

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT HAMPTONS SPORTS & LEISURE (FORMERLY MARCONI ATHLETIC CLUB)
ON SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT: Mrs M Hutchins (Life Vice President), A Munson (President), Mrs M Pearce (Vice President), R Pilkington (Vice President), A Purser (Chairman), M Pearce (Vice Chairman), Mrs D Horn (Secretary), M Skinner (Treasurer), P Clark (General Member), C Buckley (EGAC) and representatives from West Essex, Mayflower, Ascham, RTAC, Noak Hill, Blue Arrows, Raydon Hall, Chelmsford Tudor Rose, Racketts, CADAC, Abbey, Grays. Total in attendance 37.

Meeting opened at 12pm by President.

10.19 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

BALDWIN TROPHY – Joe Cordaro (Abbey)
BILL GRIGGS TROPHY – Wendie King (Mayflower)
BILL TUCKER AWARD – Maggie Pearce (Abbey)
GRAHAM SIBLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY – Julie Bishop (Mayflower)
VICTOR LUDORUM TROPHY – Mark Lawrence (Noak Hill)
JUNIOR MILLENNIUM TROPHY – Not awarded
THELMA DAVISON SALVER – Aimee Davis (West Essex)
THELMA DAVISON CUP – Imogen Newby (Braintree)
JOE DORMER SHIELD – Aimee Davis (West Essex)

11.19 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:

SENIOR COLOURS (TARGET):

Mark Lawrence (Noak Hill), Sharon Lawrence (Noak Hill), Claire Morris (Colchester).

SENIOR DATE BARS (TARGET):

James King (Colchester), James Howell (Mayflower), Jason Pretlove (Phoenix), Michael Judd (Mayflower), Andrew Smith (Direct), Jespreet Sagoo (Oakfield), Martin Skinner (CTR), Susi Atkinson (Ascham), Wendie King (Mayflower), Tony Maher (Oakfield), Eric Mallet (Abbey), Steve Morris (Colchester), James Sinclair (West Essex).

JUNIOR COLOURS (TARGET):

None.

JUNIOR DATE BARS (TARGET):

Imogen Newby (Braintree), Rhiannon Easton (Noak Hill), Aimee Davis (West Essex).

COLOURS (FIELD):

None.

DATE BARS (FIELD):

Stuart Ross (Deben), Martin Skinner (Ch Tudor Rose).

12.19 SUMMER OUTDOOR LEAGUE:

Division 1	West Essex	Tim Davies (Rayleigh)	Ysanne Coughlin (Grays)
Division 2	Colchester	Allan Horne (Oakfield)	Claire Morris (CADAC)
Division 3	Rushgreen	Kevin Arthurton (Malgrave)	Geri Reeves-Nurse (Malgrave)

13.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE received from Mrs I Major (Life Vice President), T Major (Pilgrim), Mrs A King (CADAC), J King (CADAC), Mrs M Saville (Pilgrim), D Saville (Pilgrim), Mrs L Howell (Mayflower), Ms A Heaven (EGAC), Mrs J Drinkwater (Framlingham), A Drinkwater (Framlingham), P Mantravadi (West Essex).

14.19 MINUTES OF AGM 17th FEBRUARY 2018 having been circulated were taken as read. Seconded by M Lawrence (Noak Hill), accepted by the meeting, and signed by the President.

15.19 MATTERS ARISING: None.

16.19 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: I would like to thank everyone for attending today's AGM and Awards presentations. It was with great sadness that that we all received news of the passing of Mitch Vaughan. Mitch was a Red Tassel holder, a former Vice President and former Chairman of the Essex Guild of Archery Coaches. He was a great ambassador for our sport over the many years and I know he will be missed by many members who he had coached. Please stand for a minute silence, not only for Mitch but for all the archers and friends that have passed away over the past year. I know that AGM's have a reputation of being boring, but they do give a chance for members to air their views and gain an insight into the hard work that goes into running the County Association. Running any organisation takes hard work and commitment from the Committee members. We have an excellent team on the Council who have worked tirelessly to modernise the Association. There are too many volunteers to thank individually so I should like to thank everyone collectively for their support during my first year, along with those who run the County Tournaments. During the year I have visited 3 clubs – Colchester Archers, Clacton Archers and Chelmsford Tudor Rose – all of whom have made me most welcome and I intend to visit more in the coming year. I have also attended several shoots and enjoyed meeting competitors, in particular, the Woodford Clout Shoot which I found fascinating. May I wish you all good shooting over the coming year.

