

Essex & Suffolk County Archery Association

AGENDA

FOR THE

Annual General Meeting of the Association

to be held in the

Margaretting Village Hall, Wantz Road, Margaretting,
Ingatstone, Essex CM 4 0 EP

on

Sunday, 3rd February, 2013

Commencing 11.00 a.m.

Parking available

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL, WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING
ON SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2013**

PRESENT: G Sibley (Hon Life Member and Secretary), M Pearce (President), Mrs C Stanford (Vice President), M Vaughan (Vice President), R Frost (Chairman), A Purser (Vice Chairman), M Skinner (Treasurer), Mrs M Pearce (General Member), Mrs M Hutchins (Minutes Secretary), representatives from CADAC, Noak Hill, Pilgrim, West Essex, Rayleigh, Grays, SEAC, Burntwood, Ardleigh, Mayflower, Abbey, Woodford, CTR, Phoenix, Braintree, Oakfield.
Total in attendance - 42.

Meeting opened at 11.10am with Chairman giving the Health and Safety instructions.

09/13 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

THE BALDWIN TROPHY – Awarded to MARION SAVILLE
THE BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Awarded to MICHAEL JUDD
THE BILL TUCKER AWARD – Awarded to ROBIN FROST
THE LUDORUM TROPHY – Awarded to ANDREW DEVLIN
THE MILLENIUM TROPHY – Awarded to LOUISE DEVLIN
THE THELMA DAVISON SALVER - Awarded to SIMON POWELL
THE DAVISON CUP (Most improved handicap recurve) – Awarded to JESPREET SAGOO
JOE DORMER SHIELD (Most improved handicap compound) - Awarded to LENNI CANHAM
NATIONAL RECORD PLAQUE – Awarded to GRACE BUTTERFIELD
PAST PRESIDENT BADGES presented to BRIAN WRIGHT, COLIN WOOF, FELICITY WRIGHT, TOM MAJOR,
IRIS MAJOR, MARLENE HUTCHINS
RED TASSELS were presented to MAGGIE PEARCE, JOHN WILLSON

10/13 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): M Judd (Mayflower), N Norris (Mayflower), J Pretlove (Phoenix), C Barnes (Oakfield), R Pilkington (Raydon Hall).
SENIOR COLOURS (Field): R Green (Noak Hill).
JUNIOR COLOURS (Target): Miss R Griffin (Rayleigh), G Johnson (Priory), D Fall (Mayflower).
SENIOR DATE BAR (Target): Miss L Fisher (CADAC), Mrs A King (CADAC), Mrs S Stedman (Ascham), Miss C Higgins (Oakfield), Mrs Y Wade (Burntwood), A Maher (Oakfield), T Major (Pilgrim), T Riddick (Grays), B Riley (Rayleigh), M Room (Noak Hill), A Purser (Mayflower), J King (Colchester), M Webb (Mayflower), A Smith (GNAS), C Tricker (Phoenix), D Adams (Grays), J Franklin (Mayflower).
SENIOR DATE BAR (Field): Miss D Clark (CTR), N Bonner (Panther).
JUNIOR DATE BAR (Target): Miss D Clark (CTR), Miss S Brown (Mayflower), J Howell (Mayflower), Miss L Devlin (Oakfield), L Wiseman (CTR), A Body (Mayflower).

11/13 SUMMER LEAGUE AWARDS:

Division 1	West Essex A	Mrs S Stedman (Ascham)	G Hill (West Essex)
Division 2	Rayleigh	Mrs G Reeves-Nurse (Rayleigh)	I Martin (Rayleigh)
Division 3	Abbey	Mrs D Tolson (West Essex)	G Charnick (Abbey)

12/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from C Wooff (Hon Life Member), Mrs I Major (Hon. Life Vice President), R Markham (Web Master), P Clark (CTR), N Baharie (CTR), N Norris (Mayflower), Clacton Archers, A Drinkwater (Framlingham), R Pilkington (Raydon Hall).

13/13 MINUTES OF AGM 03.03.12 having been circulated were taken as read, accepted by the meeting and signed by the President.

14/13 MATTERS ARISING: None.

