



BOWMEN OF GLEN ARCHERY SOCIETY

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Affiliated to GNAS, EMAS & L&RCAA

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CLUBMARK

We have now been awarded Clubmark status! Well done to everyone who has played a part in getting the relevant evidence together for our application, but particular congratulations must go to Richie Price who has been responsible for coordinating and preparing our application.

We decided to go for the Clubmark status to help demonstrate that we are a well-run club who are keen to bring fresh people into our sport as well as developing the archers we already have. It was also our hope that the Clubmark seal of approval will help us seek funding to develop the facilities we have to offer at our ground. The Clubmark is also an indicator that accredited clubs offer a safe and fair environment for all young people.

LOCKS

A second reminder in two newsletters is not good, but people are still managing to leave the club unlocked when they leave. Just in the case there is any confusion if you're the last to leave please check the containers, clubhouse (both doors), gate and post have all been secured. Thank you!

INDOOR

As you'll all be aware we haven't had an indoor location to shoot at this year. To enable us to see whether we can locate & afford a venue for next winter can anyone who would like to shoot indoors send me answers to the following questions:

1. What areas would you be able to travel to?
2. What evenings would suit you?
3. What amount would you be willing to pay each evening?
4. Would you be prepared to pay upfront for a season ticket?

The idea behind the season ticket is that people can pay for some or all of the indoor season in advance (possibly getting a slight discount over people who pay on the door). The advantage for the club is that having a group of people who have prepaid takes some of the risk out of it for us and will hopefully help prevent us generating a large loss as in previous years.

BOSS STANDS

If you're not a crack shot then you may unfortunately end up with an arrow stuck into one of our boss stands during your shooting. This is a natural part of the shooting process and isn't something you should be embarrassed about. A little surgery will soon free your arrow from its captivity – however it does need to be carried out in the right manner. The right manner is not, as has happened recently, sawing a chunk of the leg away from the stand. This will have two outcomes – the first being that you will get shouted at when caught, the second being that at some point the boss will probably fall over and snap all your arrows!

The correct way of freeing your stricken arrow involves using screwdrivers above and below the arrow to open the grain in the wood. You'll then be able to gently tease the arrow back out. If you'd like a more practical demonstration of this simply wait until you see a coach at the ground, shoot an arrow into the stand, and then call them over ☺

MEMBERSHIP 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. Please send them to me at 39 Orson Drive, Wigston, Leicestershire. LE18 2EL. Cheques should be made payable to Bowmen of Glen Archery Society.

Fees for 2011/12 are seniors £70, students £52.50, juniors £15 & social members £5. Senior members may pay their fee in two parts (£35 now, with the other £35 due by the end of July).

You may also pay by transferring money directly into the clubs account. To do this the sort code is 720004, and account number 89927602. Please drop me an email if you do this so I can keep an eye out for it.

OPEN DAY

The clubs Open Day will be held on Monday 2nd May. If anyone is able to volunteer to help out for any of it can they please let me know. Likewise if anyone has any ideas of extra things we can do during the day to keep people occupied whilst they're waiting to shoot then please send them in!

That's all for this time,

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