

The NORTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 15th November 2014

THOSE PRESENT:

Chairman:	Mr C Hall	Vice Chairman:	Mr J Davnall
Treasurer:	Mr D Phillips	Secretary:	Mrs A Shepherd
P.R.O.:	Mr A George	Field Rep:	Mr T Tideswell

Cheshire:	Mr M Shepherd, Mr P Gregory.
Cumbria:	Mr S Burnett, Mr C Battersby.
D.N.A.A.:	Mr J Rodgers, Mrs A Wilson.
Isle of Man:	No Reps.
Lancashire:	Miss E Muncaster, Mrs D Williamson
Yorkshire:	Mr A Wilkinson, Mr D Walsh.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr A Neal (President & Clout Rep)	Mr P Galbraith (Junior Rep)
Mr N Foden (Judges Rep)	Mr T Bakes (Flight Rep)
Mrs K Fitzpatrick (R.C.O.)	Mr G Cotterill (C.P.O.)
Mr S Ash (Cheshire)	Ms S Robinson (DNAA)
Mr S Richardson (DNAA)	Miss S Rigby (Isle of Man)
Mr C Hobin (Lancashire)	

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ACCURACY

- i. Item 3.ii. Matters Arising. 'Charlie Hall reported...' should read 'Chris Battersby reported...'
- ii. Item 5.f.i. Junior Rep Report. The Treasurer said that the following details were missing from the minutes: Uniform shirts are a possibility with potential for a polo shirt for each junior in the NCAS team. Chris Battersby to investigate the Cumbria shirt costs. Kath Fitzpatrick to ask Mick Fitzpatrick to design.

APPROVAL

- i. Following the above corrections the minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed by Peter Gregory and seconded by Chris Battersby.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- i. (Trophy refurbishment.) John Davnall reported that some time ago he had arranged to get an old trophy resilvered. It wasn't known what the trophy was originally for but it had been a Ladies trophy from the 1950's. It was agreed to give the trophy to Chris Battersby for allocation to the Indoor Championships.
- ii. (Item 4.vi. Correspondence.) It was agreed that the Secretary should circulate what she had written about the benefits of affiliation to NCAS and send a copy to Tony George for the website.
- iii. (Item 4.x. Talent Pathway) Charlie Hall said he needs to get a grip of this as Kath Fitzpatrick is quoting DNAA coaches who have nothing to do with it. He said it isn't a 'one size fits all' solution as some juniors find it quite a traumatic process, Elaine Muncaster said that the system seems to be geared this way and there doesn't seem to be another option if they want to get to the top. Andy Wilkinson said EMAS have set up something in their area to lead into it. He said if the system doesn't work it is our responsibility to find an alternative.
- iv. (Item 4.f.i. Junior Rep's Report) NCAS team uniform for juniors was discussed again. Charlie Hall said it is a good idea but there can be major problems. He said DNAA have senior and junior team shirts but junior sizes aren't always available and they couldn't always get them at short notice. Styles, expense, the time taken to order and the logistics of getting shirts to the juniors were all talked about. Peter Gregory suggested that the shirts be loaned to the juniors on the day of the shoot but this was not a popular idea. Andy Wilkinson said that YAA screen print on the back and embroider on the fronts of their shirts and it takes four weeks for delivery. Peter Gregory, Andy Wilkinson and Chris Battersby volunteered to look into the subject to try and come up with something. The Secretary offered her help as she had previously been the GNAS's Team uniform co-ordinator.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. Amendments to contact details as follows:
 - Cumbria: • New Secretary for Kendal Bowmen: Mr Tony Tideswell.
 - New Secretary for Millom Archers: Sarah Knowles, e-mail: fairy_nuff87@hotmail.com

Yorkshire • New address for Niskam Archery Club. Secretary: Mr Daljit Singh Jabbal, 8 Fountain Close, Roberttown, Liversedge WF15 7QA. E-mail: dsjabbal@aol.com

ii. Record Status Applications:

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| • Bowmen of Warrington Junior FITA & Metrics | 19th April 2015 |
| • Thirsk Bowmen WA720 | 25th/26th April 2015 |
| • Heugh Bowmen FITA 720 & Head to Head | 27th/28th June 2015 |
| • Wigan & Orrell Archers FITA 70 & Olympic | 23rd August 2015 |

iii. An e-mail was received from Craig Benson of Kendal Bowmen asking what records NCAS holds as he is researching an extinct club called North Lonsdale Archers. The club closed in the 1950's and Craig says they were a Lancashire club started in 1868 but they never made it to the formation of the Lancashire Archery Association. Craig also says he is researching the Cumbria County Archery Association which started in 1956 but the first 30 years of minutes have been lost so he is asking if anyone can help with this.

The Secretary said she has very little in the way of archives for NCAS and sadly thinks that a lot of the history and paperwork has been lost over the years.

If anyone has any information that will help Craig's research they can contact the Secretary and she will pass it on.

iv. An e-mail was received from Amy Oliver (Yorkshire) requesting an NCAS grant in respect of GB Team representation in 2015.

v. Elaine Muncaster said that Jack Grogan (Lancashire) had sent a request for a grant but has not received a reply. The Secretary said she had no recollection of receiving anything from Jack. Elaine will send a copy of the e-mail.

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

a. **TREASURER: Dave Phillips.** Written report received as follows:

The 5 November 2014 figures:-

Current Account	£23,052.21
Deposit Account	£47,486.03
Cash	<u>£ 181.28</u>
Total	£70,720.07

The majority of the Annual Return Affiliations have now come through. A number of clubs with juniors have accessed the block fee, but by no means all. I have concerns that as clubs sign up more juniors, where they have a block club, they will not always notify me, as no further fee is due. This could affect the affiliation numbers I record each year. I have already received some affiliations where the club alone is registered and with no junior numbers stated. To keep the records of junior members correct it is important that I am notified all new junior members.

To date we have 71 junior clubs accessing the block £5 fee, with a total of 1030 members, from which we have received £355. Under the old individual fee system we would have received £1287, so this has been at a cost of £932 to NCAS. The largest club has 39 members. Fifty clubs have 10 or more juniors.

We have 54 mixed clubs with 276 juniors, who have paid £345. The largest club has 19 juniors paying the individual fee of £23.75, and surprisingly, 23 clubs have 5 or more juniors.

We received requests for 1 judge grant, which was paid. This was for attendance at the European Youth Championships, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 19-24 May 2014. One archer grant was also paid for the European 3D Championships in Estonia, Sept 2014. A letter of thanks was subsequently received.

After reporting the reasonable interest received at the June meeting, we have now been advised by our bank that the rate has been reduced with effect from 14 October 2014 from 1.25% down to 0.45%. (£38 down to £23 in month). Still the best around, that I can find.

Normal expenditure paid out for honorariums for shoots, and £1620 for inter counties senior & junior organisation.

I have received nothing about the EAF accounts for 2014 or the 2015 budget. On the EAF treasurer's report to the EAF mtg 8 November, he states - "Given our current financial position I am recommending that we keep members affiliations at the current level". He also states "Affiliation Fees from members this year included £500 for future events and this has been added to our reserves. The members have agreed to repeat this in 2015". I don't recall making any such agreement, although I do agree to the building of a reserve pot to assist in funding the 2017 Euronations and Commonwealth Games European Championships. I propose we should agree to pay the £2300 EAF fees plus the £115 to the 2017 reserve fund pot.

Flight honorarium, paid in 2014 to organiser, potentially to cover costs of venue, although subsequently pass on to

the organiser's home club. Should we look at funding this shoot differently? The venue costs are higher than normal shoot costs, without seeing the same number of entries. Perhaps something similar to the indoor arrangements could be looked at?

(End of report.)

The Treasurer also reported that, even though we have made some changes which included increasing payments back into various activities and reducing junior affiliation fees etc there is still the possibility of a potential surplus in 2014. A heated discussion took place on the subject of using the money to improve archery in the region and for the benefit of archers.