17.19 REPORT FROM HON SECRETARY: It's been another interesting year for me and once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me over the last 12- months. Tournament entries have again been slightly down this year, but as the National trend in this direction continues, we here in Essex are doing everything we can to fight it. There are lots of excellent tournaments out there and hopefully this year we can encourage larger numbers of our members to get out and compete. As always, I urge TOs to get details to me in plenty of time so that we can work together to keep the archers informed and I can always re-send details if you think it will help. Lots of tournaments this year have been sent out on several occasions. We have again had one or two changes of personnel across the County's clubs over the year and these have been circulated. The main items on my agenda this year have been the introduction and organisation of the GDPR and the forms we have collected from all Club secretaries and Direct members. Those who did not return them have not, unfortunately, been able to receive County information from me. Please remember that if you have a problem, I will do anything I can to help. Even if I cannot give you the answer, I will be able to put you in contact with someone who can. Council continues to meet every two months, with a good turn out to the meetings, but there is always room for new blood to join us. It would be great to see some new faces and hear some new opinions. Thank you to all of you for a great year, and I look forward to 2019. Report accepted by the Meeting with thanks offered to Debbie Horn for all her work during the year. List of Clubs tabled showing member totals.

18.19 REPORT FROM HON TREASURER: Income and Expenses Account for the Year ended 31st December 2018 tabled showing a loss. Accounts and Balance Sheet seconded by J Willson (RTAC) and accepted by the Meeting. Thanks were offered to Martin Skinner for all his work during the year and with the Accounts.

19.19 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER: Explanation given of General Member's duties. He stated it had been a very quiet year and was looking forward to another quiet year. Thanks offered to Paul Clark.

20.20 REPORT FROM COACHING GUILD ORGANISER: Committee members listed. Long serving members Cliff Tricker and John Willson both decided to stand down from the committee at the December 2018 AGM. They are still active behind the scenes although taking more of a 'back seat', but they both deserve thanks for the sustained effort they have put into the Guild over many years. Since February last year we have gone to some lengths to revitalise our website and social media presence. Thanks are particularly due to Richard Pilkington for his help with the website and setting up a new email address. With the advent of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in May 2018, we are using a mailing list to notify people of coaching events and news in and around Essex and Suffolk. If you are interested then you can sign up at <http://ecaa.org.uk/coaching-judging/coaching-guild/ mailing-list>. More general coaching

updates are posted to our Facebook page, and anything that may be of interest to all archers will still be sent out via club secretaries. Archery GB's official coach list for February contained a few errors plus, we have some coaching and DBS renewals in hand. We have, therefore, included the numbers as supplied by Archery GB, plus the 'best case' scenario should all the renewals come to fruition. Realistically we will probably go in to March at about the 80 mark. Congratulations are particularly due to Anna Heaven who qualified as a Senior Coach in September and more recently to Deb Horn who qualified as a County Coach in November. The increase in coach numbers from 2018 is largely due to the hard work of Anna Heaven who ran a Level 1 course in Suffolk in May and has another currently underway. The last Level 2 course wasn't particularly well attended, so the decision was taken to run two Level 1 courses before looking at another Level 2 course, hopefully towards the end of this year. Archery GB announced in their November 2018 Coaching Update that they would be revising the content and restructuring the Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications, so we hope to be able to run a new-style Level 2 course once the new content becomes available. We were also asked to help facilitate an Instructor course at Thorrington Scout Camp in October. We organised the Course Tutor and Assessor, but unfortunately the course wasn't very well attended by the Scouts. The renewal panel has been reformed with the departure of Cliff and John. Chris Buckley (Level 2) is acting as CCO Renewals and should be the first point of contact (coaching@ecaa.org.uk) for any renewal applications, questions or issues. Anna Heaven (Senior Coach) is the new Renewal Panel Chair with Deb Horn (County Coach) as the other Panel member. Not many coaches appear to be receiving Renewal reminders from Archery GB, although Archery GB assures us that they are sending them. Consequently, the Guild is now sending out its own reminders, either directly to the Coach where their contact details are known, or via club secretaries where they are not. As far as possible we are trying to do everything electronically and we are now keeping Coaches apprised of progress as the application goes through the Renewal Panel, then on to Archery GB and finally when the qualification has been renewed. The new system seems to have been well received. We have had several emails of thanks, mostly in relation to the process being quicker and the Coaches being more informed as to progress. Full details can be found at <http://ecaa.org.uk/coaching-judging/coaching-guild/renewals>. We organised a couple of CPD events in the latter part of 2018. 'Coaching Archers with Different Learning Needs' and 'Coaching the Mind' were both well received, and we hope to do more in 2019 with planning for several events currently underway. Amongst other things we are looking at a practical field archery day with Trish Lovell for both coaches and archers and a variation on the "Pass It On" disability workshops for the visually impaired with Stoke Mandeville. We have had a few approaches from schools in Essex over the course of the year. We have run an "arrows" session at one Colchester primary school and are waiting to hear back from the school's business manager re possible funding. A similar session is being planned with another primary school and we are also in discussion with a Basildon secondary school about the provision of archery. Thank offered to Chris Buckley for his report and for his work with the Guild.

