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National Clout & Tassel Champs weekend



The above photo doesn't show the extremely wet underfoot conditions we all had to experience.

The 2023 year saw the entry much the same as the 2022, with the breakdown as follows. 2022 figures in brackets. Given the weather conditions prior to the shoot there were a number of no shows.

AGB National Champs	Seniors 118 (119) Juniors 8 (13)
Tassel Scheme Champs	Seniors 119 (112) Juniors 8 (9)

For those that did attend we experienced amazing weather considering the previous few days with Storm Babet, and some amazing scores were achieved, especially by the Men compounds. No fewer than 3 archers achieved over 300 points on an imperial clout!

This is a magnificent achievement in itself but to have 3 archers do it on the same day, at the National Championships, is unbelievable.

Those archers attaining the score are as follows:

Mick White	Goldcrest
Woz Levins	Archery GB Direct
Neil Crickmore	Bronte

Well done all of you!

Reminder

The National Clout Championship & Tassel Scheme Championships Weekend –
19 & 20 October 2024 – York.

Any news or photos?

I aim to send Clout Times out once a year around Christmas/ New Year to include those having attained GMB/MB/JMB Classification status, Purple/ Gold Tassels and Metric 3/6 Clout End badges. I do like to include an archer profile if anyone provides me with one.

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Thank You

I would like to thank those archers that have found time to write and submit an article for this edition

My journey into the joy of Clout shooting began over 40 years ago.



Whilst walking with my wife and brother towards a local car boot sale being held at a nearby sports centre I was distracted by a group of people, all dressed in white shooting arrows at round targets and that was it, I was hooked.

Like most other archers I was handed a bow with a wooden riser and a tailor's pin for the sight and every Sunday afternoon and Thursday evening, during the summer, you could find me happily practicing and improving and eventually I was able to buy my own bow, a Marksman.

I continued using and improving with this bow until the day a car hit mine head on throwing me through the windscreen (yes, I was wearing a seatbelt) causing life threatening injuries.

It left me unable to carry, at arm's length, any real weight in my left hand and I thought my archery days were over. However, as many of you have seen they were not and after a period of something like 10 years I sat one day and wondered just how heavy an English

Longbow was in the hand and the rest is history.

I had to learn a whole new way of shooting, for as many of you know a Longbow takes a bit of work to master.

Eventually I became used to the new concept and began hitting targets again but had still never shot a clout event at this point. My first Clout event was the Lincolnshire County Clout Championships, picture the scene. The rain coming down on the field, and the wind driving it was of Biblical proportions. I was using a very, very, old longbow that had lost the majority of its power (it should have been a 45lb Draw weight but was probably nearer 35). Added to this I was using standard wooden arrows with 4 inch fletches and 100 grain piles. The rest is easy for you to imagine, I couldn't even reach the Ladies 140 yard mark, felt like I was drowning and eventually retired.

Did this put me off? Of course not, I simply started to learn about what being a Longbow Clout Archer means and continue to do so to this day.

As I sit writing this, just having finished a new set of barrelled arrows ready for next year I reflect on the thoroughly enjoyable year this has been shooting amongst my archery friends.

My learning curve continues and has led me to create a spreadsheet to help determine the barrelling and FOC etc of my arrows, plus managing to break about 4 of my county's records, gain 2 new tassel awards and managed to place in one or two tournaments.

I look forward to the new year, the new season, and the chance to meet and shoot with you all again.

Derek Warriner

Clout Classification scores

These can be found on the Northern Counties Archery Society website, together with the GMB/MB/JMB claim forms. Please re-claim each year even if you've got your badge See your name in Clout Times!

Mandie Elson and her journey into clout.

2015 was the year that my partner and I made the huge decision to move from London to Newark my home town. Once settled I remember seeing an advert in the local paper advertising beginners course in archery here in Newark. I immediately signed up and was hooked straight away, I could not wait to join my local club and begin my archery journey. I soon discovered a whole new sport, not just with bow type, as I quickly went into barebow, after losing my patience with long rods and sights, but also another discipline called clout was being spoken about as I was attending local competitions at Sherwood Archers.

