



NCAS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2021

Welcome to our 2021 newsletter. We hope that you have all had a good Summer and have been able to shoot.

We think we can all agree that we have a difficult time because of the pandemic and yet archery has taken place.

Great work everyone.

Good shooting.



COUNTY NEWS.

LANCASHIRE.

Report from LAA secretary – Jude Lane

LAA were positive about going ahead with the Inter-counties shoot and will send a team.

A recent short survey on the Re -opening of clubs in Lancashire resulted in 15 replies out of 30 clubs. Of these 15 –

- 14 are fully open outdoors
- 1 is open outdoors with some restrictions
- 3 are fully open indoors
- 4 will open indoors on Oct 1st
- 1 has no indoor venue
- 5 either cannot open or are looking at options, due to the increased cost of the indoor venues
- 5 are keeping their booking systems
- LAA purchased a Zoom license and it has been, and continues to be, used by Lancashire clubs.

The LAA Championships have moved.

to September this year, with a different format – The juniors are on Saturday 4th and the seniors are on Sunday 5th. This format will continue. The LAA FITA shoot will continue to be held in June.

Clout archery in Lancashire has been in decline, so we now have a new Clout Officer who is working with a small sub – group to look at :

- Information gathering from clubs about what is wanted
- Which clubs are able to clout shoot
- Getting information about clout to LAA archers
- Organising training days
- Possibly putting on more clout shoots

Chairman – Summer 2021 Report

It is pleasing to see Clubs opening up and archers attending shoots again but I am well aware the picture is quite varied across the Region. The biggest problem seems to be those club's that use/share school facilities with the schools still reluctant to open up fully. Whilst Archery GB have tried to help with this with guidance letters etc I still feel there is some way to go.

During the early to mid-summer communications took place with the Counties in trying to establish whether the annual Inter Counties Senior and Junior shoots should take place in early October. Whilst a couple of Counties raised concerns the vote of the Committee was to push ahead and hold them. These are therefore, due to take place in York on the weekend of 2 & 3 October 2021. I am sure all Counties will do their best to field full teams, I do expect to see some shortfall in team numbers due to the fact not all archers have returned to competitive archery.

This year's Inter Counties sees the introduction of Barebows to both the Junior and Senior Tournaments and in this respect new trophies have been sourced. All these have been directly sponsored at no cost to the Region. I would like to give a big thankyou to those involved.

I do hope that the coming months see archery open up and build further although the threat of Covid 19 is still strong going into the autumn and winter months. If there is anything you think the Region can help with please do not hesitate to drop me or your County representative a note.

You will see from this Newsletter that the coaching teams are very active and some of the ideas hatched by the Regional Coaching Team have been adopted by Archery GB.

May I wish you well going into the Autumn and hope you are all managing to participate in the sport we all love.

Andrew Neal
NCAS Chairman

DNNA.

Report from DNNA Secretary.
Sharon Tideswell.

There are still a few of the DNAA Clubs who are yet to affiliate club members, Correspondence is going unanswered and we are unsure what the clubs have planned going forward.

We had hoped that as restriction eased, members will begin to return, however from speaking to some club representatives a number of members are still not keen to return to the range, let alone volunteer to run beginners courses, competitions etc. Only one club has managed to run any form of open competition. Some if not most of the clubs that remain are prioritising bringing their membership back and concentrating on keeping their members comfortable and safe when attending sessions.

As DNAA will now be sending a team to the Inter Counties event, the application/selection process has been opened up.

YORKSHIRE NEWS.

Archer coaching and training
Arrowhawks training sessions have continued with two sessions a month at either York Archers or St Georges in Harrogate. Sessions have been well attended by 15-18 archers, senior and junior, including archers from Lancashire, Cheshire, Lincolnshire.

MORE COUNTY NEWS



Cheshire County Archery Association

News from the County August 2021: Carol Bladen. CAA Secretary

Cheshire Weekend

The Cheshire Weekend was held (July 31st/August 1st) incorporating the Cheshire County Championships and the Archery England Target Championships.

