



*In Memory of  
Chris Brain*

# *In Memory of Chris Brain Shoot*

*Today, we pause to recognise and honour a very special member of our company, someone who left us far too soon, but whose spirit remains firmly woven into the heart of our archery family. Chris loved this sport with a passion and it was through his enthusiasm, warmth and encouragement that so many of us first picked up a bow. He would want nothing more than to see us all enjoying the archery he cared for so deeply.*

*It is with profound sadness that we remember Chris, who passed away on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March. His loss has left a space that will be deeply felt not only across our club, but in the hearts of all who had the privilege to know him.*

*Chris brought joy wherever he went with his warm smile, his good-natured banter and his unwavering positivity. He had a rare gift for lifting spirits and inspiring others, encouraging us not only to become better archers, but better people. His kindness, enthusiasm and genuine love for the sport created an atmosphere we will always cherish.*

*The world has lost a truly great man. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to his family, his friends and everyone who feels the weight of his absence today.*



*In Chris' inimitable style, it's game time! So, let's jump right into it as he'd be hounding us already to get set, carpark manned, admin prepped, marshals primed, course checked and food cooked ready (most important part, he did love his cake!) to welcome our visiting archers and have a great day of shooting!*

*The call was heard and full company of archers rose to the challenge to take on the newly improved, subtly enticing and devilishly intriguing course. Oh yes... the Riddler has been at it all winter to make sure he can outthink, hoodwink and downright blatantly trick your senses before he lulls you into a false sense of security and he makes you think what happened there?????*



*Well.... Let's read on and to see if he's finally got one of you or you've bested him once again!*

*We've all seasons this week prior to the shoot with rain, wind, hail and snow!... literally every type of weather endured but day held okay with some drizzle and cleared towards the end of the day.*



*Mike took centre stage, welcomed the company and took a minute to reflect on our missing friend where we gave a rousing applause as he would have hated a silence, he liked it to be loud, fun and enjoyable. He ensured we all knew the rules especially keeping us all safe with his usually repartee and only one peg change. Now that's what*

*you call smooth Admin, but that's what you expect with our Madame President, Lynne, presiding.... I can't remember if we, courtesy, bow, salute or grovel 🙏🙏🙏.*

*Hazel, Stef, Liz and Layla absolutely astounded us with a veritable feast from breakfast, lunch and tea, but most importantly shed loads of cake!!!! Absolutely cracking with the archers and marshals fully fuelled against the weather ready to champion the course. Yes, the coffee cake and chocolate orange brownies were a hit with piping hot brew.*

*Our other Mike was out snapping and cajoling archers, in a nice way of course, to deliver awe inspiring pics*



*under his auspicious lens bringing many a smile and good belly laugh as he dodged the drizzle. The camera doesn't like the wet, just like our Mike!*

*Two shots from the starting pistol and we're off with*



*spirits buoyed, archers straightaway started poking fun at each with hilarious banter and many a joke to stave off the cold.*

*This year the course was a little more challenging with a massive dose of fun thrown, however, a goodly number of kills followed, but some misses to the Riddler's delight.*

*The Ibex still stands and impresses just goading you into that shot you must make, which some did but others will have to try again next time. There's a reason it's called the Ibex experience and it's one to beat!*





*We had a few lucky shots and here's one for the old skool, a proper spinal tap!*

*There were a few lucky legs and Hogbert took three in a row too, nice grouping. Leo the lion is another great shoot, smartly mounted*



*and catching a few archers out, it's that Riddler again playing with your senses or is it the pegs again???*



*Freddie continues to impress us with every visit and this time his got another new bow which is literally the same size as him!*

*As his dad said, he'll grow into it and only having it two days, he insisted on shooting it too.*

*Well done, Freddie, it's always great*

*catching up and having a laugh with you to hear how you're winning those 24s.*





*We had a plethora of bows on show from the traditional to the ultra modern with a few traditional crossbows coming into their own.*

*Mike Strong continued to impress and took it a step further using a tree no less and living up to his name 😊 🤪 😊 🤪.*

*Marshals wandered and weaved around the course, helping to make those all important scoring decisions with a few line cutters, some winning with a fat arrow rescue! Why people shot skinny ones is beyond me 🤪.*

*They kept the company rolling along with very few arrows lost, great going guys and the majority returned for another go.*



*The raffle and medal ceremony was a welcome break from the drizzle that had lasted a few hours but didn't dampen the spirits with applause for both the battle hardened winners and newcomers alike.*



*Now let's see who took the top spots, bathed themselves in glory and impressed the company on the day!*



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*Thanks for all the amazing feedback! It really does make all the preparation and hard work well worth it especially knowing you enjoyed yourselves and had a good experience with us.*

*We very much look forward to seeing you again on 7<sup>th</sup> June, it's going to be another exciting one with plenty of opportunity to best your scores, annoy the Riddler*

*and enjoy the Black Arrow Woods.*



**Lara Franklin** · 46m

Had an absolutely amazing time at our first Black Arrow today. Thank you so much 🏹❤️

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**Geoff Smith** · 18m

Thanks to all team for another cracking shoot loved the standing ibex shot 🤔

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**Taha Uthmani** ·

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2h · 🌐

Thank you all at Black Arrow for hosting an amazing open shoot. It was a little wet and cold but meeting you folks kept the spirit warm. Till next time 🏹.