I asked the question to one of the members there about how I could try it and they suggested I come along to one of their club clouts and have a go and that I did. This was in 2019 so a few years had gone by and blimey why did I wait so long.

The archers at Sherwood suggested a competition that was not too far away at a club called Mercia Archers. Well I loved it and the people there. It seemed to have a different feel than target competitions. The people were a lot more friendly and more relaxed and there were opportunities to chat and get to know your fellow archers as you went towards the circle of joy (which I discovered was its name after shooting an imperial later that year).



At my first clout competition I discovered the tassel awards as I achieved my red tassel at my first ever shoot, well this had me even more intrigued and soon at my first imperial, also at Mercia Archers, I achieved my black tassel all whilst shooting barebow. Whilst at these shoots I met some really kind archers who later on I discovered set up their very own clout only club based in Derbyshire. This was not too far away from Newark so I would go over there and practice and within a short time period I asked if I could join as an associate member as I had nowhere to practice clout more often. It wasn't until 2021, after spending time shooting target, that I realised with the help of my now

clout club The Clout Collective and the clubs founders Geoff, Glyn and Darren, that I knew about all the clouts around the country via Ian Downham's clout website.

Well that was it I set my goals for 2021 to travel around to as many metric and the lovely imperial clouts as possible. I attended competitions in York, Cheshire, Lincoln and Derbyshire and began to meet some regular faces and create archery friendships.

In 2022 I planned out my year as much as possible to get clouts booked in first before target comps and the year started off really well and I looked forward to all the competitions apart from the camping part though as I really dislike sleeping under a very thin roof!

You know you are going to have a great day of shooting no matter how you score and it became a great reason to eat lots of cakes and sweets that most were and are willing to share especially when the weather is not so kind.

Talking of which its brilliant how peoples generosity comes along when you have no tent and they do and are very happy to share.

The love and support showed very much when in August 2022 my archery and everything came to a dramatic halt after having an accident that led to me having a serious back injury. I

was gutted as I was so looking forward to seeing everyone at the Tri Clout hosted by the lovely Pete and Trace and Goldcrest Archers from Cheshire. The fact that I was in hospital instead of the shooting line was for me very very upsetting but alas within a few days I was receiving emails, text messages, WhatsApp etc to see where I was and that meant the world to me.

Several people including Barbara, Carol, and Lucy were and still are a huge support. They took it upon themselves to sort me out so I could get to the Nationals, Lucy picked me up and drove me there, Carol and Barbara put me up with them in their accommodation and fed me and that meant the world to me.

Everyone at the Nationals and The Tassel awards, run by the wonderful Andrew Neal, were a tonic of positive and fun energy that I needed that weekend as I was about to go into hospital and have my back surgery.

This year 2023 has also been an amazing year for me in the clout world. For me it wasn't about the scores it was about being with the wonderful clout archers from all over the country, to have a laugh, to have good banter and conversations with but also to shoot along side them all.

They all probably do not quite realise that last year I came very close to not being able to continue with archery at all and knowing that there is a fabulous bunch of people involved in this great discipline of archery I was and still am determined to continue with clout because of the community of people that have made me feel so welcomed and that is worth its weight in GOLD!

A huge THANK YOU to every single person that I have met, shot with, had cake with and to everyone involved in the clout community for showing me how great this sport is.

See you all in 2024

Mandie

**The Tassel Scheme National Clout Rankings can be found on the
Northern Counties Archery Society website**

www.ncas.co.uk

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**Into 2024 and I will be providing Organisers a spreadsheet template
that I will ask to be completed to ensure results are in a format that are
easily collated for ranking purposes—This will make my life so much
easier and less likely to have errors.**