The Treasurer will put forward a proposal to the January meeting regarding fees and will look at whether we should keep the Junior Club en-bloc fee. If we want to do this it will need to go to the AGM for approval.

- i. No-one spoke against paying the requested EAF fees.
- ii. A discussion was held regarding the funding of the Flight Championships. The Treasurer said that, up until this year, the accounts had been fairly balanced but this year a new field had to be found and he thinks that the Organiser has been hit with a much larger ground hire bill which he may have paid himself.
The Committee expressed concern at the financial loss experienced by the Flight Organiser on the 2014 Flight Championships and all were in favour of offering a one off ex-gratia payment of £200 to the Organiser.
Charlie Hall said that no-one should be out of pocket when putting on tournaments for the Region and proposed that in future the shoot should be run and paid for in line with the Funding Template that is used for other NCAS events. This was agreed.

b. SECRETARY: Ann Shepherd. Report as follows:

i. Club affiliations

As we all know our GNAS/Archery GB affiliation fees should be paid before 30th September for the start of their new membership year on 1st October.

What you might not know is that the Treasurer and I receive monthly spreadsheets from GNAS listing the clubs who are registered to each County and the numbers of members in those clubs.

I have always known that Dave sends these out to the Counties but wasn't really aware that this was only to the treasurers and not the secretaries. So, I thought I would rectify this and start sending the County Secretaries copies as well.

Unfortunately my timing seems to have highlighted the fact that some clubs have not sent in their affiliations in time to be entered on the latest spreadsheet, bearing in mind that this was dated 1st November, one month after fees were due to be paid.

	Figures at Nov 2014	Previous Figures at Oct 2014
Cheshire	1165	1650
Cumbria	241	391
DNAA	825	1701
Isle of Man	43	61
Lancashire	891	1960
Yorkshire	1579	3632

I sent e-mails to the individual County Secretaries listing the clubs that appear on the GNAS lists that don't appear on my club lists and, more importantly, the clubs that no longer appear on the GNAS lists that I still have on mine.

	Additional clubs	Clubs missing
Cheshire	1	5
Cumbria	3	4
DNAA	5	14
Isle of Man	Has only 1 club and that is still listed.	
Lancashire	7	15
Yorkshire	11	40

I'm not especially worried about the additional clubs as most of these are junior and/or disabled clubs attached to already existing clubs but the lists of clubs who haven't paid their fees in time include a worrying number of clubs who, quite frankly, should know better.

To finish I will say that it is my intention to continue to send the monthly spreadsheets to the County Secretaries in the hope that checking on the validity of our clubs will become a habit rather than something we struggle to keep up with once a year.

ii. **2014 Grand Northern - Tournament Organiser's Report.**

New Century Bowmen hosted the Grand Northern Archery Meeting on behalf of Cheshire on the 19th & 20th of July 2014.

The weather was wet all day on the Saturday but, after a dodgy looking start, Sunday cleared up to leave us with a warm, fine day.

We had several tents and caravans on site over the weekend and they got more entertainment than they bargained for with a violent thunderstorm and very heavy rain at around half past three on Saturday morning and a spectacular firework display at 10pm on the Saturday evening courtesy of a wedding party at the pub next door. They can't say they didn't get their money's worth!

All in all the shoot went off very well. 95 archers were booked in to shoot, giving 24 targets although actual numbers were very much down on the day. The weather forecast obviously didn't help as it threatened all sorts for the Saturday. In the end it was just plain wet. Numbers were up a bit on the Sunday and those who stuck it out were rewarded with a pleasant day.

NCAS President Andrew Neal attended on the Sunday as Lord Paramount and stayed to award the prizes.

Having heard, the story of the previous organiser's attempts to get back trophies for NCAS events I am proud to say that we managed the return of all except 2 of the Northern Counties awards for the 2014 Grand Northern and these had already been missing for a couple of years anyway.