The winners were:

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| • Cheshire Champion Gent Recurve | Ian Finlay | Cheshire County Bowmen |
| • Cheshire Champion Lady Recurve | Jacci Alexander | Cheshire County Bowmen |
| • Cheshire Champion Gent Cpd | James Comford | New Century Bowmen |
| • Cheshire Champion Lady Cpd | Polly Davis | Neston Co of Archers |
| • Cheshire Champion Gent Longbow | Steve Watts | Stalybridge |
| • Cheshire Champion Lady Longbow | Katrina Horton | The Longbow Club |
| • Cheshire Champion Lady Barebow | Tracy Cross | Goldcrest Archers |

Archery England awards:

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| • Lady Recurve Champion | Helen Taylor | Eccles |
| • Gent Recurve Champion | Connor Hall | Bowbrook |
| • Lady Compound Champion | Hallie Boulton | Pendle & Salmesbury |
| • Gent Compound Champion | James Beckett | Bowbrook |
| • Lady Barebow Champion | Tracy Cross | Goldcrest |
| • Gent barebow Champion | Steve Newton | New Century |
| • Lady RC Veteran | Lin Tavlin | North Cheshire Bowmen |
| • Gents RC veteran | John Fryearson | Bebington |
| • Lady Cpd Veteran | Polly Davis | Neston |
| • Gents Cpd Veteran | Peter Gregory | Goldcrest |

Paralympics Tokyo 2020

Congratulations to our Paralympic archers from Cheshire, **John Stubbs**, in his 4th Paralympics and **Hazel Chaisty**, in her first Games.

Goldcrest Archers

After losing their indoor facility in a devastating fire last year we are pleased to report that Goldcrest Archers now have a new dedicated indoor facility. This is due to the hard work of the club led by Peter Gregory and his team. Congratulations to them!

CAA Tournament information

CAA and Neston Archers hosted the 12th annual Tri-Clout tournament on the August Bank Holiday weekend (Sat 28th August to Monday 30th August). The event held at the Wirral Rugby and Cricket Club, Clatterbridge, Wirral and incorporated the 10th Archery England Clout Championship.

The Cheshire County Junior Championships and Open Junior shoot took place at Cheshire County Bowmen's ground on 5th September. For results of these events see the CAA website:

<http://www.cheshirearcheryassoc.org>

CUMBRIA Stuart Burnett

Cumbria has held a couple of competitions recently:

Firstly, the County and Open Championships on 18th July. These were held at Aspatria Rugby Club, which is a new venue for us this year. Plenty of medals went to Cumbrian Archers, but quite a few went to visiting archers from out of the county, which was good too.

Secondly, the County Flight shoot on 1st August, held at Penrith (as usual). This was well attended by Cumbria archers and many from out of the county. It was good to see familiar faces as well as some new ones. There was a cross/head-wind on the day, which meant the distances achieved were a bit down compared to previously, from my memory.

In other news, one of our long-standing members, David Poole, has set-up a new Archery club, called Lakeland Archery Club. There is an outdoor range, and an indoor range is in the process of being built.

This has been useful for archers from Bowmen of Furness who can no longer use their fields or sports hall via the Club Event Booking App. also open to Vickers AC, Millom AC and Sellafeld AC.

A link can be found on the LAC website <https://lakelandarcheryclub.com/> "Make

Coaching

It has been hugely impressive to hear how coaches across NCAS have responded to the challenges of covid.

Following our work to run Coach webinars and Beginners Course redesigns in 2020, the coaching community has been reinstating tireless support to the archery community.

There's no question that this has been a logistical challenge in many clubs, but almost every lead coach I've spoken to in the last few weeks has been whittling away at (or even reducing to zero!) their waiting list for new starters, and so finally getting new membership back into clubs.

And we're also now seeing a return to other face-to-face coaching activity with restarting of Boost courses and 1-2-1 coaching support.

