



The 5th Northern Flight  
and Clout Championships.

August 1960

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in its 6<sup>th</sup> year was once again held on Grange Park, Preston, Lancashire, and attracted a record entry of 91. The great attraction was the introduction of crossbows for the first time in any tournament in the U.K., to which enthusiasts from all parts of the country turned up with their really beautiful specimens of crossbows of weights ranging from 45 lbs to nearly 1000 lbs.

Mr. Stan Turner became the first Cross-bow Flight Champion with a distance of 595 yards 2 feet 1½ inches and this may be a world record for a 70 lb Cross-bow.

Mr. Geoff Jenkinson (who has what may be the finest collection of Cross-bows in the U.K.) shot with one of his 16<sup>th</sup> Century models with a bolt of ¾ inch diameter (weighing 4 ozs. Each) and 1/8in leather flights, and reached 300 yds. One of his Cross-bows that attracted most attention, especially for the I.T.V. and B.B.C. Cinemen, was his Chinese Repeater which shot 15 bolts every 12 seconds; they are put in a slot above the bow and a handle is pulled back and forth rather like a sub-machine gun. A thousand Cross-bowmen could saturate the sky with them.

Cross-bows were loaned to competitors who had none, and soon there was a waiting list of archers interested in Cross-bows. Shortage of bolts was the main problem.

Oswald Wyer once again becomes the Northern Flight Champion, using his 66lb American Perry Flight Bow, with a new Northern record of 444yds., 1ft., 6in.

The open Ladies record was won by Miss Wendy Miles with a distance of 298yds., 0ft., 1½in.

The clout team trophy was won by Blackpool Club with a score of 660, at the announcement of which there was a great cheer from the Blackpoolers because last year they were beaten by one point only.

The Northern Flight Shoot is very much indebted to Mr. F. K. Miles for the gift of two statuette trophies which he had specially made for the highest individual score for ladies' and gents' Clout Shoot, the winners of which were Mrs. Kay of Blackpool, with a score of 108. Mr A. Johnson with a score of 232

The clout shoot this year was shot at 180yds for men and 150yds for ladies.

Jack Flinton (shoot non-competative) was trying out a flight bow of only 35lbs and shot the amazing distance of over 376yds (with the same light bow he shot 419yds., 2ft., 7in. at the National Championships this year).

An attempt was made at the elusive 500yds. (maybe the archers four minute mile) and Ray Bamber with a 50lb flight bow shot 476yds., 2ft., 3in., beating his National record at Oxford this year and gaining another new distance for a British made bow.

**Results.**

	Yds.	Ft.	Ins.
Open Flight Champion			
Gent- O Wyer	444	1	6
Lady-Miss W. Miles	298	0	1½
Target Bow Flight Class C			
Gent-Don Harkenss	259	0	9
Junior-R. Kershaw	251	2	4
Target Bow Flight Class B			
Gent- G. Rae	287	2	4
Lady- Miss Cocking	215	0	3
Cross-bow Flight Gent- Stan Turner	594	2	1½
Cross-bow Flight Lady- Mrs. Cocking	225	2	5

Clout Team Award- Blackpool Archery Club - 660

Clout Individual Award Gent- Mr. Johnson - 232

Clout Individual Award Lady- Mrs. Kay- 104