Cheshire has been criticised for combining the Grand Northern with a Club Open Shoot even though this is the 3rd time this has happened, previous years having been 2009 and 2004, so some of the statistics might be interesting to note.

22 of our 95 entries were juniors who were eligible for Club awards only.

That means that the number of senior entries was 73. Of these seniors 66 were NCAS archers and only 7 were visitors from outside the Region.

In previous years the total entries were 60 in 2013, 66 in 2012, 57 in 2011 and 74 in 2010.

The fact that Cheshire cannot hold the event as a stand alone tournament seems to make little difference to the entry numbers.

(End of report)

The Secretary mentioned trophies that have been missing from the Grand Northern for quite some time and asked if we should be thinking of replacing them. It was agreed that we will check to see if contact can be made with previous winners before replacing these trophies. She also asked if it was possible to replace the Fred & Betty Wells Trophy (Recurve Jack & Jill award) which is now tatty and damaged. It was agreed to replace this trophy with a budget of £100 - £200.

- iii. The Secretary reported that she has had hardly any correspondence from the EAF and some of what she has received has been passed on via Andy Wilkinson who is our EAF Rep. She said, having looked at the people the e-mails have been copied to, it seems to be a curious mailing list and she doesn't always seem to be on it. Andy was asked if he would forward any correspondence, reports, minutes etc he receives from the EAF just to make sure we are able to circulate all the information.

c. **COACHING ORGANISER: Kath Fitzpatrick.**

Report attached including the pathways planning group documents for information.

- i. Charlie Hall mentioned the Planning Pathways documents and said that he was going to check that all those mentioned in the report were still interested as he thought some names were in doubt.
- ii. The information gathering form regarding the NCAS Pathways Action Plan needs to be passed on to the correct people for completion.
- iii. The Secretary said she was surprised Kath hadn't mentioned the British Transplant Games, which were held in Bolton, in her report. She said that a good number of NCAS Coaches and volunteers attended the Archery day and the event seemed to go well with everyone looking as though they enjoyed themselves. A good advertisement for our sport.

d. **JUDGES LIAISON OFFICER: Neil Foden.** Report attached.

- i. The report was taken as read as it had been circulated prior to the meeting. Charlie Hall said that we need clarification on whether or not a Regional Judges' Seminar is still good enough to use as part of a Judge's renewal.

e. **P.R.O./Webmaster: Tony George.**

- i. Tony reported that the annual fee for the website has just been paid. Details for access have now been lodged with

- the Secretary just in case Tony wins the Lottery and leaves the country!
- ii. Tony has replied to an enquiry from someone who wanted to link their business to the website to say that we don't do commercial links.
- iii. Tony said that it should be noted that Charlie Hall currently owns the domain name and thinks that it might be worth changing this in the future.

f. JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE: Peter Galbraith. Report as follows:

JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

48 archers took place on the Saturday of the Junior National Outdoor Champs and 11 of our archers were placed within the top 3 of their age groups.

- Metric 1 Gent Longbow Champion – Cameron Wood
- Metric 3 Gent Recurve Champion – Joe Fairburn
- Metric 3 Gent Compound Champion – Thomas Rice
- Metric 4 Gent Longbow Champion – Samuel Kellett
- Metric 4 Gent Compound Champion – Adam Carpenter

On the Sunday we had 36 take part, 11 archers again taking a top 3 position.

- Bristol 5 Lady Compound Champion – Brodie Brownhill
- Bristol 4 Gent Longbow Champion – Samuel Kellett
- Bristol 4 Gent Compound Champion – Adam Carpenter
- Bristol 3 Gent Recurve Champion – Joe Fairburn

JUNIOR MASTERS

We had 17 archers entered into this year's Junior Masters.

5 of our archers were ranked in the top 3 in the 6 dozen ranking round.