DIARY OF SHOOTS - CONFIRMED**Clouts shoots 2024 - As at 08/01/24**

16/03/2024	The Clout Collective	Imperial	Etwall, Derby
07/04/2024	Southampton	Imperial	Southampton
13/04/2024	York	Imperial	York
13/04/2024	Stortford	Metric	Much Hadham
14/04/2024	Stortford	Imperial	Much Hadham
14/04/2024	Uni. of Worcester	Imperial	Worcester
20/04/2024	Waterside	Imperial	Exbury, Southampton
21/04/2024	Waterside	Metric	Exbury, Southampton
21/04/2024	Kettering	Metric	Kettering
27/04/2024	Kendal	Metric	Milnthorpe
28/04/2024	Kendal	Metric	Milnthorpe
06/05/2024	Cheshire	Metric	Neston
11/05/2024	The Clout Collective	Metric	Etwall, Derby
12/05/2024	The Clout Collective	Imperial	Etwall, Derby
19/05/2024	Adur Valley	Imperial	Dial Post
08/06/2024	Eagle	Imperial	Penrith
09/06/2024	Eagle	Metric	Penrith
09/06/2024	Coastal	Imperial	Burnham-on-Sea
22/06/2024	Harlequin	Metric	Didcot
23/06/2024	Harlequin	Imperial	Didcot
06/07/2024	The Clout Collective	Metric	Etwall, Derby
13/07/2024	Cumbria	Metric	Penrith
14/07/2024	Cumbria	Metric	Penrith
20/07/2024	Waterwheel Field	Imperial	Branston
21/07/2024	Waterwheel Field	Metric	Branston
04/08/2024	Southampton	Imperial	Southampton
24/08/2024	Cheshire	Imperial	Neston
25/08/2024	Cheshire	Imperial	Neston
26/08/2024	Cheshire	Metric	Neston
31/08/2024	NCAS	Metric	York
01/09/2024	NCAS	Imperial	York
28/09/2024	Kendal	Imperial	Milnthorpe
29/09/2024	Kendal	Imperial	Milnthorpe
29/09/2024	Southampton	Imperial	Southampton
06/10/2024	Lincolnshire	Metric	Branston
19/10/2024	Nationals	Imperial	York
20/10/2024	Tassel Champs	Metric	York
26/10/2024	Middlesex	Imperial	Stanwell, Middlesex
26/10/2024	Hertfordshire	Metric	Much Hadham
27/10/2024	Hertfordshire	Imperial	Much Hadham



A calendar of Tassel Shoots can be found on **www.ncas.co.uk**

Or, on Ian Downham's website **www.clout-shoots.uk** which includes Entry Forms



Grand Master Bowman

Barbara Williams	Hertford	Barebow
Bridget Evans	TCC	Recurve
Carol Fairbrother	St.Georges	Barebow
Caroline Cater	TCC	Compound
Curtis Tatner	TCC	Recurve
Daeron Meredith	Bruntwood	Compound
Emma Mooney	Goldcrest	Compound
Karen McKay	Wyre Forest	Recurve
Laura Brooksbank	Goldcrest	Recurve
Mick White	Goldcrest	Compound
Ray Stevens	TCC	Barebow
Richard Allan	York	Barebow
Richard Powell	TCC	Longbow
Roz Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Stefanie Probert	Beacon	Compound
Sue Houlihan	Southampton	Compound



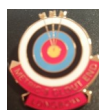
Master Bowman

Curtis Tatner	TCC	Recurve
Dicky Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Erin Mayer	Stalybridge	Recurve
Fiona Harris	St.Georges	Barebow
Glyn Jones	TCC	Barebow
Helen Horsley	Riverside	Longbow
Jared Thornton	Whitburn	Recurve
Julian Smith	Adel	Compound
Laura Brooksbank	Goldcrest	Recurve
Matthew David	Bronte	Recurve
Sheila Hudson	White Rose	Longbow
Steve Mayer	Stalybridge	Recurve
Sue Houlihan	Southampton	Compound



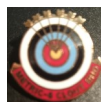
Junior Master Bowman

Hannah Fox	York	Recurve
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Metric 3 Clout End—Longbow

Deborah Hill	Rutland
Finley Ellis (J)	Wellingborough
Ian Fleming	Assheton
Patrick Revell	All Abilities



Metric 6 Clout End

Curtis Tatner	TCC	Recurve
Abbie Dawson	Waterwheel Field	Recurve
Andrew Davies	Goldcrest	Barebow
Eleanor Thornton (J)	Whitburn	Recurve
Ethan Savage (J)	RN South Coast	Barebow
Iain Potts	Bronte	Compound
Jacqueline Alexander	Neston	Recurve
Julian Smith	Bronte	Compound
Matthew Beville	Bronte	Recurve
Ruth Carsberg	Goldcrest	Compound
Sam Hamlett	Caldy	Compound



