Clash of the Classics Shoot Report

The battle lines have been drawn with two giants of the traditional archery world going up against each other, extraordinarily different styles for the decisive honour of being crowned the greatest.

This day has been long awaited by many traditional archers with no shortage volunteers to meet the challenge, testing their mettle even if they haven't shot the class before! Everybody wanted in, but you needed the right bow, not a problem here, bows were borrowed, lent and cautiously held but after a few arrows, some cursing, it was I've got this!



The sun shone through the dappled canopy, bathing the newly acquainted and veteran archers, anticipating the call to arms for battle to commence.

We firstly, need to acknowledge Jed, this is his conception to bring the absolute challenge with 'proper bows'. He entertained us with a few words, making sure we played nice and threw in some spicy 'Jed' repartee to rile up the spirits, then let us loose to fight it out.

There were lots of multitasking for the Black Arrow members, jumping between roles with some joining the fray to enjoy a few arrows...well it

would be rude not to! Chris and Leyla cleared Admin in record time making short work of organising a few peg

changes with Hazel taking to be a paparazzi and marshalling too! Catering was once again incredible with Hazel and Leyla (see multitasking already, so much energy!) feeding the ravenous company with lots of wonderful delights and making sure there was plenty of cake too! And it was most excellent which we can all attest!



We were all pegged, the horn was blasted and we were off to an interesting start with lots of laughter and ribbing from the wayward to the extraordinary spectacular first shots.



We all knew it was a battle but sometimes it's more about having a lot of fun, dramatically failing to hit anything and trying something new for a change, which this was at Black Arrow woods. There were a few blanks, arrows being sent back to nature and the odd tree being struck to the triumphant call of TREFEFEFEFEFE!!! Yep, I and few fell fowl of the trees at 'Slim Jim', hitting the trees countless times with splintering success to the annoyance of the wasps! Someone

had to pay price and that was Pat taking one for the team.

There was an excellent array of bows on offer for the two classes with many differing styles, woods, variations and all pristinely looked after.



We had some good rivalries going off between the groups and here are two well-known titans for the Primitive class, Pat and Woody. They were both focussed and shooting well taking particular care to acknowledge the unruly shots for each other, wincing at the perfect kills when they slammed home but really enjoying having some good old sport.



The marshals were ever ready, moving around the loops to help and provide judgement on shots, some judgments more welcomed than others but all taken in good faith as we expect with our great community.

The atmosphere was amazing with brilliant weather, perfect shooting conditions. A very tense medal ceremony was held with plenty of applause for the winners and newcomers to the style considering the new title to behold. So, who won you're asking was it the Longbow or the Primitivewell here's the winner of the highest score,

Ken and the new owner of a prized self-Osage bow no less! Ken posted the highest score and he shot the *Longbow!* Great job, now we have a winner ready to be tested next time and defend his crown!



We were very lucky with a *Journey with Arrows*' to film the event and provide a captivating insight into the day, showing just how much fun you can have with great company.

Checkout the link, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKGEY-LK14I



Thanks for the great feedback, there will be another 'Clash' and next time it will be bigger, more challenging and watch this space for a few new styles too! This could be the decisive Clash of the 'Titans'! The old vs the new, who will hold their nerve and take on the overwhelming might of the longbow to be crowned the greatest this time!

The Riddler tried to get in on the action posting a scorecard marked up as primitive after shooting his recurve, but there's no getting past Leyla, Guardian of the Scoreboard, who ousted and vanquished him. Better luck next time Riddler, we thought the Joker had put you up for this one! However, just look at him, musing and mulling over new and ever more inspiring shots to out fox you.

He's undeniably up to something, so get practicing for next time and prepare to beat his course if you dare, he'll be going all out to best you all! Huge thanks to everyone from archers, members and volunteers, who made this day a victory and a new date for the calendar.



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September 23rd 2023 Open Shoot 40 target course

Overall Winners

First Name	Last Name	Style	Score
Ken	Adams	LB - Mens	582
Graham	Woodhouse	PV - Mens	576
Steve	Mee	PV - Mens	572
Sue	Fenyn	LB - Ladies	562

Longbow - Mens

First Name	Last Name	Score
Ken	Adams	582
John	Cottrel	548
Andy	Griggs	542
lan	Bennet	540
Rob	Marshall	530
Mark	Tarbuck	522
Dave	Wood	512
Adrain	Stawicki	482
Phil	Hiat	482
Jonathan	Hill	478
Graham	Baker	448
Steve	Turner	402
Andy	Smith	390
Gary	Powel	390
Colin	Wood	390
Darren	Evans	344
Brian	Simcox	340

Longbow – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Score
Sue	Fenyn	562
Jan	Booth	516
Elanor	Cottrel	394 (1 spot)
Zoey	Plater	394
Carol	Turner	382
Cat	Chandler	360
Amanda	Burgess	330
Wendy	Young	264

Primitive (PV) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Score
Graham	Woodhouse	576
Steve	Mee	572
Pat	Morrow	530
Jacek	Kaminski	518
Neil	Beeby	476
Chris	Moreton	446
Taha	Uthmani	444
Rob	Hickey	436
Pete	Smith	432
Jonathan	Brazel	428
Andrew	Booth	396
Dave	Brown	350
Tom	Smith	340
Matt	Leksander	252
Masoud	Shirazi	Non-Comp
Kiarash	Shirazi	Non-Comp

Primitive (PV) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Score
Tracey	O'Keefe	366