



Colchester and District Archery Club

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Newsletter

ESSEX COUNTY ARCHERY ASSOCIATION SUMMER LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2008

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The club A.G.M. was held on Wednesday 10th June. As is usual for this meeting, the committee members for the following year were proposed and accepted. The only exception on the night, was the position of club secretary. Fortunately, after a plea for a volunteer the next day, a member has stepped forward to fill the gap. As a result, your new committee is:

President	Lynette Fisher
Chairman	Kevin Bailey
Secretary	Nigel Brown
Treasurer	Barbara Knight
Records Officer	Lynette Fisher
Equipment Officer	Fred Todd
Tournament Organisers	Anna King Paul Kearse
Ordinary Members	Bob Knight James King Mark Pentney

Club Fees

The club's annual subscription fees are now due and need to be paid by 30th June 2009. The fees are made up as follows:

	Adult	Junior U18	Married Couple	Family
CADAC	£75.00	£38.00		
GNAS	£35.00	£20.00		
SCAS	£1.50	£1.00		
ECAA	£3.00	£1.50		
Total Fee	£114.50	£60.50	£192	See below

We have a reduction for a family, which Barbara Knight will explain if you contact her, either at the club, or by telephone. Cheques (made payable to Colchester and District Archery Club) can also be sent to Barbara at home.

Results

Handicap result for May 2009:



WARM

CALM

Mike Huard

2nd

Vic Mead

1st

Mark Pentney

3rd

It seems archers are like wasps and ants: once you get a bit of sunshine and warmth, suddenly they all appear from nowhere. The May handicap shoot attracted 20 archers and far too many bare legs for my liking, but despite the white flesh on display the shoot went ahead and the results are shown above. This month's handicap shoot is set for Sunday 28th June. Once again please be at the field at 9.30 to allow for sighters at 10.00 am.

ECAA Summer League (Recurve) – Division 1 (May result)

Colchester's defence of the Summer league title got off to a shaky start. Fortunately the rain stopped 10 minutes before the shooting started, but the wind did not, making it a very difficult day for archery, although some coped a lot better than others (I hang my head in shame).

Colchester

3640 v 4025 West Essex 'A'

Fred Todd 780, Nick Kokolski 768, Mark Huff 739,
Martin Morley 685, Tom Shingler 668.
Reserve: Mark Pentney 619

G.Hill 828, P.Dent 822, R.Hammond 816,
M.Cosgrove 799, D.Hurdle 760
Reserve: O.Perez 732

Colchester lost by 385 points and are 5th out of 6 teams.

The compound and longbow league results are generally a little later coming in, but they will be printed here when they are available.

Future Shoots / Events

Listed below are the dates of competitions during the summer. The end column shows other events / shoots held in Essex.

Date	Gilberd school	Mill Road	League matches	Event	Other events/shoots
June					
20					Fairlop Longbow & Bare Bow Meeting @ Oakfield, Hainault
21				Summer League Match v Priory	@ Priory, St.Osyth
27					Albion / Windsor @ Mayflower, Billericay
28				CADAC Handicap shoot	
31					Albion @ Abbey, Hornchurch
July					
5				Longbow League Match	Double National – Longbow @ Grays. St.G/Albion/Windsor @ Clacton
6					Clout Champs @ Woodford Archers, Woodford Green
11				SCAS Junior FITA Tournament	
12				Summer League Match v Ascham 'A'	
19				CADAC Handicap shoot	ECAA Gents/Ladies FITA @ Chelmsford
26				Summer Fun Shoot	
August					
1				Archery Taster Day	
2				Longbow League Match	????? @ West Essex Bowmen
9				Summer League Match v Rayleigh	
16				CADAC Handicap shoot	Western @ Grays Power Archers, Grays
29					Western @ Oakfield Archers, Hainault
31					Kitty Hatfield Shoot @ Holdens Archery Club, Brentwood
Sept.					
5					SCAS Junior Championships @ Rayleigh
6				Longbow League Match	York/Hereford @ Southend
13				CADAC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS	
19					Moonlight shoot @ Malgrave Bowmen, Basildon
19/20				Summer League Match v Mayflower	FITA 70 (Money shoot) Ipswich International

* It would be advisable to contact the organisers to confirm the details of the shoot, before entering.

