



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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On Friday 9th October, our President, Tom Hall, celebrated his 90th birthday at the Dagenham and Redbridge Football Club. A thoroughly enjoyable evening!

Michael Bell and Jann Watchman also celebrated significant birthdays. I won't mention Jann's but Michael's was 70!

All three thank members for their generosity on these occasions.



Some pictures to illustrate the beautiful day we had for our 55th Annual Field Championships held on 11th October 2015. The weather was so good that a normally weather resistant Sheron was sighted on the course! The results are at the end of this newsletter and you will see from these how important it is to add up the hits and golds! Some of you may have also seen Sheron's activities on a cycle after the shoot finished; burning off excess energy (she won the Ladies' Championship!)

This is to confirm the date for the HDSA Bring and Buy on Saturday 21st November, 2015. Sales start at 11.00am until 2.30pm and admission is £1. This is always a good opportunity to have a chat with people you haven't seen for a while and also to pick up bits and bobs you didn't realise you needed. This will be at the Broxhill Centre, Broxhill Road, Harold Hill, RM4 1XN.

Members will be pleased to know that Barry Fursedonne is home from hospital and is looking good!

We've just finished an intensive three-week course for some new people in the barn and we now have two new members, Suzanne Walker, Lawrence Best and possibly three others.

It's that name again! Raven-Corey Knight has broken her own Club Record (477) for a Portsmouth Round and this is now 517. Not only is it a new Girls' Under 15 record but also the best for Girls' Under 18 and it's the first time a Lady under 18 has achieved a plus 500 score. Very well done! Just as a post script to this, on 6th November, Raven-Corey set a new Junior Ladies record for the Portsmouth Round of 525!

Raven-Corey has also set a new Club Record (222) for the current Bray 1 League Round (30 arrows using a 40cm target at 20 yards) in our first match in October.

At the Braintree Open on Sunday 1st November 2015, Raven-Corey Knight won the overall Silver Medal for her age group. Sarah Bettles, our "Guest Member", won two golds, one for the best score in her session and one plus a trophy for the best score by a lady overall. Sarah also shot a personal best Portsmouth with a score of 569 Raven-Corey also learned that she is 10th in the "Top Ten" list of Essex Lady Juniors so all round "well done".

For our newer members, the following list is taken from the ArcheryGB Rule book. All of these "dos and don'ts" are what should happen when shooting is taking place:-

"Etiquette. A Good Archer:

- (a) Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- (b) Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- (c) Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- (d) Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded.
- (e) Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- (f) Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- (g) Does not leave litter.
- (h) When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example '7 - 7 - 5' '5 - 5 - 3'.
- (j) If they break another's arrow through their own carelessness, pay for it in cash on the spot.
- (k) Thanks the Target Captain at the end of each round for work on their behalf."

There are also some other times when a little thought should be put into what you are doing. Outdoors, on a practice day or evening, we put targets out at most distances and it's fine for people to move from one to another if they wish, PROVIDING! There is room on the target you are moving to and the people, if they are shooting a round, continue to do so without interference. You fit in with them, not the other way round. When there is a competition, you remain on the target you are allocated and this is moved according to the round being shot.

Indoors, you remain on the target you begin the round on until the round or practice is finished. It's fine to increase your stamina by shooting more than one round or part round if you wish but only the first one will count so far as handicapping is concerned.

When you are shooting a round, there must be a written record of the arrow values in the target before they're withdrawn. indoors and out. An archer should not enter their own score on the score sheet This is an ArcheryGB Rule. General score sheets are provided for Club Shooting days and evenings and special ones are provided for championships and League matches. These should be used at every opportunity and the detail slips filled in at the end of your round for the respective Records Officers. If you are shooting a round in practice you should hand your score sheet or book to one of the archers on your target to enter in the arrow values. This makes the use of 'phone apps impractical for anything other than personal interest, in the same way an archer writes their score in their score pad. Do check what is written on the score sheet is correct before you pull the arrows out as what is entered there cannot be altered after. The only things that may be altered on an official score sheet are the totals, if these are found to be incorrect so do check these as you go along. This saves going through the lot at the end of a shoot if something doesn't "add up". If you don't keep your own score in your score pad you wouldn't know there was anything wrong anyway. The only person who can alter an arrow value will be the Field Captain or Judge and this must be done before any arrows are pulled.

