# Old Basing Archers
# Green Book

Affiliated to:

**Archery GB**

**Southern Counties Archery Society**

**Hampshire Archery Association**

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# Rules and regulations

**1. Committee**

There shall be four Officers of the Club elected annually: Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary (who all act as directors of the company), and Vice-Chairman. The Club Officers shall be responsible for the management of the Club.

There shall be a Committee - in accordance with section 7 of the Articles of Association - elected annually at the AGM, to assist the Officers in the management of the Club. The Committee members must undertake the following Archery GB defined roles: Child Protection Officer and Records Officer.

A quorum shall consist of 50% of the elected Committee of which at least two must be officers.

**2. General Meetings**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) (in accordance with section 27) shall be held in October to elect Officers (and, by default, company directors) and the remaining committee members.

Proposed changes, revisions or amendments to the Company Articles of Association or these Rules and Regulations will be submitted for approval at the AGM. The Treasurer will submit for approval the proposed subscription rates for the next financial term at the AGM.

Notification of any proposed changes to the Articles of Association or these Rules and Regulations shall be sent in writing or by email to all members at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting at which they will be considered.

Members shall be notified in writing or by email no less than fourteen days before the meeting.

Officers and committee members may be re-elected without restriction, with a recommendation that terms be limited to 5 years in the interest of club growth.

In the event of circumstances requiring it, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be requested by either the Committee or any Club member having a seconder. Members shall be notified in writing or by email no less than fourteen days before the meeting.

**3. Financial**

A bank account(s) and/or savings account(s) shall be maintained in the name of the Company.

All cheques and orders withdrawing moneys from the account(s) shall be signed by any two of the Club Officers. The Treasurer may, by themselves, make electronic payments from the bank account of up to £500 individually and £500 in total per day in response to invoices submitted for goods or services required by the Club or to issue refunds on cancellation of a booking.

The accounts shall be audited by a "Book Keeper" appointed by the Club, who is not, at the time of audit, a Committee Member.

The Company year end is maintained at Companies House for any member wishing to check.

The audited statement of accounts shall be made available for inspection by members, if requested, seven days prior to the AGM.

**4. Membership**

4.1 All shooting members must be affiliated to Archery GB - article 17.1 of the Articles of Association refers.

4.2 The Committee reserve the right of Membership of the Club and reserves the right to accept or reject renewal. The Committee also has the right to determine a membership limit for the club and manage excess demand through a waiting list, on a first come first served basis.

4.3 Junior members can only be admitted to the Club with the express permission of a parent or guardian; who will be advised of the rules governing their participation, as published from time to time by the Committee. The Club will align its rules and guidelines with the Child Protection Policy of Archery GB.

4.4 In accordance with article 17.2 in the Articles of Association, the Club operates discounted subscription fees as set out below:

- Families with one or two adults and one or more juniors - 15%.
- Juniors - 50%
- Young Adults, aged 18 to 24 - 25%.
- Senior Adults, aged 60 and over - 12.5%.
- Non-shooting, all ages - 75%.
- Joining after 1st January 25%
- Joining after 1st April 50%
- Joining after 1st July 75%

The Treasurer will round discounts up or down to the nearest whole number.

4.5 Beginners will be required to pay an instruction fee, as determined by the Committee, for the initial period of instruction and use of Club equipment.

4.6 The Committee shall maintain the Club Rules and Regulations as guidance to Club members on the conduct of shooting, club competitions and other matters as required for the smooth running of the Club for the benefit of all members. These Rules and Regulations shall be in this “OBA Green Book” and made available in the “Members area” of the Club website and circulated by email as necessary from time to time. Failure to comply with these rules can be considered as a disciplinary matter including, if necessary, expulsion from the Club in the manner described in paragraph 5.6 below.

4.6.1 All members on joining shall have access, via the club website, to the Articles of Association, which act as the club constitution, supplemented by the Club Rules and Regulations.

