# AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

HELD AT
MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL,
WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING
on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024
12:00pm

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### MARGARETTING VILLAGE HALL, WANTZ ROAD, MARGARETTING ON SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2024 @ 12:00pm

01.24 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
BALDWIN TROPHY –
BILL GRIGGS TROPHY –
BILL TUCKER AWARD –
GRAHAM SIBLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY –
VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY –
JUNIOR MILLENNIUM TROPHY –
THELMA DAVISON SALVER –
THELMA DAVISON CUP –
JOE DORMER SHIELD –

ANY OTHER AWARDS

#### 02.24 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS (Target): Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (Noak Hill)

<u>SENIOR DATE BARS</u> (Target): Mark Turner (Noak Hill) Tony Gedalovitch (Noak Hill) David Fellman (Blue Arrows) Jason Pretlove (Phoenix) Mike Gissing (Blue Arrows) Tony Maher (Noak Hill) Eric Mallet (Noak Hill) Mark Lawrence (Noak Hill) Sharon Lawrence (Noak Hill) Michael Judd (Mayflower)

JUNIOR COLOURS (Target):

JUNIOR DATE BARS (Target):

FIELD COLOURS:

FIELD DATE BARS: Phillip Glover (Mayflower)

#### 03.24 SUMMER OUTDOOR LEAGUE:

**ALBION LEAGUE:** Mayflower – (Paul West (RTAC) – 4296, Grace Tedore (RTAC) 2697)

WINDSOR LEAGUE: Colchester – (Richard Gardiner (CADAC) - 3530, Lisa Wakeman (CADAC) – 3183)

#### 04.24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Alan & June Drinkwater (Framlingham)

#### 05.24 MINUTES OF AGM 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

Available online at ECAA.org.uk

06.24 MATTERS ARISING:

07.24 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:

**OFFICERS' REPORTS** 

#### **08.24 REPORT FROM HON. SECRETARY:**

Well, as another year of archery draws to a close for the county, we can safely say it has been an interesting one. We have new coaches, new judges and new archers, all of which I am sure will be mentioned in more detail by others. We have seen well loved and well known tournaments continue, and we have even been

lucky enough to see some new ones begin. Our sport and our county continues to grow and to move from strength to strength. None of this would be possible without the support of the archers, the volunteers and the club officials who work tirelessly to keep things running smoothly across the county. I would like to personally thank all of those who have supported me in my role, either physically or emotionally, those who have responded to my numerous emails, and those who work in the background to support others.

Our communications across the county continue to grow and develop, and we have more ideas to improve this for the year to come. If you have any suggestions to improve the systems, please let us know.

I do have one small moan to make, particularly in regard to the AGM. Since we have moved to our current system of communication, which allows every member of the county to receive emails and comms personally and not through their club secretary, we have seen a significant drop in the number of nominations received. I suspect this is because archers do not realise that they as individuals can nominate others for posts. We accept nominations both for positions and for awards, from individual members as well as from clubs. It's your county and you should have a say in how it is run. If we didn't want your input, we wouldn't ask for it. So if you have any suggestions of members to fill committee roles, or if you would like to volunteer yourself, please contact a committee member and we can help you.

Thanks again for this year, and I look forward to seeing many of you in a field somewhere during 2024.

#### 09.24 REPORT FROM HON. TREASURER:

Accounts are completed, audited and attached to the agenda.

#### **10:24 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:**

Another quiet year in the General Member inbox.

A request was received for a review into setting up a County ranking systems so that archers knew where they stood. This was passed on for consideration at the next committee meeting.

A request was received as to when the County team was going to be announced. This was passed on to the committee and responded to.

A request was received for funding assistance following selection to represent Team GB at the European Indoor Championship in Croatia. This was presented at the next committee meeting and approved.

This will be my last report as the General Member. Thanks to those who have raised issues and to the committee for their consideration and responses to these.

#### 11.24 REPORT FROM SENIOR RECORDS (TARGET/ FLIGHT/ CLOUT) OFFICER:

We had in excess of 20 claims , just keep up the great work and more will come. Some of you may have noticed an issue with receiving your certificates this is seems to have been a postal issue, if you think you are missing one please get in touch. I know I don't have to ask but if anyone feels there is an error with the records then please get in touch as I do make mistakes and hopefully you will find me very approachable, any issue can always be resolved. I am standing down as your records officer this year as I retire next year and am starting to prepare for that. I have enjoyed seeing all your great scores coming in and I do hope you keep the new records officer just as busy. For whoever takes over I am more than happy to support to assure a smooth transition should they require it

#### 12.24 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS (TARGET/ FLIGHT/ CLOUT) OFFICER:

I have received a total of 4 junior records, so well done to all those archers who broke a county record in 2023.

