

HINXWORTH ARCHERY CLUB
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CLUB
INFORMATION

The Club.

Hinxworth **Archery** Club (**HAC**) was founded in January 1999 by five enthusiastic **Archers**, who had all been practising **Archery** for many years. Two of the founder Members are retired **Archery** coaches and five current Members are Level 1 coaches. The Club Committee consists of ten Club Members, who meet about six times a year. The AGM is usually held end of March each year, Membership year is for the period May to April. The financial year is January to December.

The Club forms part of Hertfordshire **Archery** Association (**HAA**), and is affiliated to the Southern Counties **Archery** Society (**SCAS**) and **ArcheryGB**, which is the trading name of the Grand National **Archery** Society (**GNAS**) and the UK governing body. Affiliation year is the period from October to September each year.

All **Archery** Clubs affiliated to **ArcheryGB** are subject to its rules and regulations with regards to shooting. Full details of these can be found in the '**Shooting Administration Procedure**'. Copies are available on our website and ArcheryGB website www.archerygb.org.

The Club is currently hiring the Hinxworth Village Recreation Ground for shooting, and have acquired two containers for storage of Club equipment close to the Recreation Ground. The Club owns all the equipment required for coaching beginners in **Archery**. The Village Hall is available for meetings and can be booked for refreshments after competitions. The Club is very much part of the local community, and is committed to help with local fundraising.

Target Days.

During the summer (**April to September**) Members meet most Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday mornings at the recreation ground. There must be at least two experienced members present for shooting to take place.

The field can be made available at other times by special arrangement only, unless it is used by other village activities.

Individual Club Members must not allow guests to shoot without prior permission from the committee. A visitor from another **Archery** Club must produce a valid **ArcheryGB** card and will be charged a shooting fee or invited to join as an Associate Member.

During the winter (**October to March**) indoor Club sessions are held on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday night from 7.00pm to 9.00pm, the venue is currently a barn in the nearby village of Edworth. - There is a small one off additional annual charge for indoor shooting to cover cost of the indoor venue. - The current outdoor facility is available on Sunday mornings throughout the winter, and Members shoot, weather and away shoots permitting, most Sunday mornings.

Membership.

Membership of the Club is renewed in May each year, which is when the Club Membership is collected. The annual subscription is agreed at the AGM each year. The Club Secretary submits the payment in respect of affiliation to **HAA**, **SCAS** and **ArcheryGB** which includes Insurance for every Member of the Club.

Each Member will receive a unique **ArcheryGB** Membership card with a unique number direct from **ArcheryGB**, which they are required to produce if entering a shoot at another venue, and should be kept with the archery gear at all times. Members will also receive a quarterly Magazine '**ArcheryUK**' direct from **ArcheryGB**.

News regarding events and shoots are generally circulated to Members by email or notified on the web site.

Members are requested to treat Club equipment with respect and help with setting out the field safely according to field set up details displayed on the notice board, and putting everything back into storage after shooting has finished.

New Members of the Club are allowed the use of Club equipment for a short period until they are ready to purchase their own equipment.

Clothing at tournaments.

ArcheryGB rules specify that recognised colours to wear at tournaments are plain dark green and/or plain white, **or** Club Colours* agreed at the AGM. This rule does not apply to informal Club shoots, but Members will be expected to comply when attending open shoots organised by the Club and other **Archery** Clubs.
Footwear must enclose the feet.

*Our **ArcheryGB** approved Club colours are **Red** tops and **Black** trousers or skirts and **Black** jackets. Embroidered clothing, with the Club logo can be ordered from the Club Embroiderer. Metal and cloth lapel badges are also available from the treasurer.

Hinxworth Junior Club (HAJ) Membership.

Junior Members from the age of 10 will be coached to observe all the rules and regulations which also apply to Senior **Members (HAC)** aged 18 and over and will be made aware of all the safety rules. In the interest of safety the Club requires every Junior **Archer** aged under 16 to be accompanied by a parent or a guardian appointed by a parent.