4.6.2 Members should review the Archery GB Rules of Shooting on the Archery GB website.

4.6.3 It is the responsibility of each member to be aware of, and act in accordance with all the above rules.

4.7 Visiting Archery GB, National Field Archery Association and British Longbow Society members shall be allowed to shoot on target days, with the permission of the Field Captain and on the payment of a Green Fee (determined from time to time by the Committee).

4.8 All complaints regarding the behaviour of members must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary.

4.8.1 The member shall be given at least 14 days notice in writing of any disciplinary hearing date.

4.8.2 The member may request to be heard by the Committee at the hearing or any future appeal hearing.

4.8.3 The Committee must meet to hear any complaint within 21 days of receipt of the written complaint.

4.8.4 The decision of the Committee shall be communicated to the Member in writing within 7 days of the hearing date.

4.8.5 The Member will have 14 days from the date of the decision letter to appeal in writing to the Committee.

4.8.6 The Committee must hear the appeal within 14 days of receipt of the appeal notification and written notification of the date of the appeal must be conveyed to the Member giving at least 7 days prior notice of the hearing date.

4.8.7 The Committee may at any meeting, by a two thirds vote of those present and entitled to vote, reprimand, suspend, expel, terminate membership or issue a written warning to any member who has violated the Articles of Association, Club Rules and Regulations, Archery GB Rules of Shooting or indulged in conduct inappropriate to the Club or its Members.

4.8.8 The Committee shall not be required to explain its actions to any but those concerned.

4.8.9 The decision of the Committee of any hearing, including any appeal, shall be final.

**5. Safeguarding**

Junior members, under 18, must have a parent or guardian present at all times.

**6. Communication**

New members will be invited to join the Club's Google Group, this is the Club's prime method of communication with its members. It also allows members to send and receive emails with other Club members in the Google group.

The Club website will be the repository for all information about the Club.

**7. Trophies**

Anyone presenting a trophy to the Club shall have the right to regulate the terms on which it shall be awarded, subject to the approval of the Committee.

**8. Coaching**

The fee for attending an Archery GB level 1 or level 2 coaching course shall be paid by the Club - after the member obtains their coaching certificate. Other coaching courses and workshops will be reimbursed at the discretion of the Committee. Mileage to courses and workshops agreed by the committee may also be claimed. Additionally for qualified coaches the Club will pay towards HAA coaching attire. Clothing and mileage allowances are subject to a limit determined from time to time by the committee.

**9. Dissolution of the Club**.

In the event of the Club having to be wound up, an EGM will be called to inform the members and to administer the Club's assets. Article 43 in the Articles of Association refers.

**10. Club Target Days**

Fixed Club target days are defined on the website at URL:

- http://www.oldbasingarchers.uk/when-and-where-we-shoot/

Ad hoc Club target days can be arranged by sending an email to all Club members using the clubs Google Group email:

- oldbasingarchers@googlegroups.com

Master Archer, Bowman 1st, 2nd and 3rd class scores are required to be shot on a Club target day, or at a competition. Archer 1st, 2nd and 3rd class scores can be shot at a practice session, a Club target day or at a competition.

**11. New Members and Guest Archers**

All potential new members claiming archery experience and/or attendance at a Beginners' course with another club must satisfy the OBA Club coaches in respect of their shooting competence and familiarity with all safety aspects and behaviour on the shooting range.

- Where the Coach deems it appropriate, a short refresher course may be offered, as part of a Beginners' course or on a one-to-one basis (chargeable), after a Club membership fee has been paid.
- Production of evidence of Archery GB membership alone will not be accepted as proof of competence.

The Club also reserves the right to observe and accept or reject "guest archers" prior to allowing them to continue shooting after payment of a "Green fee" and production of proof of Archery GB and/or BLBS membership.

**12. Compound Archery - Club Range Restriction**

Because of overshoot requirements (required for the Club range to be registered and insured with Archery GB), compound archers must shoot towards the earth bank and wooden safety fence. This restricts compound archers to lanes 1 to 7 (using 2.5m wide lanes).

Lane 1 is the left most lane looking towards the earth bank from the shooting line, with lane 1 starting 5m from the adjacent hedge.

