



# Newsletter



Griffin Archers



"Spring 2021"

## Archery Returns!!!

Welcome to my friends and Archery family!



It's been too long!

I hope this finds you safe and well, and that your family and friends have all remained as well as can be expected over the last year or so!

When we wrote the Newsletter last Jan 2020, it was beyond our imagination that a worldwide pandemic would send our lives into isolation and hand washing!

Anyway, onwards, and let's do this safely, together. If the separation and lockdowns have taught us anything, it is that social contact and regular get togethers make life so much better.

The committee are very aware that personal precautions and safety need to be at the forefront of us holding club meetings and being able to shoot together. I can assure you that we are working with Government and AGB guidelines, we have our own risk assessments and have worked with the Focus Centre to ensure that our members are safe within the venue itself.

I need to ask for your continued patience and possible compromise regarding how we move forward. Getting back to shooting on a regular basis, safely, is mine and the clubs priority.

So, expect to wear face masks; the targets will be allocated and you will be expected to place your own, with your own target pins (protective gloves will be provided), targets will be pre covered after sanitizing.

Di has put together a list of things we need you to have. Oh, and she says to tell you that I'm face covering exempt, so you still get to see my

ugly mug!

Let's do this, together!

John x

### BACK TO SHOOTING 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*INDOORS – as we have a high proportion of disabled members, we don't want to put anyone at risk, this means we all have to continue to follow some new rules. Hopefully, over time, we can relax these and just adapt to the current situation.*

*With lighter evenings we can also shoot outside!*

### Safe Return to Archery – An easy guide.

#### Every Archer MUST Have:-

1. Face covering – like in any other place, it can be removed **ONLY** when shooting
2. Personal hand sanitiser
3. Anti-bacterial/viral wipes or spray and disposable cloth for personal equipment
4. Disposable gloves (will be expected to wear at every contact with target or any other equipment)
5. Personal drinks/snacks – these must only be consumed away from the main hall and at an appropriate distance.

**All personal equipment (including bags) must be sanitized before shooting and after shooting. This is the archers' responsibility. The club CANNOT be responsible for any items of equipment left behind.**

**ONLY archers are allowed on the waiting line and shooting line. Observers, parents or carers must sit out of the range, in the café area (at an appropriate distance, with suitable face coverings)**

**ANY viral symptoms, suspected contact, or diagnosis must be immediately informed to the Club, via Di – 07938554604 or 01354 659063 or**

[Dianne.searle91@gmail.com](mailto:Dianne.searle91@gmail.com)





**Entry and leaving** – a one way system. So, we experience this at supermarkets and GP's, it is recommended to use a single entry/exit. At the Focus Centre we can accommodate this by using the front door as an entrance and the back fire doors in the rear right of the back wall as an exit.

Obviously there may be occasions to use the entry as an exit, especially in regards to Range safety (the exit is behind the net and the targets!). Notify the line captain.

**Comfort breaks or Leaving the shooting /or waiting line.** – Because of the way our lines are and that you must pass other archers and their equipment to get to a target space, we have to ask everyone to be patient and considerate.

Indicate to the line captain that you are waiting to leave and they will advise when it is safe to do so. Maintain face covering and social distance. When returning wait in the doorway for an appropriate moment to return. Also sanitise hands prior to return to shooting.

**Barriers between Archers at the shooting line and at the targets.** – Like at checkouts and anywhere, we are supposed to provide a clean screen between archers at both ends of the range. Up at the targets you should have on your face covering and your gloves, at the shooting line, only while shooting, you can remove your mask for safety, but it must be replaced and worn, at all other times.

## Have you sorted your Standing Order? Target Fees and Membership Fees are all due...

Because we cannot (should not) take cash, due to COVID regulations, we have implemented mandatory bank transfer or standing order payments for all. Attached is the payment due on the back page, you should have received details from Di with the amount you need to pay and the bank details to set this up.

**AGB/SCAS and CAA affiliations are also mandatory, most of you have them in place, if not Di can let you know exactly how to pay these too.**



## **COVID 19 and using the Facilities (The Toilets)**

Obviously, we are hoping to have full access to the toilets at the Focus Centre, but there will be some restrictions. As with guidelines, always wash your hands, sing "happy birthday" twice and make sure to use soap provided and disposable towels.

### **BE AWARE!!!**

- There may be extra rules that will be displayed
- There may be a rule on single person occupancy
- There may be anti-bacterial wipes for wiping down hard surfaces before and after use.

