

Aurora Charity Shoot

3rd September 2023

We were delighted once again to welcome such a good turnout of guests to our Charity shoot raising funds for St Clare Hospice in Braintree, in memory of our dear friend and fellow Aurean David Searle who sadly passed away earlier in the year.

A beautifully warm and sunny day formed the backdrop to a wonderful day that was universally enjoyed by all and formed a fitting tribute to David. With over 90 archers in attendance, it was great to welcome so many old friends and others for the first time - we never take your support for granted and send our sincere thanks to all of you from all of us here at Aurora.

Charity funds were raised through donations, cake sales, the raffle and at the end of the day an auction of some of David's wonderful traditional equipment with our very own Jason Sawdy on the gavel as our charismatic auctioneer. On the day we raised £1,003 for St Clare - thank you so much to everyone who contributed with your kindness and generosity – very much appreciated.



This was also the final round of our 2023 Aurora Triple Crown award, a new competition where to become a Triple Crown champion you had to compete in and win all three of our open shoots this year. The prize, apart from a full year's worth of bragging rights and adoration of your fellow archers, was a fabulous trophy designed and made by our supremely talented Spencer Phillips, and free entry into all Aurora NFAS open shoots next year.

Going into this final stage we had 5 archers still in the running for the Triple Crown and I am delighted to say that they all came up trumps on the day to claim the award. Huge congratulations and kudos to Terry Stevens, Roger Massey, Kevin Button, Kalli Simmonds, and Neil Melton – top shooting and very well done all of you.

So, for this shoot we decided to keep it all standard Big Game with a twice round 20 single – pegged course throwing in 4 predator prey and 3 one-arrow targets making a maximum possible score of 1152.

The course was a great balance of tricky and beautifully laid shots using the terrain to great effect utilising different areas of woodland shot from innovative



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and unusual angles, across a range of distances including a 45-degree downhill skunk at an immense 1½ yards... ouch!

Feedback from our guests was very positive indeed, the smiles, laughter, cursing, and general banter making it all worthwhile. Thank you for your kind words – it means a great deal to us.

On now to the traditional round of thanks to everyone who made the day possible. To every member of Aurora who helped in any way over the weekend and during the run up, a sincere thank you, you are all brilliant and we couldn't do it without you. A lot of our new members came along to help alongside the 'old hands' so it was great to see you all there.

Massive thanks and congratulations to Steffan and the crew for designing and laying another great course. Well done everyone, brilliant job fully appreciated by all those who attended – one of your best I'd say.

Heartfelt thanks to Mick and Andy for keeping matters calm, collected, and organised in the admin tent amidst the flurry of scorecards, and to Kalli for being our fantastic Lady paramount, presenting our smart new medals to the winners as well as receiving her very own Triple Crown award.

Huge thanks to Nadine, Jason, Phil, Iain and Bryony in the catering tent for keeping the everyone so well fed and watered throughout – always fantastic fare gratefully devoured by everyone – thanks to the talented Aurean cake-bakers who once again did us proud.



The good folks from Radical Bikes for your tireless support and humour in allowing us to take over your ground for the day – such a joy to be on terra firma, as opposed to the mud bath we endured last time!

Peter Morgan and Adam Thompson for allowing us to use their fantastic photos from the day, and finally, Lord Petre for kindly allowing us all to enjoy his fabulous Parsons Spring woodland.

We look forward to welcoming you once again for more fun in the woods next time at our New Year shoot on 14th January. On-line booking will open soon so do look out for that.

In the meantime, stay safe, be well, shoot straight and keep smiling.

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Aurora Charity Shoot and Triple Crown Results - 3rd September 2023

