



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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My apologies for the delay between newsletters, certainly when compared with the space between the last two!

Before I get into the lists of scores I try to avoid, I'll mention that one of our former members, Sarah Bettles, now working "oop North" is presently on maximum points (150) in the National Series run by Archery GB and has just learned that she's been selected to shoot for Great Britain at the Berlin World Cup Stage 4 on 12th and 13th August, followed by the last (5th and 6th) competitions of the National Series on 23rd and 24th September 2017. This is all while Sarah's changing jobs and moving to a new house too!



To the centre, Dylan Starkey, one of our members, in the Barking and Dagenham London Youth Games Team held at Crystal Palace on 8th July 2017.

To the left, former member Raven-Corey Knight and to the left Courtney Mahoney. All shot personal bests and came 10th out of 19 teams despite having only three members where some boroughs had five.

I'll begin with the results of our second Essex and Suffolk Summer Albion League Match, held at Ardleigh on 18th June 2017. The scores were as follows.

Ardleigh		Rushgreen	
Sean Hunter (PB)	808	Andy Moore (PB)	778
Chris Lowe	784	Tony Robinson	744
Chris Pollard	782	Jack Mills (PB)	617
Colin Vaughan	779	Colin Smith	579
Paul Champion	706	Cliff Hunter	526
Totals	3859		3244
Jason Horsley	683		
Gary Prior	629		
David Clegg	601		

A win for Ardleigh by 615 points! Personal bests in both teams and it was the first time Jack had shot an Albion in the League! We haven't won a League Match by that much of a margin for quite a while and the Division 3 Table after this match is.

Noak Hill	2	0	0	2	0	0	4	7435
Mayflower	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	7580
Ardleigh	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	7579
Rushgreen	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3244
West Essex C	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3072

Not much between 2nd and 3rd! Our team's score beat the other teams shooting in Division 3, all the teams in Division 2 and two out of the four teams in Division 1! Promising! As I've mentioned before, we have a "Bye" in July and we meet West Essex "C" in August and Noak Hill in September. Not that I'm one to analyse, but I tried to predict how we'd finish up in the League last year and failed miserably so I'll leave any speculation to others. Full results are on the ecaa.org.uk website shortly.

Paul Champion has been doing a lot of work setting up a score notifying system. If you send your scores to scores@bowmenofardleigh.com they will go to both our Records Officers and Paul. Do continue, though, to use the box in the barn cabinet and the little red box in the container to record your scores as a "back-up", and those who don't wish to use email should continue to use them. Slips to record scores will be available in both places.

We had a "Bye" for the Summer League in July. Mayflower had a "walk-over" for their July match.as West Essex couldn't make up a 'C' team and Mayflower didn't shoot the match

The result of our August 6th match with West Essex 'C' was as follows.

Ardleigh		West Essex 'C'	
Sean Hunter	790	Agnes Stephens	684
Colin Vaughan	648	Raven-Corey Knight (PB)	631
Ken Dell	606	Pardma Mantravardi	608
Chris Lowe	577	Paul Tolson	598
Mark Turner (BB)	482	Peter Brannon	581
Totals	3103		3102
		Dawn Tolson	483

Quite a close-run thing really! One of our former members, Raven-Corey, actually chose the day to improve her personal best score from 536.

Division 3 League Table after this match.

	Shot	Bye	DNS	Won	Lost	Draw	Points	Agg.
Mayflower	3	0	1	3	1	0	6	11490
Noak Hill	3	1	0	3	0	0	6	11157
Ardleigh	3	1	0	2	1	0	4	10682
Rushgreen	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	9947
West Essex 'C'	2	1	1	0	3	0	2	6174

If it's the case that, as last year, the top 2 teams in Division 3 are promoted to Division 2 then if we beat Noak Hill we would be promoted with Noak Hill as, unless something really goes wrong, our aggregate will be better than Mayflower's as they have a bye in September so will not improve theirs. If we don't beat Noak Hill then Mayflower will go up and we'll spend another year in Division 3.

Results of our July Handicap Spoon Shoot

	Archer	Round	H/cap.	All.	Score	Total
1	Ken Dell	National	50	1004	461	1465
2	Chris Lowe	Long Metric	36	950	256	1206

Results of our August Handicap Spoon Shoot

	Allowance	Score	Total
1st	Colin Vaughan		1159 326 1485
2nd	Jess Horsley		1191 264 1455
3rd	Ken Dell		1229 202 1431

Results of our September Handicap Spoon Shoot

	Archer	Round	H/cap.	All.	Score	Total
1	Ken Dell	Short Warwick	49	1097	326	1423
2	Gary Prior	Short Warwick	43	1068	342	1410
3	Chris Pollard	Long Warwick	38	1107	270	1377
4	Colin Vaughan	Long Warwick	42	1135	235	1367
5	Jason Horsley	Long Warwick	43	1142	148	1290

We are holding another "Come and Try Archery" Morning in the barn at Bretons on Sunday 8th October 2017. Only one session this time as we have our Annual Field Championships in the afternoon. Any help members can give on the session will be much appreciated, and on the following three Sunday mornings 15th, 22nd and 29th October. Don't assume that because you haven't been with us very long you can't contribute. The newer members are closer to people beginning Archery and their contribution and experience is really important.

