

Thanet Archery Club A.G.M Agenda – 2019/20

To be held remotely via email (Votes to take place using SurveyMonkey between 16th & 26th November).



Agenda Items

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** - Minutes of previous 2018/19 AGM sent out to members on 1st Jan 2020. No objections or corrections were received, so minutes have been accepted by the Chairman.
2. **Matters arising from last years minutes** - None received.
3. **Presidents Report 2020** - **Frank Pullen**

Key points

- Covid 19 has caused much disruption with shooting this year.
- New social distancing way of shooting
- No internal or external archery tournaments.
- The 48 arrow badge scheme.
- The current Treasurer is retiring.
- The committee has done a sterling job throughout the year.

Full Report.

This has been a very challenging year for the club. What we considered as normal at the start of year has been turned upside down due to Covid 19. However, your committee has carried out a magnificent job, working tirelessly with both Archery GB, and St Lawrence school officials, to develop a plan which has allowed us to get back to shooting at the field. This was not a easy task, but due to the hard of people like Bob Gawler and Mike Davis, Thanet Archery Club became one of the earliest clubs in the area to be able to open for business. This was quite an achievement, bearing in mind that there are still many clubs not yet reopened. I would like to express my thanks all to those committee members who were involved in this mammoth task, and the club owes them a big debt of gratitude.

This new way of shooting has meant that we have not been able to hold any of our internal club shoots, nor our regular inter club tournaments (see club captains report for more detail). It has also meant that we have not been able to meet as a full club due to the limited number of archers that can be at the field at any time, but this way of life will have to remain with us until life returns to normal and we can all get back together and shoot on a Saturday. Those days will return, and then we will all be able to look back on these strange times and realised that we, as a club, pulled together and got through it, something that many amateur sports clubs across the country may not be able to say.

The Covid 19 virus has also reduced our fundraising activities. We have been unable to hold any of our archery tournaments nor our beginners courses and this has taken its toll on our funds (For more detail read the treasurers report).

This year the committee introduced the '48 arrows at two distances' badge scheme. This scheme is based on a range of 'Warwick rounds' and has allowed members to achieve badges for various distances, and also improve their archery handicap in 'bitesize' chunks. This scheme has been very popular, and Mike Davis has been busy giving out badges to members over the summer season. I hope that you have been able to receive one or two of them.

It is with great sadness that Colin our treasurer has decided that his shooting days are over and is standing down from the committee. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank him for all his hard work as treasurer and membership secretary. We will all miss him, and I hope that he will pop up and see us now and again in the future when life is back to normal.

So, to conclude, yet again your committee has worked tirelessly throughout the year. There are many more activities and people on the committee that I have not mentioned but I do not wish to make this report any longer, I all want to do is personally thank them all for their hard work and diligence which has ensured that the club has continued to function even under these strange times.

Prof Frank Pullen PhD, CChem, CSci, FRSC

4. Chairman's Report AGM 2020

- Mike Davis

Well who expected that? What a shame a virus caused so much hassle to our summer season.

Given the circumstances the committee worked extremely hard to work out how and get permissions to allow at least some archery to take place. This involved:

- Developing a risk assessment to work out how the risks could be mitigated.
- From this the rules were developed and issued to the membership.
- The fields had to be marked out and redone as they wore out or we changed the rules or fields.
- We had to find and buy the booking system, the target faces and hand and target face cleanser.
- We had to develop a way to charge target fees without taking cash
- The booking system had to be developed and then changed each time we changed the rules
- Each rule change meant redeveloping the risk assessment and getting the school to agree to the changes, and checking that no AGB guidelines were compromised.
- The marshals had to be found and the rules shared.
- All the rule changes had to be communicated to the members.
- This was all achieved with the restrictions on meetings and access.

The people involved deserve the thanks of those who used the field during this period

Bob Gawler

Roy Holden

Ryan Holden
Fred Hammond
Colin Gallagher
Anne Fretwell
Pete Verrall

Without their support and hard work we like many other clubs would not have done any Archery this year.

