

Ledbury Archery Club



Annual General Meeting Chairmans Report - August 2020

I would like to start off by thanking all my fellow Committee members for their hard work and dedication in this most unusual archery year for our club, a particularly big vote of appreciation goes to Robert who has not only been answering the numerous enquiries we receive throughout the year via email and the contact page on the website, but he has constructed lots of new target stands for us during his time shielding away from the club.

So, no prizes for guessing what the dominant theme of the Chairman's Report is this year. In fact, very few prizes at all this year because of the restrictions that we have had to comply with regarding the Coronavirus.

Perhaps we should all reflect on how lucky we are to live in our area, and have such wonderful facilities at our disposal, allowing the club (after 2 months hiatus), to very carefully and cautiously move out of lockdown and resume our archery in a safe manner. The only club in Herefordshire to be able to do so.

Of course, we are yet (at the time of writing) to fully go back to how things were prior to the rise of Coronavirus, and we are currently unsure what the new normal will become at the club, at competitions (both internal and external) and indeed, in society in general. Sadly, not all of our members have rejoined us on the line under our new procedures, but we look forward to welcoming some absentees back in the next few weeks.

Restrictions placed upon us have not only meant suspension of shooting for our members for two months, but also, we have been unable to host any Have-a-Go events, Taster events or Beginners Courses. During any normal year we would also have participated in a number of external events around the county, however of course these have also been cancelled. The effect of all this has been a direct loss of income for the club, additionally, we have not had the influx of new members that we would normally have expected, another income stream lost.

Another impact that we have seen is that our 3 coaching candidates have had their course suspended and as a consequence have not yet been able to achieve their Level 1 coaching qualifications. It is hoped that these courses will resume as soon as possible.

Currently we are unable to shoot in the barn. Of course, this is not a true 'indoor' area as it is open to the elements on one side, but it is enclosed on the 3 other sides - so perhaps it follows that this is $\frac{3}{4}$ indoors? As such we would be required to implement much more stringent restrictions limiting the numbers of people being able to shoot - and before we could open the barn we would have to come up with a way of safely shooting within socially distancing guidelines that would be fair to all members - not just one or two. Currently, as we have 'spread out' on the line we are not strictly observing the safety zone on the left (track) side of the field and the barn cannot be used at the same time as shooting is taking place on the main field target range.

Our indoor shooting attendance at Tarrington was rather disappointing for the 2019 / 2020 season. As we had quite large numbers for previous indoor seasons leading to congestion on the line, and in the kitchen area, we decided to split the sessions in two, allowing for a much more comfortable and pleasant shooting environment. Despite this, we maintained very low charges to our members and as a result unfortunately our costs were not covered and we made a loss of £180.00. At the current time we are unsure of the availability of Lady Emily Hall and the viability of indoor shooting at all.

We have had many enquiries over the last few months, both from experienced archers and from people who feel they would like to take up the sport. It is up to ourselves to decide how we can offer places to these people - whether we will have the space going forward to expand the club to greater numbers than we currently have whilst still being able to comply with social distancing requirements whilst shooting, or if we should decide to leave the current numbers as they are until such times as social distancing becomes a thing of the past - which will probably not be until a viable vaccine for Covid 19 is found and provided to the population as a whole.

I very much hope that the Chairman's message for 2021 will contain much more positive news, but unfortunately to a large extent this will be out of our hands.

Mark Beaumont
Chairman - August 2020

Ledbury Archery Club



Annual General Meeting Treasurer's Report - August 2020

Please see the attached accounts for our year ending 31st July 2020. I took over as treasurer at the beginning of last October and have adopted a somewhat different (and computerised) format for the accounts than that previously used. This has the advantage of enabling of a more detailed analysis of income and expenditure but precludes a direct comparison on this occasion between this year and its predecessor.

Turning to the figures, it will be seen that we have just kept our head above water by making a surplus of £26.87. Times have been exceptional and this is reflected in a material reduction in income from "have a go" stands and the like at events and country fairs. Also, we have invested £500 in coaching courses which will provide dividends in due course as and when we can return to normality. The winter shooting at Tarrington proved to be somewhat of a disappointment financially as our new format failed to find favour with enough archers to prevent a loss of £180.

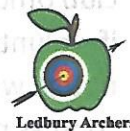
I can say that our membership subscriptions were up by some £288, but Archery GB and (to a far lesser extent) Hereford and West Midlands Associations take a goodly proportion of those subscriptions, so we do need to augment our income where we can from beginners' courses, displays and the like next year if we are able to do so.

We go into our new financial year with reserves in cash and at bank of £3194.81.

Let us hope for better times to come!

Malcolm Speight - LAC Treasurer

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Annual General Meeting

Secretary's Report – August 2020

1) Inevitably the prominent feature of this year (1 October 2019 to date) has been the total lockdown of national archery activities in early Spring, including our own club's suspension of shooting, and then the controlled re-start conditions admirably engineered for the club by Chairman Mark Beaumont.

Congratulations to him and to those helping to oversee the well thought out and safe shooting environment, particularly for those who are target shooting. We look forward to further relaxation of restrictions and a return to normality. We are lucky that our location has enabled us to make an immediate start, unlike the other Herefordshire clubs who are still unable to commence shooting on their respective shared facilities.

2) The Covid crisis shutdown affected only 2 weeks of our winter indoor shooting at Tarrington which ended in March with a whimper as fewer and fewer members regularly turned up to shoot. What was intended to be an activity breaking even over the year went into deficit. The committee will be giving serious thought as to whether we should continue there again from the end of September, if or when the Tarrington facilities become available again and distancing regulations come to an end. Many will remember that we have continued to try to source an alternative venue in the past few years but nowhere has become apparent within reasonable distance and cost.

