



## *Hi Folks*

August has raced round again and suddenly it is time to plan for the outdoor competition – details follow. There will also be a raffle at the competition and we are asking members to donate prizes.

**Natalie** will be around on Thursday evenings to collect any prizes you wish to donate.

The transition to our new range went smoothly, everyone helping to get the equipment moved and the weather being perfect for the first shoot. Maybe our first shoot should have been a more formal affair with speeches, bunting and a brass band but it turned out to be far more pleasant than that– a lovely summer evening and a relaxed holiday atmosphere where everyone could get used to setting up the range and using the new, and far superior, venue.

Having settled in for a couple of weeks, the first Selby was shot and produced really splendid results, all our archers being able to give of their best in the new setting.

**Piers** has made a brilliant entry into the National Competitions scene. His report bodes well for the future and we all wish him every success in the coming stages.

**Jon Hammond** has put an item in for photographers but **don't skip it** if you think your photographic skills are not all that good. All of you can point a camera or phone and press a button so give it a whirl. Your snap could be just what we need. *Jim*

## **Clacton Competition– a great day out and a whole bunch of medals!**

In early July a bunch of Blue Arrows hopefuls went to Clacton to compete in their annual competition.

Have to say we all did pretty well. Each one of us got a medal. Great day as always and great to see lots of Blue Arrows members out there shooting and representing us at competitions.

Well done guys. Adds to the many others we have already won in the past. *Ade*



**The Blue Arrows Team**

**David Fellman, Rob Garnham, Mike Gissing, Ade Burch and Jon Hammond**



**BLUE ARROWS ARCHERY CLUB**  
**SUMMER TOURNAMENT AND BBQ**  
**SUNDAY 3rd September 2017**  
**10 A.M.**

There will be 3 Club Championship Rounds for which medals will be awarded.  
 There will also be 2 more rounds where the winners will receive a token award.

The rounds are also open to other bow type users.  
 As usual there will be a BBQ after the tournament.

Any queries please speak to Ade.

ALL rounds shot on a 122cm face and will be 5 zone scoring, 9, 7,5,3,1.

**ROUND 1 - CLUB COMPOUND CHAMPIONSHIP (Compound only)**

Long Western - 4 dozen arrows at 80 yds and 4 dozen at 60 yds

**ROUND 2 - CLUB RECURVE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Short Western - 4 dozen arrows at 50 yds and 4 dozen at 40 yds

**ROUND 3 - ALTERNATIVE ROUND**

Junior Western - 4 dozen arrows at 40 yds and 4 dozen at 30 yds

**ROUND 4 - CLUB JUNIOR RECURVE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Short Junior Western - 4 dozen arrows at 30 yds and 4 dozen at 20 yds

**ROUND 5 - BEGINNERS**

This round is only for those who attended the May & June beginner courses and must be shot with a club recurve bow. 8 dozen arrows, all at 20 yds.

Following the tournament there will be a BBQ. The cost per person for this is £5.00. All family and friends are welcome. Please show how many people will be attending the BBQ and indicate if any require the vegetarian option.

Please complete the form below and hand forms and money for BBQ to Natalie Skilton, Social Secretary, as soon as possible. You can also e-mail Natalie your completed form to: [natalie.skilton@googlemail.com](mailto:natalie.skilton@googlemail.com)

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>ROUND No.</b>	
<b>ENTRY</b>	
<b>No. for BBQ</b>	
<b>Amount Paid</b>	
<b>No. OF VEGETARIANS</b>	

## Ade performs well in another Longbow Shoot for the County!

### Ade's report

In June I was fortunate enough to be selected for the county to shoot in the National County Team event at the National Archery Centre in Lilleshall, Shropshire.

Spread over 2 days with recurve, compound and longbow teams, male and female, from many counties competing to be named as the County Champions of England.

I shot with 2 other longbow archers from Essex and Suffolk and had to shoot a WA720 and team Head 2 Head on the Saturday and a WA1440 on the Sunday. Both very long days starting at 8am and not finishing until around 6pm!!

Individually I came 10th on Saturday out of 23 of the countries top longbow archers and on the Sunday I improved a little and came 8th.

I have to say I have never seen so many targets. I shot on target 42 of 65, with 264 archers competing.



Fantastic experience and very nerve racking at times, especially during the head 2 heads and also when my shooting partner had a bouncer and I had to complete my end shooting at 90m in front of 262 archers and supporters. The full results are published on Archery GB's website.

*Ade.*



## Piers breaks U18 boys club record in a very encouraging National Competitions debut!



On the 8th and 9th of July I headed to Surrey to try my hand against the best seniors in the country. The 3rd and 4th stages of the Archery GB National Series was certainly an imposing beast of a competition with over 250 competitors and 74 targets in total and to top it all off; I was the only junior competing in the Men's division!!