2 x 20 3Ds including 4 x Predator/Prey - Max score 1152



AFB - M				FS - U16B				TB - M			
1	Richard Wright	Butsfield Bowmen	792 10	1	Zachary Tolson	Independent	568 0	1	John Barcroft	1066 Field Archers	834 9
2	Andy Doyle	Independent	776 3					2	Adam Browning	Tendring Field Archers	830 8
3	Paul Chittenden	Bridgewoods	754 6					3	Mark Stockton		802 5
4	Ben Flitney	Black Eagle	640 3					4	Paul Bromwich		798 5
5	Paul Tolson	Independent	504 2					5	Glenn Bolton	BWFAC	764 6
								6	Peter Morgan	Cloth of Gold	742 4
								7	Gareth Pearson	Noak Hill Archers	734 4
								8	Peter Arterton	Bridgewoods field archery club	724 5
								9	Jim Groombridge	Whitefriars Bowmen	722 7
								10	Mick Maxen	Cloth of Gold	722 5
								11	Patrick Wright	Cloth of Gold	720 5
								12	Graham Brown	Independent	714 9
								13	Tim Seed	BWFAC	670 6
								14	Kevin Hill	HFA	638 4
AFB - F				HT - M				TB - F			
1	Melanie Hull	Excalibur	530 4	1	Roger Massey	1066 Field Archers	844 10	1	Lauren Morse	1066 Field Archers	694 3
2	Joyce Morgan	Cloth of Gold	464 2	2	Steve Rand	Bridgewood FAC	830 10	2	Jan Seed	BWFAC	692 4
				3	David Moore	1066 Field Archers	780 6	3	Wendy Wyvern	Company of Sixty	642 3
				4	Andy Phillips	BWFAC	718 5	4	Linda Lehane	Bridgewoods	640 6
				5	Neil Gamble	Totem Archers	692 5				
				6	John Wilde	Tendring Field Archers	446 3				
				7	Graham Birch		264 0				
				8	Terry Chittock	Ind	248 2				
BB - M				HT - F				TB - U16G			
1	Terry Stevens	Independent	920 15	1	Alison MacRory	Brockwood Bowmen	612 5	1	Kalli Simmonds	Independent	640 3
2	Dan Simmonds	Independent	778 5	2	Olivia Morgan		564 0				
3	Marcus Redwood	BWFAC	762 6	3	Clair Parfit	Tendring Field Archers	442 2				
4	Colin Radke	NHA	688 1								
5	Andrew Lehane	Bridgewoods	580 4								
6	Steve Dickenson	Tendring	554 3								
BB - F				LB - M				UL - M			
1	Sue Dickenson	Tendring	776 3	1	Peter Warner	Ind	666 1	1	Iain Cope	Black Eagle	1100 36
2	Rungnapha Redwood	BWFAC	686 5	2	Andy Griggs	Cloth of Gold	660 4	2	Karl Bowles	Avalon	1086 34
3	Georgina Brown	Independent	662 1	3	Brian Simcox	Cloth of Gold	648 3	3	Phil Jarrett	Senlac	1068 28
4	Zoe Burgess	Bridgewoods field archery club	568 1	4	Scott King	HNA	604 2	4	Stewart Fenwick	1066 Field Archers	1048 28
5	Madeline Hammond	Cloth of Gold	0 0	5	James Walker	HFA	586 3	5	Andy Williams	Black Eagle	1036 24
6	Melanie Hart	HFA	0 0	6	Cliff Nash	HFA	586 2	6	David Stone	Black Waggle	1006 24
				7	John Le Voguer	HNA	524 1	7	Tim Cathmoir	Tendring	982 20
				8	Stuart Fuller	Longbow heritage	522 2	8	Peter Humphrey	C.O.L.A.	970 15
				9	Gary Powell	Independent	494 1	9	Terry Bresh	NHA	814 8
				10	James Johnson	Ind	454 1				
BH - M				LB - F				UL - F			
1	Dave Andrews	Hartspring	896 12	1	Julie Fuller	Longbow Heritage	620 5	1	Sarah Cope	Black Eagle	994 25
2	Colin Rose		880 11	2	Katharine Roper	HFA	466 3				
3	Kieran Grundon	HNA	656 5	3	Catherine Chandler	Independent	430 1				
				4	Anita Sutton	Independent	374 2				
				5	Amanda Burgess	Cloth of Gold	344 1				
CL-M				PV - M				XB - M			
1	Duane Williams		922 16	1	Kevin Button	Priory Bowmen	736 5	1	Neil Melton	HFA	1024 25
				2	Martin Sutton	Independent	588 2	2	Arnold Wyvern	Company of Sixty	908 13
				3	Tony Cox	Ind	548 2				
				4	Dave Noad	Ind	492 3				
FS - M											
1	Richard Green	Noak Hill Archers	876 7								
FS - F											
1	Karen Howard	Noak Hill Archers	652 4								

TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS HIGHLIGHTED YELLOW