



Hi Folks

Another exciting month comes to a close with more records broken and more medals awarded. It was also the month where 'rising star' **Piers Skilton** rose to the very top of the club by becoming the **Blue Arrows 2017 Indoor Champion**. Will he be able to do the same outdoors or will he be knocked out of orbit by one of the more senior archers. I must check with Betfred to see what the odds are.

The new format **BA indoor 720** round proved a great success for the indoor tournament and gave rise to a truly nail-biting contest - see Ade's report.

Just a reminder for new members – **shooting all-carbon arrows is not permitted outside as they do not register on the metal detector and can't be found if lost**. If we leave arrows on (or in) the field we will lose the right to shoot here. All arrows must be found.

And we go into May with another two qualified coaches in the club so what will we achieve next month?

Happy shooting

Jim

'Soup shoot' success report from Jon Hammond

Soup shoot took place today. However, very little soup was consumed - too hot for that, more boiling skin than boiling soup!

As the weather was so good, we shot westerns rather than nationals.

*Blue Arrows took away a handful of medals, much to the grumblings of one of the Essex contingent repeating (in jest) **"...another to Suffolk, another to Suffolk..."** (Raydon Hall and even Deben took medals)*

Jon Hammond

Long Western			
Chris Vince	Gents Recurve	672	Silver and club record
Yvonne Butler	Ladys Recurve	551	Gold
Western			
Jon Hammond	Gents Recurve	774	Gold and club record
Piers Skilton	Junior Gents Recurve	737	Gold and club record
Matthew Skilton		411	

Blue Arrows Indoor Club Championships 2017

On a warm sunny April afternoon, when we should have been shooting outside, the Club Indoor Championships were hotly contested. Despite the low turnout this year, the archers present put on a fantastic nail-biting display, which produced our closest ever result.



Let the battle commence

Shooting a brand new, never shot before, round, the BA Indoor 720, the archers were facing a different type of contest. Could they remain focussed as the targets get bigger? Could they retain their stamina? Shooting started at 2pm and the hall was filled with a tension, only ever seen once before and that was when the H2H final took place the previous week. Archers focussed intensively as they mounted their attack on the 40cm faces.



At the first break, there was only 4 points in it. After the second break the lead swung to a different leader, with only one point between the top two. Finally, the result was known, when **Piers** broke back into the lead, pipping **Zoli** by a single point.

Congratulations to **Piers Skilton** on his triumph and becoming the Club Recurve Indoor Champion and picking up the Gold medal. Well done to **Zoli Olajos** for pushing him all the way by coming in second and collecting the silver medal.

The bronze medal position was also hotly contested, with **Colin Betts** holding this position all the way through the competition until the final hurdle, when **Jon Hammond** pipped him also by a single point. Well done **Jon Hammond** for sneaking into the bronze medal position.

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Congratulations also goes to **Mike Gissing** for becoming the Compound Champion and **Balint Olajos** for becoming the Junior Recurve Champion, although there was little competition for them as they were the only ones entered.

My thanks go to **Mike Gissing** for getting the range organised, **John Goode** for being judge and field captain, **Natalie Skilton** for helping with the interval scores and to **Rachel Goode** for being official photographer. Also, thank you to everyone else for entering the competition and for helping out when needed.

Finally, congratulations must go to every person that shot that day. It was an historic day. This 'never shot before' round produced 18 personal bests, 5 Club records and 5 World records.

Ok so the World records may not be ratified in the World Archery arena but we can still believe they exist.

Ade Burch

April 2017

The Recurve Championship medals



Piers Skilton

GOLD

score 667

Zoltan Olajos

SILVER

score 666



Jon Hammond

BRONZE

score 646





Mike Gissing
Compound Gold
Score 670



Balint Olajos
Junior Recurve GOLD
Score 498

ALL THE RESULTS

Blue Arrows Indoor Club Championships 2017

8th April 2017

Round : BA Indoor 720

Recurve Championship

		40cm	60cm	80cm	Total	
1st	Piers Skilton	213	224	230	667	Gold
2nd	Zoli Olajos	209	229	228	666	Silver
3rd	Jon Hammond	194	224	228	646	Bronze
4th	Colin Betts	201	219	225	645	
5th	Rob Garnham	196	220	225	641	
6th	Ade Burch	186	200	221	607	
7th	Alan Munson	183	197	215	595	
8th	Stephen Wood	177	201	207	585	
9th	Dave Hamilton	169	197	215	581	
10th	Matthew Skilton	174	207	198	579	
11th	Ray Butler	164	199	213	576	
12th	Dave Morrow	159	190	194	543	
13th	Jay House	127	190	196	513	
14th	Steven Edwards	124	172	206	502	
15th	John Humphrey	150	160	185	495	
16th	Rachel Goode	124	168	178	470	

