



CLOUT TIMES



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WHERE ARE OUR JUNIOR CLOUT ARCHERS?

While the number of senior archers entering clout shoots continues to increase that cannot be said about junior archers. Do you have juniors in your club? Have they ever tried clout? If not, why not? With competitions increasing, the Tassel Award and now Classifications there is plenty to interest them. Come on let's give it a go and promote clout archery to juniors in your club.

CLOUT CLASSIFICATIONS

With the first year of the scheme having passed I thought it a good idea to look at the numbers attaining Grand Master, Master and Junior Master Bowman standard and the split between bow discipline. The figures are as follows:

	Ladies	Gents
Master Bowman	Recurve x 4	Recurve x 3
	Compound x 1	Compound x 1
	Longbow x 2	Longbow x 3
	Barebow x 3	Barebow x 2
Grand Master Bowman	Recurve x 1	Recurve x 1
	Barebow x 3	Compound x 1
Junior Master Bowman	Recurve x 1	
	Barebow x 2	Barebow x 2

SHOOT REPORTS

National Clout Championships



Goldcrest Archers



Abby Nicholson & friends

Reminder

The National Clout Championships – 17th October 2015 – Get it in your diary!

Did you know?

The only way you can obtain a "missed" Tassel badge is either by shooting a different bow discipline or a longer distance.

Need a Classification badge?

They can be bought from me for £4.00 each or if ordering 10 or more, £3.00 each.

More Clouts needed

The calendar is missing Tassel shoots in Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland. Do you attend any? If yes get the organiser to contact me.

Any news?

Send it to me for the next edition.

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Let me have a report from your clout together with a photo and I will do my best to place it in the next edition.

CLOUT RANKINGS 2014

The full listings can be found on the Northern Counties Archery Society website (www.ncas.co.uk)

There are 3 separate rankings in relation to the Imperial Clout, Metric Clout and then a combined set. For your scores to count you must shoot a minimum of 3 imperial clouts **OR** 3 metric clouts, **OR** for the combined a minimum of 3 imperial **AND** 2 metric clouts. All the scores must be shot at a Tassel Award Shoot. There is no need for you to submit scores as I calculate them from the results that are sent to me from each shoot.

CLOUT CLASSIFICATIONS – THE WAY FORWARD

For those at the National Clout Championships in October you will have heard me explain my intentions for the ongoing development of the Clout Classifications. I have already noticed differences in the qualifying scores between bow disciplines and between Gents and Ladies. These differences are also spotted in the current National Records that are published. It is my intention to carry on with the existing qualifying scores for the 2015 season and then take stock of what has been achieved in numbers across all disciplines.

I must thank the archers that have already sent me their thoughts of how things should develop and these will be taken into consideration when I sit down to carry out the review in the winter. Please feel free to continue to send your thoughts or if you are lucky enough to see me at any clout competitions have a chat with me.

Imperial Classification qualifying scores – Senior and Junior – From 1 March 2014

Imperial Clout	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
3rd Class	65 +	75 +	15 +	40 +
2nd Class	115 +	125 +	40 +	90 +
1st Class	165 +	165 +	65 +	115 +
Bowman	190 +	210 +	90 +	140 +
MB	215 +	235 +	115 +	165 +
GMB	240 +	260 +	140 +	190 +

Metric Classification qualifying scores – Senior and Junior – From 1 March 2014

Metric Clout	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
3rd Class	165 +	165 +	65 +	115 +
2nd Class	215 +	215 +	115 +	165 +
1st Class	265 +	265 +	165 +	215 +
Bowman	290 +	290 +	190 +	240 +
MB	315 +	315 +	215 +	265 +
GMB	340 +	340 +	240 +	290 +



ARCHER PROFILE – MARTIN COWARD

This is a section that I would like to carry through in each edition of Clout News and to get it started this profile is about Martin Coward of Goldcrest Archers, the current National Barebow Champion.

Seems a long time ago since I took those first tentative steps into the world of archery, over 10 years ago and counting to be exact. I often ask myself just how the hell did I get to this point in time, and winning what is, in the world of clout, a competition that is as big as it gets. I am referring of course to the National Championships.

But let's re-wind back to those early days of the beginners course.

Why did I decide to take up archery? I have never thought of archery before, I may have had the occasional go at a country fair or on holiday but nothing special. I didn't have a burning desire to pick up a bow and turn into Robin Hood.

The reason was simply to encourage my son, who for some reason known only to him, had shown an interest in archery, I blame all those Lord of the Rings films. However, I thought that if I did archery alongside of him it would encourage him to carry it on, and so having sat on the side lines of his beginners course and taking him to junior club every week, I took the plunge and joined Rochdale.

18 months later and Son didn't want to do it anymore, and I wasn't paying for something he wasn't interested in. Still, I carried on.

I knew nothing about archery and forget clout, what was that? After a few years of club shooting, and been to a few indoor comps- which to my amazement me & the wife (yes she joined short time after me, feeling left out) won a few trophies, mainly the Jack & Jill, or family trophy, that kind of thing.

We joined in with the club and became friends with people from all over Lancashire and beyond, and enjoyed going to shoots.

The first Clout I ever did was the Lancashire clout championships, I shot recurve - I say recurve, the fact that I had a long rod on, which pointed at the clouds and was about as much use as a chocolate fireguard. I scored a massive 23 points (I think), but owing to the fact no one else had bothered to shoot recurve for Lancashire that day, I won. Which was a

massive shock, but one that couldn't have made me happier. I had a smile on my face for a week. I was very proud of that win.



