



## AGM Report 2022

### Chairman's Report

First of all, let me start by saying that I hope everyone is well and has been keeping safe, as Covid continues to be part of our lives. I am aware of a number of members, myself included, who have been down with it this year, but in general the Club seems to be minimally impacted.

With the various restrictions being lifted, in the last year we have got back to normal in terms of running club shoots at our usual times, and removing the booking system (that seems so long ago now!)

We successfully ran two Beginners course this year (14 trainees) which led to some new members, and we will aim to repeat this (along with any taster sessions) in 2023 – as well as gaining us new members, these are an excellent source of revenue for the Club and help keep our annual fees down.

Now that we are starting to get together again, we are more likely to be on hand to help with anyone that needs assistance or coaching – please let us know if you want any help (whether it is remembering how to string the bow after a long time away, or something a bit more technical!).

The Club finances have pretty much weathered the Covid storm, and we are in a healthy position. We have always tried to keep a reasonable amount of cash in the bank to “self-insure” us against unforeseen events, and this helped us during the past 2 years.

We have decided to keep our various charges (membership + lessons) as the same level this year, as we do not see any need to increase these at this point.

We have decided to stick with the plan for our 5 year objective to re-grow the club membership. I believe this will be a significant challenge but one that we should attempt – with that in mind, if you have any ideas for helping grow the club beyond what we are doing, and/or for improving membership retention, please don't hesitate to come forward with them.

One important note I wish to make... if you are struggling and need help.. please ask. Archery is very simple – we just make it look very hard at times - there can be many things that explain what could be going wrong (from issues with form, release, stance through to equipment problems, clickers, wrong arrows, etc). And these can be hard to spot by yourself. If you want to, we can always arrange a separate coaching session outside of the normal club shoots – especially as sometimes it is easier in a one-to-one session to diagnose what is or isn't working. But please ask.....

Dennis has volunteered to do a “Recurve Day” to help anyone wishing to ensure their recurve bow is set up and tuned correctly. If you wish to take him up on this, please let either Dennis or myself know.

Unfortunately, Neville has stepped down from his role as Club Treasurer, leaving that place currently unfilled. I'd like to thank him for his efforts, particularly during the pandemic (which obviously made everything more complicated).

If any of you are interested in joining the Committee and taking on this role, please let me know.

On a final note, I just want to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Whitehorn, the Beversbrook manager, for all his help over the years. Kevin is moving on to pastures new after building up Beversbrook pretty much from scratch. I remember volunteering to help Kevin run an archery taster session, which is what led to Calne Archers being formed. Without Kevin's assistance, the Club would not exist. I hope you all join me in wishing him well.

## Treasurers' Report

2021/22 was a reasonable year for the Club financially as we managed to stabilize and rebuild the finances a little. The major spend was on the path but this was paid for via a grant.

2022/23 will include the costs of renovating the shooting line – we have already seen the benefits of this, though the work is not yet finished.

The 2021/22 accounts still need to be audited, so the figures in the slides are provisional only.

## Membership Secretaries Report

As the slides show, the membership has held actually grown slightly in the last year as we have retained the current members reasonably successfully, as well as gaining some new members from the first course we ran (we await to see if we get any new members from the second course).

### ***Classifications .....?***

We will look to hold open days (have-a-go) in Spring 2023, with a Beginners course shortly afterwards.

## Proposed Annual Fees

The Committee is proposing to keep both the annual membership fees and the lesson fees unchanged. Please email [calnearchers@gmail.com](mailto:calnearchers@gmail.com) with your vote whether to approve or reject this proposal.

## Target Days and Club Competition

Last year, we introduced a new award scheme (the Archery GB Award scheme) to allow people an alternative to the 252 scheme (the new scheme used 80cm targets and a different scoring model). This has proved successful, and is now part of our progression path for new archers in particular, alongside the 252 scheme.

People can still shoot their rounds and email the scores through to Steve to process. As the use of electronic scores proved so successful over the Covid restrictions, as you are all aware, we have continued with this method during 2022, and will continue to accept emails scores going forward (in fact, these are now preferred!)

## Election of Club Officers

The Committee is standing for election again unchanged. Please send an email to [calnearchers@gmail.com](mailto:calnearchers@gmail.com) to vote either in favour or against.

If you are interested in joining the Committee., please let me know.

## Club Etiquette

Just a reminder, it is essential that we all pay close attention to the whistles, and ensure we are behind the waiting line when not shooting, etc, and that everyone helps keep an eye out for possible dangers – remember, anyone can shout “Hold Fast”, not just the Line Marshall. We have had a couple of instances this year with footballers coming onto the range to collect footballs. Please be aware of this when shooting and make sure you do NOT shoot if anyone is on the range – all normal range rules apply.

It is vital that people count their arrows and ensure they do not leave an arrow on the range – please make sure you know how many arrows you are shooting (try to avoid carrying unused arrows in you quiver). I cannot stress enough how important this is, as it is essential that we do not leave arrows up on the range.

## AOB/Questions

The Committee try hard to meet what we think are the members requirements. But it is only our view. If people have suggestions, questions or ideas, PLEASE let us know.