As usual, they have been looking to baffle the company using the natural habitat, their 'tricksy' minds and overall cunning to push toxophilites abilities to the max!

Once again, they delivered with some outstanding targets especially the 7 foot bear situated down the immense corridor of trees, which looks like an easy shot from the peg except for subtly hidden dead ground – the 'devil' is in the detail for this one, well done Mike the 'Trickster' Haslam, you've caught a few out but they'll be back to beat you next time!



He has his loyal army of volunteers and advisors supporting his vision to make the shoots truly amazing and it is great to receive such encouraging feedback from our visiting archers who are determined to come out on top no matter what he throws their way. We have seen the smiles, the smirks and gasps, I thought that was closer!



We are so very lucky to have such consummate professionals joining us on the shoot. The form exhibited by all classes has been excellent and especially '**Sir Rob**' who can be seen concentrating on his next 24! However, we must always remember that archery is all about having fun and not taking life too seriously.

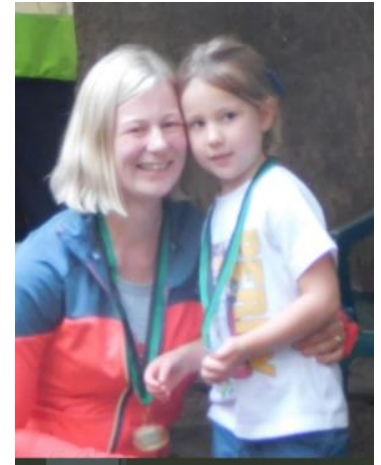


He is not on his own either, we heard plenty archers wailing with laughter, congratulating the famous Irish archer and ribbing each other over their shots when the 'Trickster' got the better of them.

We had some great 'Tree' shots, a few broken arrows across the board but only tears of laughter and delight knowing what a great time it was shooting with their mates!



Seeing our future generations joining the ranks of winner is amazing. We must continue to encourage, support and help the next champions!



It was great to welcome the returning Thumb Draw guys to the shoot whose new category is growing with each shoot. There is brilliant camaraderie between them all, where they enjoy the shooting and banter, looking to topple the previous winners.



All bow styles were well represented across all age groups with a few extra helpers to supporting our archers with a wag of their tail, telling us the next shot will be the one and seeing where it went.



And not forgetting this one, who loved having his photo taken.



Thank you for the wonderful feedback following the shoot for the catering, the devilish course setting and overall friendliness of all the Black Arrow helpers.

to be even more fiendishly good!

We love hearing from you and look to make your visit really memorable, so do challenge us each time to take it to the next level. You know how roguishly Mike can be and he will be plotting the next one



A big thank you to our members and volunteers, who helped tirelessly to make a challenging and winning pre-Nationals course making it a successful shoot.

Once again, a huge thank you to you, the company archers, for your continued support and we very much look forward to seeing you again for more fun, banter and of course cake!



September 11th 2022 Open Shoot

American Flatbow (AFB) - Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Paul	Dakin	Wasp Archers	548	1st
Mike	Strong	LEFA	532	2nd
Neil	Collier	Forest of Arden	476	3rd
Darren	Evans	Robin Hood Longbowmen	466	

Barebow (BB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Nancy	Godber	Centaura	582	1st
Susan	Blount	Pines Park Archers	514	2nd
Anne	Moon	Robin Hood Longbowmen	472	3rd
Noushka	Galley	South Birmingham Archers	384	
Ewa	Lawton	South Birmingham Archers	320	
Jennifer	Perry	South Birmingham Archers	302	

Barebow (BB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Martin	Greenway	Independent	674	1st
Darryl	Salt	Centaura	660 (2 Spot)	2nd
Thomas	Blount	Pines Park Archers	660 (1 Spot)	3rd
Martyn	Nazaruk	Forest Bowmen	658	
Mark	Jenkins	WWA	626	
David	Blount	Pines Park Archers	620	
Terry	Hicks	Forest of Arden	560	
Andy	Hubbert	Black Sheep	518	
Maurice	Millard	Forest Bowmen	488	
Gary	Weston	Forest of Arden	414	
Chris	Lawton	South Birmingham Archers	336	

Barebow (BB) - Under 16 Boys

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Thomas	Worton	Centaura	544	1st