We had 4 of our archers go through to the medal matches and all won a medal

- Mens Recurve 2nd Dan Thompson 3rd Joseph Matthews
- Womens Compound 3rd Maddison Codling
- Mens Compound 3rd Adam Carpenter

JUNIOR INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Individual awards went to:-

Junior Lady Recurve Champion	Heather Hughes	Lancashire
Junior Lady Compound Champion	Brodie Brownhill	Cheshire
Junior Lady Longbow Champion	Bryony Hayes	DNAA
Junior Gent Recurve Champion	Joseph Matthew	Cheshire
Junior Gent Compound Champion	Adam Carpenter	Yorkshire
Junior Gent Longbow Champion	Samuel Kellett	Lancashire

TEAM AWARDS

- Junior Ladys Recurve: - Yorkshire
- Junior Gent Recurve: - Cheshire
- Junior Ladies Compound: - Cheshire
- Junior Gent Compound: - DNAA
- Junior Ladies Longbow: - DNAA
- Junior Gent Longbow: - Lancashire

The Information for the Winter Junior Portsmouth Postals League has been sent out ready for the winter season.
(*End of report.*)

- i. Charlie Hall said that we now have a lot of juniors and junior clubs which has resulted in more people asking why their juniors have not been selected to shoot at NCAS events etc. He said this is quite the opposite of recent years. The total number of County juniors could be 15 when all styles etc are included and Charlie asked if it was time to go back to holding the Junior Regional Championships as a stand alone event and he suggested it could be held in the summer holidays. Reps were asked to take this suggestion back to their counties for discussion. The 5 Counties Match would continue to be a weekend event for seniors and juniors.

g. FLIGHT REPRESENTATIVE: Tony Bakes. No report.

h. CLOUT REPRESENTATIVE: Andrew Neal. Report attached.

- i. Peter Gregory mentioned that the venue at Bradford (Bronte Archers' ground) is now at bursting point for the National Clout Champs although there was no suggestion of a bigger alternative venue. The Secretary said that Field

has always had the problem that courses can only accommodate a finite number and archers have always known that they need to get their entries in early in order to secure a place. The same may need to be the case for Clout.

i. FIELD REPRESENTATIVE: Tony Tideswell.

- i. The NCAS Field Championships took place as part of the Cheshire Championship tournament. Tony mentioned that he disliked one of the NCAS trophies, a large horn on a wooden plinth, and would like to have it replaced. The Secretary said she thought it wasn't too bad as trophies go and she had definitely seen worse. It was agreed that Tony would bring a photo of the trophy to a future meeting to see what others think.
- ii. Tony reported that he attended the GNAS Field Liaison meeting in November.

j. ENGLISH ARCHERY FEDERATION (E.A.F.)

- i. The EAF AGM is to be held in 2 weeks time. The Committee were presented with paper copies of the finalised accounts at the meeting. We should have received a budget in advance but didn't get this.
- ii. It was reported that the EAF are looking for a Team Leader for the Youth Games in Samoa in 2015 but this person needs to have some experience of the Commonwealth Games way of doing things.

k. CHILD PROTECTION: Grahame Cotterill. Nothing to report.

l. VICE-CHAIRMAN: John Davnall. No report.

6. A.O.B.

- i. Chris Battersby mentioned that individual section medals were awarded to 1st places only at the Junior 5 Counties Match and felt that they should have been awarded to 2nd and 3rd places where applicable. This will be addressed.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm.

MEETING DATES

Next meeting: 24th January 2015

**Future meeting dates are as follows:
14th Mar 2015**

VENUE: Wetherby & District Social Club, Sandbeck Way, Wetherby, Yorkshire LS22 7DN.

START TIME: All meetings 10.30a.m.



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RCO report to committee 15-11-14

Apologies for non-attendance; with the revised date I am unable to attend as I have a junior squad.

County reports

Cheshire

In 2015 Cheshire are planning to run a Level 2 coach course.

Dates will be April 11th and 12th, May 30th and 31st, June 27th and 28th with assessment on September 19th.

Charlotte Burgess has recently been appointed to a full time post with Archery GB working with Para and Para-talent archers plus support for those archers on TASS.

