# BOWMEN OF GLEN ARCHERY SOCIETY

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Affiliated to GNAS, EMAS & L&RCAA

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## CALENDAR

Please find enclosed the latest version of the calendar. I received a great suggestion, which was to include a version number on the calendar. This should make it much easier for you to tell if you've got the latest one. As ever the website will contain any latest adjustments.

## WORK WEEKEND

As you'll see from the calendar the work weekend is the 28th & 29th of March. All members are expected to turn out for just a few hours to lend a hand in getting the club ready for the coming season. If you can't make it on the weekend there'll be a list of any outstanding jobs left in the clubhouse if we don't get everything finished.

## THANKS

Thanks to John Corser for the donation of a large amount of paper. It should keep me in supplies for many newsletters to come!

## WELLAND FRIENDLY

The next friendly shoot against Welland Valley Archers will be held on Thursday 9th July. Assembly is at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Go get 'um!

## TEA URN

If anyone happens to have an old tea urn lying around please let us know. It would make life much easier in the kitchen during any large events. Any donations (or loans) would be great as it means we don't have to go out and buy one!

## BEGINNER'S BOWS

The coaches have asked me to put a reminder in the newsletter regarding beginner's bows. If you have hired one of these bows from the club they should only be used with the equipment that was given to you along with the bow (this especially goes for the arrows as they're matched to bows). If you have any queries regarding the equipment please see one of the coaches.

## FIELD SHOOTS

I had some questions as to why only wooden arrows were being allowed on the field shoots. Well, I asked and here's the answer:

*The wood at Wistow is privately owned. The floor of the wood is in parts a deep carpet of fallen leaves, twigs and ivy so that if arrows are lost – correction, when arrows are lost (either in the wood or in the river) they are very difficult to find. With wooden arrows they will eventually rot down just leaving the points and knocks behind, but with aluminium and carbon arrows they will stay in the ground for many years to come posing a hazard to the owner of the wood, his family and friends, and also to dogs and wild life.*

*If you do fancy having a go at field archery you can use any type of bow - you don't have to buy your own wooden arrows as we have a bucket full of spare ones that you are more than welcome to borrow.*

## GNAS CARDS

I've received a few queries from members regarding GNAS cards (or Archery GB cards I suppose I should say). All members should receive cards when you affiliate to GNAS, however it takes a very long time! At present the details for all new members get sent to the county (L&RCAA), then onto EMAS and finally onto GNAS. Unfortunately it can take a few months for the forms to make this particular journey. Once they arrive at GNAS it's just a matter of waiting for them to get processed and the cards to get sent back – however I hear this waiting time is currently quite a few months. This is why pretty much everyone who joined the club during 2008 still doesn't have cards.

I can issue temporary cards to members, which last for 6 months. These are of most use to people who are attending shoots outside of the club and need to prove they are affiliated. Unfortunately a decent stock of these cards is also hard to come by; hence I don't routinely send them out. If you do need one please let me know and I'll send you one out.

## GATE

Once again I need to remind people to actually lock the club when they leave! Over the last few months both the gate and the container have been found unlocked. Also if you're the first one onto the ground please scramble the combination on the locks when you take them off. They're pretty pointless if we leave them lying around all day with the codes set. Finally if you're shooting solo the gate must be closed otherwise you can wave goodbye to your insurance cover!

## EVENT UPDATE

The latest social events are reported as follows by Jan:

***1st January Clout Shoot***

A cold, crisp start to the New Year saw the annual Midday Clout shoot taking place yet again with a good turnout and not too many hangovers!
The results were - Gents: Kevan Pownall, Ladies: Iris Johnson, and Juniors: Callum Naylor.

***9th January Skittles Night***

A very good evening which was enjoyed by all who attended. The motto for next time must be to arrive early so as not to be seated in the highly dangerous position next to the woodyard.
Some people, who shall remain nameless, thought they were there to play indoor cricket. Although it hasn't been confirmed, it is generally agreed that they must have bowled overarm due to the height of the cheese hurtling down the alley at 200mph plus!! Mark said that his whole life flashed in front of his eyes!!