JUNIOR RECORDS 2023											
			BOYS					GIRLS			
	U/9	U/12	U/14	U/16	U/18	U/9	U/12	U/14	U/16	U/18	TOTALS
BOW STYLE											
RECURVE							1				1
COMPOUND											
BAREBOW										3	3
LONGBOW											

Please remember that if you wish to represent your county you must send in your scores, if your club is not sending them in then please send them in yourselves.

Unfortunately, there wasn't any archer that completed the number of required shoots, to be considered for the Thelma Davison trophy, for most improved archer by handicap, so this cannot be awarded this year.

Also, there were no scores from any Compound archer so the Joe Dormer trophy will not be awarded this year.

I intended to start up the "Top Ten" county rankings for 2023 but due to the small number of scores submitted, I was unable to produce a list. If there were any issues in reporting scores etc, please feel free to let me know

Finally; I would like to say a big thank you to the club records officers who took the time and trouble to send in the scores of their junior archers and also to the juniors and their parents who sent in scores direct.

Also to wish all Archers Happy & Successful shooting for 2024.

#### 13.24 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICE

2023 had been a very quiet year for me until Sunday 01 October at the County and Open Field Championships when Peter Schofield of Braintree Bowmen broke the Compound Barebow record that had been standing since October 2014, a mere nine years to increase it to 164, the previous record being held by Colin Markham-Lee of Colchester who shot the score of 62. Then the following month Stephen List of Gipping Valley Archers went to the Surrey Open Field to shoot the Archery GB National Animal round on Sunday 05 November with an American Flat Bow, the score being 150 which is an Open Record. The previous year he claim a record for the same round at the same shoot, but shooting with a recurve bow – congratulations to both gentlemen

There is only one Date Bar for 2023, and that is for Philip Glover of Mayflower who gained his colours for 2022, who was part of the Intercounties Team at the County and Open Field Championships – so congratulations to him

Finally, may I remind members to ensure that they get their claims in to me within three months of the record/s being shot, along with the result sheet/and or score sheet as proof of shooting (this ruling is in the constitution). The claim forms and instructions on how to make a claim are on the website – thank you very much for your co-operation

May I wish you all Good shooting for 2024

#### 14.24 REPORT FROM OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:

This year's competition was bookended by sunny, dry days, with the middle months suffering with wet and blustery shooting conditions. Some good scores were shot but one was especially notable. This was shot by Michael Judd of Mayflower, who equaled his own Albion league record, shooting a 946 on the last day of the league in perfect conditions.

Congratulations must go to Mayflower on winning division 1 (Albion) and to Colchester on winning division 2 (Windsor) Both teams did it by winning all of their matches.

The 2024 Summer League entry forms are available on the ECAA website.

The closing date for entries and payment of the £8 fee is today at the AGM.

The dates for the 2024 season have been confirmed as;

- Match 1 . 05/05/2024
- Match 2. 09/06/2024
- Match 3. 07/07/2024

- Match 4. 04/08/2024
- Match 5. 08/09/2024

#### 15.24 REPORT FROM COACHING ORGANISER:

#### **Coaching days**

During the 2023 outdoor season, we ran a series of coaching clinics at different clubs across the county. The format of these was slightly different to previous years, as they were designed to be one-off drop-in sessions rather than a series of linked sessions. We also opened them up to a wider range of abilities and experience levels and hosted each one at a different venue to give as many archers as possible the chance to attend at least one session. The format was well received by both coaches and archers, many of whom ended up attending several sessions and visiting new clubs. The new format also meant that the sessions towards the end of the season were better attended than in previous years and as a result, we will be looking to adopt a similar approach this summer. Thank you to Deben, Colchester, Mayflower and Braintree for hosting these events.

Over the winter, we have also been running monthly archer development days at Gosfield School. The first two sessions were well attended, but numbers have dropped off since Christmas, so I will be contacting the archers who signed up at the beginning of the season to remind them of the dates for the final two sessions, and new participants are very welcome.

The sessions have followed a similar format to previous years, with archers being presented with a programme including coaching, a short talk or workshop and the chance to shoot a Bay or half-Portsmouth round. This is slightly different to previous years, where archers had the chance to shoot head-to-head rounds, but it was felt that this was better suited to the profile of the archers who were attending. Feedback from these sessions has been positive and we are looking to arrange dates for next season so we can book our preferred dates with the venue as early as possible.

