## **Aurora New Year shoot February 2024**

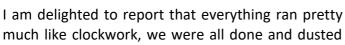


After an unplanned and unwelcome postponement due to a flytipping incident at the ground a few days before our original date, we were delighted and relieved to welcome close to a full house to our 2024 Aurora New Year open shoot - if being in February still counts as New Year of course....

A fantastic level of support as just over 100 expectant and eager archers joined us for a great day of archery in our amazing woodland. We never take your support for granted and send our sincere thanks to each of you from every one of us, especially bearing in mind the inconvenience of the last-minute change of date.

This was a special day for us at Aurora as we remembered our dear friend and fellow Aurorean Peter Gillard by awarding an engraved tankard in his name to the top Compound Unlimited score on the day. Peter shot many styles in his time, UL being one of them, with previous winners being in the Longbow and Hunting Tackle classes. Peter's Daughter Helen had planned to present the award but sadly was not able to make the new date (she was elsewhere shooting and winning medals herself!) – next year hopefully.

It was an overcast but dry day offering excellent shooting conditions throughout. Even the car park was on our side with few issues getting folks in or out other than navigating around the fly tipping remnants — a massive relief bearing in mind how boggy it was in some places.





including medals and folks heading home by 4.30pm with plenty of daylight to spare – as Hannibal Smith on the A Team would say; "I love it when a plan comes together." (one for the older generation there!).



Being ever conscious of the limited daylight hours, we adopted our proven format that has worked so well for this event in previous years. A 2x20 course was laid with each target double-pegged, restricting it to two-arrows max per target with any second arrows to be taken from the same peg as the first. This allowed us to have six archers per target, which under normal circumstances would be a real struggle but, in this format, isn't a problem.

Massive thanks and congratulations to Steffan and the whole course-laying team for creating such a fantastic course. A creative, varied, deceptive and ultimately challenging track taking full advantage of the unusual terrain, trees, and natural water features. Well done everyone, a brilliant job fully appreciated by all those who attended as demonstrated through some truly excellent feedback.



Bearing in mind the challenge, some excellent scores were returned across all classes and many congratulations go to Gary Cole who won the Peter Gillard tankard by 6 points with an awesome score of 944 and 37 Spots in Compound Unlimited.

On now to the final round of thanks to everyone that made the day possible and such a success. To every member of Aurora who helped in any way over the weekend and during the run up, a sincere thank you, you are all brilliant and we couldn't do it without you.

Specifically, and in no particular order (apologies, I'm bound to have forgotten someone...), Nadine, Jason, Bryany, Phil, Kieran, Hazel, Sew Peng, Kwan and Garry in the catering tent for keeping the assembled masses fed and watered throughout – always fantastic fare gratefully devoured by everyone. Some of the homemade cakes were particularly delicious.



Hazel, Bryany and Elliot for keeping everything in order in the admin tent amidst the mad rush of returns and scorecard signings, and the wonderful Elliot Tricker for presenting the medals and Peter's tankard – so wonderful to see you Elliot – it's been a long time!

Adam for some fabulous photos including some perfectly timed action shots.

To Tom from Radical Bikes for your tireless support and humour in allowing us to take over your ground for the day, and last but no means least, Lord Petre for kindly allowing us all to enjoy his fabulous Parsons Spring woodland.

We look forward to welcoming you once again for more fun in the woods at our next shoot on September 8<sup>th</sup> but before then at the 3D Champs later in the year when Aurora will be setting one of the courses for your delight – enjoy!

In the meantime, stay safe, be well, shoot straight and keep smiling.