**13. Arrow rules**

- No all-carbon arrows are permitted at the field, except by express permission of the Committee. Wooden, aluminium or aluminium-carbon arrows only.
- Arrows must be identified as yours with your name or initials clearly and indelibly marked on the arrow shaft.
- You must count how many arrows you are shooting at the start and end of each session - to ensure that none are missing.
- The fletching colour scheme must be the same for all your arrows that are shot together in a session.

**Lost Arrow Procedure:**

- Enlist the help of others to find your arrow.
- Use the metal detectors and rakes from the Clubhouse to aid your search.
- If your arrow hasn't been found by the end of the shooting session, continue looking!
- If the target is moved, use flags to mark where the target was and the area in which you believe the arrow landed.
- If extensive efforts to find the arrow have failed, stop searching and enter details of the lost arrow in the Lost Arrows book in the Clubhouse (kept below the score sheets). Make sure information of the arrow type, colour, fletching colours and approximate location is documented.
- Email the OBA lost arrow Google Group immediately.
  - obalostarrow@googlegroups.com
- If a missing arrow is found strike through the entry in the Lost Arrows book noting the date it was found and send an email to the lost arrow Google Group.

**All members are required to keep the field safe for everyone that uses it.**

**14. Nested rounds**

A nested round is defined as a complete round that is part of a longer round. It must always be scored immediately after sighters.
Examples:

- 252 recorded from the first 3 dozen of a National round.
- Frostbite recorded from the first 3 dozen of a Short Metric III.
- Long Metric II recorded from the first 6 dozen of a Metric II.

For a nested score other than a 252 or Frostbite the nested score must be to claim a Club record to be recorded on Golden Records.

Nested rounds must be notified to the Records Officer - they will not be looked for.

**15. Sole shooting**

Solo shooting is allowed on the range under the following conditions:

- Adult members must be accompanied by another adult at all times.
- Junior member must be accompanied by an adult member and another adult at all times.

**16. 3D targets and animal target faces**

No animal target faces or animal based 3D ground targets are permitted to be used at Old Basing Recreation ground.

**17. Smoking**

Members who wish to smoke or use e-cigarettes are asked to do so away from the shooting line, waiting line and the hard standing area immediately adjacent to the Club hut - so as not to disturb other members.

**18. Mobile phones**

Mobile phones should be either off or completely silent; so as not to disturb other members. There may be times when a member needs to be available or contactable on their mobile while shooting, the Field Captain must be made aware of this. Every effort must be made by members to prevent their mobile from disrupting other members.

**19. Keyholders**

OBA keyholder may find themselves opening up the Club hut and having to act as the Field Captain. Keyholders will usually fit into one of the following categories:

- Coach
- Committee Member
- Experienced Archer (at least 12 months since their beginners' course) who has acted as Field Captain for a minimum of three Club sessions.

See keyholder document in the Members' area of the Club website for full details.

**20. Round scores**

Rounds can be recorded on either a paper score sheet or a mobile phone App. They must be completed in full with name, date, round shot, bow style and signed by the “Archer” and “Target Captain”.

If only the “Archer” signature is present the score would be entered as a “Practise round”, this limits classifications to Archer tier only and would not be eligible for a club record.

If both the “Archer” and “Target Captain” signatures are missing or only the “Target Captain” signature is present the score will be rejected. No resubmission is allowed as all scores should be signed at the end of the round on the day.

To be entered on Golden Records, round scores must be submitted to the Records Officer within 4 weeks from the date on which they were shot.

Members can keep track of their scores on Golden Records, after Golden Records has been updated by the Records Officer. The Records Officer will also make every effort to put monthly updates in the members area of the club website to show members their handicaps and classifications.

Scan / photograph paper scores or send App scores to:

- obarecordsofficer@gmail.com

**21. Ownership of Club Trophies and Awards.**

**ALL** trophies and awards remain the property of Old Basing Archers and are required to be returned at least one week before the trophy or award is due to be presented again. They must also be returned if or when requested by a Club Official.

Members must also return all trophies and awards in their possession if their membership ends or their membership is terminated by them or the Club.