When you call your scores, indicate the arrow called by pointing at the nock. Do not touch the arrow or the target. Any fine line cutter should be scored to the lower value if you do.

When members go to competitions away, the scores will be recorded on a score sheet so it's best for people to get into good habits anyway. For competitions, if you are acting as "Target Captain" and entering the other archers' scores on the score sheet, the Rules of Shooting require you to hand your score sheet to someone other than yourself to enter.

You do not go on to the shooting line when an adjacent archer is at full draw but wait until the arrow is shot. When you have finished your end of 3 or 6 arrows and are ready to leave the line then give them the same consideration. There are events such as the World Archery 1440 Round when the Rules say you should leave the line as soon as you've finished your end but these are not the same Rules as ArcheryGB when the judges control shooting in a different way. Even at these shoots, the general practice is still to wait until the person behind or in front of you has shot their arrow.

All this rjust boils down to common sense and consideration for other archers.

The results of our October Bray1 League Matches 1 are in and are as follows:-

Longbow, Division 2

Ardleigh 233 beat Oakfield "B" 157 by 76 points

Ardleigh Mrs Heather Turner 123 – Mr Mark Turner 110

Oakfield "B" Mr Bob Attalia 104 – Mr Peter Evens 53

Recurve, Division 2

Rayleigh Town 1296 beat Ardleigh "A" 1242 by 54 points

Rayleigh Town Mr Tim Davies 266 – Mr Paul West 266 – Miss Lauren Bann (jun) 259

Mr Ian Bushell 259 – Mr Gary Bilton 246

Ardleigh "A" Mr Chris Pollard 260 – Mr Colin Vaughan 257 – Mr Sean Hunter 253

Mr Andy Mc Lean 239 – Mr Shamsul Hussain 233

Division 4

Ardleigh "B" 1122 beat Rushgreen "B" 1098 by 24 points

Ardleigh "B" Mr Wayne Scott 231 – Mr Jason Horsley 228 – Mr Gary Prior 223

Mr Ken Dell 220 – Miss Raven-Corey Knight (jun) 220

Rushgreen "B" Mr Rick Curtis 230 – Mstr Thomas Dobbinson 227 – Mr Luke Doran 222

Miss Libbi Marshall (jun) 216 – Mr Cliff Hunter 203

In the Longbow Division 2, Ardleigh are third in the table, out of 6 and we have the League Match Weekend coming up

Our Recurve 'A' Team are fourth out of 6 in Division 2 and our 'B' Team are top of Division 4. Like the Curate's Egg, "good in parts"

Members will be saddened to learn of the death of Graham Sibley, our Essex Secretary for many years. Members who knew him will remember a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Our thoughts are with his wife Betty at this sad time.

On Sunday 8th November 2015, five members and a resident guest shot at the World Archery Record Status FITA 18 put on by Netherhall Archers. The FITA 18 round uses a 40cm face at 18 metres, the same as our Indoor League matches. Raven-Corey Knight won a Bronze medal in the Girls Under 14 Section, Mark Turner Silver (Barebow) and Sarah Bettles Gold in the Ladies' competition. Subject to ratification, Raven-Corey's score (377) is also a new Club Record, breaking the old one of 364 set by Penny Brooks in 1984

Shamsul Hussain (new bow!), Gary Prior and Krishan Choudhury also achieved personal bests.

