



20th Anniversary April Shoot Report



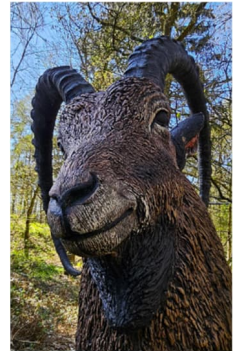
We've all been waiting for it, and it's finally arrived!

20th Black Arrow Anniversary Shoot!!!

This is the big one, it's the standout event on the calendar, Black Arrow have pulled out all the stops and, yeah, this is going to be a shoot to remember!

There has been no rest over the Winter and into Spring, it's been all hands to the pumps, proper thinking by many and an amazing amount of willpower to improve the course, providing the enhanced shots you expect from us, but with a few twists and turns to make it really interesting and of course enjoyably challenging.

We've kept a few favorites, like the '***ibex experience***' and it's still proving to be an experience....! However, we've changed up some favs too, like the Panther, included a dinosaur and made the Black Arrow Shot too! All created to give the impression of, that's an agreeably easy shot for a kill, until I didn't think it was that close or how did I miss that! Lots of illusionary tactics deployed, embracing the natural features that have been specially arrayed and you know this is the **Riddler** at his best. He's brought in help too, drawing on others imagination and inspiration becoming a hivemind of making the impossible, possible 🤖!



A big shout out to KG Archery and Custom Built Archery for supporting the shoot.



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Who are we?

Black Arrow Field Archers was founded in October 2005 by experienced archers with the goal of creating a friendly club to introduce people to field archery. The club offers Archery Experience packages for beginners and experienced archers alike, including one-off tasters.

Initially, the club was based in a 5-acre woodland between Derby and



Belper, Derbyshire. However, due to the sale of access to this land, the club relocated in March 2015 to a larger woodland area near Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire

where we continue to thrive, building on the legacy and firmly establishing the Black Arrow Field Archers for everyone to enjoy.

Before we dive into the main event, let's take a moment to appreciate the unsung heroes of the day—the catering team! These culinary magicians keep us energised with their endless array of mouth-watering treats and, of course, those legendary cakes.

Speaking of cakes, the chocolate cake was so good it practically had its own fan club. Seriously, it was next level! But, in a plot twist worthy of a crime drama series, there wasn't enough chocolate cake to go around.



I missed out too, but I did manage to bag a cookie!

Let's not forget, our archers are not just aiming for the kills—they're aiming for that next slice of cake. Because nothing says "victory" like a mouthful of sugary goodness. So, here's to the catering team, the true powerhouse behind every winning shot!



We're supporting Prostate Cancer and have introduced "**Gutterball**", a funny and really compelling shot to raise awareness with every arrow shot.

This is a really important topic to raise awareness and with your support we've raised over **£600** on the day, amazing and thank you all 🙌!



It looks easy and is a fun shoot, but boy is it hard to hit.

Well done to all the archers and those who persisted and they did, to finally beat it and claim the ultimate glory of **Gutterball** winner!



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We've had a great turn out with over 155 archers all rearing to experience the newly established course with plenty of thought-provoking and fascinating targets, so that's exactly what we did and made it happen!

Our Admin team totally owned it as usual,



archers straight in and out with no messing! But would you even try... really!!

The customary brief on safety was delivered, the new Black Arrow shot

explained and, of course, the call for fair play 😊, then a nice saunter down the lane to peg one for the start for some of the archers!



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The new Black Arrow shot is the new marmite, you either love it or hate it depending on whether you hit it! This special one-off shot has been designed to celebrate the club's history and add a bit more fun to the mix plagiarizing on the Black Arrow moniker.

Here's the lowdown on the shot, the quarry are three hogs suitable situated up a gently rolling shot with the Hogfather catching the eye. Now, that sounds easy I hear you say,

three targets, you can't miss!!!!

However, here's the bind, you must nominate your hog first and then you only have one arrow to make the shot but it's double points though, 32, 40 or the ultimate kill 48!

