

## COMPETITIONS and FUN SHOOTS

If you want to get into competitions but aren't quite sure how it all works, you should think about having a go at the various events held within the Club so that you can experience a competition in the familiar club environment first and without pressure to put in an Olympic performance.

There are numerous competitions run throughout the country for all standards of archers both senior and junior. If you are interested in shooting at external competitions please talk to a club coach, or an experienced club member, who will be able to suggest competitions for beginners / juniors and some of the rules and etiquette you should be aware of.

### CLUB COMPETITIONS

Bowmen of Backworth holds a number of competitions throughout the year. The culmination of both the Indoor and Outdoor seasons is the Club Championships for all bow types held toward the end of each season.

#### Monthly Set Round Shoot

Once a month (usually the third Sunday of the month) between April and October, the club holds a set round competition. A different round is shot each month, each round varies in distances and the number of arrows shot. All members and all bow types are eligible to shoot and the full range of distances will be available. The aim of these shoots is to give newer members a chance to get used to shooting under competition conditions and more experienced archers to go for club records on rounds that are shot infrequently.

Example programme:

April	Metric
May	National
June	WA Rounds
July	Short Metric
August	Bristol (all day event)
Sept	Western
Oct	American / St.Nicholas

**Club Outdoor Championship** is open to all members and is held at the end of September.

Shot in separate bow type categories (recurve, barebow, compound, longbow).

Seniors will shoot a Western round, juniors a Western 30. Juniors can elect to shoot as a Senior; however, they will then not be eligible for a Junior Medal.

**Novice Championship** is open to anyone who has taken a beginners' course here or outside the club in the year since the last Club Championships. The round will be a Western 40, shot on the same day as the Club Championships. Novices may shoot in the Senior / Junior Club Championships instead if they wish.

**Club Indoor Championship** is open to all members and will be held on the third Sunday in March. Everyone to shoot a Portsmouth round.

**Frostbite Competition** is an outdoor competition held on the second weekend of February – regardless of the weather! Open to all members and all bow types. 3 dozen arrows at 30 metres on 80 cm face, 10 zone scoring, 6 sighters.

## AWARD of TROPHIES and MEDALS

All trophies and medals are awarded at the Club AGM. Medals are awarded as follows:

- 1 or 2 competitors per category Gold only
- 3 or 4 competitors per category Gold and Silver
- 5 or more competitors per category Gold, Silver and Bronze

Where available, trophies are awarded.

All Club trophies will remain the property of the Club. These can be taken home by the winner but Members must return them to the Records Officer 14 days before the relevant tournament. All trophies to be returned in a good and clean condition. If a trophy is lost then the last recipient will be expected to replace it and make good all engraving.

## VIRTUAL COMPETITIONS

Virtual competitions provide the opportunity for archers of all abilities to compete against people from around the country within the comfort and familiarity of their own club avoiding the need to travel and other associated stresses.

### DNAA Postal League

- Recurve League and/or Compound League
- Must be DNAA affiliated
- Portsmouth Round (Recurve archers will shoot on a 60cm full size face and compound archers will shoot on a 60cm triple spot face.)
- A recurve team consists of top 4 scores (in the case of a second team the next top 4, etc.)
- A compound team consists of top 3 scores (in the case of a second team the next top 3, etc.)
- Archers must shoot on the same day and at the same venue
- Clubs can combine to form a joint team in circumstances where they have insufficient members to sustain an effective team or lack indoor facilities.

Matches are one per month commencing in November.

### DNAA Castles League

This is an online league run by the Durham and Northumberland Archery Association throughout the indoor season. Open to both senior and junior members of the club, in all bow styles; it is a league for individuals so you, as an individual, can enter and see how you are doing compared to others in your league.

The league is designed around the Portsmouth round (20 yards at a 60cm face).

Archers submit their best score each month for 36 consecutive arrows. There are nine leagues and you are allocated an appropriate one based on your scores, with opportunities for promotion, so you are always shooting against comparable archers.

	Bowes	Berwick	Alnwick	Warkworth	Durham	Bamburgh	Lindisfarne	Barnard	Raby
Range	0-125	126-185	186-205	206-225	226-250	251-275	276-305	306-330	331-360
HI limit threshold	126	186	206	226	251	276	306	331	360
LO limit threshold	0	118	178	198	218	243	268	298	323

### **Archery GB January Challenge**

In January of each year Archery GB runs a postal shoot for individual archers based on the Junior November Challenge. Archers simply need to submit their best score for a Portsmouth round that they have shot in January.