As Colin will be saying in his report, it has not been a very good year financially but, as we had funds from previous years we have survived. We do now have to try and get things back to normal as soon as possible and I hope that some of those who have not renewed their membership rejoin soon.

It was a great shame to miss out on the Sylvia Shoot, the record status indoor, the club tournaments but we will work to get these running next year.

We will have to get fund raising started again and will be looking for all your support in the future.

5. Secretary's report

- Peter Verrall

Firstly, I would like apologise to members for the format of this year's AGM. At our committee meeting in October, we discussed how to do an AGM under the "rule-of-6", and whether to try doing it on Zoom. The pandemic has put constraints on many club activities this year, as well as to many of the club development plans for 2020, including:-

- hosting an Archery GB-subsidised Level 1 coaching course on site
- developing a scene shoot (a combination of target and field shoot using 3-D targets)
- following my attendance at a Club Development workshop host by Guildford Archery Club, identifying possible club development funding streams with the help of Toby Andrews and Arran Coggan at Archery GB
- Ryan looking at new-style club shirts from a local outlet.
- looking at imaginative ways of strengthening our good relationship with the school by proposing projects of mutual benefit to us and the school e.g. developing the wooded area at the side of the field as a field archery course/nature trail.
- exploring ways of widening membership of the club and participation in shooting to non-AGB-affiliated archers.
- developing another archery facility in collaboration with Nolan Leigh of Quinn Estates on the former Fowlmead site at Betteshanger, with the help of Archery GB's regional development officer Toby Andrews. We were about to begin when lockdown put it all on hold in March. As it happens, Andy Doyle has recently expressed his intention to try something similar at Betteshanger, although it is still very early days.

We hope that as 2021 progresses, we can return to some of these projects and start to build again. As it is, we recognise the need to focus on protecting our core activities until Covid-19 restrictions ease, partly for financial reasons as Colin will detail in his report.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Colin Gallagher who is stepping down as Treasurer and Membership secretary for his dedication and his attention to detail on the financial front – and correcting the minutes! I would also like to thank John Marshall for his input on the committee, particularly regarding the scene shoots which we hope to get onto the fixtures for next year. Indeed I would like to thank all committee members for their dedication and perseverance over the last few months, and for their input, esp. for Bob's always-stalwart dedication to the club, and his and Mike's efforts in getting club activities going again over the summer. We are a committee of individuals and sometimes have robust discussions on areas of disagreement, but I am grateful for each members' contribution, esp. Frank's wise advice.

6. Treasurers summary and presentation of accounts - Colin Gallagher

Summary for 2019-20

This is a general summary of our financial status during the above financial period. A full account of figures will be available at the end of October.

This has been a poor year for us with Covid -19 cancelling all our events and not making the indoor shooting a viable proposition. We have had to subsidise the field shooting so far this year to the sum of £494.60

Last winters indoor shoot overall October to March made £32.85..... but remove Octobers income and costs as it falls into last years accounting year , on paper we made a loss of £224.15

What I suggest to the committee is that you move the clubs financial year back one month so it's October - September rather than November - October and this will prevent this showing Ursuline as a technical loss each year on paper. The above figures do not take into account any costs for Targets faces, maintenance etc.

The committee have voted on a one off new membership rates for TAC for 2021/22 because of the Covid crisis, a short abbreviation of this is; a discount for those who paid and played, a full credit for those who paid and not played, all before Covid, normal fees for those that have not paid or joined TAC during Covid.

We are lucky that we have a healthy bank balance that is seeing us through this crisis, but we must not depend on it long term as we do not know whats round the corner. Our balance currently is down by £4000 from this time last year so we need to keep an eye on it. Some of it is partly due to just over 30 TAC members not renewing this year because of Covid.

Just to say its been an enjoyable seven years + and to know you lot. Will miss the banter and ribbing.

Colin Gallagher

Outgoing Treasurer

7. Matters arising from Statement of Accounts (if any).

A Zoom meeting will be available on Thursday 26th November if required to discuss any matters arising from the Treasurer's statement of accounts.