21.19 SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Thank you to all the archers and Club Record Officers who continue to maintain their records and send in new County record claims. During 2018, twenty-two new records were ratified (a slight decrease from twenty-eight during 2017) and, as for last year, all bow types were represented. Ten individual people achieved new County records and this includes new people that have not been on the Record List previously which is excellent. All current records can be found on the website. Additionally, a change in Claim form via the website has been made which has been utilized in early 2019. As other things have been taking over in my life, I am standing down as SRO. Over the past 4-years I have moved records from being purely paper-based to an electronic database that is both easier to maintain and also takes up less space. All historic records have been digitised including the scanning of all paper records since the 1960s. I wish the next holder of the Post all the best and trust that archers in the County will continue to break records. Thanks were offered to Anna King for her report and all her work with the Senior Records.

22.19 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Firstly may I say 'thank you' to Club Record 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 also sent in scores direct. Submitted scores this year were down from last year. I have received – outdoor – 120 Recurve scores from seven clubs, compared to 223 from nine clubs last year and twelve Compound scores compared to 48 from clubs last year. The scores received seem to have gone down over the past few years. Please send in your scores – your County needs you. 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 available to the Team Manager when he needs to select teams for Inter-county matches. There have been occasions where archers in the Top Ten were unavailable and newer archers

given a chance to shine and acquitted themselves well. This gives a great opportunity for everyone to appear on the Top Ten so please, keep those scores coming in. Remember that if your club are not sending in your scores, you are perfectly entitled to send them in yourselves, scores can either be sent direct to me at jro@ecaa.org.uk 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 per the Constitution/Team Selection criteria. Any junior who breaks a record will, once ratified, receive a Certificate of Achievement as a permanent reminder of their record-breaking score. All current County records are on the ECAA website. I would like to thank Lesley Howell and James King for their work over 2018 as Team and Assistant Team Managers. Would also like to wish all the best to any Junior who is going into the Senior ranks this year. Finally may I wish everyone a very successful year in 2019 and, hopefully, will see a lot more Juniors sending in scores this coming year. Top Ten Recurve and Compound tabled, also listing for Thelma Davison and Joe Dormer awards. Thanks were offered to Maggie Pearce for her report and for her work with the Junior records.

23.19 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Like the other County Records Officers it has been a quiet year for new records being broken. In fact I only received just one claim and that was from Stuart Ross from Deben Archers who broke a record that had stood for ten years. He shot the World Archery Unmarked 24 Target at Fort Purbrook in Hampshire with a score of 307 in the Barebow class, beating the previous record held by Neil Bonner by just one single point. In fact it made a change for Stuart to put the claim in, as in the past he has put claims in for the junior gentlemen of his club. Congratulations to him for this outstanding achievement. Congratulations are also in order to Stuart Ross on gaining his Date Bar for being part of the Recurve Team at the SCAS Field Team Championships that was held last April at Sandy, Bedfordshire. Martin Skinner also gains his Date Bar for being one of the team members representing the Intercounties at the County Field Championships in October at Panthers, Chelmsford – well done. 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 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 2019. Thanks were offered to Marion Saville for her report and for work with the Field records.

24.19 REPORT FROM FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: I would like to thank all those at Woodford Archers who made our two clouts so enjoyable. Particular thanks go to Debs and Dave Shrimpton for organising everything for us. Both shoots went well although I did not have any claims for records this year. Good shooting to all in the coming year. Thanks were offered to Eric Davies for his report and for work with the Clout Records.