15/13 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS (Mike Pearce): It is one year since I took over from Marlene in the role of President and I must take this opportunity to thank her for making my job so difficult! The amount of time and commitment that she put into her tenure is something that I can only hope to emulate. She has been, and will be, a very difficult act to follow, not forgetting of course that she was also Minutes Secretary, Andy Harris League and Outdoor Albion League Organiser at the same time. Whilst I am talking about Marlene I must tell you that after forty-years as Minutes Secretary she has decided that the time has come to hand over to someone else. She will be sadly missed although, I am pleased to say, she is not a loss to Essex archery, only to the Top Table. We will be looking for volunteers to take over the role of Minutes Secretary so if anyone wishes to volunteer, please speak to Marlene after the meeting and she will be glad to tell you what is involved. I, myself, have been in archery for twenty-years and, as anyone who knows me well will testify, I am a bit of a traditionalist. When asked if I would be willing to stand as your President I felt very proud and can honestly say that when elected it was one of the proudest moments of my life and I will try my best to be the best President I can possibly be. We currently have several Past Presidents here today and they have all proven to be excellent role models and I will try to do the role justice.

At this time of year it is customary to thank all those people without whom our sport could not exist. I refer not only to those people that you see sitting up here on the Top Table but also to the Tournament Organisers, Record Officers and many Club members who take it upon themselves to undertake the roles at Club level that are so necessary to keep our Clubs running. I feel, however, that I must single out several people for their work over the years. Graham Sibley; who has done such a great job as our Secretary, having been forced to take over the job following the unexpected resignation of Noah! Martin Skinner; who has been our Treasurer for nine-years and who does a very good job of ensuring that the County remains in a very healthy financial position. Alex Purser; who, while still relatively new to the post has proven to be a very capable Vice Chairman. Maggie Pearce; who as well as being Junior Records Officer running both the Longbow and Compound Leagues, also took on the role of General Member. This due to being promised by the previous incumbent, me, that she would have very little to do. So far I believe it is four Executive meetings. Please remember she is your voice on the Executive so keep her busy. Tony Ikel; County Coaching Officer, a role he has held since last year having taken on this in addition to his role as Senior Records Officer. Tony was one of those who instigated the incorporation of the role into its rightful position on the County Executive. One person whom I must single out for their exceptional work for the County is our Chairman, Robin Frost. Robin has been our Chairman for eighteen-years, longer than any other Chairman in the history of the Association. In that time he has always promoted the cause of Essex archery whether it be at a GNAS AGM or just as he goes around the Country in his role as a National Judge. He has decided to stand down at this meeting in order for him to spend more time with his other love (apart from Ro) I refer of course to his lifelong love of trains and understand that he will be spending a lot more time in a Signal Box. He tells me it is not just playing with a very large train set but I am not so sure! To be serious, I for one will miss his insightful input at County meetings and I hope he will continue to grace us with his presence from time to time, although one has to feel somewhat sorry for the incoming Chairman if he has to field questions from the floor aimed at him by Robin! However, I feel sure we will still see Robin around in his role as a National Judge. May I, on behalf of the archers of Essex wish you, Robin, the best of luck in all that you do both now and in the future.

2013 will prove to be an interesting year. Most of you will have had the opportunity to read the Archery UK membership discussion document. It is not my place to tell you how you should react to this document but I urge you all to read it and make your feelings known. If the proposals in this document are allowed to go through it will have a fundamental impact on the sport that we all love.

As I said at the beginning, I thank all of you who give to the sport we all love so much. There are so many that to try to name all of you would take several more pages and I would invariably forget someone. So can I just say to you all, many thanks for all of your work and long may it continue. Finally can I wish everyone a very happy 2013 and may you achieve all of your goals both in archery and in life generally. Many thanks.

