

Annual Review 2016/17



Highlights

2016/17 has been another successful season for Lintman Archery Club. This year's highlights include:

- 58 new members joined the Club
- Successful indoor season at Bisley
- First Indoor beginner course in February
- 3 further outdoor beginner courses run
- Junior Squad coaching sessions launched
- Record entry (65) to the Lintman Junior Open in May
- 252 Award Scheme launched
- Range improvements including new bosses and line painting
- New website launched
- Full programme of Outdoor Series competitions & Fun shoots
- New mower purchased

Chairman's Introduction

Another busy year has passed in the Life of Lintman Archery Club. At this time, it is interesting to take stock before the AGM and reflect on some of the developments, improvements and indeed challenges we have faced during the year: -

Firstly, we have been delighted to see the number of people shooting at club days and evenings. I think numbers this year have been higher than I can remember at my time with the club. I think there have been various factors in this trend such as the highly successful 252 awards scheme and good take up of regular shooters from the beginner's courses.

The new junior squad has invigorated this section of the club and it is good to see young archers developing with quite a number of keen shooters regularly entering external competitions and representing our club so well. Thank you, Derek, for his efforts in this area.

2017 was the year our mower finally reached end of life. For most archery clubs the mower and associated costs are the biggest drain on funds. Wisely in previous years' capital had been built up to replace the mower. We did have to use nearly all the reserves in addition to an interest free loan to secure a suitable replacement. We do realise this is a significant investment but it does set us in good stead for quite a number of years to come. In addition to the mower we have also acquired a line machine that has improved our range markings.

We now have use of the hard-standing car park area which we should all realise the benefits of during the winter shooting season. In previous years, we have been forced to close the field due to flooded car parking areas and that circumstance will now be alleviated. We cannot guarantee that this will remain as the current set up in future years but we do have alternative fall-back ideas if required.

To run a club does require quite a lot of commitment by the committee members, coaches and indeed all the members. I would like to convey a huge thank you for those efforts in dealing with maintenance, beginners courses, the successful Lintman Junior Shoot and more recently clearing up a fly tipping incident.

One of the main aims of the club is to provide a family friendly fun environment for its members and it has been great to see enjoyment of not just the archery but socialising during the club events and various competitions.

As always if you have ideas of how we can develop and improve our club further please do not hesitate to contact me or fellow committee member.

Have fun and be the arrow not the target

Michael

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Membership Update

Membership numbers have been maintained during the year with 58 new members joining during the year. Membership peaked at 140 members (146 in 2016) during the year. There are some members who have left at renewal time but membership as at the 10th September 2017 stands at 80 (77 in 2016). There are 63 senior members, 7 associates and 10 junior members, with 32 of those members having joined in the last 12 months.

Coaching



The Club currently has 5 Archery GB qualified coaches, with two additional members, Michael Roper and Laurent Rathborn currently undertaking the Archery GB Level one coaching qualification. Alix Snell who has been with the Club for the last 18 months will be leaving us this autumn and we would like to record our thanks for her support.

This year we have launched the Junior Squad led by Derek Trigg which offers monthly dedicated coaching sessions and training for our Junior members. These sessions have proved popular.

Throughout the year the coaches have provided support for members via our 'duty coach' rota where each Sunday one of the coaches is available to offer coaching, support and advice.

63 participants have joined our 4 beginner courses this year, and we maintain a waiting list of over 100.

Financial Summary

This year we are introducing a new accounts format to provide more information to members and to better reflect the overall financial position of the Club.

Key Highlights

- Overall operating loss of £808
- Major capital expenditure of replacing the Club's mower at a cost of £12,000.
- Mower partly financed by interest free loans from members totalling £3,600. These loans are repayable in two instalments in 2018 and 2019.
- Capital Expenditure exceeded cash reserves with net cash outflow of £5,291 after loan financing.
- Lintman Junior Open shoot made a profit of £547
- Indoor shooting has a surplus of £438
- Beginner courses contributed a net £1,905
- Senior membership fees have been increased by £5, with Archery GB affiliation increasing by £2 for the coming season.

The Club will need to generate a profit for the next few years to rebuild its capital reserves and repay its loans in 2018 and 2019.

A full copy of the accounts including comparisons to 2016 are available to download.

