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## CLUB UPDATE

Thank you to everyone for renewing your membership. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to a number of new members. We increased participation on our last beginners' course to 12 and almost half the attendees have joined as members but we also welcome a number of experienced archers. It is great to see some new faces as well as the old of course!

Well done to everyone who took place in the Paul Maines' Memorial Tournament recently. There were some great results. For those who have not taken part in a tournament before, please don't be intimidated.

You can take it as seriously as you wish and for most of us it is just a bit of fun. The clout shoot is coming up this week and if you haven't tried it before, it is definitely worth having a go.

Behind the scenes, the committee is still working hard to update policies, streamline procedures and provide a framework for the club to grow. We continue our efforts to develop the club, to provide the club with new opportunities and promote archery through schools. We are continually seeking ways to reduce our waiting list for beginners' courses which now exceeds 30.

Against the backdrop of our current climate, people need to have some form of physical and mental escape and relaxation. Archery is a sport that offers both of these.

We believe this is an exciting time for the club and we hope you all share the committee's optimism.

## CLUB WEBSITE

The new password for the Members' area on our website is: archeryislife.

Our website is a live tool which we are trying to develop for the benefit of all. If there is anything you would like to see added that would be useful to everyone, please provide material and we will do our best to include it. Also, if anyone is interested in managing the website, this would be a great help to us.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW WELFARE OFFICER - JEREMY PORTER

As some of you will know, I recently accepted responsibility for being the "Welfare" member of the club (I mis-heard and thought that it was for the Warfare Member).

There certainly seems to be a certain degree of uncertainty (deliberate) as to what constitutes the role of the post. Personally I see it as being an initial point of contact (PoC) when a club member has an issue or concern. I include such things as: reasonable adjustment to facilitate widest possible access, getting to and from the club (linking those without transport to those with spare capacity), perceptions of discrimination, mistreatment and bullying.

I also see the role as being a coordinator of effort when a member is away due to sickness or other extenuating circumstances. I see the role as being to try and find solutions to issues rather than to be solely responsible for delivering a solution.

As a club, we have some familial commitment that extends beyond range days but I see the role as being directly linked to club activities. So if your GP recommends a holiday to help with your blood pressure, it is unlikely that I will step in with an all inclusive package holiday to the Maldives. I am, of course open to any suggestions as to how this role might expand to benefit the wider membership.

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## ARCHERY GB - NEW AGE CATEGORIES

Archery GB have updated age categories to fall in line with World Archery. Detailed information can be obtained from the Archery GB website. As a quick summary, from the 1st January 2023, the categories are as follows:

Year of birth 1973 or before - 50+  
 Year of birth 1974-2002 - Senior  
 Year of birth 2003-2005 - U21  
 Year of birth 2006-2007 - U18  
 Year of birth 2008 - U16  
 Year of birth 2009 - U15  
 Year of birth 2010-2011 - U14  
 Year of birth 2012 and later - U12

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## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### 13th November - Remembrance Day Clout

Our next scheduled event will be a Clout Shoot on 13th November. There will be some target shooting for members who don't wish to shoot clout. Members have enjoyed previously run clout shoots and it is a nice opportunity for those who haven't tried it before to give it a go.

### 20th November - SCAA Indoor Championship

### 30th November - St Andrew's Day Tournament

We will be running the All Saints competitions again this year starting, on Wednesday 30th November (Portsmouth), with St Andrews.

### 1st January 2023 - Ironman

### 9th February 2023 - First session of beginners' course



## REMINDERS

Can I please remind members that they must always check they have collected all their arrows whether shooting in the hall or on the field.

Also, could everyone please remember to sign in. Although we no longer have separate range fees, we are required to keep a log of attendees for insurance purposes. Thank you.