16/13 REPORT FROM HON.SECRETARY (Graham Sibley): Another twelve-months have gone by but what a fully active period it has been with the 'Olympics and all'. Stratford will never be the same again. However, many of our members volunteered for duty in whatever area they were selected and, no doubt, have considerable keepsakes to look back on. I am pleased to say that the total membership remains about the same, i.e. 1156 gents, 361 ladies, 338 boys, 164 girls giving a figure of 2019 as at 20th January (list tabled). How much an effect the PR pushed out during the Olympics helped with this I do not know, but clubs have been working overtime with regard to new applicants for coaching. The Council have met every couple of months throughout the year and it seems that our move to Margaretting has been to our advantage in respect of parking facilities. Meetings have been well attended with matters being well discussed. On a sad note our Chairman, Robin Frost, has decided to stand down after eighteen-years in Office and we must thank him for his steadfast service over that period. Even more so we have to extend our appreciation to Marlene Hutchins who has also decided to call it a day after forty-years as Minutes Secretary but will carry on with her League duties. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the efforts of all those clubs who responded to our request for comments on the "Consultation Document" covering possible re-organisation of GNAS membership. All very informative and a document from the County Association has been forwarded covering many of the issues you have been concerned about. It was not possible to take everything on board but a representative coverage of the main proposals. Copies have gone to Region, National Chairman, Operations Executive AGM. It is now a matter of "Watch this Space"!

17/13 REPORT FROM HON.TREASURER (Martin Skinner): Audited Balance Sheet and Accounts tabled, however, a 'glitch' in the Indoor accounts needs to be rectified and a new Balance Sheet will be produced.

18/13 REPORT FROM SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER (Tony Ikel): As far as the County senior records are concerned, this year has been quiet except for Compound and Longbow who have put up about ten records each. On the County website you will find the Top Ten for Indoor and Outdoor plus all the County records holders and their scores. (Top Ten in all disciplines tabled). If you look at the senior records you will see quite a few are really old, some go back as far as 1988. So why not pick a record and set this as a goal for the next Open shoot you attend. I have been asked to stand for Senior Records Officer and have agreed to do so. I wish you all good shooting for 2013.

19/13 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER (Maggie Pearce): May I say thank you to the club records Officers who took the time and trouble to send in the scores of their junior archers; submitted scores were significantly down on last year. I have received 366 recurve scores from thirteen clubs compared to 522 from fifteen clubs last year and 130 compound scores from three clubs compared to 143 from five clubs last year. When you consider there are forty-six senior clubs and sixteen junior clubs in Essex there must be a large number of clubs who do not send in their junior's scores. Having been asked on several occasions if it is worth sending in scores that do not meet current criteria the following should be taken into account: Whilst I only produce a Top Ten for the AGM and Council Meetings, no records sent in are discarded and all scores are available to the Team Manager when he needs to pick teams for Inter-county matches.

There have been occasions where archers in the Top Ten were unavailable and newer archers have been given a chance to shine and have acquitted themselves well. I have received 114 recurve scores and forty-five compound indoor scores and, because of that, the indoor Top Ten comprises all scores sent in with the only proviso being that they must be at least a five-dozen round. This gives a great opportunity for everyone to appear on the Top Ten so please keep those scores coming in. Please remember that, if your club is not sending in your scores, you are perfectly entitled to send them in yourself. Scores can either be sent direct to me at jro.maggie@hotmail.com or via the ECAA website. Whilst I will accept all record claims sent to me, I cannot process them without corroborating evidence, i.e. Result Sheet or countersigned score sheet if at club. This is as per Constitution/Team Selection criteria items 4.3. I must once again apologise for a lack of a Junior Longbow Top Ten this year but, unfortunately, have received insufficient scores to be able to compile a list. Finally may I wish everyone a very successful year in 2013 and hopefully will see a lot more juniors sending in scores this coming year. Records and Top Ten tabled.

20/13 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER (Robin Frost): List of Records tabled and on website.

21/13 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER (Eric Davies): Both the ECAA Clouts were run by Woodford again last year and a fine job they did as well. New records were set at both meetings although there are some categories where there are no established records. If someone wants to have a go at one or two of them this coming year, I don't mind the extra typing! Congratulations to the winners and to all those who took part, I am sure you all had a good day.

22/13 REPORT FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY (Marlene Hutchins): This report follows very similar lines to that given last year and the year before – and the years before that! The Summer League and the Andy Harris League continue to go well and, from comments I receive, are enjoyed by all, which makes my part worthwhile. Records in both leagues remain unbroken. Summer League dates are confirmed as on the Entry Form and Fixtures List will be out shortly. My thanks to those clubs who support the leagues and I hope you will continue to do so.