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**Andrew Booth**

11h · 🌐

Thank you to all of the team for a great day at Black Arrow. Brilliant company with Kath and Mark Harrison, Jan and of course Jessie who loved the mud and muck as usual! It was a great shoot but it was the ladies showing us gents how to do it again! Thank you for all the hard work from Black Arrow.



**Nathan Vaughan**

1h · 🌐

Brilliant day at Black arrow today! Great course and great company! The weather wasn't even able to put too much of a dampener on it ! Thank you to everyone involved! We ... more



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Thank you to Black Arrow for a fab day great course and fab group with plenty of banter

Thank you to all at Black Arrow for a good but soggy shoot and to **Joy** for her company. Fantastic catering as usual 🙌



**Victoria Nossek**

Just now · 🌐

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*A big thankyou to all the archers, volunteers and members who made the day such a great success.*

*You brought the fun, the banter and the smiles which Chris would have loved!*



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*Rest well  
Chris  
You will be  
greatly missed  
but never  
Forgotten!*





## Black Arrow Spring Open

29/03/2026  
36 target course (max score 864)

### American Flatbow (AFB) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Julie Hodgson	Viper	558	2
2	Sharon Jones	Briar Rose	496	0
3	Joy Rudge	Paget De Vasey	472	1

### American Flatbow (AFB) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Mark Hodgson	Viper	532	4
2	Chris Reed	Annesley Archers	502	1
3	Rob Jones	Duvelle	488	2
4	Philip Wood	Paget De Vasey	464	1
5	Steve Dawes	Independent	448	2
6	Brian Ford	Wyre Hall Field Archers	432	1
7	Mark Mawson	Wyre Hall Field Archers	364	-
8	Steve Lovell	Robin Hood Longbowmen	276	1

### American Flatbow (AFB) / U12B

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Freddie Wood	Paget De Vasey	520	0

### American Flatbow (AFB) / U16B

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Isaac Jones	Duvelle	438	1

### Barebow (BB) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Nicky Mcmasters	Independent	588	4
2	Nancy Godber	Duvelle	528	1
3	Ewa Lawton	Forest Of Arden Bowmen	524	0
4	Lara Franklin	South Birmingham Archers	432	3
5	Fiona Phillips	Briar Rose	416	2
6	Emma Sulway	South Birmingham Archers	400	1
7	Tracy Johnson	Pines Park Archers	356	-

### Barebow (BB) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Geoff Smith	Viper	688	8
2	Tom Johnson	Pines Park Archers	652	7
3	Jo Ward-tucker	Pines Park Archers	634	6
4	Martin Greenway	Independent	618	6
5	Graham Lord	Team Firebird	614	2
6	Chris Lawton	Forest Of Arden Bowmen	612	4
7	Terry Hicks	South Birmingham Archers	608	5
8	Mark Jenkins	Worcester Woodland Archers	608	4
9	Ken Sparham	Aurora	598	5
10	Tony Moulton	LEFA	590	3
11	Garry Edgington	Independent	582	2
12	Pete Lowe	Independent	542	3
13	Richard Franklin	South Birmingham Archers	496	3
14	Gary Weston	South Birmingham Archers	NC	-

## Bowhunter (BH) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Kath Harrison	Team Firebird	570	2
2	Sam Ellis	Harlequin	524	–

## Bowhunter (BH) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Paul Anstee	Forest Of Arden	746	14
2	Adie Morgan	Pines Park Archers	724	11
3	Kieran Grundon	Aurora	672	8
4	Reece Morgan-west	Pines Park Archers	588	1
5	Andrew Booth	Independent	546	3
6	Trevor Borrington	Hanson	DNF	–

## Bowhunter (BH) / U12B

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Jacob Biddle	Worcester Woodland Archers	484	0

## Compound Limited (CL) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Phil Johnson	SVYF	662	6
2	Dazz Green	Harlequin	578	4

## Freestyle (FS) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Thomas Blount	Pines Park Archers	656	8
2	Martin Joy	Aurora	638	6
3	Darryl Salt	Duvelle	486	2
4	Josh Earith	Centaura Field Bowmen	472	2

## Hunting Tackle (HT) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	JULIA BAKER	Independent	438	2
2	Verity Mills	Wyre Hall Field Archers	396	1
3	Carole Evans	Kings Clipstone	390	–
4	Ann Marie	Kings Clipstone	296	1
5	Donna Lovell	Robin Hood Longbowmen	248	–

## Hunting Tackle (HT) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	PAUL BAKER	Independent	616	4
2	Rob Jones	Briar Rose	586	4 (9 20s)
3	Guy Birkin	Annesley Archers	586	4 (4 20s)
4	Ian Bennett	Harlequin	520	0
5	John Cottrell	Duvelle	450	2
6	Jake Owen	Robin Hood Longbowmen	364	–