Please email thanetarcheryclubsecretary@gmail.com ASAP with any queries.

8. Membership - Colin Gallagher

Membership Summary 2019/2020 AGM

Membership this year has not been good for the club. With the outbreak of Covid-19 saw our club membership plummet to 48 from 78 including honorary members and only 2 associate members renewing as well.

Out of those 78 members only 44 renewed their AGB membership so we only have 44 active archers some of which are not shooting because of Covid-19.

We have taken on two associate members since the outbreak of Covid-19 a Mr John Ritchie and we welcome back Irene Crouch as an associate member.

We have a new junior member Malachy Scopes who has joined us and is doing well. As soon as the Covid restrictions slacken we hope to be able to provide him with some tuition to hone his skills.

During the shutdown me, myself and I not forgetting Ebby sent out some emails to try and put a smile on your faces or just send you over the top, according to some of the replies. Hay-ho we tried.

There is an adjustment to next years membership fees, but that will be dealt with in my Treasurers report.

This just leaves me to say keep safe and stay well and see this through till hopefully near norm returns to us all.

Regards to you all

Colin Gallagher

Outgoing Membership Secretary

9. Records

- Anne Fretwell/Mike Davis

Although we have had all the restrictions, we have still managed to get some rounds in. The 48 scheme was embraced and the scores have been recorded against the Archery GB classifications. This is good news as nearly everybody will now have a handicap ready for next year's competitions and you will be able to take part on an even playing field with archers with more experience and using different bows.

There have been 212 scores recorded for the summer season.

Of these 138 qualified for a badge although you only get one of each colour.

The most scores recorded was:

3rd Sam Flude 16

2nd David Rhodes 19

1st James Plummer 22

A special note three archers received the highest value badge - the coveted purple.

These were:

Alex Moss who is under 14 who shot a Warwick at 60 Yards and scored 258

Linda Gawler who is a little older and who shot several Long Warwick's at 80 yards (best score 278)

James Plummer who shot a New Warwick at 100yds and scored 242.

48 Scheme Handicap winners

I took all the scores and using the handicap scheme adjusted the scores according to the AGB scheme and the winners are:

3rd Daniel Verrall - Short Warwick – Score 227 – adj. 1503

2nd Graham Andrews - Long Warwick – Score 221 adj. 1511

1st Malachy Scopes - Junior Warwick – 257 – adj. 1683

Class Achievements

Even though we have a shortened season with all the restrictions, some people have still achieved new classes.

David Rhodes achieved his 1st Class Badge

Gwen Smith achieved her 3rd Class Badge

Handicap Improvement

We record people who improve their handicap from the start of the year to the end of the season we usually split this in three ways:

Beginners from this year
People from last year's beginners
The rest.

As we had no beginners this year there are only two awards this year.

The winners are:

Handicap Improvement – Newcomers

2nd Gary Hayde – 100 - 77 Improvement of 23
1st Malachy Scopes – 100 - 68 Improvement of 32

Handicap Improvement - Old Hands

3rd James Plummer – 52 - 44 Improvement of 8
2nd Graham Andrews – 66 - 55 Improvement of 11
1st Daniel Verrall – 73 - 60 Improvement of 13

Club Captain - **Bob Gawler**

Club Captains Report for the 2019 Annual General Meeting

It has been a strange year this year due to Covid-19; we have had no competitions, no beginners' courses & no club shoots.

I was hoping to stand down at this year's A.G.M but John Marshall has decided against standing.

As club captain for next year I am still hopeful that someone will step forward to offer their services. I will produce next year's fixture list before the A.G.M. so the committee make any suggestions for the coming year. Hopefully we will get a full year of shooting in with all the competitions taking place.

As well as the outstanding beginners courses it would also be good to run a have-a-go at the beginning of May so we could pick up some more beginners. This is all if there are no more lock downs, and everything is back to normal.