23/13 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD SECRETARY (Tony Ikel): A big thank you must go to Guild members for their hard work in the past year. A total of six clubs asked for help with Coaching over the year, this was given by local coaches. Leaders – eight courses of approx. twelve people per course, reported to me by the Course tutors with good pass rate. Well done the Tutors and Assessors. Level 1 – Many thanks to Cliff Tricker (Course Co-ordinator) and Paul Whiteman for setting up and running the course. Level 2 – This up and running. Again thanks to Cliff and Paul. Level 3 – Could not get the cost down so it is stalled but have not given up hope on this. Herts is running a condensed course over six-weeks with lots of Home Study and Mentor work. We have one coach on this course. Workshops – The Guild ran three this year, Dr Alan Bignall, Sports Psychologist, gave three talks, all a great success. He has been asked to come back in 2013. Watch the website for details. A big thanks must go to Claire Stanford for arranging the Speakers and venue for the Workshops. For the future, if I am re-elected I have been putting together a series of one-day performance related tutorials for Level 2 and 3 Coaches who want to go onto the next level. These will be based around Performance Coaching – Goal Setting – Observational Skills and Sport Science. If you are interested, names and contact details to me. I will need at least twelve students to run the tutorials. There will have to be a cost of approx. £20 per head per day to offset the cost of any tutors we bring in. Venue is under discussion. SCAS Coach Conference at RAF Hendon on Saturday, 2nd March 2013. All the best for 2013.

24/13 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER (Peter Walker): Essex County archery team participated in four matches in the year 2012 and produced a mixed bag of results, mostly positive. We fielded teams comprising both senior and junior archers for all bow styles except junior longbow. The recurve and compound teams were our strongest disciplines, senior longbow team performed well but our weakness still remains barebow. Essex clubs now seem to have more juniors shooting barebow style which, if they continue to improve, bodes well for the future. Our senior barebow pool of archers still remains sparse with few proponents of this discipline available for selection. Essex competed against Cambridgeshire in a longbow Double Portsmouth at home on 1st April 2012 securing a win by 36-points after trailing by 27-points after the first round. Eight longbow archers from each county took part in a competitive but friendly match. The second match was an outdoor York/Hereford, seniors only, away match as Cambs had a new Team Manager who found it very difficult to field a junior side. Hopefully this year's match will include juniors again. Essex won all three bow style sub-matches within the overall match, giving a significant winning margin. Essex also competed against Sussex twice. The first match was a junior indoor recurve and compound only match which we won easily in recurve (187 points) but the compound match was close run with Essex prevailing in the end by only 9-points. Our second match with Sussex was rearranged to provide a 3-way match with Surrey involving both senior and junior archers, this at the end of September when the weather was fickle, giving gusty shooting conditions. Essex were out-gunned by the other counties in barebow and longbow where their MB and GMB archers were performing well. At the end, Essex won the senior and junior compound matches, lost the senior and junior recurve matches by 24 and 8-points respectively, won the junior barebow match. My thanks go to all the archers who participated in these matches – special thanks to those who came forward at the last minute and those who shot with injuries so they would not let the team down. Thanks also go to parents and supporters for their efforts this year. Lesley Howell has done a great job with the junior squad and I am grateful for her help in the selection of these young archers. In 2013 I am trying to resurrect some matches which have fallen by the wayside for a variety of reasons and am hopeful that these efforts will prove partially successful. The calendar of club/county shoots seems to be expanding and it is becoming more difficult to find weekends when there is not a major clash with another tournament or competition. Lesley and I are trying to make the method of junior selection more obvious as there have been many queries about how this is achieved. We hope to be able to produce a "Points Potential" table for the website showing who has the greatest points producing performance for the outdoor rounds.

This will be based on the Top Ten listing produced by the Junior Records Officer but will reflect the age/distance complication that occurs with junior archers and will make the selection process more transparent to everyone. Please keep sending your appropriate scores into the two Records Officers regularly so that the performance of archers can be compared and monitored for selection process.

25/13 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER (Maggie Pearce): At this, the end of my first year as General Member, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Mick Pearce, who has made my job a lot easier thanks to his advice. I have been asked to bring a couple of items to the County during the year. These have been resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned. Please remember I am your representative on the Executive and should you need anything bringing up, please do not hesitate to ask me. I will try my best to get you an answer although I cannot guarantee it will be the one you want. I wish everyone all the best for 2013.