Juniors can enter but will be counted alongside adults. If provided, their age will be shown in the results. A small trophy will be awarded by Archery GB to each section winner.

The Round	Portsmouth (Archers may use either full or 3-spot faces, but will be counted together)
The dates	The round must be shot during the month of January. Scores must be sent in to arrive no later than 5th February.
Eligibility	All Archers
Sections	Gents / Ladies Less than 1 year in archery / Less than 25 years in archery / More than 25 years in archery Recurve / Longbow / Compound / Barebow
Note	Only one score per bow type may be sent in per archer. "Golds" in this context are only tens.

### **Summer Metrics**

This is a postal competition organised by Archery GB.

<u>Round</u>	Short metric
<u>Entry dates</u>	Scores submitted must be shot in July and August. Archery GB will provide a link to register.
<u>Categories</u>	Recurve / Longbow / Compound / Barebow All categories will be split by gender, age (where appropriate) and bow type. Archers must shoot their age group or above, archers cannot shoot a round below their age group. The age of the archer on the day the score is shot will define the age group.

- Short Metric – Seniors
- Short Metric – Masters (in line with the 1440 masters category – masters category for over 50s only)
- Short Metric 3 – Novice archers (any archer who has shot for less than 1 year)
- Short Metric 1 – Boys under 18
- Short Metric 2 – Boys under and 16 and Girls under 18
- Short Metric 3 – Boys under 14 and Girls under 16
- Short metric 4 – Boys under 12 and Girls under 14
- Short metric 5 – Girls under 12

Scores submitted can be taken from the shorter distances shot where appropriate in a 1440 or metric round.

More than one entry is allowed, and the archer's highest score used for the final results.

### **Archery GB 360 Challenge**

The 360 Challenge is a simple 36 arrow round open to all archers with a range of distances:

- Recurve archers must shoot a 122cm face at 70m, 60m, 50m, 40m, or 30m.
- Compound archers must shoot an 80cm face at 50m, 40m or 30m.
- You must shoot the whole 360 round in one session.

- A video must be supplied of the target (and archer if possible) in order for the submission to be complete.
  - The video could be used as a marketing tool on our social media and by submitting it, you are giving permission for Archery GB to use the video on social media.
  - Ensure that anyone that could be in the video footage is happy to be so.
- Any amount of 360 rounds can be submitted by a single person.
- Scoring must be submitted through the lanseo Scoring app.
- You must enter via the Google Form a minimum of 24 hours prior to completing the round, in order to get your scoresheet on the lanseo Scoring app.
  - If you only have one phone/tablet, please score on a scoresheet and then input the scores into the lanseo Scoring app after filming.
- Winners will be announced at the end of the month.

### **The 300**

The 300 runs from 1 November - 31 January.

#### **Format**

- 18 metres – 30-arrow round, max score 300
- Any 40cm official target face: single spot, triple spot vertical, triple spot triangular
- You must score your round on a new clean target face.
- The 4cm diameter 10 ring is for both compound, recurve, barebow and longbows, the 2cm diameter innermost ring is to be a 10 but scored as an X ring.
- In final score you will count 10s and Xs as 10s, but also record the number of Xs.
- You must shoot the whole 300 round in one session.
- You must supply a clear photograph of your target face (only the round, no practice) for submission to be accepted.
  - The photograph or video could be used as a marketing tool on our social media and by submitting it, you are giving permission for Archery GB to use the video on social media.
  - Ensure that anyone that could be in the photograph or video footage is happy to be so.
- Any amount of 300 rounds can be submitted by a single person.
- Scoring must be submitted through the lanseo Scoring app.
- You must enter via the Google Form a minimum of 48 hours prior to completing the round, in order to get your scoresheet on the lanseo Scoring app.
- If you only have one phone/tablet, please score on a scoresheet and then input the scores into the lanseo Scoring app after filming.
- Winners will be announced at the end of the virtual competition period.

## **OPEN COMPETITIONS**

### **Levels of Competition**

Each tournament has a level or standard attached to it.

**Non-Record Status (NRS):** These are the most relaxed type of tournaments and are the first place many archers start to compete. Archery GB or World Archery rounds can be shot. Some rules such as dress regulations are not used at Non-record Status events. These tournaments will have a Judge in charge of them (although there is no minimum level of Judge required) or will be run by an experienced archer.