The results were as follows - highest Gent: Dave Taylor, highest Lady; Jan Damsell. The highest Junior came down to a shootout between Nigel Grainger and Callum Naylor, with Nigel taking the prize. The game of Killer was won by Frank Damsell, Jan Damsell and Sophie Naylor.
The food was excellent as usual and no doubt we will be there again sometime.

***6th February Round Britain Quiz***

After being postponed due to heavy snows the previous week we went ahead on Friday 6th, despite there still being a lot of ice around. Apparently, Barry spent the week revising on all things British only to discover that the title of the evening was totally misleading! 14 people took part in the evening, resulting in the term "being sent to Coventry" being re-named as "sent to Chepstow"!

It came down to a nail-biting finish but Rosie's Arthur Scargill impersonation won the day for **The Cowpats**. Kevin said that next time she says "jump" just ask "how high?"

Thanks to Barry and Iris for the donation of the chocolates for the winning team.

***13 March General Knowledge Quiz***

18 courageous participants were willing to try their hand at 80 questions and 20 famous faces to identify. A total of 100 points (or thereabouts depending on how generous Frank was feeling at the time!) were on offer.

It came down to the picture round and finally **The Red Lights** took the prize with 76 points, only beating **Let Them Eat Cake** by 1 measly point. Thanks go to Kevin and Rosie for donating the chocolates and to Maggie for the wonderful homemade cakes to celebrate John's Birthday.

I would just like to point out that we have now had 7 Social evenings at the clubhouse, not counting the Twilight Shoot and the Skittles Night, and Nigel has yet to be on the winning team!!! You have been warned, so beware if he asks to join you.

***Friday 3rd April Hero to Zero Quiz***

The next social evening at the clubhouse starts at 7pm as usual. It will test your general knowledge again but how lucky are you? Come along and find out.
Teas and coffees will be on sale but there is no charge for admission and partners and families are most welcome. Hope to see you there.

## CHILD PROTECTION UPDATE

GNAS have reviewed their child protection policy and have updated rule 103c as follows:

i. *When junior archers (ie archers under the age of 18) are shooting individually or in groups, they must be supervised by two adult members (excluding Honorary members) of the Society. If the supervising adults are also shooting during the session, they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting archer can act as lookout and supervisor.*

ii. *The only exception to this is that a parent may supervise their own children on their own. In these circumstances, the parent must supervise only and may not shoot. Under no circumstances may a junior archer take responsibility as a lookout for any other shooting archers.*

iii. *Solo shooting by Junior Archers is not permitted under any circumstances.*

## BINGO

Included in this newsletter you'll see a poster for Mecca Bingo. This is a new fund raising idea that Eddie has organised for the club. If you'd like to purchase any tickets please see any member of the committee – we all have some that we can sell to you.

## SUBS

Unfortunately it's subs time! Please find enclosed a subscription form to send back to me to rejoin the club. Subs are due by the end of the month.

## FOR SALE

PSE Riser 64" 20lbs
Black Sheep Carbon Stabilizer
Cartel Quiver (red)
Shibuga PX Button
Cavalier Magnetic Clicker
Spigarelli Arrow rest
8 Platinum plus Easton Arrows 1516
Flight Case Black Box
£150 for the lot - contact Chris Hennessy

Riser Rolan Junior Arco Sport 64" 16lbs
8 Easten Jaz 1214 Arrows
Cartel Quiver (Blue)
Sight Cartel Basic 20025
Cartel Long Rod
Shibuya px button
Spigarelli arrow rest
Carrying case
£80 for the lot - contact Chris Hennessy

Pop Up Bivvy Tent £30
Limbs Optima PSRE 25lbs £20
Contact Chris Hennessy

Bow Equipment For Sale
Q.I.L. Carbon KLT Bow 66" 30
Carbon Arrows 10 Of
Bow Box
Pressure Button
Arten Sight
Stringer
Longrod
Bow Gauge
Numerous Items
£250 ono. - Contact Trudie

That's all for this time,

Cheers,

Mark