As last year, these sessions have also included CPD sessions for coaches. Once again, coaches who have been taking part in the coaching sessions have found them helpful. Including CPD sessions in these events has allowed us to integrate teaching for the archers and coaches, such as sharing equipment knowledge with coaches which they have then been able to apply in the following session. Coaches have also appreciated the opportunity to work with others of different levels or with different areas of expertise, with several newly qualified coaches shadowing more experienced members of the group before moving on to work with archers themselves.

We have had a great team of coaches assisting at these coaching sessions and I would like to thank everyone who has attended for their hard work and support - we couldn't run events like this without you.

It has been noted that the profile of the archers attending coaching sessions has changed significantly since they were set up, and that there is currently a gap in provision aimed at more experienced competitive archers. Based on previous experience and feedback from former attendees, we are looking to arrange approximately two county squad training days over the summer season targeted at archers who would like to be considered for county selection. There will be more to come on this, but the aim is to offer county squad candidates and the coaches they work with the opportunity to train together, share their experiences and practice for particular events.

#### **Coach Development**

We are currently in the process of planning a session coach course on behalf of ECAA. I am aware of several session coach candidates at various stages in their course and we are hoping to be able to run at least one course in the county this year. Details are still being finalized but anyone who is interested can get in touch with me and I will let you know as soon as information is available and the event is available to book.

#### Renewals

Once again, thank you to David Scorah for his hard work handling the renewals for ECAA. In order for Archery GB to process renewals, coaches need to upload proof of an up-to-date safeguarding qualification to Sport

80. If you struggle to do this, please let David know when you submit your renewal form and he will be able to discuss it further with you to get your renewal processed as quickly as possible.

If you have previously held a coaching qualification which has lapsed, but you would like to get involved in coaching again, please get in touch with David to discuss this, as it is not necessarily the case that you will need to complete all the elements of the coaching course again before your license is renewed.

#### **16.24 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:**

This year has been a struggle, as I've been unable to deliver the County matches, I so wished to do. It wasn't a complete loss as we did attend the National Team event in September. We managed to get together a gents recurve, compound and barebow teams plus ladies barebow.

Whilst I couldn't attend the event itself, the teams performed extremely well. The second day's shooting was meant to be a mixed team event which we could only achieve in the barebow division. So well done to everyone who got a place and shot, the final placings were: -

- Recurve Men's 7th place overall.
- Compound Men's 9<sup>th</sup> place overall.
- Barebow Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.
- Barebow Women's 6th place overall.

I would like to thank all the County archers who managed to take the time representing our County. We are still struggling to fill certain disciplines, so don't be shy about putting scores in, without them we have no team.

Other matches to look forward to are.

- County 4 way Indoor held at Kent on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March
- SCAS Inter-counties held at Andover on the 4<sup>th</sup> August
- National County Team Championship held at Lilleshall 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> September.

Please check your emails and I look forward to receiving your scores for these forthcoming events.

#### 17.24 REPORT FROM DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Focusing on consolidating the research and ideas sharing over the last year, the Development targets are getting resolved. What we are suggesting is not radical – yet – it is simply addressing the gaps in what we can offer our members and creating a system that provides support to the few that carry much of the work. There has been work going on in the background both ongoing dialogue and 'vox pop' feedback. Universally the challenges and opportunities remain. This year we need to begin to pull the threads together to understand how we can harness the membership and create a multi-level engagement beyond the current club interface.

We need to redefine the following feedback – there have been changes and we need to ensure the changes are reflected in what we are trying to do

- 1. What motivates the modern Membership?
  - Why have people taken up archery?
  - What do they want out of the sport/hobby?
  - How can we understand more?
- 2. What barriers do clubs face in maintaining the development of their archers?
  - Resource coaching/general support
  - Revenue streams
  - Cross club engagement
  - Motivating membership
- 3. What more could county do to help fuse the clubs together under the County body

- Understanding issues 1 and 2 will open pathways to deliver number three as part of the overall strategy.
- County can only respond with a plan when we understand the core issues to be tackled.
- we have some thoughts though.