**UK Record Status (RS):** The rounds shot can be either Archery GB or World Archery. At these events you have the opportunity to shoot National Records and some of these tournaments also have Rose Award status. These tournaments will have at least one Regional Judge present.

- These tournaments are endorsed by Archery GB.
- UK records may be claimed for Target, Flight and Clout.
- Archery GB Six Gold, Three Gold and Six Clout Gold Imperial badges may be claimed.
- Archery GB Rose badges may be claimed if the tournament has been granted Rose status.
- Clout Tassel awards may be claimed from Northern Counties Archery Society. The event must be Tassel status but not necessarily UK record status.
- Scores for Target and Flight Classifications may be obtained.

**World Record Status (WRS):** This is the highest level of competition and is the most strictly controlled. The only Rounds that can achieve WRS are World Archery Rounds. Shooting in these tournaments gives you the opportunity to claim World, European and National Records as well as World Archery Performance Awards. These tournaments will have at least one National Judge present and will be controlled using traffic lights, whistles and occasionally count down clocks to let you know when to shoot.

- These tournaments are endorsed by the Area/Region and Archery GB.
- World, European and UK records may be claimed for Target and Flight.
- World Archery Target awards; WA Star, WA Silver Star and WA Target may be claimed.
- Archery GB Six Gold and Three Gold badges may be claimed.
- Scores for Target and Flight Classifications may be obtained.

### **County Competitions, County Records and County Team Places**

If you want to take part in competitions outside of the club, those in the Durham and Northumberland area (both indoor and outdoor) are listed on the county website, along with entry forms for the events when they become available, and the results lists when they are published, too, so you can see exactly how you compare to other archers.

The following competitions are suggested as being suitable for first-time competitors.

#### **Novices**

- DNAA Novice Indoor Championships (*Indoor competition: March*)
- Hartlepool Amalgamation Shoot (*Outdoor competition: June*)
- DNAA Novice Outdoor Championships (*Outdoor competition: July*)
- Teesside Championships (*Outdoor competition: September*)

#### **Juniors**

As 'Novices' (with the exception of the Novice Indoor and Outdoor Championships for those who have been shooting for more than one year), plus:

- Killingworth Junior Shoot (*Outdoor competition: June*)
- Cleadon Junior Shoot (*Outdoor competition: July*)

If you want to go to a competition not just to win against the people who are there, but also the county's best ever archers, then check out the County Records for each of the rounds and bow styles to see what you need to score!

You can also aim for a place on the County Team – ask at a club session if you are interested in this and we will be able to tell you how to go about it.

### **Further Information**

World Archery (also referred to as FITA) is the international governing body of archery.

The World Archery Rules of Shooting can be downloaded from <https://worldarchery.org/rulebook>

Archery GB which is the trading name of the Grand National Archery Society, is the national governing body of archery in England.

The following documents can be downloaded from their website <https://archerygb.org/>

- The Archery GB Rules of Shooting
- Archery GB Shooting Administrative Procedures
- Archery GB – A Guide to: Scoring & Tournaments

Durham and Northumberland Archery Association is the county organisation through which our club is affiliated to Archery GB. Information on the following topics is available on their website.

- County competitions <https://dnaa.co.uk/eventslist/>
- County records <https://dnaa.co.uk/records/>
- County team <https://dnaa.co.uk/county-team/>

## **FUN SHOTS and OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS**

There are a number of other fun and special shoots and events during the year. These usually include:

### **Jelly Bow Mini Clout**

In clout shooting the target is a flag in the ground, and archers try to get their arrows within the target area close to the flag. A regular clout is shot at distances of 140yds or 180yds and the target area is 48 feet in diameter. However, because of the safety zone requirements and the limited size of the field, our JBMC is shot with the clout at 60yds from the shooting line. The target area is 16 feet in diameter with 5 scoring zones (5,4,3,2, and 1).

Everybody shoots with a club jelly bow – a small simple and low-poundage bow. They are 36 ins in length (compared to 66 ins for an average recurve) with a maximum draw weight of 10lbs.

### **Christmas Fun Shoot**

This is an indoor shoot purely for fun involving a variety of archery games and fun targets. Christmas hats are compulsory but full costumes are welcome. Members are asked to bring along snacks to be shared with everyone.

### **Club Christmas Meal** (a fee is payable)

### **Halloween Shoot**

This is an outdoor shoot purely for fun involving a variety of fun targets.