



Bowmen of Ardleigh  
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These Newsletters can be a bit like London Buses, you can wait ages for one and then two come along at once! Please consider this an addendum to Small Newsletter No. 96.

At the Havering Youth Games Archery event held on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, one of our newer members, Elliott Reid, took part in his first competition away from our Club. Shooting a Short Junior National Round, Elliott scored 262 and was awarded a bronze medal for third in his class, a very creditable performance his first competition away from our Club.



Here's another report about one of our former members, Sarah Bettles who now lives and works in Leeds. The picture is from Sarah's Facebook page. The Competition was the UK Masters at Lilleshall on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Sarah again had problems with her back on the first day. Like all archers, she wasn't happy with her score for the 70m Olympic Round and her score of "only" 606 saw her in 5<sup>th</sup> place and good enough to get to get her into the "head to head" final that followed. Sarah finished second behind Naomi Folkard but as it was a tied final match the result was decided with a single arrow shoot off. There's probably a big "if" when a result depends on how close you can get to the middle at 70 metres.

With the help of anti-inflammatories and some tape, Sarah on the second day shot the World Archery 1440 round and finished in second place with a personal best of 1289 and her position total of 5<sup>th</sup> on the first day, second in the head to head and second on day 2 saw her points total of 9, level with Naomi Folkard but, in the way things work out with tie-breaks, Naomi's 7<sup>th</sup> place in the head to head compared with Sarah's 2<sup>nd</sup> gave Sarah the Championship. Southern Counties won the Mixed Team Trophy.

In another bit of catching up, these are the results for our Mail Handicap Spoon Shoot, shot on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017

			H/cap	All.	Score	Total
1	Chris Lowe	Long National	36	934	531	1465
2	Ken Dell (L/bow)	National	75	1362	100	1462
3	Paul Campion	Long National	44	1022	402	1424
4	Dylan Starkey	Short Junior Warwick	70	1125	177	1302

I understand Jann is still resisting the temptation to eat the Easter Egg Shoot prizes. These will be awarded at another event, as yet unknown!

And these are the results from our June Spoon, shot on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017

			H/cap	All.	Score	Total
1	Dave Clegg	Long National	48	1079	426	1505
2	Dylan Starkey	Short Warwick	70	1285	165	1453
3	Ken Dell (L/bow)	Warwick	74	1375	72	1447
4	Chris Lowe	Long National	36	943	448	1422
5	Gary Prior	Warwick	43	1096	282	1378

Congratulations to Chris and Dave, both of whom have again reduced their handicap ratings!



In our last issue there was a report on the Abbey Open held on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. This is something of an addendum to that for the purposes of “if you’ve got it, flaunt it!”

Resplendent in their medals, from the left, Sophie Pollard with her silver medal, Chris Pollard with his gold team medal, Chris Lowe with his team gold and silver second Gentleman in the Albion, Janine Sittig with her gold medal, Sean Hunter with his team gold and Gary Prior with his gold team medal.

With two scores over 800 this stands us in good stead for our next match, at home to Rushgreen Bowmen on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

Usually, the matches start earlier than usual, 10.00am assembly for sighters at 11.00am but this will be confirmed shortly. As I think I mentioned in Newsletter 96, members may start shooting at the earlier time, or at the usual 1.00pm assembly for 2.00pm sighters.

The only proviso for shooting on the day of a League match is that it can’t be delayed by things like searching for arrows but it does have the benefit of a League Tea after, which members are welcome to attend. Members not selected for our team may shoot alongside them in the Albion Round to get experience of shooting in matches in informal circumstances. Some who do may well be in the next match away to West Essex ‘C’ in August. Members not in our Team can shoot other rounds if they wish but all will be controlled by the same whistled instructions.

We have a ‘Bye’ in July but it may be worthwhile shooting it anyway, without the stress of it being a match (as mentioned in the last newsletter).

We have a new Webmaster for the Ardleigh website so if you have any ideas or suggestions about what you’d like to see on it I’m sure Paul will respond in his own inimitable way! Our thanks go to Jo Knight who created the site for her work in setting it all up. We have had many compliments on it and I know it’s encouraged people to contact and join us rather than go to other clubs

That about wraps up this extra Newsletter for the moment but rest assured, I shall try to do them a bit more frequently, but I make no promises.