



SPELTHORNE ARCHERS

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Newsletter

35th Anniversary

Spelthorne Archers was first registered with ArcheryGB on 5th December 1985. But for the current situation, we could have met for a birthday party at the range.

Instead we will be shooting a Frostbite league match, but come along and have a mince pie in celebration anyway.

Numbers of members and successes have fluctuated over the years, but now is a particular low for obvious reason. To build the club up again after the pandemic, do consider how you can contribute to the success of the club: shooting in matches, helping with teaching new archers (contact Training Officer, trainingofficer@spelthornearchers.org.uk), sitting on the committee (as an Ordinary member or in a post) contact Secretary@spelthornearchers.org.uk, and helping with maintenance, contact Equipment Office rkinnard61@gmail.com, or in other ways with ideas or skills.

Start thinking about how you can be involved or how the club can be improved in the coming year.

Here's to the next 35 years!

Coaching Webinars

The Southern Counties Archery Society coaching webinars have now come to an end but the first 3 sessions have been recorded and are available on the SCAS website www.scasarchery.org.uk

7th September - Wendy Emberson " Good Foundations (A new view on postural issues for archers)"

I would recommend this session for all archers as Wendy believes that the basis of a good consistent shot is a good stable posture.

18th September Choosing your first compound bow delivered by Dave Morris

30th September Coaching field craft

These two sessions are not yet available as a recording.

December shooting

Shooting can now recommence, when the rain stops!

ArcheryGB has issued updated guidance on shooting in England, which you should all have received direct from AGB.

Surrey and London, which covers most of our members, are in Tier 2 where we are allowed to shoot outdoors again. I have revised the Club's guidance and will send it out with this Newsletter.

The main changes are that we can have 2 people shooting together on each target as we can maintain 2m separation, since our targets are 4m apart. As this may entail sharing a face at some distances, regular sanitizing becomes all the more important.

Indoor shooting is also permitted but Meadhurst is not yet available to us to hire.

Worcester match

The first Worcester round was shot outdoors on Sunday 1st November, but if you get the chance to shoot, you can still submit a score. We need at least one further compound score but more recurve scores from those who have not yet submitted a Worcester score would be welcome.

Sunday 12th December at 10.15am has been allocated as a Worcester Round to enable as many people as possible to submit a score. If you have already submitted a Worcester score, you can shoot a Frostbite then if you wish.

Website

Contact Richard Jennings with photos or other items for the website, or if you have a query about it. webmaster@spelthornearchers.org.uk

Winter Shooting 2020-21

There will be changes to the Frostbite and Worcester League matches, due to the 2nd lockdown delays.

Prior to the lockdown our league opponents were announced as follows.

Frostbite Leagues (3 dozen at 30m)

Middlesex County Frostbite league

	Nov/ Dec	Dec-Jan	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr
Rec	Laleham	Brunel	Hampstead	Harrow	Aquarius
Cpd	Bye	Harrow	Bye	Laleham	Bye
LB	Laleham	Bye	Aquarius	Bye	Harrow

The matches for the Middlesex Frostbite (and Worcester) League have been moved forward a month with changes shown in red.

Selby Winter League (Frostbite)

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Rec	Wilford C	Bayeux B	Adel B	South Bucks	Andover B
Cpd	Bruntwood B	W.Essex B	Bronte	Friars Gate	Surrey
LB	Whiteleaf	Whitburn A	Leaves Green B	Panda A	Cheltenham

The Selby league now allows November matches to be shot in December, before the December match is shot.

Saturday (5th) will count for the November match and any individual scores that are dated before 12th December.

Next Saturday (12th) and the following Saturday (19th) will count for the December match, together with any individual scores shot between 12th and the end of the month.

It will be simpler in January!

Worcester League (5doz @20yards shot in ends of 5)

Spelthorne has entered a recurve, compound and longbow team, to the County Indoor league but we will have to shoot it outdoors until such time as an indoor venue is available:

The revised schedule is as follows:

	Nov/Dec	Dec-Jan	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-Apr
Rec	Bye	Aquarius	Harrow	Hampstead	Laleham
Cpd	Laleham	Bye	Harrow	Laleham	Harrow
LB	Brent Valley	Bye	Aquarius	Bye	Harrow

We have already shot the November/December match but other scores can be submitted for inclusion as long as the scores are recorded by another person.

A meeting of the Committee will take place by **Zoom on Wednesday 4th January at 7.30pm.** Ask for link to join in.

Scoring

To score safely, each person's score sheet should be on a separate board, to be completed by the person you are shooting with, staying 2m apart. It should be sanitised before and after use.

After completion you should sign your score sheet (avoiding touching the paper as much as possible) and the person scoring should then put it in the score box, for quarantine before the Records Officer processes the scores. Scores will be reported in the monthly Newsletter.

There will be no assembly before shooting and no announcement of results at the end.

If you shoot a score at a time other than a group match time, leave your score sheet in the Score Box in the hut making sure it is fully completed and clearly dated for collection by Barbara Beecroft, Records Officer. If you do not have a key to the hut, photograph your signed score sheet and email it to her at ronbvr@gmail.com.

Beginners

Names are being taken for 2021 beginners courses which are advertised on the Club website. Help will be required next spring to run the courses and teach new archers, the future of the club.

Taster Session are also available from March, should any of your friends be interested.

In both cases contact trainingofficer@spelthornearchers.org.uk

Range Hire Agreement

No further progress with finalisation of the new range hire agreement. This will mean collecting a radio from BP security if you will be shooting alone. Details will be supplied when they are known.

Meanwhile please start to ensure that the "Archery in Progress" sign is uncovered when you arrive at the range and change it to "Area not currently in use" if you are last to leave. This will be important when lone shooters need to collect a radio.

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