

Bebington Archers Summer Programme 2024

Note – Start times are field booking times and sighters will be 30 minutes later. This allows enough time to set up the field. The first day the field is booked is Saturday, 30th March.

Sunday	31 st March	Any 6 dozen round	10:00 – 13:00	
Sunday	7 th April	Any 6 dozen round	10:00 – 13:00	
Sunday	14 th April	Handicap League 1	10:00 – 13:00	National
Sunday	21 st April	720 League 1	10:00 – 13:00	WA 720
Sunday	28 th April	Super League 1	10:00 – 13:00	Long National
Sunday	5th May	Bebington Open	09:00 – 18:00	Western
Sunday	12 th May	Selby Postal League 1	10:00 – 13:00	Short Metric
Sunday	19 th May	720 League 2	10:00 – 13:00	WA 720
Sunday	26 th May	Super League 2	10:00 – 13:00	Long National
Sunday	2 th June	Handicap League 2	10:00 – 15:00	Western
Sunday	9 th June	Super League 3	10:00 – 13:00	Long National
Sunday	16 th June	Selby Postal League 2	10:00 – 13:00	Short Metric
Sunday	23 th June	720 League 3	10:00 – 13:00	WA 720
Sunday	30 th June	Super League 4	10:00 – 13:00	Long National
Sunday	7th July	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	10:00 – 17:00	York / Hereford / etc
Sunday	14 th July	720 League 4	10:00 – 13:00	WA 720
Sunday	21 st July	Selby Postal League 3	10:00 – 17:00	York / Hereford / etc
Sunday	28 th July	Handicap League 3	10:00 – 16:00	American **
Sunday	4 th August	Super League 5	10:00 – 13:00	Long National
Sunday	11 th August	720 League 5	10:00 – 13:00	WA 720
Sunday	18 th August	Selby Postal League 5	10:00 – 13:00	Short Metric
Sunday	25 th August	Handicap League 4	10:00 – 16:00	Windsor
Sunday	1 st September	Selby Postal League 5	10:00 – 13:00	Short Metric
Sunday	8 th September	720 League 6	10:00 – 13:00	WA 720
Sunday	15 th September	Handicap League 5	10:00 – 16:00	Albion
Sunday	22 nd September	Super League 6	10:00 – 16:00	Long National
Sunday	29 th September	Memorial Day	10:00 – 13:00	St Nicholas

There will be shooting sessions on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** evenings, with the field booked from 6pm. The end of the evening sessions varies by month: in **APRIL** and **September** the booking ends at 7:30pm, in **May** and **August** the booking ends at 8:00pm and in **June** and **July** the booking ends at 8:30pm. There is no evening shooting in **October**.

In addition to the **Sunday** sessions listed in the shooting programme, there will be an additional weekend session on **Saturday** afternoons from 15:00 until 17.00 during which any round may be shot and coaching and bow-tuning activities can be done.

** The American shoot scheduled for July 28th will be the second annual friendly American Tournament with Wirral Archers, held at McAllister Field this year. It will be recognized by the Cheshire Archery Association as a Record Status shoot giving the possibility to claim Club and County records.

NOTES

The club recognizes that not all archers want to take part in competitions; no archer should feel pressured or obliged to enter any competition or to submit a score card. The reasons to submit a score card are to maintain a record of achievements and handicap. On all score cards please show the round shot, date, your bow type, Juniors to show their age and don't forget to add up the hits, gold's and X's (where appropriate).

Handicap League

As the league is shot on a handicap basis, the competition is not split by age, gender or bowstyle as the handicap system accounts for this. The archer's current handicap at the date of the round will give an allowance which is added to the archer's score to give an adjusted score for the round, which is used to decide the winner.

The Handicap League is shot over five rounds. As all archers should shoot under the same conditions, the handicap rounds should be shot on the dates per the programme. There are conditions when it is permissible to shoot the round on a different date: Illness, Work commitments and Holidays

In all cases the round must be shot as near to the nominated date as possible. With the exception of illness the archer will know in advance if they are unable to shoot on the nominated date, and the archer should inform the Records Officer in advance and agree an alternative date.

Trophies are awarded to the winner of rounds 2 and 5 and medals are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for all rounds, and only those archers who shoot on the nominated date are eligible for these awards. Scores submitted under the exemptions listed above will, however, be put forward for the overall Handicap League trophy and medal awards.

Super League

The round will be the same each month and will be a Long National or equivalent for the archer's gender and age.

The rounds are all shot with 5 zone scoring on a 122cm face:

- Under 12: National 30 (4 doz @ 30 yds, 2 doz @ 20yds)
- Under 14: National 40 (4 doz @ 40 yds, 2 doz @ 30yds)
- Under 15: National 50 (4 doz @ 50 yds, 2 doz @ 40yds)
- Under 16: National 50 (4 doz @ 50 yds, 2 doz @ 40yds)
- Under 18: National (4 doz @ 60 yds, 2 doz @ 50yds)
- Under 21: Long National (4 doz @ 80 yds, 2 doz @ 60yds)
- Men/Women: Long National (4 doz @ 80 yds, 2 doz @ 60yds)

The Super League is shot over six rounds, with the best four rounds submitted being added together to give the archer's final score. Consequently, only scores submitted on the dates in the programme will be used and there is no option to shoot on an alternative date.