Junior **Archers** normally shoot rounds according to their age group. Full details are **available on the website**. Rounds shot above their age group can also contribute towards classifications which are based on the same lines as Senior classifications. All Club shoots and many open tournaments provide Junior rounds and some tournaments are held exclusively for Juniors.

To enjoy the sport, Junior **Archers** will be encouraged to take part in Club activities, and take advantage of the Hertfordshire and ArcheryGB Junior Badge Schemes. It is essential that they learn about Club equipment as early as possible, experienced members are always at hand to help.

Rounds, Competitions and Tournaments.

1. The **Short Metric** Outdoor Summer Postal (3 dozen arrows at 50 meters and 3 dozen arrows at 30 meters) is shot outdoors at home once a month for the period **May** to **September**. Shorter distance rounds are available for Juniors **Archers**.
2. The Club also enter the Hertfordshire **Short Metric** Outdoor League (3 dozen arrows at 50 meters and 3 dozen arrows at 30 meters) which is shot home and away with other Hertfordshire Clubs over the period **May** to **September**.
3. The '**Frostbite**' Outdoor Winter Postal (3 dozen arrows at 30 meters) is shot outdoors at home on a Sunday morning once a month for the period **November** to **March**.
4. The **Portsmouth** Indoor Winter Postal (5 dozen arrows at 20 yards) and the **Herts Portsmouth** Winter Postal are both shot at the indoor venue once a month for the period **November** to **March**.

During the summer and winter seasons other informal **ArcheryGB** recognised rounds will be shot on target days at the recreation ground and at our indoor venue on a regular basis, the results going towards the **Archers** Outdoor and Indoor Handicaps and Classifications which can qualify for Club and County records. A link is available on the website.

Invitation Shoot.

The Club have organised one annual friendly competition, inviting Members of other Clubs to shoot with the Club Members, for which awards are presented. The competitions are usually followed by a tea in the Village Hall. Club Members and their families are asked to join in and contribute food for the tea and help to organise the event.

Shoots at other Clubs.

Open shoots are arranged and hosted by other Clubs, Counties, Regions and the UK body and cater for **Archers** of all levels of ability. **Archers** wishing to participate in these events should notify the Tournament Secretary or complete the appropriate entry form and enclose the necessary fees. Copies of entry forms can be obtained from the Tournament Secretary or direct from the organising Club. Remember to take a valid **ArcheryGB** Membership card to the shoot.

Scoring the Arrows.

Several regulations apply to scoring arrows. They can all be found in '**Shooting Administration Procedure**' on our web site. Each colour on the target has an inner and an outer ring and the basic rules of scoring are as follows:

The scoring points for hits on the target for most **ArcheryGB Imperial** Rounds (Distance from target measured in **YARDS**) are:
Gold 9 Red 7 Blue 5 Black 3 White 1

The scoring points for hits on the target for **WA** Rounds (Distance from target measured in **METERS**) are:

Inner Gold	10	Outer Gold	9
Inner Red	8	Outer Red	7
Inner Blue	6	Outer Blue	5
Inner Black	4	Outer Black	3
Inner White	2	Outer White	1

The small central ring in the gold scores a **10** for **Archers** shooting compound bows and an **X** to the value of **10** in certain metric rounds for **Archers** shooting recurve and longbow. A non-scoring arrow is recorded as an **M** (miss) on the score sheet.

Scoring should always be recorded by another **Archer** (cross scoring) and signed by the **Archer** and countersigned by the other **Archer**, dated and clearly marked with bow type and the name of the Round shot.