## Longbow (LB) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Ellie Priest	Kings Clipstone	412	3
2	Jan Booth	Independent	394	1
3	Elenore Cottrell	Duvelle	378	–
4	Wendy Young	Paget De Vasey	372	1
5	Erica Williams	Dearne Valley	354	–
6	Anna Wood	Paget De Vasey	300	0

Longbow (LB) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	<b>Steve Whapplington</b>	<b>Spirit Of Sherwood</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>2</b>
2	<b>Jon Rudge</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>2</b>
3	<b>Mike Strong</b>	<b>Afan Nedd</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>4</b>
4	Dan Sambrook	Paget De Vasey	518	2
5	Ian Harber		512	2
6	Dave Wood	Paget De Vasey	510	3
7	Mark Tarbuck	Paget De Vasey	506	–
8	Ken Adams	Kings Clipstone	498	1
9	John Pendleton	Duvelle	474	1
10	Brian Carter	Robin Hood Longbowmen	440	–
11	Gareth Usher		430	2
12	Dave Gillette	Paget De Vasey	420	2
13	Graeme Hicklin	Kings Clipstone	420	1
14	Dave Riley	Robin Hood Longbowmen	412	1
15	John Richardson	Kings Clipstone	408	1
16	Presley O'connell	Robin Hood Longbowmen	404	–
17	Adam Holder	Robin Hood Longbowmen	386	–
18	Jeff Holmes	Dearne Valley	356	1
19	Stewart Atkinson	Independent	348	0
20	Graham Suffolk	Robin Hood Longbowmen	340	–
21	Matt Mills	Robin Hood Longbowmen	330	2
22	Anthony Mills	Robin Hood Longbowmen	322	–
23	Graham Baker	Robin Hood Longbowmen	280	1

Primitive (PV) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	<b>Tracey O'keefe</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>2</b>

Primitive (PV) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	<b>Dave Sanderson</b>	<b>Kings Clipstone</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>–</b>
2	<b>Pat Morrow</b>	<b>Black Swan</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>2</b>
3	<b>Matt Bowley</b>	<b>Duvelle</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1</b>

Traditional Bowhunter (TB) / Ladies

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	<b>Lauren Jennings</b>	<b>Dearne Valley</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>2</b>
2	<b>Charli Wright</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>2</b>
3	<b>Paula Fardell</b>	<b>Afan Nedd</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1</b>
4	Linda Crossley	Independent	DNF	–

**Traditional Bowhunter (TB) / Mens**

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Sam Ward-tucker	Pines Park Archers	692	9
2	Gavin Payne	LEFA	686	9
3	Nathan Vaughan	Blaidd Field Archers	636	4
4	Steve Langton	LEFA	600	4
5	Mark Biddle	Worcester Woodland Archers	600	3
6	Roger Hands	Independent	596	1
7	Nick Tunnicliffe	Harlequin	592	5
8	Dennis Lownds	Audley Parish	566	3
9	David Sankey	Dearne Valley	564	1
10	Matt Lilliker	Dearne Valley	536	1
11	Thomas Davies	Blaidd Field Archers	532	2
12	Will Park	Blaidd Field Archers	532	2
13	Adam Fardell	Afan Nedd	506	1
14	Martin Middleton	Dearne Valley	502	1
15	Rik Payne	Dearne Valley	498	2
16	Andy Wright	Independent	484	3
17	Adam Blackwell	Kings Clipstone Fac	438	0
18	Ed Kovac	Independent	DNF	-

**Thumb Draw (TD) / Ladies**

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Victoria Jones	Blaidd Field Archers	446	0
2	Abi Hardwick	First Digit	254	1

**Thumb Draw (TD) / Mens**

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Johnathan Brazell	Independent	604	3
2	Richard Waters	Independent	566	2
3	Derek Jones	Blaidd Field Archers	556	3
4	Taha Uthmani	Wye Valley	532	2
5	Dave Brown	Wyre Hall Field Archers	504	0

**Traditional Crossbow (TXB) / Mens**

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Kevin Alcock	Forest Of Arden	662	5
2	Robert Hickey	Centaura Field Bowmen	460	4

**Unlimited (UL) / Mens**

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Paul Weddle	LEFA	804	22
2	Matt Farnham	LEFA	794	22
3	Hayden Bannister	Harlequin	792	17
4	Tim Chatfield	Audley Parish	788	21
5	Paul Farrimond	Audley Parish	788	20
6	Alex Orlov	Company Of 60	780	18
7	Lee Gardecki	Harlequin	780	17
8	Curtis Tatner		774	19
9	David Blount	Pines Park Archers	774	18
10	Gary Mcmasters	Independent	772	19
11	Mark Harrison	Team Firebird	758	18
12	David Whappington	Spirit Of Sherwood	738	12
13	Jason Becket	Team Firebird	710	10

**Unlimited (UL) / U12B**

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	George Jones	Briar Rose	564	2

Crossbow (XB) / Mens

#	Name	Club	Score	Spots
1	Chris Hughes	Independent	648	6