I would like to thank all those that helped mark the field out at Newlands Field when we first started back, and then the bottom field when we could start back here. My thanks must go to Emma for all her help in getting us back to archery and Mike for getting the risk assessment out well before Archery GB.

Brian Horne and John Marshall have repaired a lot of the stands and we have purchased more arrows. It would also be good if we could keep the field marked out over the winter; the paint is there and paint brushes; just need volunteers - just need to either get there a bit earlier or stay a bit later; it does not take too long. I am putting the scene shoot and two field shoots into the fixture list and I am hoping John Marshall and Brian Horne will organise these.

Here is hoping we have a good 2021

10. Child protection officer - Dick Bailey

Fortunately, my report as the Child Protection Officer, now referred to as the Safeguarding Officer is brief.

I mainly wish to remind club members that if there are any concerns from, or about any young and/or vulnerable members, that they can approach me and talk about it. We are committed to keeping the club a friendly and safe environment to enjoy our sport.

11. Equipment Officer - Brian Horne

It has been a strange year, Covid 19 has resulted in a less productive year as regards maintenance. However there have been some successes.

Early in the year the Club purchased 20 3D targets and although not new they were a bargain. Unfortunately I have not been able to renovate and refurbish them as planned. This is an ongoing project.

All but 2 of the damaged target stands have been repaired and are in use. The club collection of snakey bows are ready for use, when the beginners courses are resumed after Covid.

Arrows too have been refletched where possible, but again this is an ongoing job. Other equipment requirements such as paint for marking the field has been undertaken by Bob.

Junior Rep - [Vacant]

12. Election of Committee members

This year we are of course unable to hold our AGM face-face because of Covid-19 restrictions, and we felt that Zoom might be too unreliable, so voting will take place via the SurveyMonkey link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FLTKFJY>

Post	Nomination	Proposer	Secunder	Votes (for/against)
Club President	Frank Pullen	Pete Verrall	Mike Davis	19 for
Club Chair	Mike Davis	Bob Gawler	Anne Fretwell	19 for
Club Captain	Bob Gawler	Ryan Holden	Soraya Viloría Montes de Oca	19 for
Club Secretary	Pete Verrall	Frank Pullen	Ryan Holden	19 for
Treasurer/Membership Secretary	James Plummer	Colin Gallagher	Daniel Verrall	19 for
Records Officer	Anne Fretwell	Roy Holden	Justine Verrall	19 for
Trophy Officer	Lee Burns	Pete Verrall	Mike Davis	19 for
Equipment Officer	Brian Horne	Daniel Verrall	Pete Verrall	19 for
Child Protection/Safeguarding Officer	Dick Bailey	Justine Verrall	Bob Gawler	19 for
Junior Representative				
Ordinary member	Fred Hammond	Ivor Smee	Linda Gawler	11 for
Ordinary member	Roy Holden	John Holton	Jim Whiddett	11 for
Ordinary member	Ryan Holden	James Plummer	Graeme Andrews	11 for

Ordinary members could not be included in the SurveyMonkey poll, so an email poll was conducted between Thursday 26th & Saturday 28th November with 11 respondents. All committee members elected. Special thanks to James Plummer for agreeing to take over from Colin Gallagher as treasurer & membership secretary. Particular thanks also to Colin for all his work in these roles over the last 2 years.

13. Propositions previously circulated

None.

14. Trophy/Award Presentations – Trophies to be presented at a later date when restrictions allow.

15. Christmas Shoot Sat 19th Dec (hopefully!) – the theme revealed!

The Covid Shoot – wouldn't be anything else would it really...

Shoot at target faces using 6 arrows with up to a dozen small or 5/6 large Covid-19 virus motifs on them.

Object of the shoot is to AVOID them. If you hit them, you have to quarantine those arrows for the next end. Final end is the vaccine round. This time the aim is to hit a virus for your scores to count. For this round you have a limited number of arrows depending on what bow type you are shooting.

Compound - use up to 2 arrows

Recurve - up to 3 arrows

Barebow/Longbow - use all 6 or as many as are not quarantined from previous end

Winner is the person with most points scored.