Yeah, it's a gamechanger, big points and this did put the cat amongst the pigeons. With the pressure mounted, archer's carefully viewed the targets for any quick wins considering this could be a decider for 1st

place or a good old jab in the ribs of, yeah mate, it was an easy one and I smashed...wink, wink, nudge, nudge!!!





Remember **Freddie** from last time?

Even more focused, with a compound now, racking up kills like they are going out of fashion, well most of the time.

The chocolate bet was agreed, but no 24 🤪, so the Lindt eggs went to his mum to Freddie's surprise, but he started to hustle by saying if he got more 24s, he could win them back 🤪 🤪.

We played along all day and at the end he won them back 😊 👍.

The Marshals were sweeping around the course supporting scoring and finding the errant arrows but really not many to find this time... nice going guys.

We still have one behind the owl purchased well into a tree besieged by plenty of mud and water... we'll need waders to get that one later 🤪 🤪 🤪.



The '**ibex experience**' is a joy to behold, looking majestic, enticing you in and a firm favorite of the club and visiting archers.

We had some great shooting here with the amazing sunlight with some high scores being received too!





We've had a variety of bow styles this time.

Archers trying different setups and styles to gain the definitive scores and best the course... isn't that right

Freddie 👍



We've introduced some novel and exciting shots this time, but let's not carp on about it 😊 especially with this intriguing one. It definitely made a splash!



And this one too!



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and here's a few more!



The newly featured Panther shot really did get



a second look by most archers, it's another mind-boggler for sure.

It's nestled well within the fallen trees, stalking its prey, perfectly situated with the shadows and natural foliage to present a most breathtaking and splendid shot.

Certainly to become a new favorite alongside

the Ibex, bear and carp to name just a few!

It's time to celebrate the winners and runners up with medals presented this time on our newly made and bespoke podium providing a little more flare and grandeur to the proceedings. Congratulations to all the winners!