We're also offering one of the first Session Coach course completions in the UK for a dozen NCAS coach candidates, with more Coach Development opportunities going forwards.

The NCAS Coaching Group has been shortlisted for the AGB Awards Toxophilus Trophy 2021 (with the announcement on 30th September)

If you are a Session Coach candidate who has completed or is completing your online modules, and so looking for accessible live day locations, please could you contact me at dancam@me.com so we can try to facilitate this for you.

Danny Cameron, Regional Coaching Organiser, NCAS.



FIELD ARCHERY

Field archery is beginning to get back to a sort of normality.

Kendal will be running a two-day arrowhead on October 9th-10th, Dearne Valley will run their two day shoot on October 23rd-24th, and this will incorporate both the Yorkshire and Northern counties championships.

Tony Tideswell
Field rep

JUDGES NEWS.

Sharon Tideswell NCAS

Judge Changes

Our current total is 51 Judges, breakdown shown below:

Grade	
National	5
Regional	15
County	14
Youth	7
Candidate	10

By County	
Cheshire	11
Cumbria	5
Durham and Northumberland	12
Lancashire	12
Yorkshire	11

By Grade and County

	CAA	CCAA	DNAA	LAA	YAA
National		1	1	1	2
Regional	2	1	5	3	4
County	2	2	4	2	4
Youth	3		1	3	
Candidate	4	1	1	3	1

Jason Lynch (CAA) has decided to re-join as a Judge and is taking his re-accreditation exam.

Andrew Jones (LAA) and Bridget Evans and David Alcock (CAA) join us as Youth Judges.

Ian Halliwell (YAA) and John Edwards (CAA) both passed their practical assessment and are now a qualified County Judge

We have two County Judges who are to take their Regional Assessment during the remainder of the Outdoor Season.

Rule Changes Archery GB Rule 301 (b) - spacing of boss centres - has now returned to the pre-Covid wording with immediate effect. This is confirmed in this document –

<https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Return-to-Archery-July-2021.pdf>

For reference the previous wording was

(b) Minimum spacing of target centres shall be:

(i) Archers shooting singly or in pairs - 2.5m (8ft 2ins)

(ii) Archers shooting in threes - 3.66m (12ft)

Also. Archery GB Rule 402 (c) - spacing indoors - has now returned to the pre-Covid wording with immediate effect.

For reference the previous wording was

(c) Target centres shall be placed so as to allow archers to stand at a minimum of 80cm (2ft 8in) intervals while shooting

The updated Rules of Shooting can be found here - <https://www.archerygb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Proc-01-12a-RoS-July-2021.pdf>

CLOUT NEWS

NCAS Clout Representative

The Annual Clout Championship weekend has just taken place in York with a Metric Clout on Saturday 4 September and Imperial on 5 September. The weekend was a complete success with attendance only a handful down on the 2019 shoots. The weather was particular good for us with no less than 7 Purple and 7 Gold Tassel badges claimed over the weekend. I have used some of the surplus money from the event to fund some of the new trophies required for the Inter Counties.

2021 will see the introduction of a new Clout Championships to the calendar under the banner of the National Tassel Scheme Championships. This will be an annual Championships based on the Metric Clout and run on the same weekend as the National Clout Championships. This year sees both take place on the weekend of 16 & 17 October 2021, in York. The new Tassel Scheme Championships are been run through the Tassel Award Scheme that I administer on behalf of NCAS.

Given the new shoot I had to decide what to do about Trophies and medals. I designed and got a supply of medals last year and whilst it was my intention to purchase trophies from the proceeds of the Tassel Scheme, I thought I would sound out the Clout Community to see if I could get any interest in sponsorship. To my amazement I received offers of over £1600 towards a full fleet of trophies for the shoot. I have since collected these monies and placed an order for the trophies that will carry the names of the donors. Whilst much of this came from archers and clubs from within NCAS, others came from wider afield and I must thank all those that have made such a generous offer of sponsorship.

Andrew Neal
NCAS Clout Rep