The first day began rather well (considering I had no expectations as it was my first ever 70 metre 72 arrow round – which is the Olympic distance – and I was feeling confident) with a 252 - after 36 arrows - followed by a 271 finishing with 523 points after 72 arrows which is a personal best and U18 boys club record.

Out of the 84 male recurve competitors there was a “cut” of 64, meaning to advance to the head to head stages you had to rank at or inside the 64th position. Unfortunately I was unable to advance with a ranking of 68th (although beating 16 senior men in my first outdoor national tournament).

Day two was interesting to say the least with slightly windy and inconsistent conditions everyone struggled (scores across the board all dropped). But I managed a 509 with some very nice ends of 53 and 56 still at 70 metres. I achieved a ranking of 60th. I had a guaranteed head to head on the national scene!!! However it would not be an easy match, due to my ranking I was against the archer in 5th position with a score of 643!

The head to head matches adopt a set system, involving ends of three arrows with the highest scoring archer in each end being awarded 2 points; in the event of a tie in an end 1 point is awarded to each archer. The winner is the first to 6 points. Annoyingly, he won 6-0, but I shot some of the best scores I have ever shot at 70 metres shooting two ends of 27 and being very consistent through the whole match not dropping out of the red rings at all!!

Although no medals were won, I feel it was an educational experience and a very fun weekend. Hopefully stages 5 and 6 at the end of July will come with more success.

*Piers*

### **First Selby shoot at new venue produces spectacular results.**

The first Selby shoot at the new venue produced a splendid result for the club with three members returning scores over 600.

**Zoli Olajos** was top scorer with a score of 609, closely followed by **Rob Garnham** with 608 and **Jon Hammond** with a score of 603.

I believe this is a first for the club.

This new venue appears to be working wonders for our shooting.

Let's hope that we get many more such results in the future.

*Rob Garnham*

### **August is Holiday Time. Where will your imagination take you this year?**



After seeing this image of a skydiver, Rob is convinced that if he runs fast enough with his arms outstretched he will be able to fly off to some sunny resort without having to bother with all that nonsense with Easyjet and passports.



I spotted him practicing his take off during club night.

He intends practicing again next Thursday evening with a couple of suitcases, which should provide us with a bit of welcome entertainment.

Good luck with that one Rob!

## August Birthday wishes go to



**Kirstine Heald**

**Simon Fortt**

**Daniel Fortt**

Simon and Daniel are two new members who I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. Happy Birthday to you both and welcome to the club.

*Jim*



**Ross Trinder**

**Best wishes to you all!**

**Rachel and John Goode remember those scorching days a few weeks ago.**



**Rachel** shows us how to keep cool in the heat,  
and

a slightly younger incarnation of **John** waits impatiently for the beginning of the football season in August.



**Having cooled down and scrubbed up, Rachel was then out mixing with the celebs again.**

Rachel recently met another celebrity, Former EastEnders actor and Presenter **Ross Kemp**.

It was taken at the Opening of "Go Outdoors" in Ipswich.

She now has over 1500 autographs and with the new football season starting soon is looking to add to the collection she has.

**John Goode**



## Calling all photographers.

It's been two years since the new website went live and I'm always looking for improvements and the next on the list are the home page photos.

So let's have a competition for new photos!

I'll put up a small and underwhelming prize for the overall winner but the real prize will be to see your entry on the blue arrows homepage.



### Rules:

All entries must be landscape

Must be ratio 16:9 which is roughly what you get on a phone. I can crop it to the right size, if in doubt, leave space around the subject, I'll do the rest.

Subject must be archery or bluearrows specific. Suggestions include - equipment, our fantastic new venue, targets etc. See current home page for inspiration, but remember all new photos will be landscape and the same size.

**And the key point: I want quality artistic photos.** These are the first pictures a prospective member sees and they need to be striking images.

While a picture of Alan eating a sandwich may be reflective of club life, it is neither artistic nor a quality image that will attract new members!

You can be as creative as you want, photoshoppers isn't banned and multiple images could be stitched, as long as it meets the size criteria and is a striking image.

If you choose to use people as the main subject, please make them aware and ensure they are happy to appear on the website.

The webadmins decision will be final and not all pictures will be published.

**The closing date will be 30th September** so plenty of time to snap away outdoors over the summer.

I'll select an independent judge to choose the overall winner.

Entries or questions to [webadmin@bluearrows.org.uk](mailto:webadmin@bluearrows.org.uk) or see Jon at the range.

*Happy snapping!*

*Jon Hammond*

## Club Night Out Chinese Style



Thursday 31st August at 8pm

Golden Dragon, Cardinal Park

All you can eat buffet

£12.50 each (food only)

Will pop a flyer up in the next few weeks to add your name to if you'd like to come.

*Natalie*

**P.S. Whatever you do – DON'T try to feed the dragon.**