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Gutterball Champions

Amazing shooting guys... thanks for supporting us and raising awareness

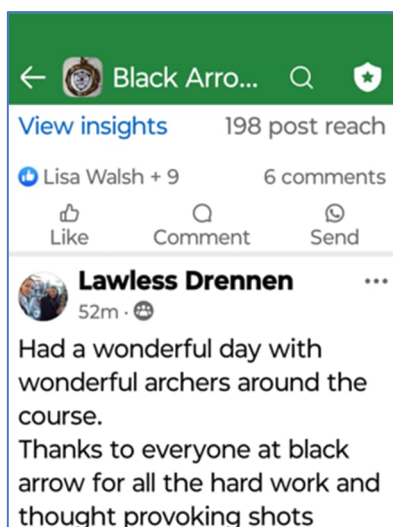
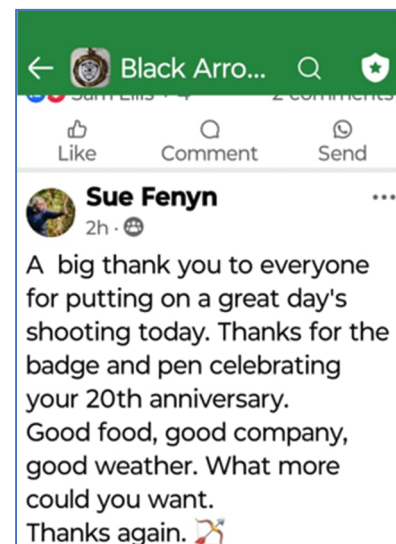
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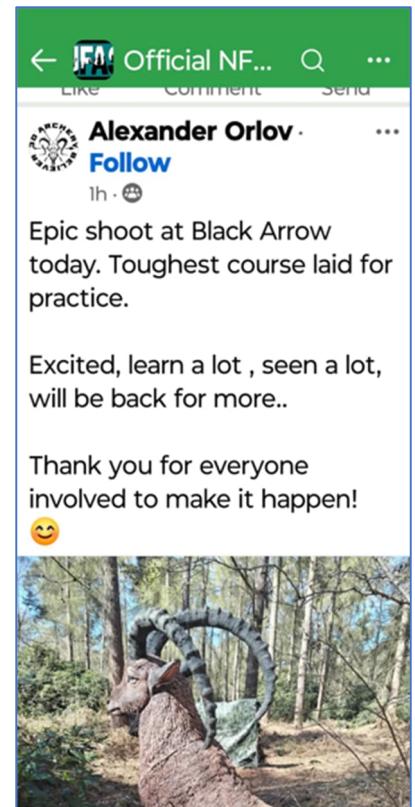
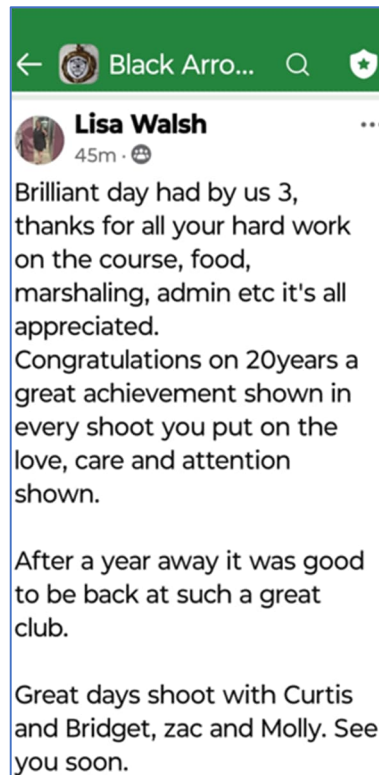
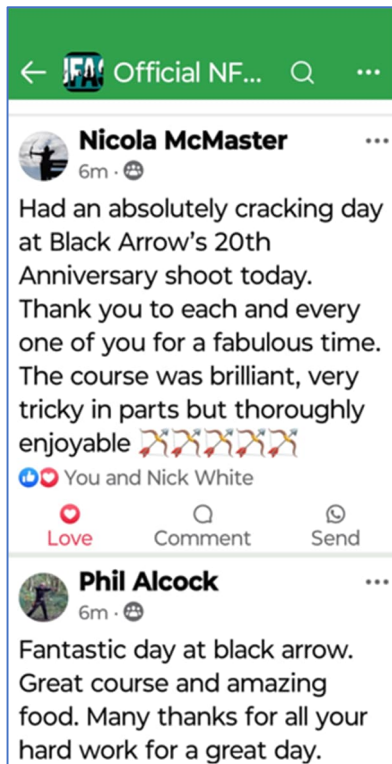
Your feedback has been tremendous, we're so pleased and thankful to have given you a shoot to enjoy and remember fondly whilst being challenging and fun. Your positive feedback helps us to drive harder and go bigger each time for your next visit.



A big thankyou to our members and volunteers, making it a successful day and an enormous thankyou to you guys for your continued and steadfast support.

We just couldn't do it without you!





We look forward to welcoming you back to Black Arrow woods to enjoy a few more arrows on the **22nd June**.

Are you ready for the next challenge the Riddler puts out?



Remember he's keeping an eye on you!



Black Arrow 20th Anniversary shoot

April 6th 2025 Open Shoot
38 target course (Max score 936)

American Flatbow (AFB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Jeff	Tullin	Forest Bowmen	524	2
Eric	Jones	Kings Clipstone	452	2
Neil	Collier	Forest of Arden	452	1
Brian	Ford	Wyre Hall Archers	442	2
Philip	Wood	Paget de Vesey	424	2
Zac	Walsh	Independent	392	2
Stephen	Robinson	Acorn Archers	388	

American Flatbow (AFB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Mary	Hargest	SVYF	456	1
Joy	Rudge	Paget de Vessay	384	3
Rachel	King	WASP	360	3
Lana	Waters	Independent	312	
Lisa	Walsh	Independent	216	

American Flatbow (AFB) – Under 16 Girls

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score
Ellie	Priest	Kings Clipstone	400