Cumbria – no report received

DNAA

We ran our first Instructors course in August.

Level 1 Course running at the moment, 12 candidates, assessment in February

Level 2 course running with 8 candidates

County Coach course running with 4 candidates.

Danielle Brown ran a seminar for coaches and a full day workshop for archers & coaches in October.

We continue to run coaching days for club archers.

Junior coaching days are planned, organised by our Junior Organiser.

New Level 1 course will start in January, 12 candidates.

Squad sessions are planned for the new year.

Isle of Man – no report received

Lancashire

Norman Suchorzewski is trying to organise a level 3 coaching course. Any enquiries regarding the course can be direct to norman at: norman_suchorzewski@hotmail.com .

Craig Hobin will be stepping down as CCO at the Lancashire AGM

Yorkshire

YAA currently have a L1 course in progress, just started, a County Coach with 8 candidates in progress assessment in June next year. The L2 course has completed and we have 6 successful candidates, three from YAA and three from DNAA. 1 candidate has been referred for a second practical assessment due mostly to lack of mentor support and opportunity to work with other coaches due to remote location.

Another L1 course has been registered for the new year.

Squad sessions have started over the winter, with juniors having a taster session two weeks ago. It was refreshing to see a number of girls attending, some as young as 10. The junior squad will be led by Kath Fitzpatrick and the senior squad by Ian Foster.

National developments

There has been a high proportion of NCAS coaches applying for the Archery GB Talent Coach development programme. I know of at least 9 coaches who have contacted me to say they have applied. Due to the large volume of applications (40+) all applicants will have initial telephone interviews after which a number will be invited to Lilleshall for a practical session and interview.

Kath Fitzpatrick has been invited to attend the World Class Coaching Conference in London later this month.

Regional developments

The regional talent development work has now been reshaped in liaison with Archery GB so that it aligns with the new structures for talent development nationally and the emerging Talent Coach Development Programme.

The initial papers and information-gathering template have been sent to a number of coaches who volunteered to participate for their counties.

Any counties who wish to access the Talent Development programme for their juniors can now download it from the Archery GB website or purchase hard copy booklets for £5 each.

All recent county coach renewals received have now been approved and renewals are in progress with Archery GB.

Coaches are reminded that their DBS needs to be renewed alongside their coach licence renewal, now available through online process, and with a much quicker turnaround. Several renewals were delayed because coaches had not realised this before they sent in their forms. Please note that although it is not necessary to renew your Safeguarding training for renewal, it is good practice to do this on the same cycle as there are changes in legislation and approach.

Kath Fitzpatrick RCO.

Northern Counties Archery Association

Judge Liaison Officers Report

November 2014

Judge Update

There have been four assessments since the last meeting, two for Regional status and two for County status.

Richard Ford from Yorkshire and Ruth Hill from Lancashire took and passed their regional assessments in July and September respectively.

Colin Mudd and Lorraine Morris from Lancashire both took their County assessment a couple of weeks ago at the Lancashire Indoor Championships and both passed.

The judge registrar has been informed of their success and all have been upgraded to their new status.

In September we enrolled Karen Hunt as a new Candidate judge. Karen is from Yorkshire and is a member of Burton Constable Company of Bowmen. Karen's details have been forwarded on to the judge registrar and she has been sent the usual welcome pack.

New AGB Rules

Revised editions of the Rules of Shooting and Shooting Administrative Procedures were issued in September and came into effect on the 1st October. The revised books were forwarded on to all the regions judges along with the September issue of the judge's newsletter.

A summary of the rule changes are listed below, but for full details please read the specific rules.