#### Where are we now?

- 1. The new AGB classifications are now embedded in the clubs and at National level we need to ensure we whatever we do reflects that.
  - It's a new world it's here to stay and we need to harness this in different ways.
  - Classifications are now achievable to newer archers with a clear path- this is despite what establish archer think about the changes.
  - The new categories and bow styles need to be supported.
- 2. County have been testing a new way of giving coaches assistance and building a pathway to develop new archers 'mentoring'.
  - Mentoring is not coaching it is working with archers under the guidance of a coach.
  - It is showing the new archer the way.
  - helping them with a single issue from the coach.
    - o teaching from experience.
    - o Bow set-up.
    - o Equipment choice.
    - o Rounds and shooting discipline.
  - Mentoring gives the coach another set of eyes ears hands and feet it frees them up to coach.
  - This has been very successful where trialled and needs to be more clearly defined by a core team Coach, Development & Trial members.
  - There needs to be a consistent format and agreed control to ensure that boundaries are created and the team knows the rules
  - We potentially have identified resource within the club structure that could be harnessed by county.
    - Those identified as mentors should be seen as on a pathway to expanding outside of shooting.
    - o senior club committee positions
    - o more active role in County
    - coaching
    - Judging
  - This part of the plan not only helps the archer it develops the next level of 'drivers' across clubs and county.
- 3. Building on what is there!
  - We often discuss how difficult it is to shoot together on an equal footing.
  - How challenging it is for some juniors to reach their competition distance and perform
  - What can be done to accommodate novice archers in a way that is not too daunting, fun and most importantly controlled and measured?

If only there was a way to have different age groups different experience levels and different genders shooting together on an equal footing for fun and experience

- The data exists.
- The records are there.
- The controls can easily be put in place.
- It is measurable.
- It would be fun because its achievable for everyone taking part.

#### A county 252 League – gender neutral, age neutral

- You are ranked on your last 252 award.
- You shoot 2 x 252 distances your next distance and your current award.
- You are only competing with people that are equal to you.
- You are gaining competition experience in a motivating way.
- We build new relationships across clubs through county.

• The seeding pool for the next development stage of the archer
This does not replace anything – it enhances what is the and provides a new opportunity for everyone.

#### 18.24 REPORTS FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

#### **18.24a Indoor**

The 44th Indoor County Championships were held at The Deans Sport Centre on 26th March 2023 and co-hosted by Chelmsford Tudor Rose Archers and Rayleigh Town Archery Club. Thanks to Merlin Archery Essex Outpost for sponsoring the target faces. 63 individual participants competed over two sessions, shooting a UK record status WA18m round. 43 Gentlemen, 14 Ladies, 3 Junior Gentlemen and 3 Junior Ladies. The final presentation of awards and final results are available on the ECAA website and were emailed to all participants on 31st March 2023. The 2024 Indoor Championships will be held at The Sandon School on the weekend of 24th/25th February. At the time of writing we are happy to report that this year's tournament is fully booked.

#### 18.24b Clout

No report has been submitted

#### 18.24c Target

We finished up with 99 archers entered for the one day event this year, which included 41 juniors, it was so nice to see so many targets set up for the shoot. Noak Hill Archers made us very welcome and I would like to thank them for helping out the county. A special thanks for Mrs Iris Major for agreeing to be our Lady Paramount, it was really great to see her as if I may say she's a legend within the Essex archery community. Also a big shout out to Graham Harris from Clickers archery who sponsored the target faces, I bumped into him at the National Indoor this year, I am going to have to see him one of these days when I'm not looking for him to sponsor anything but and he has agreed to do the same for this coming year. There were some good scores gained with ten rose awards claimed, five junior, four senior and one 50+. Also we had a six gold end claim and a UK record. But almost as importantly everyone had a great day out shooting and the weather was pretty good as well. The overall cost of running the event was easily covered by the entry fees, we even secured a profit which will enable us to run next year's event with only a small increase. Moving on this coming year we are continuing a single day combining the Junior and Senior competitions on Sunday 2nd June 2024. With that can I put a big shout out to all the juniors and their parents, would love to welcome you all to the county outdoor shoot, you will only be shooting a distance that is appropriate for your age and you can meet loads of other archers from all over the county, it's also quite a fun day out. Lastly don't forget we also run a Western round included in this event, so if there are any archers out there who are daunted by the longer distances then that's the round for you. That's enough from me today but if there are any questions feel free to ask.

#### 18.24d WA 1440

After the SCAS WA1440 was cancelled the day before due to the heavy winds the country was experiencing at the time it was doubtful if the ECAA WA1440 would go ahead, as on the morning of our comp it was still quite windy.

It was decided by the judges that we will see how it goes and we would go ahead with the shoot. One compound archer didn't even make it to the scoring before deciding it was still too windy for them and wouldn't make it an enjoyable day for them, so decided to pack up and head home, with another compound archer not far behind decided the same (No comments pls lol).

The rest of the field struggled on with the wind for the rest of the day as it was not letting off.

39 archers started in the morning 6 archers joined at the halfway point 43 archers finished their round.

10 archers from other counties

4 junior archers

Considering our shoot was on the list for the new Southern Counties Archery Youth Tour (SCAYT) this is a very low number. "The youth is the future" is a phrase I have heard many times in my life, is it clubs not encouraging them or juniors not interested in tournaments in our county, Kents County shoot the

following weekend had over 20 juniors on their target list I saw(if I remembered correctly). something to look into maybe.