Recurve Junior Championship

1st	Balint Olajos	148	170	180	498	Gold
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Compound Championship

1st	Mike Gissing	222	222	226	670	Gold
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300 MEDAL AWARDS



RED 300 MEDAL to Rob Garnham

BLUE 300 MEDAL to Dave Hamilton



BLUE 300 MEDAL to Jay House

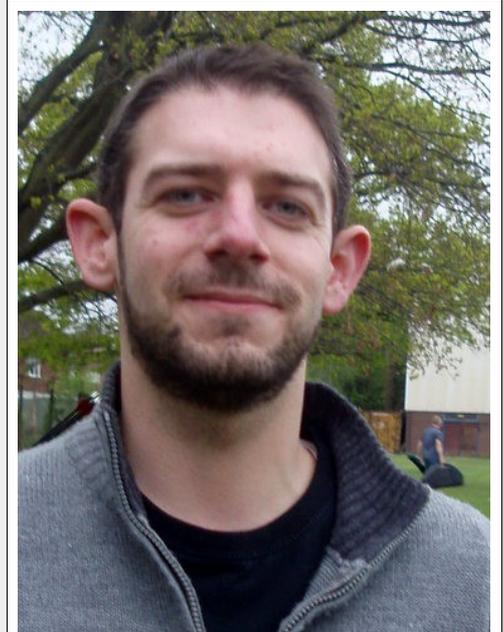


Two new members to welcome into the club



Daniel Partridge

**Welcome to the club
Hope you enjoy
shooting with us.**



Phil Robinson

**Phil has shot previously
with Essex University.**

Andy Harris League - another successful season for the club

The last indoor season saw us having 2 teams in the Andy Harris league for the first time in a number of years and both teams performed really well.

The A team, as you know, was promoted the previous season and was in the top division. We finished the season in a credible 4th place. There were times when the team perhaps did not have their best scores submitted so we could have been even better. Perhaps next year.

The B team, a new entry into division 4, finished top and won the title. We won every game apart from one, the last one, where we only submitted 4 of the 5 scores. If only we fielded a full team, we would have won every match.

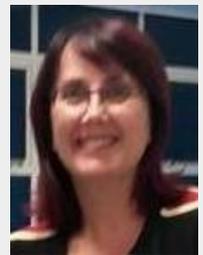
Well done to everyone who participated in the Andy Harris league night shoots and to those that managed to get into the teams. You performed so well that both teams did very well this year. Proves we are improving as a club and next year we will be even better.

Well Done everyone.

Ade.



Chris and Yvonne pass gruelling assessment to qualify as Level one Archery GB coaches

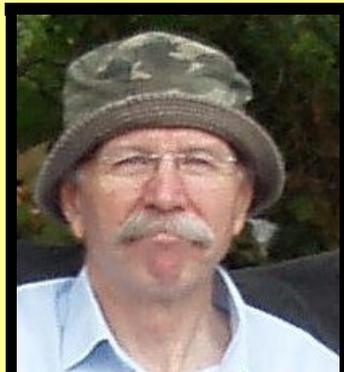


Congratulations go to Yvonne Butler and Chris Vince for passing their Level One coaching course. They tell me that the course was not too bad but the assessment was pretty horrific. Sounds like they did well to get through it.

They have volunteered to help out at the beginners courses this year so they can make use of their new skills, but I suspect they would like to help others within the club also.

Well Done Yvonne and Chris.

Ade.

May Birthday Greetings go to**Sam Gough****Balint Olajos****Les Harris****Mike McLeod**

Happy Birthday and Best wishes to you all

**Zoltan Olajos****Photobomber award??**

Have you noticed how Nat and Tina always manage to appear somewhere in the award photos?

This time Rachel has obviously bribed them to keep out by giving them a shot to themselves. Well done Rachel.

Is that a photobombing medal they have been awarded?



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