Barebow (BB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Joe	Ward Tucker	SOS	704	3
Rob	West	Pines Park Archers	686	5
Robin	Martin	SVYF	660	6
Martin	Greenway	Independent	656	5
Andrew	Witham	Audley Parish Bowmen	656	4
Darryl	Salt	Duvelle	648	5
Laucon	Drennan	HighCross	630	3
Steve	Parsons	Briar Rose FA	612	2
Mark	Jenkins	Worcester Woodland Archers	600	4
Garry	Edgington	Harlequin	598	3
Harry	Boyce	Nemesis	570	
Terry	Hicks	South Birmingham Archers	558	3
Peter	Lowe	Independent	548	3
Gary	Weston (NC)	South Birmingham Archers	548	1
Chris	Lawton	Forest Of Arden Bowmen	540	2
Frank	Hartshorn	Lyme Valley Archers	480	
Ray	Floodgate	Acorn Archers	414	

Barebow (BB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Nicky	McMaster	Independent	610	4
Sharon	Jones	Briar Rose Field Archers	542	1
Ewa	Lawton	Forest Of Arden Bowmen	540	2
Anne	Moon	Briar Rose	502	
Wendy	Hewkin	Independent	476	
Maureen	West	Pines Park Archers	474	3
Linda	Crossley	Forest Bowmen	472	
Sophie	Meakin	Castle bowmen	436	1
Anna	Wood	Paget de Vesey	232	

Bowhunter (BH) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Adie	Morgan	Pines Park	744	11
Ed	Kovac	Forest Bowmen	662	4
Reece	Morgan-west	Pines Park	620	6

Bowhunter (BH) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Sam	Ellis	Harlequin	536	2

Bowhunter (BH) – Under 16 Girls

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score
Molly	Walsh	Independent	328

Compound Limited (CL) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Dazz	Green	Harlequin	632	2

Compound Limited (CL) - Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Terri	Boyce	Nemesis	710	5

Freestyle (FS) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Curtis	Tatner	LOAFAC	804	12
Sam	Ward Tucker	SOS	772	12
Thomas	Blount	Pines Park	628	5
Simon	Cowans	Derwynd	608	5
Jordan	Cunliffe	Spirit of Sherwood	DNF	

Freestyle (FS) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Bridget	Evans	LOAFAC	798	14
Erica	Williams	Dearne Valley	626	4

Crossbow (XB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Edward	Leeming	Centaura Field Bowmen	782	14
Mike	Williams	Cheshire Oak Bowmen	672	4

Hunting Tackle (HT) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Andrea	Ternant	SOS	478	
Julia	Baker	Independent	462	
Carole	Evans	Kings Clipstone	458	1
Verity	Mills	Wyre Hall Archers	386	1
Stephanie	Weston	Paget de vesey	310	
Karen	Hibbs	Black Swan Archers	296	
Cassie	Blackwell	Kings Clipstone FAC	228	

Hunting Tackle (HT) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Steve	Hipgrave	Independent	684	5
Graham	Lord	Team Firebird	598	7
Paul	Baker	Independent	588	
Michael	Smith	Wasp	564	1
Guy	Birkin	Annesley	560	2
Owen	Sankey	Castle Bowmen	534	3
Ian	Bennett	Harlequin	534	1
Mark	Mawson	Wyre Hall Archers	530	2
Lawrence	Hogan	Wyre Hall Archers	506	2
Tony	Parsons	Briar Rose FA	500	1
Chris	Moon	PDV	498	
Brian	Nash	Wasp	484	3
Chris	Reed	Annesley	456	1
John	Cottrell	Duvelle	414	1
Neil	Groeber	Independent	386	
Adam	Blackwell	Kings Clipstone FAC	270	
Roger	Hands	Independent	NC	

Thumb Draw (TD) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Israr	Khan	Co60	588	1
Fasal	Walayat	Riggwelter	560	1
Taha	Usmani	Wye Valley	556	
Richard	Waters	Independent	526	1
Waqqas	Suleman	Riggwelter	504	1

