

**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY  
ASSOCIATION  
HELD at MARCONI SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB  
ON SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 @ 12pm**

**01.23 COUNTY TEAM AWARDS:**

SENIOR COLOURS

Tony Sewell (Tudor)

SENIOR DATE BARS

Andrew Lock (Noak Hill) Wendie King (Mayflower) Michael Judd (Mayflower) Allan Horne (Noak Hill) Sharon Lawrence (Noak Hill) Mark Lawrence (Noak Hill) Eric Mallet (Noak Hill) Bob Attalia (Noak Hill) Anthony Maher (Noak Hill) Jason Pretlove (Phoenix) Tony Gedalovitch (Noak Hill) Mark Turner (Noak Hill)

JUNIOR COLOURS

JUNIOR DATE BARS

FIELD COLOURS:

**02.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**03.23 MINUTES OF AGM 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**04.23 MATTERS ARISING:**

**05.23 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**06.23 REPORT FROM HON. SECRETARY:**

As another year of archery draws to a close, I want to thank all of those people who have kept me sane this year, through many trials and tribulations, not all of them archery related, and tell you once again that I could not do this job without you. The sport has returned to some semblance of normality, with tournaments running, new members joining us and lots of events being organised by various people across the county. It has been great to see the sport we love take off again and I hope that it continues to go from strength to strength.

As always, there have been changes of personnel, changes of details and even changes of venue this year, and hopefully you will all have kept up with the movement in the county. As always, please keep me up to date with any changes so that the website and the county at large have the correct information. I am sure you are, by now, used to seeing the mail chimp emails in your inbox, and I am hopeful that this has eliminated some of the difficulties of having so many layers of communication. If you are not receiving these emails, please let me know and I will look into why this might be.

Our county continues to be one of the largest, both geographically and in terms of memberships, and once again this year we have a healthy number of archers registered with AGB and many clubs are reporting new members this year.

We are always looking for ways to improve, so if you have any suggestions as to how the county can better serve your needs as a member, as an archer, coach, judge or simply as a supporter, please let us know.

Here's to an awesome 2023.

### 07.23 REPORT FROM HON. TREASURER:

### 08:23 REPORT FROM GENERAL MEMBER:

A quiet year for the General Member Inbox, as follows:

- thanks received for financial support provided to Amelia Chumber to represent GB abroad (granting of the funding was reported last year)
- request received to consider upgrading the medals handed out at Essex County tournaments to something more substantial. After due consideration the ECAA Committee decided to stick with the current design
- enquiry received as to whether a full set of County record scores would be maintained for the Asiatic Bow type. It was confirmed that this would be the case by the ECAA Committee
- request received for funding assistance to represent Team England in a tournament in Scotland. This was declined by the ECAA Committee as funding support is only provided for tournaments outside the UK and Ireland.

To finish, a reminder that If you have any need to raise anything with the ECAA Committee then the route is via the General Member.

### 09.23 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.

This year we had our first record for Clout claimed in quite a while, I am so keen to have a few more, so get yourselves along to the county clouts and have a go.

Some of you may have noticed a delay in receiving your certificates this is really just an admin issue as the chairman has to sign your certificates and I only usually meet up with him every couple of months.

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 happy to carry on as your records officer if the county membership is happy with me doing so, for just one more year but if anyone else is thinking about giving it a go I would be happy to take you through all that is required before handover.

### 10.23 REPORT FROM JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:

I have received a total of 6 junior records, so well done to all those archers who broke a county record for 2022 .

JUNIOR RECORDS 2022	BOYS					GIRLS					TOTALS	
	U/9	U/12	U/14	U/16	U/18	U/9	U/12	U/14	U/16	U/18		
BOW STYLE												
RECURVE		2	2		1							5
COMPOUND												0
BAREBOW	1											1
LONGBOW												0

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.

The winner of the Thelma Davison trophy for most improved Archer by Handicap for 2022 is Samuel Gulvin..

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 2022 but due to the small number of scores submitted, I was unable to produce a list for 2022. My intention is to get this actioned for 2023 so please all juniors, please submit your scores.

If there were any issues in 2022 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 also sent in scores direct.

Also to wish all Archers Happy & Successful shooting for 2023.