Rule 201 (e) - Archers responsibility for their equipment to conform with the Rules of Shooting

Rules 202(g) and 207 (g) - Inclusion of allowable sizes for arrow wraps

Rule 202(e) - Restrictions on fibre optic pin sights for recurve bows

Rules 208(d) and 502 (e) - Restrictions on the use of multi pin sights in field archery events

SAP 3 - For all events other than field events, the time period for submission of record status requests has been shortened from six months to four months

SAP 7 - Classification table changes to remove the ability for a man to claim 1st class shooting a WA 60m round, and an adjustment to table 18 for Longbows where the scores quoted were incorrect

Judge Retirements

In September three judges retired from our ranks, two from Lancashire and one from Cheshire.

The Lancashire judges were Roger & Jean Stretton, who started judging in 2007 and rose steadily through the grades to attain Regional status in 2012. Roger & Jean were presented with certificates of appreciation, from NCAS for their services and dedication, at their last tournament hosted by Assheton Bowmen in September.

From Cheshire, Harold Wilson retired after being a judge for over 30 years. He attained the grade of National in both Target and Field and had also held the position of NCAS JLO. Harold's last official shoot was the Cheshire Junior championships, where he was presented

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Judge Liaison Officers Report

with a certificate from the judge's National committee awarding him the honorary position of Judge Emeritus.

Judge Uniform Survey

The National Judge Committee are doing a review of the current uniform. All judges within the region have been asked to fill in an online survey regarding their opinions on the current uniform. The results of the survey will be discussed this weekend when the National judge committee hold their regular meeting.

Revised J10 - National Judging Scheme

The J10 form has recently been completely re-written and the new version is available on the Judges section of the AGB website.

There are several important changes, which cover the requirements judges have to fulfil before applying for assessments to a higher grade, and prior to sitting the re-assessment exams for Regional & National judges.

All judges have been sent a copy and strongly advised to read the sections that are relevant to their current grade and the assessment criteria for advancing to the higher grades.

Archery GB Judge's National Conference

The date of the 2015 conference has been set for the 7th and 8th March at Lilleshall. There will be a banquet on the Saturday evening in Chapters as usual, which for those attending the full weekend is included in the price.

The Invitation form for the conference has been forwarded on to all the regions judges, but it can also be downloaded from the Judges section of the AGB website. Judges have been made aware that there are clauses in the National Judging Scheme J10 document that require both Regional and National judges to attend National conferences prior to assessments and re-assessments, this is especially important for Regional judges as their re-assessment exam will be issued next year.

The Judge Committee are also considering moving the Conference around the country in future so that it is hosted by a different region each year. It is hoped that by moving the conference more judges will be able to attend it during the four year re-accreditation periods.

Neil S E Foden
NCAS JLO

Report for NCAS meeting – 15 November 2014

NCAS Clout Championships 2014

Took place in Harrogate on 7 September 2014

Very good weather with 93 archers shooting

1 National record claimed

10 Tassel awards claimed

NCAS Team Championships

Yorkshire Overall Champions

Cheshire Recurve Champions

Yorkshire Compound Champions

Lancashire Longbow Champions

Yorkshire Barebow Champions

It was very pleasing to see more County Teams this year and especially so with the new Barebow Team Award. All 5 Counties fielded a Barebow Team. Counties are to be congratulated in trying to encourage archers to take part.

Tassel Award Scheme & Classifications

Overall 35 Imperial and 17 Metric Clout shoots carried the Tassel Award Status, with over 550 tassel badges having been awarded.

As you will know I introduced the Clout Classification Scheme at the start of the year and this has been welcomed throughout the Clout community. It appears to have the backing of archers, although I and others feel there could be some small adjustments made in the future. I firmly believe the scheme will evolve with time and it's my intention to keep things the same next year and then consider improvements for the 2016 season.

Overall I have sold 251 Classification badges, and have awarded 28 GMB/MB/JMB badges.

I have also introduced a Clout Archery Newsletter, called Clout News, with 2 editions having been published in 2014. The next one will be done in the early New Year which amongst other things will carry the 2014 Clout Rankings.

Funds within the Tassel Award accounts are healthy and I have already repaid £420 to the main NCAS account against the £1620 loaned at the start of the year.

Andrew Neal

NCAS Clout Rep & Tassel Award Administrator