



Club Newsletter April 2025

Welcome to the April Newsletter, with another month of very mixed weather we seemed to be getting better weather but then the rains returned. We have completed the 40 target course and changed out some older targets that needed repair. A lot of work has also been done on course, with special mention to John Bowhay for his work on repairing the paths using local materials to provide safe movement around the course.

AGM

The AGM will take place at 19:00 on 29th May 2025 at the club practise ground as usual, as we have limited seating available please bring suitable seating for yourselves.

A copy of the agenda for the AGM and a proposed budget for the coming year will be available shortly.

Car Park

Unfortunately we have made little progress with the car park due to unavailability of the necessary equipment to level the car park, but we expect that the work will proceed during the summer months to be ready for the Open Shoot in August.

Work Parties

We have had some new members helping out on work parties but need more helpers to reduce the workload on the small number of members who regularly turn up to help with course maintenance. We are appealing for more of our younger members to step up and join the work parties, dates for work parties are given on the WhatsApp group and we try to deal with the work at weekends, to make it easier for members to attend.

To help with the muddy areas we now have a stock of wood chips, if you feel that an area needs some extra there is a wheelbarrow and shovels available on the course.



Open Shoot

We are arranging a joint weekend shoot with Brixham for the weekend 23rd and 24th August 2025 details on our web site, booking opens in June via the Brixham web site. This is an open shoot so no members of AVA or Brixham Archers can shoot but we will need members to act as Marshalls and help with food preparation for Saturday 23rd August 2025.

New Targets

We need to replace some of the targets that are reaching their 'sell by dates' so any suggestions from members are welcome to make up a 'shopping list'. Suggestions by email to secretary@ashcombevalleyarchers.club or to me on the WhatsApp group.

Beginners Course

The current 'Beginners Course' completed on Sunday 20th April with a walk around the course and a first time shoot at targets in the 'wild'. Great response from the participants on the course, we are looking forward to welcoming some new members.

The next course is scheduled for the Autumn and we are currently taking requests for that course, book via coach@ashcombevalleyarchers.club.

Web Site

Following comments from the recent beginners course we we have prepared a on line membership form to make it easier for new members in future to fill in the form and send it electronically to the secretary. Membership fees are not collected using the form as this will involve additional costs for each member and we are not a commercial operation.



AVA Monthly Challenge

As we now have 40 targets on the course the average scores for each archer have been adjusted to account for the extra targets and with more members now taking part we have added a new Premier Division for the crack shots amongst our group, and there have been a number of changes due to members improving their skills.

The Premier Division is intended for the best of our archers and to make it a real challenge we have instigated a new Green peg, this is positioned to provide a more challenging shot and should be used if you wish to post a score for the challenge. You can use the normal pegs for practise but we expect archers in the premier Division to use the green pegs when posting a score to the challenge.

Well done to Barry Weston for his excellent Long Bow score that put him top of the tree in April, to Angela Bolt, also longbow, who topped Division 2 and to Ben Squires, shooting Bare Bow, who topped Division 3.

The monthly AVA challenge is free, just fill in a score card, which are available in the Visitors enclosure, and leave it in the Visitors Enclosure or the Honesty Box. Do not forget to include your name, and details of the shooting style you are using. Using archery apps to post your score is OK, just send the results by email to secretary@ashcombevalleyarchers.club, preferably in .csv file format, for android phones the 3D Score Buddy app provides the necessary features.

You can make more than one entry during the month, the best score will be used for the month and there are prizes of engraved wooden coasters for first place in each division.

We have provided lots of information on our web site on how the challenge and how the handicap is used to compensate for the different scores that can be expected for the different shooting styles. We use the posted score from each month to build an average for each archer that is used to determine the position in the divisions, the average is taken from the best five scores posted so takes at least five months to get a stable average.



For our newer members the committee members are all listed on the 'contact us' web page of our web site and listed in the current copy of the constitution on display in the club house.

Committee

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