### **11.23 REPORT FROM FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:**

### **12.23 REPORT FROM OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:**

I would like to thank Marlene for running the summer league so successfully for many years. 2022 being my first year in charge of the summer league was made a lot easier, due to Marlene having already confirmed the shooting dates and league matches on handover.

The Windsor league was added, as I felt that there was an opportunity to run a league for clubs and archers who are unable to reach the Albion distance but still wanted to enter a club team competition. Hopefully this addition will continue to grow and be as successful as the Albion league in the years to come.

Congratulations to Noak Hill on winning division 1 by winning all of their matches and to Ardleigh on winning division 2 (Windsor) also by winning all of their matches.

A special mention must go to Sarah Bettles on setting a new individual Ladies record, with a score of 919, beating the previous record by 7 points, which had stood for 21 years.

Entry forms for the 2023 Summer League are available on the ECAA website.

The closing date for entries and payment of the £8 fee, will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

**The dates for 2023 season have been confirmed as; Match 1. 07/05/2023, Match 2. 04/06/2023, Match 3. 02/07/2023, Match 4. 06/08/2023, Match 5. 10/09/2023**

### **13.23 REPORT FROM COACHING ORGANISER:**

Coaching days Over the winter, we have once again been running monthly archer development days at Gosfield. The first session was not as well attended as we would have liked down to a communications error (on the plus side, this helped us to identify a limitation with the email system) but by the second session, the number of archers had picked up. At both sessions, we have had a good team of coaches of all levels. The sessions are following the same format as in previous years with archers being presented with a programme for each day that includes coaching, a simulation H2H and a short talk on a relevant topic. A new introduction for this year has been a specific CPD session for coaches. I have found that CPD sessions organised separately have not been well attended in previous years so I have combined it with the coaching days to try and encourage more coaches to come and facilitate easier access to CPD. So far, this seems to have been well received by the coaches and it has the added benefit that we know the coaches actively working with our archers are accessing tailored CPD. We tried running monthly coaching days over the summer months of 2022. Attendance at these days was sporadic and I suspect that like myself, many archers and coaches found it difficult to commit to all of the days in a busy summer season of archery, holidays etc. I would like to explore an alternative model for this coming year. More information to follow... Coach Development I ran a Session Coach course and a Development Coach course over 2022. The Session Coach modules attracted two learners, including one archer from the county. Fortunately, I can run the practical Session Coach modules for a very low cost so Archery GB were happy to let me proceed with the course despite the lack of

candidates. This year, I am teaching Session Coach modules on the following dates: CJ-12 Starting your coaching journey 6th / 13th June 2023 online EA-12 Empowering Archery pt 1 20th/ 27th June 2023 online IT-12 Intro to technique 4th / 11th July 2023 online CE-12 Creating engaging sessions 18th / 25th July online The above modules are online and now available to sign up to on Sport 80. Learners can sign up for any online modules on Sport 80 but it would be great to get local learners onto my modules so they will tie in effectively with the practical days: Using your coaching skills 29th July Deben Archery Club, Ipswich Coach presentation day 2nd September Deben Archery Club, Ipswich These days are not yet appearing on Sport 80 but put them in your diaries if you are interested in completing the Session Coach course this year. I also ran a Development Coach course over the autumn and we now have four new Development Coaches in the county. Again, numbers were very low and it was touch and go whether I would be allowed to run the practical days. (These days need to be at least partly inside so incur more of a venue cost than the Session Coach days which can be run wholly outside.) Unless I get inundated with requests, I do not think I will be running a Development Coach course this year and will try a bi-ennial approach going forwards. Renewals Renewals have continued throughout the year thanks to David Scolah. AGB no longer send reminders so please remember to keep an eye on when your renewal is due. All coaches need to have an up-to-date safeguarding qualification uploaded to Sport 80 and this needs to be renewed every three years. Every other safeguarding renewal (i.e. every six years) coaches must complete a face-to-face course (this can be online face-to-face) and should sign up for a UKCC course. These are available on Sport 80 but tend to get booked up quickly. I have found that there is more availability going directly to the UKCC website. The other renewals can be completed as before using the online NSPCC Safeguarding in Sport course. I don't believe that any other safeguarding qualifications will now be accepted although if you complete safeguarding training through another organisation, I would suggest still uploading your certificate to Sport 80 and seeing if it gets approved before committing to more training. Finally... As many of you know, I am currently pregnant with my second child, which is due in April. I have therefore decided to take a step back from the CCO role for this year. As a Senior Coach and a Coach Developer, I will still play a significant role in coaching activities within the county but will appreciate someone else taking the lead with the organisation/ administration etc. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the excellent team of coaches I have worked with this year for their ongoing work and support

