



Bowmen of Ardleigh
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These are the results of the Spoon Shoot that took place over the weekend 6th/8th November 2021

	Archer	H/C	All.	Score	Total	
1	Dave Cook	46	935	513	1448	Spoon Award and 510 Bar.
2	Sophie Pollard	58	1008	433	1441	
3	Prital Upadhayay	59	1016	420	1436	
4	Chris Pollard	34	889	530	1419	
5	Chris Phillips	46	935	481	1416	

Where total scores are shot to an archer's handicap rating are around 1440, this indicates that archer shot to their handicap rating so, in this case, the archer who shot the most above their handicap, they win!

The first of our series of sessions for beginners took place on 31st October, 7th and 14th November was extremely successful in that we gained Nigel, Kieron, Tom, Alex, Mia, Ravinder and Safina as members. Actually Mia and Safina had already joined us before the sessions started!

The help of members both new and more established is much appreciated and we've had very good "feedback" from those who were trying Archery for the first time.

Our next series on Sundays 28th November and 5th and 12th December is already full at the time of writing and, again, members' help towards the success of the sessions will be most useful!

We have another series arranged, starting on 9th January 2022 through the 16th and 23rd and there are already people listed to take part in that.

Our Club Indoor Championships take place on 30th January 2022 and will possibly have archers spread over several sessions over the afternoon, according to the entries we get. Please don't assume that, because you are a new archer you "aren't good enough" to take part. There are more awards achievable by "new" archers than those on score alone. Entry forms will be available nearer the time. Established archers will already have a handicap rating and our newer members should also make a point of shooting three rounds, either a Portsmouth (60cm. face, 60 arrows at 20 yards) or a Bray 1 (40cm. face, 30 arrows at 20 yards). Again, please put your scores in as soon as possible as the sooner you get a rating from our Indoor Records Officer to take part in all our indoor competitions where handicap awards are made.

Our Annual Award, the Spoon Shoot Trophy has always been presented at our AGM when it was held in February, won't be decided until the December Spoon Shoot has been completed so that award will be made separately on some suitable occasion. Usually this award is made on scores made over our 12 monthly spoon shoots, both indoors and out when an archer has shot in a minimum of 7. The award made for 2020 was decided on fewer shoots and this year, for reasons of Covid saw even fewer shoots available to members so the results for 2021 will be over three matches where archers have shot in at least two of them.

Another Award, presented by Roy and Marlene Hutchins in memory of Jim Watchman for the Highest unrewarded score by a member taking part in our Essex Albion Summer League Matches goes this year to Dave Cook.

The wonderful carved wood arrowhead trophy, presented by Tom and Iris Major in memory of both Jim and Jann Watchman for the highest score on handicap in our Club Championships or Spoon shoots was again much restricted due to Covid but we do have a result for 2020 and the award will be made when the result for 2021 is also known after our December Spoon Shoot is completed.

Not very much other news for this issue. I usually have some pictures to add to our newsletters but I've nothing fresh for this one. Perhaps there'll be some new ones I can include in the next one, which will probably be the last this year. Members are welcome to send me anything they think suitable for our newsletters, or even articles if they have any ideas for one. Perhaps even some observations or thoughts from our newer members.

Some members have been reconnoitering Merlin Archery Essex at Rettendon but there is, as always, no pressure on people to buy anything at all in the early days of their Archery, but if there is a feeling that they'd like to buy something, then an armguard and a tab to protect the fingers are about the only things I'd recommend initially, if only to save rummaging about in the box to find something that fits!

If anyone does feel the need to buy anything further and doesn't have the will to resist it, then advice will always be available.