Gold, silver and bronze medals awarded at competitions are freely given to members for them to keep, as are 252, Classification, Portsmouth, and Frostbite badges.

# How the Club Works

All Club activities are organised through the committee elected at the AGM. Committee meetings are held at regular intervals, or as required, agreed minutes are posted on the Club website. The Club website and Google group emails are the main means of communication within the club.

A Club shooting calendar is arranged through the committee and posted to the Club website, information will also be emailed to members

The Club range is available for shooting throughout the year (Christmas Day, Old Basing Carnival and Siege shoot days being the exceptions). All other closures for whatever reason will be emailed to members.

Members are encouraged to join in Club activities as freely as they feel able; in both shooting and organising.

# Organisation

Target archery in the UK is run under the Grand National Archery Society trading as Archery GB. The country is split into Regions and Counties for administrative purposes. All Archery GB Clubs affiliate through their respective counties and regions to Archery GB. This Club is a member of the Hampshire Archery Association (HAA) and Southern Counties Archery Society (SCAS), to each of which members pay an individual fee.

All Clubs may send representatives to their county executive meetings and the counties send representatives to the regions. In this way Club views are represented at the higher levels where clubs and counties may influence decisions being made.

# Etiquette

## A Good Archer:-

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve his arrows before his score has been recorded.

- Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Does not leave litter.
- When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example "7-7-5" pause "5-5-3".
- If an archer breaks another's arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.
- Thanks the Target Captain at the end of the shoot for work on his behalf.

## Instruction / Coaching

The Club runs beginners' courses, initial requests should be made to the Club via the Club web site. Coaches will endeavour to provide follow up instruction for new members.

Coaching for individuals is available from Club coaches by request from the archer concerned. Details of how to contact the coaches are on the Club notice board.

Coaching can take the form of discussion, advice or assistance with equipment as well as physical coaching on the range.

## Basic guide to handicaps

- When first starting archery you need to enter three valid round scores to obtain a handicap.
- The handicap shooting year is from 1st January to 31st December for the outdoor season and 1st July to 30th June for the indoor season.
- Handicap numbers go from 0 to 150, the lower the handicap number the better you are shooting.
- Each bow style you shoot (Compound, Recurve, Barebow and Longbow) gives you a separate handicap.
- To improve your handicap a round score entered must be one or more handicap points lower than your handicap. It will go down by half of the difference between the two handicap numbers. If the adjusted handicap is not a whole number it will be rounded down to the next whole number.

  EG. Current handicap is 50, a new round score has a handicap of 49, the difference is 1, that would give you a handicap of 49.5 - but

because handicaps must be a whole number this is rounded down to 49.

- Round scores entered that are not as good as your current handicap DO NOT raise your handicap number.
- At a handicap shoot your score plus an allowance (derived from your handicap and will vary on the round shot and the distance) are added together to give you a total score. If you shoot to handicap your total score will be 1440, no matter what round you have shot.
- To gain an Archer classification (1st, 2nd, or 3rd class) you must submit sufficient scores such that you have shot 12 dozen arrows. i.e. Two 6 dozen rounds or three 4 dozen rounds.
- To gain an Bowman classification (1st, 2nd, or 3rd class) you must submit sufficient scores such that you have shot 18 dozen arrows. i.e. Three 6 dozen rounds or a 12 dozen and a 6 dozen round.
- To gain an Indoor Archer classification (1st, 2nd, or 3rd class) you must submit sufficient scores such that you have shot 10 dozen arrows. i.e. Two 5 dozen rounds or four 2.5 dozen rounds.
- To gain an Indoor Bowman classification (1st 2nd or 3rd class) you must submit sufficient scores such that you have shot 15 dozen arrows. i.e. Three 5 dozen rounds.
- Classification award badges are presented throughout the year on Club Target days during assembly.
- Classifications are held until the end of the calendar year following that in which the scores were achieved.
- At the end of the shooting year your start of year handicap number for the new year is based on the three best round scores submitted in the previous year.
- For further information read the following:
  - Archery GB Rules of Shooting
  - Shooting Administration Procedures

# Equipment for Members' use.

We have a range of equipment that members have access to.