25.19 REPORT FROM OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY: The summer of 2018 was excellent weather-wise, although maybe a little too hot for some. Nevertheless, teams completed their League matches showing the friendly competitive spirit for which it is well known. The Andy Harris League running through the winter months has proven difficult for some clubs due to falling attendances. However, I am pleased that these clubs have still put in a team score regardless of the fact that less than five had shot. This still adds to their aggregate score, possibly moving them up the table and, in one case, actually winning the match. Happily there are few problems but, should any arise, a reference to the Rules quickly resolves the issue. I realise that the result may not always be what one wants to hear but this is now my 36th year as the Summer League Secretary and 28-years running the Andy Harris League so, hopefully, it is realised that decisions made are fair and for the benefit of all clubs. 2018 Summer League trophy and medal winners are as per Presentation. Records for this League have not been broken for many years but they are such good scores so, will they ever? The dates for 2019 Summer League are confirmed as printed on the Entry Form: 12th May, 16th June, 7th July, 4th August, 8th September. The Andy Harris League had 28 teams entered this winter, placed into four Divisions. My thanks to those clubs who support the leagues and hope they will continue to do so for many years to come. Thanks were offered to Marlene Hutchins for her report and her work with the Leagues.

26.19 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER: 2018 was a quieter year for the County team with only three matches planned, one of which was later postponed to February 2019. Over these matches we managed to yield full teams and in total 21 adults & 4 juniors represented Essex. Essex & Suffolk v Kent: The first match was a home match held on 23rd June at West Essex Bowmen's ground in Aveley, this was against Kent. The round was a full WA1440 and we were granted

WRS. Teams consisted of 5 mixed compound and recurve, 4 mixed longbow, 2 bare-bow and 4 mixed juniors. The day was warm with a breeze and ran very smoothly, that was until due to injury, two of our archers had to retire but it was agreed with Kent that we could use our reserves so this put us back to full strength. I would like to thank Paul and Dawn Tolson and all at West Essex for hosting this event on behalf of Essex & Suffolk and the Judges, Debbie Horn, Mick Pearce, Alex Purser, Maggie Pearce, Robert Clark. Results for the day were: Recurve - Essex & Suffolk 4851 - Kent 3938. Compound – Essex & Suffolk 6644 – Kent 6656.

Longbow - Essex & Suffolk 1572 -Kent 969. Barebow – Essex & Suffolk 2339 – Kent 2312.

Juniors - Essex & Suffolk 5191- Kent 5953 (worked out on handicaps).

Overall results – Essex & Suffolk 20597. – Kent 19828 = win for Essex.

National Team Event: This match is held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre Shropshire each year and consists of three archers per team of Compound Women, Compound Men, Recurve Women, Recurve men, Longbow Men, Longbow Women. Shot over two days the final results are based on all three events, Ranking round WA720, team Head2Heads and on Sunday a full WA1440. Essex & Suffolk unfortunately over the years have never been able to yield a women's longbow team which I hope may change going forward. Saturday results – Recurve men 6th, Recurve Women 2nd, Compound men 4th, Compound Women 3rd, Longbow men 3rd. Sunday results – Recurve men 5th, Recurve Women 3rd, Compound men 2nd, Compound Women 2nd, Longbow men 3rd.

2019; In 2019 we have four matches planned at the moment, the first the postponed 4way indoor match has already been held on Saturday 2nd Feb, the second will be Kent v Essex & Suffolk v Hertfordshire v Sussex, planned for May 26th in Kent (this will replace the Essex v Kent), third is the National Team event 29th/30th June at Lilleshall and the SCAS inter-counties which I have heard will be held in Oxford (date to follow). I would like to personally thank everyone involved with the team during 2018, be it shooting, organising, judging or supporting. I have enjoyed the past 5-years but feel I do not have the time to dedicate to this role anymore so will not be standing in 2019. I wish the new team Manager the very best and hope the team will grow in strength. Thanks were offered to Lesley Howell for her report and for all her work as Team Manager.

27.19 REPORTS FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:

INDOOR – 2019 tournament to be held 9th and 10th March.

CLOUT (IMPERIAL & METRIC) – 2018 - I would like to thank all those at Woodford Archers who made our two Clouts so enjoyable, particular thanks go to Debs and Dave Shrimpton for organising everything for us. Both shoots went well although I did not have any claims for records this year at all. Good shooting to all in the coming year.

TARGET (SENIOR & JUNIOR) – 9th June 2019 Entry forms tabled.

WA1440 – 2019 Double week-end. SCAS 20th July, ECAA 21st July.

FIELD – 2018 - Thank you to Martin Skinner, Mark Lawrence and Clare Morris for helping with the set-up on the day prior to the shoot. Down on numbers but reasonable on the day with a lot more Visitors. Please go back to your clubs and promote this shoot which, hopefully, will be 1st Sunday in October, will be confirmed. Help on the day previous will be appreciated. Would like to see Field Archery grow in Essex.

