

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION



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WELCOME...

Hello everyone,

It's been a busy couple of months since the last newsletter.

BAA have held the annual Outdoor Championships and Field Championships and sent barebow teams to the National County Teams Championships at Lilleshall.

Away from the range, the county records have been updated, reformatted and are now available on the website.

Clubs have been busy too, with at least 3 Club Championships, 1 AGM and 4 beginners' courses taking place across the county recently.

Coming up shortly is the BAA Boost Archery course and the Barebow coaching session. There are still a few spaces available on both so contact [Julie](#) if interested- they are really fantastic opportunities to get top quality coaching at a bargain price.

Hope to see you at the AGM on Saturday 4th November.

Mary Blumbergs.

POSTAL LEAGUE UPDATE

Many thanks to all of you, who took part in the BAA Summer postal league.

75 adults and 4 juniors from 5 clubs submitted at least one score this year.

Last year there were 49 adults and 2 juniors from 3 clubs. So, club and individual participation has increased. Many thanks to the club reps for supporting this.

Full results and individual rankings can be found [here-BAA Summer postal 2023](#) Medals will be passed on to club reps at the AGM.

The SCAS Intercounties Postal Portsmouth is now underway and will run from October to March. You have the whole month to achieve your best score. Those qualifying for the county teams will also be entered into the SCAS individual ranking competition.

The BAA Winter Portsmouth Postal runs alongside the SCAS competition and is for all individual club archers.

Submit your Portsmouth scores to your club Record's Officer who will organise your entries.

CLUB NEWS...

Twenty-Three archers eagerly took to the field to compete in the Club Championship shoot at Whiteleaf Bowmen. With rounds ranging from a Long National for the actual championship, down to a National 30 there was something for all archers. Special congratulations to club champions for 2023, Julie, Paul D, Brenda, Simon, Imran and Junior Man Alex.



Silver Arrow Archers hosted the BAA County Championship shoot on Sunday 3rd September for the first time-

We welcomed archers from wide and far to enjoy our great field, hospitality and uncharacteristic weather. Where was our usual wind to give some home field advantage? I think our field held up well to the challenge, and I know many of our guests were very complementary, although we would have all liked a bit more breeze.

We congratulate all the new County Champions, which we are proud to say includes a host of Silver Arrow Archers.

As this was a record status shoot many of the champions picked up Rose Awards, and rumour is there were some new county records set!



Sarfraz gave a great demonstration of precision and accuracy at South Bucks Archers when he shot a Robin Hood! Sarfraz is now the holder of the SBA Robin Hood award which was last claimed in 2020.



COUNTY NEWS...

Thank you to everyone who attended the BAA Outdoor Championships this year. It was great to see you all having a good day with us. There were 53 entries with 52 shooting on the day, and one retirement.

The weather for the day was overcast to start, but this soon burned away to reveal a hot day, getting warmer as the day progressed.

BAA thanks:

- the competition organiser, Neill Ovenden
- our Lady Paramount, Lesley Herriott
- the judges, David Strong, John Gorman
- those who were able to assist in setting up the field, moving the targets, etc.
- Silver Arrow Club, for their warm welcome and for all their efforts, before, during and after the shoot.

Congratulations to all the winners. Results are available on the website.



BAA entered a Gents Barebow team and a mixed team into this year's National County Teams Championships. Report by Imran-

At this year's championships the county entered a complete Gents Barebow team consisting of Kalhan (South Bucks), Imran (Whiteleaf) and Tan (Shenley) as well as a mixed team with Rukhsana (Whiteleaf) representing the county.



Saturday saw some rather pleasant weather, which for anyone who has been to Lilleshall is a rare occurrence. The morning saw the WA720 round being shot as the qualification for the

afternoon's head to heads. The men's team ended the morning in 9th position out of a total of 13 counties.

The afternoon saw the head to heads where we faced Gloucestershire, they took the first 2 sets. We fought back to win the third set but unfortunately lost the fourth set so ended up 9th overall.

Sunday saw the return of the usual weather conditions at Lilleshall, with gusting wind, rain and occasional sunshine. Archers shot another WA720 for qualifications. Our Tier 1 team placed 7th with our Tier 2 team placing 13th on account of only one archer shooting. The head to heads were cut short as the wind had picked up substantially so the organisers took the call to cancel the remaining event.

Not having a complete ladies team meant that for the overall event Bucks Barebow team ended up in 12th.



Overall, the team members enjoyed the event and are proud to have represented Buckinghamshire. It was a great opportunity to meet archers from other counties and compete at a national level with some of the country's best archers. We hope that others put their names forward for next years event, there were many archers from other counties for whom this was the first time they were competing away from their county. - Imran.

15 BAA archers enjoyed a chilly, but sunny autumn days shooting in the woods at the BAA Field Championships.

Our numbers were down on those of previous years, which was a shame since the woods were in fine condition for this event [and most archers returned with all their arrows :)].

Results are available on the website.

It would be good to see more archers coming along to this friendly and relaxed event next year. My thanks go to Peter Swann, Michael Winn and Sue Crowe for their assistance with the organisation and running of the event. - Alan.



If you have any club or county news to share please send it to [Mary](#).

COMING UP...

BAA AGM-

Date: Sat 4th Nov

Time: 10am

Venue: Buckland Village Hall, HP22 5HU

Details: emailed to clubs for distribution

BAA BOOST ARCHERY COURSE-

Dates: Saturdays 11th Nov – 2nd Dec

Time: 09:30 – 12:00

Venue: Lacey Green Village Hall, HP27 0QT

Details: This course is for archers who wish to develop an in-depth understanding of shooting technique and learn tools and techniques that will enable them to take ownership of their own development. Contact [Julie](#) for more.

BAA BAREBOW WORKSHOP-

Date: Sat 18th Nov

Time: afternoon

Venue: Lacey Green Village Hall, HP27 0QT

This half-day session is designed to help newer archers understand more about the specifics of barebow equipment and technique. Contact [Julie](#) for details.

CONTACTS...

Click name to contact-

Chairman- [Alan Crowe](#)

Secretary- [Mary Blumbergs](#)

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