| Item | What it does / uses |
|---|---|
| **Available to borrow** | |
| Bow poundage meter | Measures bow poundage. For compound bows it measures peak and holding poundage. For recurve or long bow it shows full draw poundage. Essential to know when buying arrows. **@** |
| Fletching jig | Used in arrow making; to attach the fletchings with precision. |
| Bow alignment laser | Highly accurate device to ensure riser and limbs are aligned. For use on compound and recurve bows. |
| Grain scales | Used for weighing arrow shafts. |
| Spine gauge | Used for testing spine stiffness of arrow shafts. |
| Arrow cresting jig | Used in arrow making to personalise arrows. Usually wooden arrows but all can be crested. |
| String jig | Make your own bow string. |
| Arrow taper tool | Used for putting tapers on wooden arrows to attach points and nocks. |
| Arrow spinner | Used to check if arrows are straight. |
| Bow alignment jig | Used to accurately set recurve or barebow limb alignment. **#** |
| **Only available for use at the range** | |
| Chronograph | Measures arrow speed. **#** |
| Draw length measure | Used to measure draw length. Essential to know when buying arrows! **@** |
| Arrow cutter | For cutting carbon, aluminium and composite arrows to required length. **#** |
| Compound bow press | Holds compound bow to take tension off string to allow string replacement or other work to be done. **#** |

**#** Instruction required.

@ Assistance required.

**NB Items borrowed by Club members must sign the item out in the "Equipment loan" book and return it within two weeks.**

# Club Competitions

## Club Championships

- First Sunday in September.
- Comprises two separate competitions.
  - For Barebow, Compound, Longbow and Recurve there are separate non-handicapped competitions. All entrants must shoot at their designated competition distance or greater.
  - Handicap championships - Open to all members who do not want to shoot the competition distances.
- Awards are presented on the day.

**Barebow**

- Rounds:
  - Double WA50 (122cm) - Open, Female & U18s.
  - Metric 122-30 - U15 Junior.
- Awards
  - Open - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Female - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Junior - Trophy and medals (see note 1).
  - Highest dozen score in first six dozen - trophy only.

**Compound**

- Rounds:
  - Double WA50 (80cm) - Open, Female & U18s.
  - Double Metric 80-40 - U15 Junior.
- Awards
  - Open - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Female - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Junior - medals. (see note 1).
  - Highest dozen score in first six dozen - trophy (Selman Tankard).
  - Captain of the arrow - trophy only.

**Longbow**

- Rounds:
  - York – Open.
  - Hereford – Female & U18 Open
  - Bristol rounds appropriate to age for U16 Open & U18 Female
- Medal placements as specified below.
  - 1st - Most hits.
  - 2nd - Highest score.
  - 3rd - Most Golds.
- Awards
  - Open - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Female - Trophy and medals (see note 4).

- Junior – Trophy and medals (see note 1).
- Highest dozen at longest distance - trophy only.

**Recurve**

- Rounds:
  - Double WA70 - Open & Female.
  - Double WA60 - U18s Open & Female.
  - Metric 122-40 - U15 Open & Female.
- Awards
  - Open - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Female - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Junior - Trophy and medals (see note 1).
  - Veteran (over 60 years of age) - trophy only.
  - Highest dozen score in first six dozen - trophy (Bunkle Rose Bowl).

**Handicap Championships**

- Mixed gender and age handicapped competition.
- Trophy and medals (see note 1).
- Bristol rounds at requested starting distance of 80/60/50/40 or 30yds.
- Open to all members who do not wish to shoot the full competition distance.
- Requires a valid handicap - see note 3.

**Colour Prizes**

- Prize to individual colour winners - all bow categories.
- Maximum one prize per person.
- Championship and Handicap competitions.

**Brooks Trophy**

- Awarded to the archer shooting closest to their handicap - trophy only (see note 3).