26/13 REPORT FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: INDOOR (Mick Pearce): Entry form tabled. FITA 18 with four sessions at Sandon School. Still plenty of spaces but get entries in early. CLOUT (Debbie Shrimpton): Woodford Clout 14th April, County Clout 21st April, entry forms out shortly. TARGET (Noak Hill): Entry forms tabled. FITA (Paul Clark): Entry forms out shortly. One day shoot, 21st July, World record status, British record status for Metric rounds. FIELD (Marion Saville): The first Sunday in October saw the 54th County and 35th Open Field Championships take place at Panther Bowhunters ground in Chelmsford. The weather was actually dry for once although it was sunny and cool. Compared to the rest of the year we were very lucky to have pleasant conditions. Entries were a bit slow coming in but by the day there were sixty-five archers who had entered with two not attending, about six down on 2011 so I considered it was a good entry compared to how some shoots have suffered with either being cancelled due to ground conditions or lack of entries. Pleased to report there were seven Arrowhead claims and six County records with no National records. Congratulations to all the claimants. I would like to offer a vote of thanks to everyone who supported the shoot namely the Judges, catering staff and the archers who took part. A special thank you to our Lord Patron, Chris Bushell, to Robin Frost who also assisted me and to my husband, Dennis, who helped in various ways. I am pleased to say we have UK Record Status with Arrowhead for this year's championships which will be held on Sunday 6th October 2013, hopefully at Panthers Bowhunter ground. Good shooting for the coming outdoor season.

27/13 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER (Robert Markham): Site not been updated due to problems with Host. In discussion and hope to have the issue rectified.

28/13 REPORT FROM CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER (John Willson): Same as last year - nothing to report. Archery GB has a new electronic way to apply for CRB.

ELECTION OF TELLERS: Mrs Claire Stanford and Mr Peter Walker volunteered.

29/13 ELECTION OF (ONE) VICE-PRESIDENT: Two nominations, all seconded. On a paper vote, Mr Mitch Vaughan was elected.

30/13 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Mr. Alex Purser was nominated, seconded and elected.

31/13 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr Paul Clark was nominated, seconded and elected.

32/13 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY: Mr Graham Sibley was nominated, seconded and elected.

33/13 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER: Mr Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and elected.

34/13 ELECTION OF COACHING ORGANISER: Mr Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.

35/13 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER: Mrs Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

36/13 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Tony Ikel was nominated, seconded and elected.

37/13 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mrs Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and elected.

38/13 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Mrs Marion Saville was nominated, seconded and elected.

39/13 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: Mr Eric Davies was nominated, seconded and elected.

40/13 ELECTION OF LEAGUE SECRETARY: Mrs Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and elected.

41/13 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: Separately nominated, seconded and elected.
Clout 2013 – Mrs Debbie Shrimpton. Target 2013 – Noak Hill. FITA 2013 – Mr Paul Clark. Indoor 2014 – Mr Mike Pearce.
Field 2013 – Mrs Marion Saville.

42/13 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER: Mr Neil Baharie was nominated, seconded and elected.

43/13 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER: Mr Peter Walker was nominated, seconded and elected.

44/13 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER: (See Item 48/13) Mrs Lesley Howell was nominated, seconded and elected.

45/13 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER: Mr Neil Baharie was nominated, seconded and elected.

46/13 ELECTION OF CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER: Mr John Willson was nominated, seconded and elected.

47/13 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION: Para 5(b) Vice President(s) Election.

Proposed by Council - Minutes 98/12 (1 and 2) refers.

“A Vice President of the Essex & Suffolk County Archery Association may hold Office for a maximum of two consecutive terms only (four-years) and that person would not be eligible for re-election for the next three (3) years. One Vice President will be elected each year” Seconded T Ikel. All in favour.

48/13 ADDITION TO CONSTITUTION: Para 5(d)

Proposed by Council – Minute 98/12 refers

“It is proposed that the Association appoint an Assistant Team Manager to the list of Non-Executive Officers”.

Seconded Mrs J Ikel. All in favour.

49/13 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT): For exemplary service and in recognition of her years of work for the ECAA, the title of Hon. Life Vice President was awarded to Marlene Hutchins.

Being no further business the Meeting closed at 12.10pm with thanks to all for attendance.

PRESIDENT
ECAA AGM/ 03.02.13/MH