Purple - Imperial

Edward Milner (J)	York	Barebow
Chris Moore	Hingham	Compound
Daeron Meredith	Bruntwood	Compound
Emma Mooney	Goldcrest	Compound
Ethan Savage (J)	RN South Coast	Barebow
Mark Hayes	Thirsk	Compound
Neil Crickmore	Bronte	Compound
Peter Gregory	Goldcrest	Compound
Sam Hamlett	Caldy	Compound
Stefanie Probert	Beacon	Compound
Woz Levins	AGB Direct	Compound



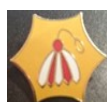
Purple - Metric

Bridget Evans	TCC	Recurve
Daeron Meredith	Bruntwood	Compound
Emma Mooney	Goldcrest	Compound
Ethan Savage (J)	RN South Coast	Barebow
Ian Harris	St.Georges	Barebow
Laura Brooksbank	Goldcrest	Recurve
Richard Allan	York	Barebow
Stefanie Probert	Beacon	Compound
Stephen Williams	The Longbow Club	Longbow
Wayne Hibberd	TCC	Longbow

2024 Ideas

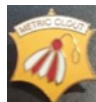
I feel it is quite clear that the classification scores need some tinkering and there should also be some consideration taken on maybe introducing an Over 50 category like Target Archery.

I will carry this out over the forthcoming season with the idea of launching in 2025.



Gold - Imperial

Curtis Tatner	TCC	Recurve
Diane Jobson	Morpeth	Longbow
Fiona Harris	St.Georges	Barebow
Jasmine Simpson	Uni of Worcester	Barebow
Laura Brooksbank	Goldcrest	Recurve
Ruth Carsberg	Goldcrest	Compound
Ryan Copsey (J)	Goldcrest	Recurve
Samuel Bowden (J)	Deer Park	Barebow
Stuart Burnett	Hingham	Compound
Sue Houlihan	Southampton	Compound



Gold - Metric

Alice Wood-Steven	Sherwood	Barebow
Alisha Huntley-Hart (J)	Adur Valley	Barebow
Curtis Tatner	TCC	Recurve
Fii West-Ley	WOAC	Barebow
Hamish Turner (J)	Silver Spoon	Barebow
Hannah Fox (J)	York	Barebow
Ian Fleming	Assheton	Longbow
Jared Thornton	Whitburn	Recurve
Julia Burcow	Eagle	Barebow
Julian Smith	Adel	Compound
Matthew David	Bronte	Recurve
Patrick Revell	All Abilities	Longbow

Clout Classifications—Don't forget to reclaim

From the chart below there were more claims made in 2022 than there were for 2023. Is that right? I know there are archers out there that haven't claimed in 2023, but why?

Classification Awards 2023 (2022 numbers)

	Ladies	Gents
Master Bowman	Recurve 2 (4)	Recurve 4 (1)
	Compound 1 (2)	Compound 1 (2)
	Longbow 2 (0)	Longbow 1 (1)
	Barebow 1 (2)	Barebow 1 (4)
Grand Master Bowman	Recurve 3 (3)	Recurve 1 (1)
	Compound 4 (3)	Compound 2 (3)
	Longbow 1 (2)	Longbow 1 (0)
	Barebow 2 (2)	Barebow 2 (1)
Junior Master Bowman	Barebow 0 (0)	
	Recurve 1 (1)	

Tassel Award Status

Application forms and guidance notes can be found on www.ncas.co.uk

And finally—just a few figures regarding the Tassel Award Scheme and attendance.

Figures are for 2023 with 2022 in brackets

Imperial Tassel shoots 33 shoots (2 abandoned) (33 in 2022)

Total archers	1375 (1369)
Average per shoot	44 (45)
Badges claimed	146 (141)

Metric Tassel shoots 24 (27 in 2022)

Total archers	1202 (1304)
Average per shoot	50 (50)
Badges claimed	163 (161)