# St George shoot

- Nearest appropriate Sunday to St George's Day (23rd April).
- Rounds
  - St George - Open
  - Albion - Female and U18 Open
  - Windsor - U16 Female and U16 Open
  - Windsor 40 - All U14 Juniors
- Longbow - Medal placements as specified below.
  - 1st - Most hits
  - 2nd - Highest score
  - 3rd - Most Golds
- Awards
  - Trophy and medals (see note 4).
  - Captain of the arrow (compound) - trophy only.
  - Presented on the day.

## Birthday shoot

First Sunday in August, Windsor rounds (Albion for compound) for all members with valid and up to date handicap (see note 3).

- Trophy for winner (Highest aggregate score) - medals see note 1.
- Separate category for experienced archers.
  - Started archery over 2½ years ago.
  - Winner shoots closest to their handicap.
  - Single medal, no second or third place.
- Presented on the day ~~of the shoot~~.

### Wand Shoot at the Birthday shoot

Open - 120yds, Female - 100yds, U18s - 80yds.

- Wands are 2m high and 15cm wide.
- Five ends of 6 arrows.
- Birthday shoot winner cannot win Wand trophy.
- Longbow and Barebow only.
- Trophy for winner - no medals.
- 1 point for wand hit, 1 point for a circle. Most wand hits wins, if equal wand hits then most wand hits with most circle hits wins.
- Shoot off required to prevent a draw.
- Award presented on the day.

## Frostbite Handicap Competition

- Run as per the Indoor Portsmouth Handicap Competition, but on Frostbite rounds.
- Shot 1st November to 31st March
- Trophy for Winner - medals see note 1.
- Presented at the St George Shoot.

## Siege shoot

- Saturday and Sunday of the 2nd weekend in September.
- Rounds as specified by the Tournament Officer on entry information.
- Medals only - see note 1.
- Not currently record status
- Awards presented on the day.

## Indoor Club Championships

- To be held at the end of indoor sessions, the committee will announce the date each year.
- Bray 1 (2.5 doz at 20yds on 40cm face) followed by a head to head.
- The Bray 1 will be the seeding round for the head to head.

- Mixed gender and age competitions for each bow style: compound, recurve, barebow, and longbow.
- Medals for compound, recurve, barebow, and longbow.
- Medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd - see note 1.

**BA Postal League - Portsmouth and Frostbite** - Team postal competitions shot November to March, typically during the first Club weekend session (Saturday) of each month.

- If a team or teams win a medal these will be presented at the St George shoot or a designated Club session.
- Rules follow www.bapostalleague.co.uk

**Indoor Portsmouth Handicap Competition** - Each month all archers (irrespective of bow style) are ranked by their first Portsmouth score shot that month, adjusted for handicap (actual score plus handicap allowance). Each month the winner is awarded five points; second place, four points, down to fifth place, one point. The archer with the most points at the end of the season is the winner.

- Shot 1st November to 31st March.
- Trophy for Winner - medals see note 1.
- Presented at the St George Shoot.

**Western 7.2K Challenge** - Shot from 1st April to the end of August: any Western may be included (i.e. Western, Long Western or New Western). Archers score is added to their handicap allowance on the day the round is shot. Each archer's best five scores (bringing them closest to 7200) constitute their total for the year (i.e. 7200 if they shoot to handicap).

- Trophy for winner - medals see note 1.
- Presented at the Club Championships.

## Handicap Ladder Challenge

Shot from 1st April to Club Championships to promote competitive internal Club shooting. This requires individual challenges between members with current handicaps.

- Rules
  - Open to all members with a current handicap.
  - Allowances will be given on current handicap at time of shoot.
  - Challenges can only be made on target days or away matches and tournaments.

- You may only challenge those on the same or a higher number of points as yourself.
- A challenge may be made at any time up to the commencement of sighters but not at any time during the round.
- Only one challenge may be given and one challenge accepted in anyone round. A point is awarded to the winner of each challenge regardless of who made it.
- Score sheets to be marked before sighters: LC v _____

- Trophy for winner - medals see note 1.
- Presented at the Club Championships.

**NB** The committee reserves the right to make changes to Club competitions.

**Note 1:** Medals are awarded as follows:

- 1 or 2 entrants - only gold medal awarded.
- 3 or 4 entrants - gold and silver medals awarded.
- 5 or more entrants - gold, silver and bronze medals awarded.

