



The 2nd Northern Flight
and Clout Championships.

19th August 1956

The 2nd annual Northern Flight championship, held at Grange Park, Ribbleton, Preston, on Sunday 19th August attracted 47 entries. The open flight was won by R. Bamber, Preston Archers with a distance of 389yds. The target bow class was divided this year into two sections, viz up to and including 35lbs and up to and including 45lbs draw weight. This proved quite popular and saved quite a lot of argument as each bow was examined and entered into the class according to the makers branding. This brought out one interesting fact. In B.A., April/May issue, W. Davie commented that it was only brute force and a heavy bow that won in a flight shoot. Well, in the heavy bow class three competitors, all using the same weight of bow and only half an inch different in arrow length varied in distance by 90yds. ; also the winner in this class using a 43lb bow was only 22yds in front of another competitor who was using a 36lb bow. A junior boy, 9years of age, using a 24lb steel bow and 24in arrows, shot a distance of 145yds. 2ft. and in trials after the shoot an alloy bow of 38lbs. beat all the distances shot that day. So I think that answers the question "does brute strength win?"

Results:

Open Flight Unlimited 1st Gentleman. "Jack's Hat" Challenge trophy – Ray Bamber, Preston Archers, 389yds. **Open Flight Unlimited** 1st Lady Gold Medal – Miss Wendy Miles, Miles Archers, 157yds. 1ft

Target Bow Class B (up to 35 lbs.) "The George Hankins Cup" – F. Blackledge, Leyland Archers, 229yds. 2ft. **Target Bow Class B** Lady, "Bamber Silver Arrow" – Miss Betty Hills, Pendle and Salmesbury, 220yds. **Target Bow Class C** (up to 45lbs) "Bamber Silver Arrow", H. Wilson, Blackpool Bowmen, 257yds. 1ft. **Target Bow Class C** Lady – "The Fred Wells Black Quiver" – Miss Wendy Miles, 162yds. 1 ft. **Junior Flight Unlimited** – Master F. K. Miles, 194 yds. 2 ft. **Junior Target Bow Class B** – Ian Wilson, Miles Archers, 213 yds. 1 ft. Miss Wendy Miles, 149 yds. **Junior Target Bow Class C** – John Baron, Miles Archers, 240 yds. 2 ft. **Boy and Girl** – Master Alan Dixon, Preston Archers, 145 yds. 2 ft. Theresa Latham, Preston Archers, 161 yds. 1 ft. **Clout Shoot** – John Baron, Miles Archers with a score of 240. **Clout Shoot team prize**, "The Wilding Horn"- Blackpool Bowmen with an overall score of 648

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