



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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These are the scores for our second Essex Summer League Match, postal again, with West Essex Bowmen. With the current extension of the "relaxation" date for Covid put back to 19th July, the next one might be postal too.

ARDLEIGH		WEST ESSEX	
Archer	SCORE	Archer	SCORE
Dave Clegg	685 (PB)	S. Fortune	846
Chris Lowe	683	Simon Powell	820
Gary Prior	621 (PB)	T. Walsh	738
Chris Phillips	600(PB)	K. Sykes	683
Maria Coppens	481 (PB)	P.Mantavadi	630
Totals	3070		3717
Dave Cook	229 (PB)		

A win for West Essex Bowmen by 647 points and in the League Table we're still supporting the other 5 teams!

Just note that our team all helped with the two sessions for beginners we ran in the morning and how well we did. There were 4 personal Albion League Match bests for both Daves, Chris Phillips and Maria. This was the first time Maria had ever shot 80 yards in an Albion Round and Dave Cook has been shooting with us for about a month now and this was his first time shooting a round, let alone 80 yards! "They've all done very well!"

There's a Sherlock Holmes detective story called "The Red-Headed League". With the weather on Sunday being as it was, 5 of our team joined "The Red-Legged League". The picture below shows them in action.

Our criteria for Team Selection mentioned in the last newsletter were working in all departments! They are shown in action to the left below.

We welcome another new member, Stephanie Hoppe (below right). Stephanie was visiting with Maria and said she'd like to join us and although she tried shooting on one of our free "taster" sessions, shot with us properly on the Sunday afternoon of the League match. Stephanie shot two six-gold ends during the session using one of our Club bows and probably un-matched arrows. She shows great promise!



Really nice day too, but very hot. We had the dome shelter for cover for the morning beginners' sessions and Chris Phillips brought along some bottled water, which was much appreciated.

The beginners' sessions are all outdoors at the moment and people are arriving at around 8.30am to start preparing the field but any help at any time in the morning will be very welcome.

The sessions on the 13th of June had 20 people participating and 16 of them have indicated their wish to take a course with us when we sort out the dates and these are additional to the 17 from the 6th of June. We have another two free "taster" sessions on Sundays 20th and 27th June so any help members can give will, again, be appreciated. Things have been put back a little by the anticipated date for relaxing the Covid regulations being extended to the 19th July but presently we intend running courses on Sunday mornings during July and we'll see what happens then. Thanks again go to all the members who've helped with the sessions so far.

Members from before 2020 will already be aware of the "Warwick 252 badges" but I'll just explain them to our newer members and there are some changes coming as well. We're in the process of changing the format of the awards in the hopes it will give both existing members and the newer ones something to go for while some competitions are not taking place. There is no longer a limitation of two years or Juniors up to the age of 18



The Warwick Rounds are each of 48 arrows (24 at each distance), with badges awarded as follows: -

Green	Short Junior Warwick	(30 and 20 yards)
White	Junior Warwick	(40 and 30 yards)
Black	Short Warwick	(50 and 40 yards)
Blue	Warwick	(60 and 50 yards)
Red	Long Warwick	(80 and 60 yards)
Gold	New Warwick	(100 and 80 yards)

For members shooting Barebow recurve the qualifying score for a 252 badge will be 190 and for those shooting Longbow 150,

All members are now eligible to receive the badges while they are with our Club. The only provisos presently are that members need to claim the relevant badge with the Outdoor Records Officer and that it follows on from the badge they most recently won.

Please note that it's best to shoot the rounds in the order of distances as if you achieve, say, a black badge award first then you miss getting the green or white ones! The badges are awarded following ratification by your committee at the monthly meeting immediately following. Two members have achieved the gold badges since the Warwick Awards commenced. The scoring is, as with all the "Imperial" Rounds, 9,7,5,3 and 1 on a 120 centimeter target!

We do, though, want to encourage as many people as possible to try shooting at 80 yards. When I started with our Club there was keen eagerness among the newer members to represent us in League matches and competitions. The Chair and Records Officer had quite a selection of people to choose from, ladies included and we were one of the strongest clubs in the County. If we didn't win competitions or matches, we were still likely to "put the wind up" the opposition. It would be quite nice if we could have the same effect again!



From top left, our standard Badge, then our commemorative anniversary badges, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th. We're now in our 68th year! and one of the oldest clubs still active in Essex.

These commemorative badges are still available to members although I think there are only a few of some of them. So far as I'm aware, with the exception of the standard badge we've never had any more made after the initial run.

If people would like any of them, the standard circular lapel badges cost £3 each and the larger commemorative ones £5 each. All are available from Jan Lowe.

Our medals in the appropriate years also had the same enamelled centres. You may see some of them from time to time as part of our efforts to "re-cycle" as much as possible. You may even win one!