Trophies and medals are awarded by bowstyle, gender and age group for the best three archers in each category.

720 League Handicap

A WA 720 round shot on a handicap basis:

- Recurve/Longbow: WA 70m (6 doz @ 70m, on 122cm 10 zone target)
- Barebow: WA 50m (Barebow) (6 doz @ 50m, on 122cm 10 zone target)
- Compound: WA 50m (Compound) (6 doz @ 50m, on 80cm 10 zone target)

The competition is not split by age, gender or bowstyle as the handicap system accounts for this. The archer's current handicap at the date of the round will give an allowance which is added to the archer's score to give an adjusted score for the round.

The 720 League is shot over 6 rounds, with the best three rounds submitted being added together to give the archer's final score. Consequently, only scores submitted on the dates in the programme will be used and there is no option to shoot on an alternative date. Lee Padmore has supplied trophies to the club to use for this league and there are trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Summer Postal League

The rounds shot will be:

Recurve Short Metric (3 doz @ 50 metres & 3 doz @ 30 metres on 80cm target face with 10 zone scoring)

Compound Short Metric (3 doz @ 50 metres & 3 doz @ 30 metres on 80cm target face with 10 zone scoring)

Longbow National (4 doz @ 60 yards & 2 doz @ 50 yards on 122cm target face with 5 zone scoring)

Barebow Short Metric (3 doz @ 50 metres & 3 doz @ 30 metres on 80cm target face with 10 zone scoring)

Best three recurve and the best two compound, longbow and barebow archer's scores will be used each month.

Club Championships

The club championship will be an AGB Imperial round of not less than 12 dozen arrows appropriate to the age and gender of the archer (York, Hereford or Bristol). To ensure that all archers shoot under the same conditions only those archers who attend on the programme date will be eligible to take part in this competition. Trophies and medals are awarded by bowstyle, gender and age group for the best three archers in each category.

Trophies are awarded for the Best Gold shot by a Gent, Lady and Junior and Best Wooden Arrow at the longest distance for the round and there is also a Senior and Junior 'Worst White' trophy awarded to the archer who's worst scoring arrow is furthest from the gold. The Field Captain will announce which ends will be used for Best Gold and Worst White after those ends have been shot.

Medals will also be awarded for the best three scores adjusted by handicap across all shooting categories. This allows newer (or returning) archers who are either not comfortable shooting the longer distances to shoot a shorter distance (Bristol) round or, if they are not comfortable shooting 12 dozen arrows, to join the second half of the session and shoot one of the National (6 dozen) rounds instead. While not qualifying for any of the primary awards they will be eligible for one of the Handicap medals (so no excuses not to join in).

HANDICAP IMPROVER AWARD

The award is open to all archers of any age and bowstyle who have an existing outdoor handicap from the previous season and who shoot a minimum of 12 recognized rounds in the current outdoor season.

The Archery UK medal goes to the archer who shows the highest improvement in their handicap rating over the outdoor season.

252 BADGES

AGB rules of shooting apply. Five zone scoring on a 122cm face. Six sighters followed by 3 dozen scored arrows. The 3 dozen can be shot alone or as the first 3 dozen of a recognized imperial round. Badges to be claimed in sequence. Scores need to be achieved **twice** to claim the badge. Qualifying claims for the same distance for the same bow must be shot on different days. Score cards must be signed by archer and scorer. Archer please ensure score card is marked with '252 award'. Score cards to be submitted to the Records Officer with badge fee of £2.50. Records Officer to verify claim and present badge.

Distances 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80 and 100 yards.

Qualifying scores:

Recurve 252 at all distances.

Compound 280 at all distances.

Barebow 189 @ 20, 30, 40, 50 & 60 yards. 164 @ 80yds. 139 @ 100yds.

Longbow 164 @ 20, 30, 40, 50 & 60 yards. 126 @ 80yds. 101 @ 100yds.

FURTHER INFORMATION

No archer may draw their bow, with or without an arrow, except when standing at the shooting line. If an arrow is used, the archer shall aim towards the targets but only when satisfied that the field is clear both in front and behind the targets. For safety reasons when any shooting is in progress there must be a minimum of two people present each being a minimum of 18 years of age, one of whom may be a non-archer to act as a lookout (the archer is responsible to inform the lookout of all safety aspects applicable). Where two adult archers are present and shooting together they will alternate on the shooting line so that the non-shooting archer can act as the lookout.

All persons present to remain behind the waiting line until it is their turn to shoot then, after shooting, to return back behind the waiting line. If anyone present where archery is taking place becomes aware that shooting should be halted for safety reasons, that person must call "**FAST**". On hearing this call, all archers must immediately stop shooting, returning all unshot arrows to the quiver.

A considerate archer:

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting
- Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent
- Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve their arrows before the score has been recorded
- Does not walk up and down the line comparing scores
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Calls scores groups of three, highest scores first. For example '7-7-5' pause '5-5-3'
- Offers to pay in cash, and on the spot, damage to another archer's arrow through carelessness
- Does not leave litter

Spotters should not call out individual arrow values. Mobile telephones should be off or silenced. Headphones of any type should not be worn while shooting.

There is a high standard of archery etiquette within the club, please keep it up.

There are various achievement awards, shooting awards and classification schemes on offer, details of which can be found on the Archery UK website, Archery UK book or can be discussed with a club Officer.