Now the Summer Season is nearing its end, I still find how quickly it goes surprising and I really should be used to it by now! At the end of this month our Archery GB fees will be paid and that's another year gone! The time people can devote to their Archery seems to be diminishing as the demands of life, working for a living, school and other activities increase. We always point out to prospective members the time it will take them to become reasonably proficient and if they wish to improve how that progression is proportional to the time they can put in. What does puzzle me is why some people go to the expense of joining us, perhaps buying equipment, and then, after a short while are seldom seen or in some cases not at all. This is common to most Archery Clubs and not just ours and I'd appreciate some ideas from people about why. Is it because we have to spend time setting the field out and putting equipment away, bearing in mind that the more people there are wanting to shoot the easier it is to do it? Is it because people are unsure if shooting is taking place outside our usual times? Is it because the Manor House and consequently the toilets are some distance away. Certainly I'm aware that we lose members to another club nearby where their field is available at any time without the flags and signage we need to use for safety as their ground has a fence around it. This last is, perhaps, questionable as Archery GB Rules say that any ground is liable to trespass, fenced or not. Do let me know your views on this, and any constructive ideas on how we might improve things.

Just a final note that keys to our container are available to members, providing the user has been with us for at least a year, on payment of a £5 deposit to Jann Watchman. Our Club and Archery GB Rules must be complied with at all times.

Appended below are the results of the 64th Club Championships and our annual Double American competition.



Bowmen of Ardleigh
Double American Championship
13th August 2017

Nice day, no wind or rain to speak of rain, not too hot or cold and good light to shoot in without being too bright. Pretty much a perfect day for shooting.

Double American. All Recurve unless specified (BB = Bare Bow)

Archer	H/cap.	All	Rnd. 1	Rnd. 2	Dbl.	Total	
1 Ken Dell	49	1666	586	650	1236	2802	Beales Trophy & Gold Medal
2 Mark Turner (BB)	48	1642	469	486	955	2587	Silver Medal
3 Chris Lowe	33	1388	614	567	1181	2569	Bronze Medal

Double American Straight Score Awards

Recurve			
1	Ken Dell	1236	Gold Medal
2	Chris Lowe	1181	Silver Medal

Single American Round

Archer	H/cap.	All	Score	Total	
1 Brian Harris	60	1008	491	1499	Gold Medal
2 Elliott Read	73	1252	206	1458	Silver Medal
3 Wayne 'Scott	49	833	553	1386	Bronze Medal

Barebow Champion and receiving a gold medal was Mark Turner, scoring 955.

Junior Boy Champion and receiving a gold medal is Elliott Read, scoring 206

Thanks go to Jann for organising the medals, Gary Prior for doing the results, Tom Hall for doing the presentations, Mark for his work as Field Captain and all the members who helped with putting out the targets and putting them away.



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Results of 64th Club Target Championships

9th July 2017

AWARDS BASED ON STRAIGHT SCORE

Gentlemen's York Round, Recurve

1	Sean Hunter	863	Championship Trophy and Medal
2	Chris Lowe	704	Medal
3	David Clegg	589	Medal
4	Gary Prior	531	

Sean also won the medal for the best straight score by an archer with a handicap between 0 and 40. **Dave Clegg** won the medal for the best straight score by an archer with a handicap between 41 and 100. The **Worst White** Award also went to Dave Clegg

The Ladies' Championship this year was over the Western Round

1	Heather Turner (Longbow)	309	Championship Trophy and Medal
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Junior Gentlemen's Championship, Junior Warwick

1	Elliott Reid	210	Championship Trophy and Medal
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Awards based on Handicap

Hammond Trophy

(for the highest score on handicap for the York and Hereford Rounds only as no ladies shot the Hereford this year)

	Archer	H/cap	All	Score	Total	Award
1	Sean Hunter	38	575	863	1438	Medal and Trophy
2	Dave Clegg	46	803	589	1392	
3	Chris Lowe	36	527	704	1231	
4	Gary Prior	43	712	531	1243	

Munroe Cup

	Archer		H/cap.	All.	Score	Total	
1	Jason Horsley (LB)	Western	66	1169	363	1532	Trophy and Gold Medal
2	Brian Harris	Western	60	1038	458	1496	Silver Medal
3	Elliott Read	Junior Warwick	73	1239	210	1449	Bronze Medal
4	Heather Turner (LB)	Western	64	1126	309	1435	
5	Ken Dell	Western	69	1229	185	1414	

The Esme Henley Trophy, (for the Highest Score on Handicap by an archer with less than two full season's experience) was won by Elliott Read.

The Attwood Trophy (for the highest score on handicap by a couple) was not awarded this year.

Thanks go to Tom Hall for presenting the prizes, Jann for organising the entries, medals and awards, Dave Clegg for doing the results and to members and their families for helping with the puttings out and away.