Since then, I have ditched the long rod, I did consider making a sight, but never bothered, and so I now shoot Barebow.

Fast forward a few years, and several clout comps later, some of which I have won, I seem to have won Lancashire several times, the Northern Counties, which was another massive milestone, and one which I am proud of, and now to be the current National Barebow Clout Champion is what dreams are made of. I never thought I would or could win it.

It's not the money - because there is none, or the trophy I get to keep for a year, it's the knowing that on that day, I was better (or luckier probably) than the rest, and no one can take the fact I won away. It's part of the history of that shoot.

Currently at Goldcrest Archery Club, I am enjoying my archery more than ever, even getting into Field archery. The encouragement given by all those in archery has been greatly appreciated.

I would say thanks to Goldcrest for all the laughs whilst camping at the various comps. Long may it continue!

DIARY OF SHOOTS – CONFIRMED

Imperial Tassel Award Shoots 2015

Waterside	21/03/2015	Exbury, Southampton
Yorkshire	19/04/2015	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Essex - Woodford	19/04/2015	Woodford Green
Southampton	19/04/2015	Eastleigh, Hampshire
Archers of East Riding	23/05/2015	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Burton Bridge	24/05/2015	Burton on Trent
SCAS	07/06/2015	Caddington, Beds
Eagle	13/06/2015	Penrith
Eagle	14/06/2015	Penrith
Grand Western	17/06/2015	Dunster
Bucks	19/07/2015	Aylesbury
Coastal	19/07/2015	Burnham-on-Sea
Southampton	01/08/2015	Eastleigh, Hampshire
Southampton	02/08/2015	Eastleigh, Hampshire
Lancs	16/08/2015	Burscough
Surrey	22/08/2015	Warlingham, Surrey
Cheshire	29/08/2015	Neston, Wirral
Neston	30/08/2015	Neston, Wirral
NCAS	06/09/2015	Harrogate
Gloucestershire	06/09/2015	Wotton-Under-Edge
Bowflights	13/09/2015	Rubery, Birmingham
Rochdale	13/09/2015	Middleton
Kent	13/09/2015	Ramsgate, Kent
Durham & Northumberland	20/09/2015	Ashington
South Wilts	27/09/2015	Salisbury
Hampshire	04/10/2015	Exbury, Hampshire
York	10/10/2015	York
Fakenham	11/10/2015	Fakenham
Nationals	17/10/2015	Bradford
Southampton	13/12/2015	Eastleigh, Hampshire

Metric Tassel Award Shoots 2015

Kettering	01/03/2015	Kettering
Waterside	22/03/2015	Exbury, Southampton
Cheshire	04/05/2015	Neston, Wirral
Archers of East Riding	24/05/2015	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Eagle	13/06/2015	Penrith
Cumbria	11/07/2015	Penrith
Cumbria	12/07/2015	Penrith
Nethermoss	15/08/2015	Burscough
Essex - Woodford	23/08/2015	Woodford Green

Neston 31/08/2015
Hampshire 03/10/2015
Fakenham 10/10/2015

Neston, Wirral
Exbury, Hampshire
Fakenham

AWARDS – OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2014



Grand Master Bowman

Chris Baigent	Waterside	Recurve
Cherry Lyne	Bowmen of the Deans	Recurve
Tony Osborn	Pepperstock	Compound



Master Bowman

Cherry Lyne	Bowmen of the Deans	Recurve
Charlotte Warne	Waterside	Compound
Brian Taylor	Harlequin	Compound
Dicky Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Barry Hunt	Ascham	Recurve
Andrew Rowlands	CCB	Longbow
Nancy Ryder	Archery GB	Longbow
Roz Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Shelley Hurst	University of Bradford	Recurve
Roy Wareham	Hertford Co.of Archers	Longbow
Brian Temple	Pepperstock	Barebow
Mel Dawes	Cleve	Recurve



Junior Master Bowman

Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	Barebow
William Lear	Stalybridge	Barebow
Alex North	Abbey (Herts)	Barebow
Rebecca Giddings	Waterside	Recurve



Purple – Metric

Chris Baigent	Waterside	Recurve
Charlotte Warne	Waterside	Compound
Cherry Lyne	Bow. of the Deans	Recurve
Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	Barebow
Luke Pritchard	Chippenham	Longbow
Geoff Fisher	Burton Bridge	Longbow



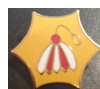
Gold – Metric

Molly Woods	Whitehill	Barebow
Chantelle Goubert	Guernsey	Recurve
Liz Bowyer	Arundown	Longbow
Jane Lomas	St.Georges	Compound
Caroline Lawrence	Canford Magna	Recurve
Ashleigh McCloud	Paradox	Recurve
Finley Lancashire (Jnr)	Corby	Recurve



Purple - Imperial

Kath Hall	Killingworth	Recurve
Tony Osborn	Pepperstock	Compound



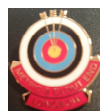
Gold – Imperial

Shelley Hurst	Uni. of Bradford	Recurve
Brian Taylor	Harlequin	Compound
Luke Pritchard	Chippenham	Longbow
Steve Chapman	Newhaven	Longbow
Chantelle Goubert	Guernsey	Recurve



Metric 6 Clout End

Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	Barebow
Dave Goodwin	Rutland	Recurve
Stuart Lowe	LAOFAC	Recurve
Mick White	Goldcrest	Recurve
Ian Bull	Kettering	Recurve



Longbow - Metric 3 Clout End

Dicky Summers	Southampton
Paul Wark	Chippenham
Liz Bowyer	Arundown
Steven Cottey	Lytchett
John Hayes	Lytchett