#### 18.24e Field

#### 19.24 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER:

This has been my first year in the post. My predecessor has set up a solid system, so in the first year I have mainly kept things running as they are. The biggest change is sending email through a dedicated email tool, Mailchimp, which allows us to create emails quickly and efficiently, sending communications to the relevant audiences. The County Calendar has had a spruce up as well, and gets updated each month.

The website gets backed up each month and checked for security issues regularly. The performance of the website is great and responds quickly to all requests from visitors.

I have introduced a newsletter, first one was sent out earlier this month. Still looking at how often this is sent out, depending on content, but bi-monthly at least. If there is enough content to send out monthly newsletters then we'll do that.

I would like to see more information being sent in from clubs in our counties, sharing news, updates, announcements, competitions, and anything else so we can share it with our members through our various channels.

#### 20.24 REPORT FROM SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Nothing to report

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

#### 21.24 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Nomination	Proposed by
Martin Skinner	Chris Higgins
	Deb Horn
	Alex Purser

#### 22.24 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT:

Nomination	Proposed by			
Dawn Tolson	Sean Fortune (WEB)			

#### 23.24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Nomination	Proposed by		
Sean Fortune	Paul Clark (CTRA)		

#### 24.24 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

Nomination	Proposed by		
Jason Pretlove	Grant Pearce (WEB)		

#### **25.24 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY:**

Nomination	Proposed by		
Deb Horn	John Ryley (WEB)		

#### **26.24 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER:**

Nomination	Proposed by	
Kevin Juniper	Martin Skinner (CTRA)	
	Chris Higgins (CTRA)	

#### **27.24 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER:**

Nomination	Proposed by
Paul Tolson	Alex Purser (Mayflower)

#### 28.24 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:

Nomination	Proposed by		
Wilco Van Kleef Bolton	Mark Turner (Noak Hill)		

#### 29.24 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:

Nomination	Proposed by
Wilco Van Kleef Bolton	Mark Turner (Noak Hill)

#### 30.24 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:

Nomination	Proposed by			
Marion Saville	Dennis Saville (DM)			

#### 31.24 ELECTION OF OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:

Nomination	Proposed by			
Chris Higgins	Chris Jordan (CTRA)			
	Brian Whitely (CTRA)			

#### 32.24 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

#### 32.24a INDOOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

Nomination	Proposed by
Martin Skinner	CTRA

#### 32.24b TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nomination	Proposed by
Mark Lawrence	NHA

#### 32.24c WA1440 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nomination	Proposed by
Paul West	RTAC

#### 32.24d FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nomination	Proposed by
Paul Clark	CTRA

#### 32.24e CLOUT CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER

Nomination	Proposed by

#### 33.24 ELECTION OF COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER:

Nomination	Proposed by
Emma Broxholme	Richard Whiteley (Braintree) Kevin Sykes (WEB)

#### 34.24 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER:

Nomination	Proposed by
Lawrence Easton	NHA

#### **35.24 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER:**

Nomination	Proposed by
Matt Webb	Wilco Van Kleef Bolton (NHA)

#### **36.24 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER:**

Nomination	Proposed by

#### **37.24 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER:**

Nomination	Proposed by
Wilco Van Kleef Bolton	Deb Horn (WEB)

#### 38.24 ELECTION OF SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:

Nomination	Proposed by
Anna Heaven	Felicity Hurr (WEB)

#### **39.24 ELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed by

#### 40.24 Any Other Business – at the discretion of the President

40.24.a – Proposed changes to the Albion League rules

#### **Current Wording:**

3. The round shot shall be an Albion. Sighters shall be as mutually agreed by the Clubs concerned. If no agreement can be reached then Sighters shall be at 2pm. For the matches in May and September, if no agreement can be reached, Sighters shall be at 1pm. League shall take precedence and not be delayed or hindered by any other shooting on the Ground.

#### Proposed changes:

- 3. The round shot shall be an Albion. Sighters shall be as mutually agreed by the Clubs concerned. If no agreement can be reached then Sighters shall be at 12pm (Noon). League shall take precedence and not be delayed or hindered by any other shooting on the Ground.
- 40.24.b Proposed changes to the summer league to formally incorporate the Windsor League

#### New rule to read

11 b Windsor league: Five medals shall be awarded by the Essex County Archery Association to the winning club in each Division. Two individual medals will be awarded, one to the lady and one to the gent with the highest aggregate score in each Division.