

## Top Ten Questions

*I've done the course. Are there any other rules I need to follow?*

Oh yes. It's always good to invest the money and the time to buy the GNAS rule book and read through it. The club have some additional rules with relation to properly covering bosses at the field and ensuring you are identified by others as a permitted archer. Thankfully, the club rules fit on just one page of A4.

*Where is the equipment kept?*

Each of our locations has a lockup. At Hazelwick it is a metal container. New members receive keys after a short period of induction. Replacement keys are available from Peter or Val. The lockup at Copthorne is a shed immediately outside of the emergency exit at the far end of the sports hall and all members should be aware of the numeric code on the padlock. The lockup at Furnace Wood is restricted to the Field Reps and the Committee, but members shouldn't need access to anything, as the course is left laid out throughout the year.

*Can I shoot on my own?*

You infringe the GNAS rule book by doing so.

*I've lost an arrow at Hazelwick.*

Hazelwick is a school and multi-use sports-ground. For these reasons, we cannot leave an arrow in the ground where it may injure someone participating in a different sport. The equipment at Hazelwick includes metal detectors and all possible steps must be taken to find the lost arrow, particular attention being paid to those areas of the ground where other sports take place. If still lost as the light begins to fail, then the caretaker of the school should be informed, and a note left within the Archery lockup describing the arrow (length, type and colour of the shaft and fletchings).

*Can I use any equipment?*

We do not allow Novices to shoot all-carbon arrows. Their lack of metal make them much harder to find. Nor do we allow Crossbows. Otherwise, as long as it conforms to the GNAS Rules of Shooting and the definition of bows and arrows, and it is suitable for you in terms of length and poundage, then you can use it.

*Is there a process for improvement?*

First and foremost, get into the habit of shooting "Rounds" and recording your scores. Each round is a set number of arrows to be shot over a set number of

distances. There are copies of these in the lockup. We can then judge if your scores are improving or not. If the level of improvement isn't good enough for you, then come to Hazelwick on one of the training / coaching evenings and we'll see what can be done for you.

*Can I shoot elsewhere?*

The GNAS rule book is very specific about the size of property needed to make archery safe. Alternatively, you can approach other clubs and ask to become full members, or associate members. We have several archers who wish to remain members of their local clubs, but wish to shoot on our properties - hence they become associate members. You can also enter Open Tournaments held by other clubs, participating with a whole range of other archers for cups and or medals.

*What standard do I have to reach to become good enough to enter a tournament?*

To enter an Open Tournament, you must have proof that you are a GNAS member. A very small number of Tournaments are Closed (County matches where the counties select their best archers to compete against each other) or Selective (Where the archer must meet the criteria of the event. eg The Golden Oldies Shoot where you must be aged 50 or over to compete). Many Open Tournaments award prizes on Handicap as well as overall scores.

*How do I get a Handicap?*

The Records Officer will establish, maintain, and keep you appraised of your handicap. The calculation is based upon the scores you achieve for having shot rounds. Hence, you must shoot at least three rounds to obtain a handicap, and continue handing in your scores so that the records Officer can continue to update your handicap. The handicap is then re-valued at the beginning of each year by using the three best rounds of the previous year to establish the new number.

*Is all this information as true for Juniors as it is for Adults?*

No. Juniors can only shoot when there are two or more adults present. They will not have lone access to any of the lockups. Otherwise, all the above statements hold true for everyone.



# Welcome to Crawley Archery Club



A guide to the club, committee, grounds and  
your questions answered

## Your Main Support Group

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### THE COMMITTEE

**Secretary** Val Wickenden  
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Val is the main contact point between us, other clubs in the region, and the three governing bodies to whom we are associated; SCAA (Sussex County Archery association), SCAS (Southern Counties Archery Society) and GNAS (Grand National Archery Society). She is also our contact point for the Field course, and our indoor venue at the Copthorne Prep. School.

**Records Officer** Heather Duggan  
duggan555@waitrose.com

Heather maintains records of all rounds shot by individuals in the club, enabling her to calculate your handicap each year as well as recording the holders of all our trophies.

**Web Support** Adam Smith  
atwsmith@googlemail.com

Adam supports our web presence, designing and updating pages for us all.

**Target Rep.** Tony Jerome  
a.jerome@btinternet.com

Tony manages the equipment and storage facilities at the Hazelwick School ground. It is he who will annually ask for assistance, normally around March or April, to help clean out the lockup and count our remaining consumables, ie, target faces, pins, pegs, etc.

**Child Protection Officer** Tony Jerome

Tony's role as our Child Protection Officer is much more an educator of the principles and issues at work behind dealing with the young and vulnerable, than that of a policeman, but he is the first point of contact for any concerns.

**Librarian** Tony Jerome

Tony is also our librarian. We have a small library of archery books available for any member to loan.

**Target Captain** Symon Grinham  
symon.g66@googlemail.com

Symon's role is to organise the two-three matches we are obligated to take part in each year against other clubs of our region. Our success or failure dictates our position in the four divisions currently running.

**Field Rep. & Field Shoot Organisers**  
Shaun & Heather Duggan  
duggan555@waitrose.com

Shaun and Heather organise our annual Field Shoot, held in September. This highly successful shoot brings in much needed revenue, so please give a hand whenever they call for assistance.

**Treasurer** Phil Carter  
phil.carter3@btinternet.com

Phil looks after all of our finances, not only ensuring our fees are promptly gathered, but that our financial records are up to date and our bank account always in the black.

**Chair** Peter Damon  
peter\_damon@hotmail.com

Not a lot really. He may have the vision, but it's the teamwork of the rest of the committee that bring it about.

**President** Terry Schollar  
terry.schollar@tesco.net

The most senior archer in the club, Terry is active in coaching within and outside of the club, is a member of the SCAA committee, and remains an active archer within the club too.

## Your Other Support Group

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### THE COACHES

Peter Damon Shaun Duggan Terry Schollar

All three coaches come from a variety of backgrounds, and this gives each coach a distinct approach to their coaching. Overall, the knowledge they impart to the archer will be the same, however, like any good comedian, it's in the way they tell 'em. It's this diversity of approach that makes Crawley Archery Club one of the strongest in the county.

### WHEN AND WHERE

#### Target Archery

Hazelwick School, Three Bridges  
Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1SX

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Formal Shooting: First Sunday of months June through August, mornings from 10am for Short Metric postal league.

(Please note that the ground is unavailable for shooting on Bank Holiday Mondays).

Sunday practice: Each Sunday from 10am, as soon as the football season ends, April, until it resumes in September.

Evening Practice: Monday and Friday evenings, as soon as the clocks change in March, until they change back in October.

Coaching / Personal Development: Wednesdays, June through to August.

#### Field Archery

Furnace Wood  
near East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 2QD

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Formal Shooting: Second Sunday of every month commencing @ 10am.

Frostbite: First Sunday in every month between October and March, from 10am.

Practice: Other Sundays, Wednesday afternoons.

#### Indoor Archery

Copthorne Preparatory School  
Effingham Lane, Copthorne, West Sussex, RH10 3HR

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Formal shooting: Second Thursday of each month, Portsmouth round for a postal league, between October and March.

Indoor Practice: All other Thursdays between October and March.

#### Beginners Courses

Copthorne Preparatory School (as above)

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Sundays in February from 3 to 5 pm.

