

# NUNEATON ARCHERS

## Newsletter

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Our 'Newest' member! Currently looks a little battered and has certainly seen some work during its previous life, but is now enjoying a 'semi' retirement having been brought in to just cut grass!

As many will have noticed we were having some issues trying to get the grass down to the right level and then keep it there.

It became obvious that no matter how many hours we spent cutting, the small Toro machine was not going to be able to cope with the entire field. That was when an attempt was made to focus just on the shooting area. That was okay until the period of wet weather followed by the period of warmer dry weather. At that point the grass went berserk and so we made a decision to sell the small Toro and get something bigger so that we could get on top of the job.

In order to 'get the job done' we have purchased a 'finishing' mower that is certainly doing the job but we may look over the coming months to try a 'crowd funding scheme' to see if we are able to raise sufficient funds to purchase an even bigger cutting unit, thus reducing the cutting time even further.

Having spoken to both Archery GB and Sport England about funding options they have both come back with the 'crowd funding' method that has worked well for many clubs across the country so far.

If you know of anyone that is able to offer their services or goods at a discounted price then please let us know as those sort of 'extra's always go down well with crowd funding and the more impressive our funding page is the greater the chance of getting Sport England to agree to some 'matched' funding.

For those that are interested the link below shows an example of how crowd funding has worked for other clubs

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/friends-of-ellesmere-cricket-club-mower-needed#start>

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If we do decide to look for some funding we will make sure that all members are informed and aware as the most important part of it is that it is put out on social media as much as possible so that the audience is as wide as possible.

### GROUND ISSUES

For those that have already returned to shooting it is clear that the absence of work last year has taken its toll on the ground and facilities. To remedy that we are looking at having a work party day as soon after the restrictions ease as possible.

As this Newsletter is being typed that would be restrictions relaxed on the 19th July and so work party will take place on Saturday 24th July.

For those members that have never taken part in a 'Work Party' day the idea is simple. To get the outstanding work completed in the quickest time and by the most members we stop shooting for a day or a weekend and everyone mucks in and sorts all the work that needs doing.

In previous years we have had two such days, one at the start of the outdoor season in April and then a second just before the club Open competition at the end of August. This year we might get away with just the one, but that will depend on how many members turn out to get the work done and how far we can get on the 24th July

This is the list of the jobs that need to be completed:

Tidy and weed all round the container	Req. Bags and tools
Bosses to be sorted	Req. Wood, bolts, screws etc
Clean Club house	Req. Cleaning materials
Refit/check cupboards in clubhouse	Req. Screwdrivers/tools etc
Check ramp fixings in boss container	Req. Drill, pop rivets/screws etc
Toilet to be cleaned	Req. Cleaning materials
Leak to be located and dealt with in clubhouse	Req. ????
Club house ceiling to be repaired	Req. Board for patching
Club house ceiling to be painted	Req. Paint, brushes etc
Inventory on gas etc	Req. Board and paper
Kit store to be tidied	Req. Time!
Trees near boss container door to be Trimmed	Req. Saw, pruners etc
Distances to be re -measured and marked	Req. Tape, paint
Distances to be permanently marked	Req. Sprayer and weedkiller
Distance marks on ground to be painted	Req. Stencil and paints/brushes

As you can see there is plenty to do and a variety of jobs across many skill areas so there is plenty to do no matter how skilled you may be.

If you have any tools that may help in completing any of the above jobs then please bring them with you on the day as it is often a lack of tools that prevent some of the jobs being completed.

## COMPETITIONS

The 'Closed' competition was due to take place on Sunday 18th July. As the rules are not being lifted until possibly the 19th July we have decided to postpone the competition at this time.

As the day is supposed to be a fun day with a simple, short (both in terms of number of arrows and also distance) round, a lunch break and then the Head to head shoot offs in the afternoon for the prizes and then the club BBQ it seems wrong to break the rules, even if by a day, and could potentially put the club at risk.

We will see what happens on the 19th July with regards the rules and will then make a decision as to whether the competition simply moves to a later date or whether we focus on the Open competition for this year and postpone the 'Closed' one until 2022.

## SPECIAL MENTION ON COMPETITIONS

Hannah has been selected to shoot for GB again in August at the European Youth Cup in Bucharest Romania after two selection shoots

She came 4<sup>th</sup> for the World champs selection in Poland (3 go) which is a pity



A lone figure out practising (again)

But shooting many, many arrows is the only way to achieve your goals.

*Hannah out on the field, alone, getting those arrows in*



Well done to Hannah, have a good time in Bucharest and try to enjoy the moment!

### Club 'Open' Windsor

Saturday 28th August 2021

This is our annual open competition that had to be cancelled in 2020. It is going ahead this year and so we will need help from as many members as possible. No experience required as most jobs that need to be done are fairly simple and easy to do.

If you are thinking of shooting then please get your entry submitted as soon as possible to assist with the target list.

Please make a note of the date and keep it clear!

### AGM

This years AGM seems a long way off and is currently scheduled for Thursday 7th October. We have not yet sorted a venue but again hopefully by then it will be a usual AGM and not a virtual one!

### CLOUT

To all members new and old, don't forget Tony's clout sessions.

Before we were all stopped from doing any shooting Tony was running the usual clout shoots straight after the Saturday morning target session. These have returned and currently there is practise on the Saturday after the club target session and then the 'Monthly' shoot is the first Sunday in the month, every month.

They are popular and fun and if you've never tried it then Tony will guide you on your first shoot so that you can have a go.

All bow types are welcome

Keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates from Tony

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **WORK PARTY DATE**

**24th July 2021**

**All members to attend and help please**

### **Saturday 28th August 2021**

#### **Club 'Open' Windsor**

Open to all members but we will also need volunteers on the day to help with the running of the shoot.

Keep the date in your diary and as soon as we can confirm it we will.

### **Thursday 7th October 2021**

**AGM**

**Details to follow**