**Note 2:** Trophy only, no medals.

**Note 3:** Handicap must be appropriate to bow style and to have been updated in the previous two months.

**Note 4:** For all competitions medals and trophy are awarded as follows:

- 1 entrant - trophy and gold medal awarded; provided entrant shoots to Archer 1st class or better.
- 2 entrants - trophy and gold medal awarded.
- 3 or 4 entrants - trophy, gold and silver medals awarded.
- 5 or more entrants - trophy, gold, silver and bronze medals awarded.

**Classes**

- Open - Available for any member to shoot competitively.
- Female - Only for female members to shoot competitively.

# Awards

## Most Improved Handicap (outdoor).

**OBA Junior and Senior Novice trophies:**

- New to archery.
- No start of year handicap.

**GNAS Handicap improvement medal.**

- Highest handicap improvement on handicap awarded at start of previous shooting season.
- Must have been a member for 6 months.
- Minimum of 8 scores to be submitted.
- Presented after the end of the outdoor year (31st Dec) at a designated Club session.

## Most Improved Handicap Award (Indoor).

- OBA indoor handicap improvement award. Highest handicap improvement for archers having an indoor handicap at the start of the handicap year (July 1st).
- Handicap improvement will be calculated at the end on the indoor year (30th June).
- Archers must have shot three indoor scores during the handicap year, plus three indoor scores the previous handicap year.
- In the event of a tie, the rules for the GNAS outdoor award will apply (see the Archery GB Shooting Administration Procedures).
- Presented at the Birthday shoot.

## Betty Holmes Trophy

- Awarded by the committee to the most dedicated Junior.
- Presented at the AGM.

## Captain of the Arrow - Compound Bow Trophy

All Compound Bow Archers, shooting the round appropriate to their gender and age are eligible to compete for the Captain of the Arrow, Awarded twice each year at the **St George's Shoot,** then at the **Club Championships**.

The Trophy shall be awarded to the first archer at each competition to place an arrow entirely within a 38mm (1½") 122cm target, or 25mm (1") 80cm target, circle scribed at the centre of the target face. The arrow shall be a scoring shot, sighters shall not qualify. The winning Archer must complete the round and submit a score. (The diameter of the circle

specified may be modified by a consensus of opinion of competing Compound Bow Archers at the competition).

Where two or more arrows are placed within the circle in the same end, the Archer shooting the arrow closest to the centre of the circle shall receive the Trophy. In the event of a tie, the recipient of the Trophy shall be decided by the toss of a coin, adjudicated by the Field Captain.

If the requirement is not achieved during either of the nominated competitions, then the Trophy shall be retained for the next period by the existing Trophy holder.

- Presented at the St George shoot and Club championships.

## Frostbite and Portsmouth achievement award badges.

- Introduced for Frostbite and Portsmouth rounds (new for 2024-2025).
- The season will run from 1st July to 30th June (indoor season year).
- Frostbite badges are available for the following scores:
  - 100, 150, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 315, 330, 340, 350 & 355.
- Portsmouth badges are available for the following scores:
  - 100, 150, 200, 250, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 425, 450, 475, 500, 525, 550, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595 & 600.
- Bow classes:
  - Compound.
  - Barebow.
  - Longbow.
  - Recurve.
- Badges will be awarded for the highest score submitted during the season.
- Badges issued in second and subsequent seasons will only be awarded when the score submitted meets a higher badge score.
- The highest score of each season will be kept on record for future awards.
- Badges will be awarded to members based on one per season for Frostbite rounds and one per season for Portsmouth rounds.
- Members who use more than one bow class:
  - Only one Frostbite and one Portsmouth badge will be issued to members per season.
  - Badges will be awarded for the bow class with the most rounds submitted.

- If an equal number of scores are submitted for 2 or more bow styles, the badge will be awarded for the bow class that has the highest score.