Martin Joy

## Aurora Shoot Results 4th February 2024 (2 x 20 3Ds, 2 arrows max)

5 Shaun Bateman

6 Cliff Meyer7 Terry Chittock

Co60

Toft Hill

Independent

578

350 2

222 1



	AFB - M		Score	Spots		HT-F		Score	Spots		TB-F		Score	Spots
1	Roger Massey	1066 Field Archers	766	10	1	Olivia Morgan	Independent	474	1	1	Lauren Morse	1066 Field Archers	596	3
2	Mark Jones	Rednex	682	7	2	Clair Parfit	TFA	286		2	Sarah Allender	1066 Field Archers	446	1
3	Allen Grayson	Afan Nedd	670	4										
4	Paul Chittenden	Bridgewood FAC	618	7		LB - M					TB - U16G			
5	Graham Brown	Independent	602	7	1	Alain Jacq	Independent	698	8	1	Kalli Simmonds	Independent	498	2
6	Bruno Rouschmeyer		602	1	2	Nick Murphy	C.O.L.A.	654	6					
7	James Brown	Bridgewood FAC	548	2	3	Robert Webb	Independent	538	2		TD - M			
8	Joseph Raines	Magic Dragon	504	1	4	John Levoguer	HNA	526	3	1	Sarfraz Aslam	Co60	652	4
9	Phil Stratton	1066 Field Archers	468	1	5	Roy Wareham	Hertfordshire Field Archers	488	3	2	Israr Khan	Co60	606	3
					6	James Walker	HFA	436	5	3	Shahin Ahmed	Co60	438	1
	AFB - F				7	Clifford Nash	HFA	424	3	4	Abdul Oyede	Tuba Archery	414	1
1	Claude Rouschmeyer		552	4	8	Scott King	HNA	418	1	5	Ahmad Teladia	Co60	292	0
2	Georgina Brown	Independent	510	3	9	Bryan Whyte	Co60	400						
											TD - U12B			
	BB - M					LB - F				1	Umar Aslam	Co60	528	3
1	Ian Edwards	Co60	776	13	1	Karen Freeman	1066 Field Archers	506	1					
2	Pedro Portela	Co60	748	10							TD - U16B			
3	Terry Stevens	Independent	734	9		PV - M				1	Abdullah Aslam	Co60	574	
4	Aaron O'Shea	Afan Nedd	692	7	1	Andy Doyle	Independent	562	2					
5	Garry Fisk	Oakwood	684	12	2	Kevin Button	Priory Bowmen	562			TXB - M			
6	Peter Humphrey	C.O.L.A.	644	4	3	Michael Ashington	Longbow Heritage	556	5	1	Stone Henricksson	Independent	710	10
7	Owen Biggs	COLA	616	5	4	lan Stanley	TFA	534	3					
8	Grant Knightly	Co60	538	3	5	Andy Neville	Fleet Ibex	288			UL - M			
										1	Gary Cole	THWAC	944	37
	BB - F					PV - F				2	lain Cope	Black Eagle	938	36
1	Sue Dickenson	HNA	656	5	1	Tracey Rodford	Afan Nedd	380	1	3	Philip Jarrett	Senlac	924	33
2	Vikki Motchman	TFA	394	2	2	Carolyn Neville	Fleet Ibex	372	1	4	Karl Bowles	Avalon	916	32
3	Zoe Burgess	Bridgewood FAC	394	1						5	David Lovell	Black Eagle	904	29
4	Melanie Hart	HFA	304			TB - M				6	Tim Cathmoir	TFA	888	25
					1	John Barcroft	1066 Field Archers	784	12	7	Andy Williams	Black Eagle	884	25
	BH - M				2	Mark Stockton	Co60	748	8	8	David Stone	Black Eagle	856	22
1	Dave Andrews	Hartspring	710	10	3	Lee Brown	Bridgewood FAC	692	9	9	Brian Richardson	Oakwood	806	16
2	Tom Rushton	TFA	548	2	4		Co60	678	1					
						Adam Browning	TFA	668	3		UL - F			
	CL - M					6 Mark Wiseman	HNA	654	6	1	Sarah Cope	Black Eagle	856	24
1	Duane Williams	Totem Archers	814	20		7 Peter Arterton	Bridgewood FAC	622	6					
						8 Peter Morgan	Cloth of Gold	600	3		XB - M			
	FS - M					9 Tom Milner	1066 Field Archers	598	7	1	Neil Melton	HFA	886	24
1		Independent	806	18		0 Mick Maxen	Cloth of Gold	598	4					
2	Doug Shaw	Toft Hill	674	5		1 Bill Allender	1066 Field Archers	538	1					
						2 Steve Dickenson	HNA	534	2					
	HT - M					3 John Wilde	TFA	516	1					
		Bridgewood FAC	664	6		4 Kevin Hill	HFA	466	3					
2	David Moore	1066 Field Archers	652	9	1	5 Neill O'Brien	Cloth of Gold	460	1					
3	Neil Gamble		622	7	_									
4	Neil (Stan) Baxter	Excaliber	584	2		Peter Gil	lard Memorial Tankar	d winne	r with	the	highest Unlin	nited score - Gary Cole		1

Peter Gillard Memorial Tankard winner with the highest Unlimited score - Gary Cole