#### **14.23 REPORT FROM TEAM MANAGER:**

Following the previous quiet years due to the Covid restrictions, things started to come back to life last year

We started 2022 off with the 4 way Indoor Competition with Kent, Surrey and Hertfordshire. ECAA were able to send a team of 15 out of a possible 16 archers with 5 new archers to represent the county. ECAA ended the day in first place followed by Hertfordshire, Kent and then Surrey

Unfortunately the National County Team championships at Lilleshall changed the competition format and therefore we did not send teams to compete this year as we were unable to fulfil the criteria

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September ECAA competed against Cambridgeshire at the Jolly Archers Ground in a York, Hereford, Bristol Competition. Due to illness, I was unable to organise this and would like to thank Tony and Alex for sorting it out for me.

We managed to send 4 teams out of 5 as we were unable to make up a junior team, but all went well throughout the day and ECAA finished the day with a 6 points to 4 win

Looking ahead to 2023, we have the 4 way indoor challenge in February, and a large SCAS competition in the summer

Due to new work / life commitments, I am having to stand down as Team Manager, but would like to thank all of those who have assisted in making my time in the post so successful

#### **15.23 REPORTS FROM TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:**

## **Indoor**

### **Clout**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Metric Open Clout Championship

Judges: Alex Purser / Richard Pilkington (unwell) so Paul Clark assisted judging

Lord Patron: Paul Clark

Weather: Sunny with a chilling side wind

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Imperial Open Clout Championship

Judges: Mick and Maggie Pearce / Lord Patron: Paul Clark

Weather: Sunny with cloud and a chilling wind

### Report

This year was the first time Woodford Archers hosted a weekend with both Clout Championships combined. We offered the opportunity to camp on the field overnight for a small fee, but unfortunately this was not taken up by many archers.

There were 35 archers at the Imperial Clout and 27 archers at the Metric Clout which is an increase on the previous year which was good to see.

Both days started with a 2-minute silence to respect the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Before the shooting got underway the Judges had inspected all the equipment to be used by the archers and checked the layout of the field was accurate and they were satisfied the rules were being followed correctly.

The archers had two good days shooting albeit cold and windy which made sighting difficult to sustain at times and had a couple of archers who retired and/or did not return the following day.

Good feedback was received from the archers and Patron in attendance and the working group whom we would not be without from Woodford Archers.

Overall, it was a good weekend had by all and Woodford Archers look forward to hosting another successful shoot in 2023.

### **Target**

We finished up with 53 archers in attendance over the one day event this year.

Noak Hill Archers made us very welcome and I would like to personally thank them for helping out the county, also a thank you to Maggie Pearce for stepping in last minute as our Lady Paramount.

Also a big shout out to Graham Harris from Clickers archery who sponsored the target faces, I bumped into him again at the National Indoor this year and he has agreed to do the same for this coming year

There were some good scores gained with five rose awards claimed, three junior and two senior, 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 covered by the entry fees, we even secured a small profit which will enable us to run next year's event at the same entry fee.

Moving on this coming year we are continuing a single day combining the Junior and Senior competitions on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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.

### **WA 1440**

Sunday 17th July 2022 was looking to be a very warm day and when the day came the weather did not let us down.

Due to the weather forecast in the week b4 I had a few archers contact me to say they would not be coming, the weather was going to be too much for them and a few with illness, but on the day there were 38 Archers on the shooting line that managed to survive the extreme warm weather to complete their shoot.

33 Adults (28 men 5 Women)

5 Juniors (2 Boys 3 Girls)

15 Clubs were represented on the shooting line with Noak Hill Archers having the most with 14 archers from their club.

One Junior girl shot her first comp shooting a short metric 2 with her recurve and also had a few badge claims.

Big thanks to our Coj Mick Pearce and his Judging team for keeping the day running smoothly.