## Our Coaching Team have been busy over lockdown!

*John and Robyn, along with input from Andy and Richie, developed a training course in line with AGB, and have been working with our "Coaches in Training", Scott and Pete.*

*This means that they will all be able to confidently help every archer get back into shooting, safely and with as much guidance as they need, while maintaining safe distances.*

*You should all have received emails with exercises to help remind your muscles what they need to do. Also, just some basic kit checks for anyone who wants more detailed maintenance.*

*We have a copy you can look at or we can email you again.*



# Due to current distancing restrictions. We have to restrict your target time to bookable, 1 hour sessions.




So, we have a specific distance between targets and we are allowed two households (bubbles) or individuals, on any boss.

We have a potential App, for this (more info once its working), and we are in negotiations for an extra evening or a Sunday morning session.

Our bookings will take juniors and those with commitments on the 7 – 8 session and those who can manage from 8 – 9pm.

**Contact Di to book for the 9<sup>th</sup> April, Email : [Dianne.searle91@gmail.com](mailto:Dianne.searle91@gmail.com),  
Text message – 07938554604, or Call 07938554604 or 01354 659063**

**2021 is going to be a really strange year, so we have created custom costs based on the amount of the year available to us as archers.**

 Category	2021 <b>C</b>	Membership reduced to 2/3rds from 1/4/2021 <b>Ca</b>	Target fees by Monthly Standing Order <b>D</b>	Target Fees and Membership Combined by Monthly S/O <b>E</b>	Annual Lump sum payment Target Fees 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 <b>F</b>	Annual payment – Target Fees April – Dec 2021 <b>Fa</b>
Club Member – Seniors (25 and Over)	£60;00	40.00	£20	£25.00	£240.00	£180.00
Member Senior ( 25 and over) with disability	£60.00	40.00	£20	£25.00	£240.00	£180.00
Club Member – Seniors (18 – 24)	£40.00	27.00	£20	£23.33	£240.00	£180.00
Member Senior (18 – 24) with disability	£40.00	27.00	£20	£23.33	£240.00	£180.00
Club Member - Juniors (Under 18)	£34.00	23.00	£8	£10.83	£96	£72
Club Member – Junior (under 18) with disability	£34.00	23.00	£8	£10.83	£96	£72
Associate – NON SHOOTING member	24.00	16.00	£0	£2.00	£0	£0

Every member must pay either: **C + D / C + F, Or E. (Ca and Fa being optional)**

Affiliation of Archery GB, CAA and SCAS is COMPULSORY for all shooting members.



Archers with a valid affiliation through another club can join ours at the above rates or can be a visitor and pay a one-off target fee of minimum £10 by direct transfer to the club bank account.

(Proof will be asked by the Club Secretary of AGB affiliations)





## OUTDOOR SEASON -

Grab your coats, sun hats, sun cream and blankets, your umbrellas and extra water bottles.

Don't forget to bring your own chair, and make sure you know and follow the COVID guidelines for meetings/outdoor

## NOMINATIONS FOR "ARCHER OF THE MONTH"

EMMA, DI AND SAMMIE, AS OUR NON-SHOOTING MEMBERS, ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR THOSE CLUB MEMBERS WHO GO THE EXTRA MILE, WHO SHOW REAL "GRIFFIN ARCHER" SPIRIT.

LET US KNOW IF YOU SEE ANYONE WHO YOU THINK DESERVES THIS RECOGNITION.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS WILL NOW GET A BADGE AND THE JUNIORS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE LIL' GRIFF HOME FOR A STAY!



**Why not have a go at an outside competition?**

**Ask Robyn/Deniss/Ruhow!**

**Want to learn some bow/arrow maintenance?**

**Ask John/Deniss/Andy**

**Learn more about compound archery**

**Ask Andy/John/Emanuel/Pete/Scott**

## COMING IN 2021

Our traditional Birthday or Anniversary Shoot will take place in June or July.

It will be known as our "Founders Shoot"

We celebrate 5 years in 2021 of our club formation and our "Founding Father" or the "Big Daddy" has a birthday in June so it seemed to fit!

Also, allowing it to be an outdoor round and hopefully give us a chance to be archery fit!

We also hope to fit in a BroadHead Trophy Shoot, in Sept/Oct to celebrate the conclusion of the outdoor season. This may not go ahead this year, but it will become a regular on our calendar.

We are hoping to have a Halloween Spooktacular, with some novelty shooting and games.

Finally we also hope for a traditional Christmas shoot and get together, maybe even a club meal too.

NEW NORMAL LIFESTYLE



We need your help to get back to normal. Please let us know if you have anywhere to put some flyers or a poster advertising the club. If you have any media contacts in local radio, news, local online groups please tell them about us! Alternatively give us their contact details.

*We are on Social Media, why not follow us and comment!*