Bowhunter (BH) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Charlie	Watters	Hanson Bowmen	728	1st
Roger	Hands	LEFA	640	2nd
Dave	Cooper	Hanson Bowmen	638	3rd
Stu	Bradley	Duvelle Bowmen	630	
Alan	Hill	Avalon Archers	612	
Kyle	Cooper	Hanson Bowmen	608	

Bowhunter (BH) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Julie	Hands	LEFA	602	1st

Bowhunter (BH) - Under 16 Girls

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Maddie	Morrow	Black Swan	558	1st

Compound Limited (CL) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Phil	Johnson	SVYF	656	1st

Freestyle (FS) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Justin	Worton	Centaura	598	1st
David	Morison	Avalon Archers	570	2nd

Hunting Tackle (HT) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Steve	Whaplington	Spirit of Sherwood	626	1st
Chris	Moon	Robin Hood Longbowmen	592	2nd
Martin	Hume	Independent	582	3rd
Garry	Thompson	Albion	572 (1 Spot)	
Fred	Alsbury	Hanson Bowmen	572	
Alan	Smee	Wasp Archers	520	
Brian	Nash	Wasp Archers	470	
Roger	Dodman	Albion	418	
Will	Lees	Pines Park Archers	382	

Hunting Tackle (HT) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Dawn	Purcell	Spirit of Sherwood	476	1st
Carole	Dodman	Albion	426	2nd
Lesley	Macpherson	Worcester Woodland Archers	382	3rd

Longbow – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Richard	Davis	KNTA	638	1st
Jon	Rudge	Independent	566	2nd
Darren	Millward	Robin Hood Longbowmen	554	3rd
Ken	Adams	Duvelle	538	
Dave	Wood	Robin Hood Longbowmen	538	
Mark	Evans	Worcester Woodland Archers	522	
Cliff	Davis	KNTA	500	
Steve	Hampton	Robin Hood Longbowmen	454	
Phil	Hiatt	Albion	424	
Dave	Riley	Robin Hood Longbowmen	394	
Neil	Groeber	Independent	336	
Mike	Piela	South Birmingham Archers	314	
Graham	Baker	Robin Hood Longbowmen	308	

Longbow – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Alex	Davis	KNTA	546	1st
Sue	Fenyn	Albion	510	2nd
Jan	Booth	Independent	492	3rd
Kay-Leona	Hodgkinson	Artemis	446	
Elenore	Cottrell	Duvelle	354	
Mandy	Collier	Forest of Arden	272	

Longbow - Under 9 Girls (Cub)

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Lily	Davis	KNTA	178	1st

Primitive (PV) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Graham	Woodhouse	Independent	588	1st
Robert	Hickey	Pride Park	562	2nd
Pat	Morrow	Black Swan	552	3rd
Jonathan	Brazel	Independent	464	
Andrew	Booth	Independent	444	
Tom	Smith	Harlequin	320	

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Adrian	Tunncliffe	LEFA	682	1st
Nick	Tunncliffe	LEFA	668	2nd
Dean	Price	Forest Bowmen	658	3rd
Martin	Murumae	Harlequin	592	
John	Cottrell	Duvelle	506	
John	Eddleston	Independent	410	
Robert	Hughes	Woodend	344	

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Wendy	Horobin	Duvelle	549	1st
Tracy	O'Keefe	Independent	438	2nd

Thumb Draw (TD) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Fasal	Wasayat	Wyre Hall	576	1st
Waqqas	Suleman	Wyre Hall	528	2nd
Taha	Usmani	Wye Valley Archers	514	3rd
Dave	Brown	Wyre Hall	500	
Mason	Noble	Afan Nedd Archers	500	

Crossbow (XB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Chris	Hughes	Woodend	714	1st

Crossbow (XB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Jayne	Lees	Pines Park Archers	708	1st

Unlimited (UL) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Richard	Edwards	Independent	896	1st
Dan	Melladay	Spirit of Sherwood	880	2nd
Tom	Duncan	Independent	876	3rd
John	Horobin	Duvelle	868 (21 Spots)	
Tim	Chatfield	Audley Parish	868 (18 Spots)	
Paul	Graham	Blaidd	824	
Paul	Farrimond	Audley Parish	804	
Carter	O'Keefe	Independent	802	
Robert	Prince	DearneValley Field Archery	792	
David	Whaplington	Spirit of Sherwood	734	
Dean	Markham	Hanson Bowmen	720	

Unlimited (UL) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	
Victoria	Duncan	Independent	834	1st
Teresa	Moon	LEFA	768	2nd