- A different bow class will be allowed the following season to allow for members changing bow class.
- Portsmouth rounds may be shot outdoors - by Archery GB rules they are still classified as an indoor round.
- Frostbite rounds may not be shot indoors.
- Badges will be presented at the Birthday Shoot.
- Members wishing to purchase badges that are below their season's highest award, after it has been presented, may do so. See "Replacement Badges order request form" in the website members' area.

## 252 Award Scheme

We are keen to encourage all members to develop their archery and have therefore introduced a 252 Award Scheme.

The 252 award scheme is designed to help you practice your shooting at different distances and recognise your achievements.

This award scheme is in use at many archery clubs in the UK and applies to all archers, irrespective of age, ability or bow type (scores required only differ by bow type).

The scores required for the "252 award scheme" are as agreed by the committee of Old Basing Archers.

Table below shows award distances and score required.

| Distance (yds) | Award | Recurve Score | Compound Score | Longbow Score | Barebow Score | Traditional Score |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20 | White | 252 | 280 | 164 | 189 | 175 |
| 30 | Black | 252 | 280 | 164 | 189 | 175 |
| 40 | Blue | 252 | 280 | 164 | 189 | 175 |
| 50 | Red | 252 | 280 | 164 | 189 | 175 |
| 60 | Yellow | 252 | 280 | 164 | 189 | 175 |
| 80 | Green | 252 | 280 | 126 | 164 | 145 |
| 100 | Purple | 252 | 280 | 101 | 139 | 120 |

**Rules:**

1. This is an outdoor challenge for members of Old Basing Archers only.
2. The score set out in the table above or more must be achieved from three dozen arrows (six ends of six arrows).
3. The score at each distance must be reached TWICE on two different days for the award to be achieved.
4. Six sighters may be shot immediately before commencing the round.
5. Must be shot on a 122cm target face (5 Zone Imperial Scoring).
6. The three dozen arrows may be shot as a specific 252 scheme round, or as the first three dozen of an imperial round.
7. Claims must be submitted on an OBA score sheet, properly witnessed and completed. Claims for juniors must be scored by a senior archer.
8. Archers wishing their score to be entered into the scheme must write 252 clearly at the top of the score sheet, either as the round name (if just for the scheme) or next to the round name for first 3 of a longer round.
9. There is no restriction on the order in which badges are obtained, i.e. You may achieve a 60 yard badge, and then go for a 20 yard badge.
10. You may only claim the badge for each distance (colour) once if shooting compound, recurve or barebow. Nevertheless, your score and bow style will be recorded. You may shoot the rounds again after gaining the badge in order to achieve better scores, and to record scores under different bow styles.
11. A second badge may only be claimed if shot with a longbow.
12. When a 252 is shot as a stand alone round it does not count towards q handicap.
13. Achievement must be confirmed and accepted by the scheme organiser or Records Officer before a badge is awarded.
14. Archery GB rules of shooting apply.
15. Badges will be awarded during assembly at a designated Club session.

## OBA Master Archer award

Introduced on 1st January 2025 to encourage all members to further develop their archery skills.

At a Club level we can award Archery GB "Archer" and "Bowman" classification badges, the three Archery GB classifications after that "Master Bowman", "Grand Master Bowman" and "Elite Master Bowman" may only be claimed by an archer attending record status competitions.

Many of our members only shoot at the Club, this limits the classifications they can be awarded. In order to give all members a

higher classification to aim for after Bowman 1st class, the OBA committee have introduced our own "OBA Master Archer award", it will be based on the Archery GB "Master Bowman" classification.

The following rules **MUST** be adhered to:

- Qualifying rounds must be shot at either:
  - A designated OBA Club Session (Monday, Wednesday Friday, Saturday or Sunday morning)
  - An OBA Club competition.
  - An external record status competition where Archery GB judges are presiding.
- Claimant must have shot with a least one other archer on the same target and both archers are required to submit their scores.
- Qualifying rounds and scores required are shown in the Archery GB classification tables.
- Total of 36 dozen arrows are required.
- Must be achieved within a single classification year.
- The Records Officer must be notified for each qualifying round submitted.

The OBA Master Archer badge will be awarded during assembly at a designated OBA Club session (Monday, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday morning) or an OBA Club competition.