Results of our November Spoon Shoot, shot on Friday and Sunday of the same weekend are as follows:-

1	Jessie Horsley	Portsmouth	87	1320	218	1538	
2	Matthew Collins	Portsmouth	65	1070	428	1498	
3	Sophie Pollard	Portsmouth	79	1233	251	1484	
	Raven-Corey						
4	Knight	Portsmouth	48	945	525	1470	510 bar
5	Dave Clegg	Portsmouth	45	930	510	1440	15 gold
6	Ken Dell	Portsmouth	47	940	500	1440	12 gold
7	Chris Pollard	Portsmouth	33	886	545	1431	
8	Colin Vaughan	Portsmouth	31	881	546	1427	
9	Jason Horsely	Portsmouth	32	883	536	1419	
10	Brian Harris	Portsmouth	55	987	339	1326	

Raven- Corey Knight has achieved her 500 Club badge and 520 bar and David Clegg his 510 bar. Please ensure that when you are shooting away, you notify the relevant Records Officer or put a slip for the round in the box.



THE BOWMEN OF ARDLEIGH
55TH FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
11TH OCTOBER 2015.

Gentlemen Recurve		Rnd. 1	Rnd. 2	Total	
1	Colin Vaughan	80	87	167	Baldwin Trophy and Medal
2	Chris Lowe	74	85	159	Silver Medal
3	Alan Mills	75	78	153	Bronze Medal
4	Colin Redpath	76	64	140	
5	Andy Sparkes	56	62	118	
6	Chris Pollard	49	64	113	
7	Dave Clegg	63	40	103	
8	Ken Dell	35	59	94	
9	Gary Prior	41	46	87	
10	Brian Harris	22	52	74	
11	Shamsul Hussain	12	44	56	
Ladies' Recurve					
1	Sheron Easter	75	66	141	Monk Shield and Medal
2	Jo Rose	59	50	109	Silver Medal
3	Claire Jones	57	51	108	Bronze Medal
4	Ann Mills	51	49	100	
5	Lorraine Sparkes	31	40	71	
Gentlemen, Longbow					
1	Jason Horsley	58	58	116	Weaver Trophy and Medal
2	Stephen Jennings	18	25	43	Silver Medal
Junior Boy's Recurve					
1	Matthew Collins	73	53	126	Trophy and Medal
2	Charlie Sparkes	48	31	79	Silver Medal
3	Krishan Choudhury	2	14	16	Bronze Medal
Junior Girls' Recurve					
1	Rachel Sparkes	40	49	89	Trophy and Medal
2	Raven-Corey Knight	34	14	48	Silver Medal
3	Sophie Pollard	19	21	40	Bronze Medal
4	Jessie Horsley	8	4	12	

Handicap Competition Results

Where there is a tie, the figures in brackets indicate hits

	Rnd. 2	All.	Total	
1	Shamsul Hussain	44	68	112 Wright Shield and Gold Medal
2	Brian Harris	52	58	110 Callard Trophy and Silver Medal
3	Ken Dell	59	45	104
4	Chris Pollard	64	31	95
5	Krishan Choudhury	14	78	92
6	Chris Lowe	85	6	91
7	Rachel Sparkes	49	40	89 (31)
	Lorraine Sparkes	40	49	89 (27)
9	Colin Vaughan	87	0	87 (50)
	Stephen Jennings	25	62	87 (17)
11	Andy Sparkes	62	24	86
12	Gary Prior	46	39	85
13	Alan Mills	78	5	83
14	Sophie Pollard	21	61	82
15	Jason Horsley	58	22	80
16	Ann Mills	49	29	78
17	Jess Horsley	4	72	76
18	Claire Jones	51	23	74
19	Sheron Easter	66	5	71 (43)
20	Jo Rose	50	21	71 (34)
21	Colin Redpath	64	4	68
22	Charlie Sparkes	31	32	63
23	Matthew Collins	53	7	60 (58)
	Raven-Corey Knight	14	46	60 (18)
25	David Clegg	40	17	57

A beautiful day, cooling towards the finish (well, after all, it is October!). Congratulations go to the award winners and those taking part in their first competition at our Club.

Thanks go to Tom Hall, our President, for presenting the prizes and to Jann for organising the trophies and medals.