For more information and entry forms on the shoots in the "Other Events/Shoots" column, and shoots elsewhere in the country, go to the Essex County Archery Association website @ www.ecaa.org.uk

Please let me know if you have any other events or shoots that you would like added to the list above.

Other News

Security Notice

We have received reports of one or both of the club huts being left unlocked. Please ensure that if you are the last person to leave the field, that all equipment has been put away and that both the huts are locked. We have had break-ins in the past and would like avoid the expense and inconvenience that this causes in the future.

Active Colchester Sports Fair

Thank you to those people that helped at this event on Sunday 14th June. CADAC was one of 11 local clubs at the fair and although the day was frustrating at times, we did eventually receive a steady flow of people interested in our sport and club. Hopefully some, if not all of those interested will take part in a taster day and/or beginners course.

SCAS Junior FITA - Maintenance Day

Thank you to all those that helped out on Saturday 20th June. All the work was completed by midday and the equipment is now ready for the SCAS Junior FITA tournament on Saturday 11th July. All that we ask now is that you can help out on the day in the working party. Expect an early start, or if that is not possible please give what time you can.

Club Shirts and Jackets

If you would like to purchase the latest in archery fashion, Anna King is still taking orders for the new red and white club shirts. Also available now, are waterproof jackets in a similar style to the shirts. See Anna for details.

Archery Taster Day / Beginners Courses

The June beginners' course has now been extended by a week to allow for the cancelation of the 15th June lesson due to storms. We do not like to put potential club members at risk of electrocution, as this can be bad for business. The last scheduled lesson is now due for Monday 29th June.

We still plan to hold another 'Taster day' on **Saturday 1st August**. We hope to make use of the publicity we received at the Active Colchester Sports Fair. Please let a committee member know if you can help at either of these events.

CADAC BBQ

Kawa Kavian has agreed to take on the roll of 'head-chef' at this years club barbeque. The date has yet to be confirmed. The price for the day is expected to be £4 per person. Please bring along footballs, cricket equipment, frisbees, kites etc. but NOT bows and arrows. This is a family fun day and all other non-target sports are welcome.

Clout update

The club is currently considering using the field behind the archery field for its annual club clout championship. However, this venue is still not guaranteed, so if anyone has an idea for a possible clout venue, please let us know.

Fun Shoot

This year's Summer Fun Shoot will take place on Sunday 26th July. For those that have not shot a fun shoot before, this is a light-hearted shoot with novelty targets and even more novelty scoring. The highlight is usually the balloon shooting, which is surprisingly satisfying. If you are feeling particularly creative then please bring along your own novelty target.

Keep an eye on the notice boards in the club hut and future newsletters for more information on these events.

Extra

In the world of archery, there are many ways of recognising potential, achievements and contributions, but arguably one of the highest honours you can receive, is that of a tassel. I could not find any definitive evidence why a tassel is regarded so highly in the archery world. One suggestion is that it dates back to the time when live prey was hunted and the animal's tail was kept as a trophy of the kill. The tail then becomes a useful arrow cleaner when the arrows end up, all too often, in the ground. If you know differently, then please let me know (Google has let me down badly on this one). Many clubs and archery organisations have their own tassel and Colchester is no exception.

In 1985, Alan Gray, who was club secretary at the time, proposed an award of a red and yellow club tassel, to be presented at the AGM to any archer who makes an outstanding contribution to the archery club. To date, just 15 people have received this honour, but a select few are still seen regularly shooting at the club.

The 15 Colchester and District Archery Club tassel holders are:

1985	Bill Tucker MBE	1991	Antony Bambridge
1985	Bob Knight	1997	Lynette Fisher
1985	Colin Leeder	1997	Mark Huff
1986	Doug David	1998	Simon Reed
1986	Ron Sharp	2003	Paul Roberts
1987	Barbara Knight	2003	Ron Halls
1988	Jock Farquhar	2007	Dave Dignum
1989	Roger Fleury		

If you have any information that you would like added to the next Newsletter, or any Newsletter related comments (please keep it clean), please e-mail me, Mark Pentney, or let me know when you see me.

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