3) Our Treasurer Malcolm Speight will have reported on income for the year; although our membership numbers registered an all-time high (42 members on the books) the shutdown and subsequent restrictions have meant loss of income this year from Starter and Beginners courses (and resulting club subscriptions) and lucrative Have a Go events at Herefordshire Country Show (shared with the other county clubs) and at the Nest.

4) The absence of our club courses has also meant that we have had no newly trained members joining the club (we had 11 enthusiastic new starters from this source last year) and inevitably, as some will let their membership lapse, we will start recruiting for our courses and club membership as soon as prevailing conditions permit.

5) I would like to encourage others to come forward as volunteers to take over various club officer roles if available, including my own. The club thrives on, and can only operate if, volunteers spend time on club tasks as well as enjoying their shooting. On a personal note, I will be passing my 77th birthday next Spring and would like to pass on my baton as soon as practicable during 2020/2021 and before I get even more decrepit and crotchety. There is quite a lot of detail to absorb so initially I would like an 'understudy' until such time they have confidence to take over, with reference to me or other club officers if further guidance is needed. If you are willing to do this, or volunteer for any other post, please advise me before the AGM (through our club gmail account) so that I can discuss with the relevant current officer(s).

Robert Oates

Ledbury Archery Club



Annual General Meeting Coach's Report - August 2020

It has been a fairly uneventful year on the coaching front due the restrictions placed on us by Covid 19. This biggest change from my point of view is obviously James choosing to leave the club and me taking on the mantle as lead coach. I hope I can live up to the challenge when we run our next beginner's course.

I want to acknowledge the work that James and Pete put in to the coaching in the club, I know that I would not have passed my coaching course if it wasn't for the support I got from both of them. I look forward to being able to welcome Chris, Rachel and Gordon to the coaching team when their course resumes.

The restrictions imposed by the virus have meant that one to one coaching and courses have not been possible. When we are in a position to do this, we have access to a county coach (level 3) as well as the level 2 coaches based in Bromyard.

David Gemmell suggested that we hold a number of workshops at Putley aiming to increase peoples understanding of their equipment and its maintenance as well as to improve them as archers. I would hope that we would be able to have these in some form once the restrictions have been lifted.

In the mean time, while I cannot do any on the line coaching, if there any issues you need help with that you think I may be able to answer please don't hesitate to contact me using the coaching email coaching@ledburyarcheryclub.org and I will help in any way I can.

Katie Belsham

Lead Coach August 2020

Annual General Meeting Records Officer's Report - August 2020

Classifications & Records

Scoring is a central part of target archery as it enables you to track your progress and to compete with others if desired, so it's important to start scoring even at lower distances. Some seem to be reluctant to score on a regular basis, but it is a good way to see how you are progressing and can even surprise, with many members having achieved Archery GB classification standings.

Stephanie Barton and David Quinn become First Class archers and we had our first Junior Bowman in the shape of Joseph Barton. Well done.

There have also been new club and county records by our members, even during these testing times, which bodes well for the coming year.

Competitions

This year has been a story of 2 halves with the first half concentrating on the indoor season and the second half dominated with Covid-19 and the lockdown. There have been no competitions since March so the outdoor season has been decimated.

The Indoor Competition winners at Tarrington are as follows:

Longbow	Mark Beaumont
Barebow	David Quinn'
Recurve	Mike Woodhall

External Indoor Completions

WMAS and CWAA	Justin Twigg – Compound - Gold
HAA WA 25	Justin Twigg – Compound - Gold
	David Quinn – Barebow - Gold
HAA Portsmouth	Justin Twigg – Compound – Gold
	Joseph Barton – Barebow – Gold
	Stephanie Barton – Barebow – Gold
	David Quinn – Barebow – Silver
	Mark Beaumont – Longbow – Silver
	Pat Beaumont – Longbow – Silver
HAA Worcester	David Quinn – Barebow – Gold
	Justin Twigg – Compound – Gold
	Rachel Cecil – Barebow - Gold

External Outdoor Completions (before lockdown)

HAA Championships

Pat Beaumont – Longbow – Championship Gold
Joseph Barton – Barebow – Championship Gold
Graham Blandford – Longbow – Championship Silver

Graham Shaw – Recurve – HAA Bristol III Gold
Caroline Shaw - Recurve– HAA Bristol IV Gold
Stephanie Barton – Barebow – HAA Bristol IV Gold
Rachel Cecil – Barebow - HAA National Gold

HAA Metric Clout 165m & 125m

Richard Lee- Buxton – Barebow – Gold
Rachel Cecil – Longbow - Gold
Graham Shaw – Barebow – Silver
George Hancock - Longbow – Silver
Caroline Shaw – Barebow - Silver

Well done to everyone and keep on shooting, enjoying archery and of course scoring!

Pat Beaumont
Records Officer

Annual General Meeting Equipment Officer Report - August 2020

Not a lot to report on the equipment front. The lack of external events and in-house courses means that most of the contents of the container remain untouched since lockdown.

Arrows: fletched and ready to fly

Bows: in need of “test and sort” as soon as restrictions allow barn activity. Some to be recycled, others may be sold.

Target stands: thanks to Robert for work on these and the distance markers down the range.

Target faces: We are getting through these more rapidly as some archers have individual “Covid” allocation.

Sundries: We are well stocked for a return to full activity!

Here's to a more exciting report next season.

Rachel Cecil