Archery Etiquette for competitions. Please take note

1. **Archers** should not walk on to, or off the shooting line, when a neighbouring **Archer** is at full draw. **Archers** should not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting or make any exclamation on the shooting line, which might distract other **Archers**.
3. Should an arrow bounce out of the boss, tell the Judge or Field Captain, you might be allowed to shoot another arrow.
4. When calling scores the **Archer** does so in groups of three, starting with the highest scoring arrow i.e. **9-7-5** pause **5-5-4**.
5. The arrows should not be touched or pulled from the target until all scores have been recorded. Each target has a Target Captain, usually C (No.3) on the target, who makes sure that scoring is done correctly. Scoring will be shared. Ask another **Archer** to record your score.
6. Make sure no one stands behind you when pulling the arrows from the target. **Archers** should not go behind the target to look for arrows until all the scores on their target have been recorded.
7. Alteration shall not be made on a score sheet to the value of any arrow, without the authorisation of a Judge or Field Captain presiding at the shoot. This is done before the arrows are removed from the target.
8. Scores must always be recorded in ink and score sheets dated and countersigned by another **Archer**, before submission to the Records Officer.
9. **Archers** should not touch anyone else's **Archery** equipment without permission from the owner of the equipment.
10. Most challenge trophies awarded in tournaments are valuable and irreplaceable. The holder is responsible for the engraving and for their return at the appropriate time in a clean and fit condition for next year's presentation.
11. **Gamesmanship**. When taking part in a competition, or just shooting a round, the **Archer** should not compare the scores with other **Archers**, or comment on any ones shooting, whilst the competition is in progress.
12. No one is permitted to cross the shooting line to collect arrows until the Target Captain has blown the whistle three times.
Be considerate and Safe! Don't distract the fellow Archers!
Like you, they want to do their best!

Classifications and Handicaps.

In an endeavour to encourage improvement in the sport, awards are given for Classifications which are currently 3rd, 2nd and 1st Class, Bowman, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman.

A Handicap scheme is also in place, which is again attributed to scores. In order to gain the first Handicap, the **Archer** must shoot 3 recognised rounds and attain certain scores for Classification.

Experienced **Archers** and Club coaches are always willing to assist in explaining the system further. Just ask.

Some tournaments are subject to the Handicap system, adding a specific value, according to the **Archers** current handicap, to the total score, which enables **Archers** of all abilities to compete on equal terms.

Details of Handicaps, Classifications and appropriate allowances are available in the '**Classification Tables**' which can be found in '**Shooting Administration Procedure**' on our web site.

The Club Records Officer is responsible for recording all scores received from Club **Archers** on a computerised recording system, which can be viewed by Members. It is therefore essential that, in order to obtain Handicaps and Classifications, properly signed and dated official score sheets or result sheets are submitted after every recognised round shot. It is the **Archers** responsibility to ensure that all their scores are given to the Records Officer.

Archery Equipment.

Inexperienced **Archers** attending beginner's courses will learn from basic training equipment, loaned by the Club for this purpose.

It is advisable to continue to practice with Club equipment for a short period until the basic skills are mastered, before considering the purchase of personal **Archery** equipment.

Before purchasing any **Archery** equipment the **Archer** should consult an experienced Club **Archer**, and visit one of the **Archery** specialist shops. Links can be found on the Club web site.

Hinxworth Archery Club Committee:

Chairman & Tournament Secretary: -	David Wayman
Club Secretary & Records Officer: -	David Osmond
Treasurer and Membership: -	Marianne Osmond
Child Protection & Safety Officer: -	Tony Dawson
Junior Club Representative: -	Tom Colegrove
League Secretary: -	David Chudley
Equipment Officer: -	Derek Bridgewater
Publicity Officer: -	Kath Scott
Committee Members: -	Jerry Keep, Rob Atkinson
HAA Records Officer: -	David Osmond

Useful Reading:

Total Archery by Kisik Lee
The Art of Repetition by Simon Needham
The Simple Art of Winning by Rick McKinney
Understanding Winning Archery by Al Henderson
Archery Anatomy by Ray Axford
With Winning in Mind by Lanny Bassham
The New Archery by David Butler

All Members affiliated to **ArcheryGB** through Hinxworth Archery Club will receive the quarterly magazine '**ArcheryUK**'.

Additional Information:

The Club website: www.hinxwortharchers.org

This site provides useful links with other **Archery** sites including **HAA**, **SCAS** and **ArcheryGB** website: www.archerygb.org

For any additional help and advice the Club email address is

hinxworth@yahoo.co.uk

Good Shooting!

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