Big thanks to our lady P for the day Mrs Marlene Hutchinson from RTAC

Big thanks to the archers that came shot and survived the heat. (without you these shoots wouldn't happen)

Here's hoping 2023 will be bigger and better now that covid is slowly allowing our sport to get back to some sort of normality after 2021 was cancelled due to low numbers.

### **Field**

#### **16.23 REPORT FROM WEB MASTER:**

Well – after 10 years this is the last time I have to do this. It's been fun but as I have moved out of the County (into Deepest Darkest Norfolk) I am no longer registered through ECAA and therefore cannot hold any of the Offices of the County so have to step down as Webmaster.

I have seen a lot of changes to the running of the County and the information provided through the website, emails and other technologies like Facebook have been central to this.

The website is now over 12G in size and has hundreds of articles and posts and an equal number of results from all the shoots that have been held along with a vast assortment of league documentation, meeting and governance minutes and general information about the running and history of the Association.

The first post on there was a report about the Essex v Cambridgeshire Longbow Double Portsmouth on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014 from the team manager which had a picture of the teams showing a bunch of archers, some of whom are no longer in the sport and quite a few who are no longer with us at all.



One highlight of my time was winning the AGB County Website of the Year Award which provided a certificate and a huge glass trophy which I had to send back the following year. Nice to know that other people thought the layout and running of the system was at least reasonable!

My other achievement was to finally get all the officers of the County to use official @ecaa.org.uk email addresses – that took a long time to get working and is still a big job as certain people keep forgetting their password – don't they Wendie.

We have also been hacked once which resulted in a complete rebuild (it takes a long time to move 12G of data) and I had much fun telling people not to send gift cards to Alan Munson, the then President, as it was not him stuck somewhere without his wallet but a scammer targeting the email addresses on the site.

Good luck to my successor and I hope the framework that we have continues to keep everyone informed and up to date about what is going on in the County.

I'm still going to be shooting and judging so I hope to see many of you through the coming years – especially if you head north of the border. I've been assured that they don't bite (much!)

Shoot strong, so long and thanks for all the fish!

### **17.23 REPORT FROM SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **18.23 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:**

**19.23 ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT (1):**

Nomination	Proposed By
Mark Lawrence	Michael Richardson

**20.23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Alex Purser	Matt Prior
	Allan Horne
	Marion Saville
	Chris Higgins

**21.23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:****22.23 ELECTION OF HON SECRETARY:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Deb Horn	Matt Prior
	Allan Horne
	Chris Higgins

**23.23 ELECTION OF HON TREASURER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Martin Skinner	Chris Higgins

**24.23 ELECTION OF GENERAL MEMBER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Kevin Juniper	Chris Higgins

**25.23 ELECTION OF SENIOR RECORDS OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Mark Lawrence	Michael Richardson

**26.23 ELECTION OF JUNIOR RECORDS OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Tony King	Matt Prior



**27.23 ELECTION OF FIELD RECORDS OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Marion Saville	Dennis Saville

**28.23 ELECTION OF OUTDOOR LEAGUE SECRETARY:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Chris Higgins	CTRA

**29.23 ELECTION OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS:****29.23a INDOOR TOURNAMENT ORGANISER**

Nomination	Proposed By
Chris Jordan	CTRA

**29.23b TARGET CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER**

Nomination	Proposed By
Mark Lawrence	Michael Richardson

**29.23c WA1440 CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER**

Nomination	Proposed By
Paul West	RTAC

**29.23d FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER**

Nomination	Proposed By
Paul Clark	CTRA

**29.23e CLOUT CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANISER**

Nomination	Proposed By

**30.23 ELECTION OF COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Emma Broxholme	Anna Heaven

**31.23 ELECTION OF EQUIPMENT OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed By

**32.23 ELECTION OF TEAM MANAGER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Matt Webb	Matt Prior

**33.23 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TEAM MANAGER:**

Nomination	Proposed By

**34.23 ELECTION OF WEB MASTER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Wilco Van Kleef Bolton	Allan Horne
	Chris Higgins

**35.23 ELECTION OF SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Anna Heaven	Deb Horn

**36.23 ELECTION OF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:**

Nomination	Proposed By
Sean Fortune	West Essex

**37.23 Any Other Business**

Any matters for AOB must be notified to the secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January to be included in the agenda.