Longbow – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Kay-Leona	Hodgkinson	Artemis	462	
Sue	Fenyn	Kings Clipstone	432	1
Nancy	Godber	Duvelle	342	
Elenore	Cottrell	Duvelle	334	1
Wendy	Young	Paget de Vesey	302	
Mandy	Collier	Forest of Arden	192	

Longbow – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Duncan	Woollaston	Wye Valley	612	6
Steve	Whaplington	Spirit of Sherwood	596	2
Lee	Ankers	Robin hood archers	560	3
Dave	Wood	Paget de Vesey	512	2
Graeme	Hicklin	Kings Clipstone	512	1
Mark	Tarbuck	Paget de Vesey	512	
Jon	Rudge	Independent	508	1
Ken	Adams	Kings Clipstone	502	1
Tony	Dyal	LEFA	488	2
Aidas	Baksys	Pines Park	476	3
Rich	Beal	Cheshire Oak Bowmen	476	2
Pete	Evans	Paget de Vesey	470	3
Jeff	Holmes	Dearne Valley	376	
John	Hefford	Independent	346	
Brian	Chivers	Ronin Archers	292	

Primitive (PV) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Dave	Sanderson	Kings Clipstone FAC	500	3
Jonathan	Brazel	Independent	478	2
Matt	Bowley	Black Swan	476	
Pat	Morrow	Black Swan	444	1
Tom	Smith	Harlequin	310	1
Grot	Davis	Lincoln longbows	278	

Primitive (PV) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Clare	Akeroyd	Derwynd	356	1

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Lauren	Jennings	Dearne Valley	460	2

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Gavin	Payne	LEFA	700	10
Tony	Young	South Hams	692	6
Mark	Treadwell	LEFA	660	4
Nick	Tunncliffe	Harlequin	642	2
Adrian	Tunncliffe	Harlequin	642	2
David	Sankey	Dearne Valley	614	3
Andy	Shelton	South Hams	614	2
Grant	Gilbert	Audley Parish bowmen	606	3
Andrew	Burns	Black Sheep Archers	602	4
Dennis	Lownds	Audley Parish	592	
Pat	Calvert	Delamere Field Archers	580	4
Phil	Alcock	Audley Parish bowmen	578	2
Rob	Jones	Briar Rose Field Archers	566	
Peter	McKeag	Annesley Archers	564	4
Adrian	Leeming	Centaura Field Bowmen	556	2
Dave	Woodcock	Audley Parish Bowmen	550	1
Phil	King	LEFA	544	2
Sean	McCormick	Harlequin	512	
Matt	Lilliker	Dearne Valley	464	
Mark	Ramsden	Black Swan	380	1
Guy	McKeag	Annesley Archers	340	1

Unlimited (UL) – Mens

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Tim	Chatfield	Audley Parish	900	29
Paul	Farrimond	Audley Parish	886	28
Andrew	Wood	Paget de vesey	880	24
Gareth	Walkley	Independent	864	25
Paul	Graham	Independent	864	25
Liam	Etches	Independent	864	23
Steve	Langton	LEFA	848	23
Lee	Gardecki	Harlequin	846	23
Matt	Farnham	LEFA	842	18
Andy	Etches	Independent	836	18
Paul	Weddle	LEFA	836	17
Tony	Moulton	LEFA	822	18
Nick	Wadey	Ronin Archers	818	21
Alex	Orlov		818	16
Hayden	Bannister	Harlequin	790	11
David	Whapplington	Spirit of Sherwood	778	10
David	Blount	Pines Park	740	11
Paul	Mucha		714	9
Paul	Thomas	Paget De Vercy	516	1
Jason	Beckett	Team Firebird	DNF	

Unlimited (UL) – Ladies

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Chris	Hall	Independent	682	5

Unlimited (UL) – Under 12 Boys

First Name	Last Name	Club	Score	Spots
Freddie	Wood	Paget de Vesey	782	14
George	Jones	Briar Rose Field Archers	592	3