28.19 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER: This year I have completely overhauled the web site and though it has similar sections is completely new. Hopefully people have found the enhanced Events page which shows the entry forms and links to maps etc. There is a wide variety of information on there and new simplified record submission forms which allow the archers to send in all the data for a record claim in a single request. There is also a notification system available on the front page for everyone so when any news is posted an email is automatically sent to subscribers with a link that allows them to access the content directly. We have also introduced ECAA email addresses for all the officers with a view to stopping personal email addresses being used for County business. This means that should an officer change then any outstanding issues which are still to be dealt with are carried forward when the mailbox is transferred. If anyone has any comments about the web site or any content that should be included then please let me know. Thanks were offered to Richard Pilkington for his report and all his work with the web site.

29.19 REPORT FROM SAFE GUARDING OFFICER: No report.

30.19 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS (2): Dawn Tolson (West Essex) and Laura Purser (Mayflower).

31.19 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT (1): Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

32.19 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Alex Purser was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

33.19 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Mike Pearce was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

34.19 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY: Debbie Horn and Marion Saville were nominated and seconded. On a paper vote, Debbie Horn was duly elected.

35.19 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER: Martin Skinner was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

36.19 ELECTION OF COACHING REPRESENTATIVE: Chris Buckley was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

37.19 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER: Paul Clark was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

38.19 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Mark Lawrence was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

39.19 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER: Maggie Pearce was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

40.19 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER: Marion Saville was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

41.19 ELECTION OF FLIGHT/CLOUT RECORDS OFFICER: No nominations received. This Post will be incorporated within the SRO and JRO offices.

42.19 ELECTION OF OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY: Marlene Hutchins was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

43.19 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS: Nominated, seconded and duly elected.
Clout – Debbie Shrimpton. Target – Lawrence Easton. WA1440 – Paul West.
Field – Paul Clark. Indoor – Martin Skinner.

44.19 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER: Ken Hayes was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

45.19 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER: Sharon Lawrence was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

46.19 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER: Tony King was nominated, seconded and elected with one against.

47.19 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER: Richard Pilkington was nominated, seconded and duly elected.

48.19 ELECTION OF SAFE GUARDING OFFICER: Sarah White was nominated, seconded and elected

49.19 ELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: No nominations received.

50.19 ANY MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION (at the discretion of the President):

(1) From A Purser, Chairman - Guild:

(a) How can the Essex & Suffolk Coaching Guild better help the members/clubs of the Counties? It was suggested that Coaches be there to support the archers prior to their first tournament and also felt that Coaches need supporting more. A long discussion ensued with various suggestions being put forward and these will be taken back to the Guild.

(b) How can we get better engagement from the Coaches of the Counties? It was agreed that Coaches can be contacted directly by email.

(2) From A Purser, Chairman - County Teams:

It is the County Chairman's intention to undertake a review of the method of selecting teams to shoot on behalf of the County over the course of the season 2019/2020 and, as such, discussions and suggestions are welcomed on the following:

(a) Team Selection – does it work? The criteria for Team Selection was re-written a few years ago with junior selection remaining the same. Scores are sent in to the County Record Officers by the club RO or the archer themselves and all are considered for Selection, however, County is still struggling to make up teams as too few scores are submitted. It is hoped there will be a database for the County, moving towards getting the archer to self-submit.

(b) Is what we are doing fit for purpose? If not, how can it be improved? It was stated that archers put in scores to the RO and do not hear any more. Some feel their scores are not good enough to be sent to the RO. Suggested that a Top Ten be issued so archers can see how they compare and so be encouraged to put in their scores. Also put all information of the forthcoming County shoots on-line. Long discussion ensued regarding juniors shooting in the senior team which raised the question, should a junior be put into a team when there is a senior archer available?

(c) County Colours: To achieve County Colours, seniors and juniors are selected to represent the County prior to the tournament. Seniors must be part of the County team a minimum of four times. Juniors part of the County team twice. Field selection is made on the day at the Tournament from members present but must represent the County three times. There are four senior matches a year, not so many for juniors. The number of matches (4) to achieve senior Colours was chosen as, with few matches per year, it proved the archer had maintained their standard over more than one year. The first time an archer is selected to shoot for the County they receive a County Shirt. When the requisite number of times representing the County is achieved, they received County Colours. From thence, each year they represent County they are presented with a Date Bar. It was suggested that County Colours be divided into the various bow types: recurve, compound, longbow, barebow.

(d) Any key additional points. None

Being no other matters for discussion, the President closed the Meeting at 2.55pm with wishes to all for a safe journey home.

PRESIDENT.....

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