

Cloth of Gold Open Shoot 1 October 2023

The final Cloth of Gold shoot of the year may have started out overcast but quickly became glorious sunshine showing our fantastic wood off at its autumn best.

Our cunning course layers had provided 2 x 20 3D shots with numerous targets set at ranges from 10m to 65m. The combination of heavy rain and sunshine through the summer months ensured we had luxurious green foliage throughout the woods. This gave lots of cover so the course never felt busy, while the targets had a lot of concealment to test the 97 competitors who took part in the shoot.

Fuelled by the canteens famous breakfast Paninis and after a safety briefing the shooters threw themselves into the competition with gusto, only taking breaks for a quick pit stop for lunch and homemade cake.

As always the course managed to frustrate, confuse and delight everyone in various measures, with many people surprised at how much shooting we'd managed to squeeze into our small wood. Our rearing grizzly bear proved a popular target for the vista alone. Certainly everyone felt tested by the end and all the medal winners worked hard for their awards. It was good to see new faces on the podium, as well as welcome familiar ones back.

All NFAS bow classes were represented with the exception of Compound Limited (CL) and this shoot had a strong showing from Longbows (LB) and Thumb Draw (TD). It's always interesting to see with changing times and rules what class of bow archers want to shoot and how the different bows and shooting styles deal with the course. As hosts, we love nothing more than seeing smiling faces come back from a good days shooting and anticipate the positive comments we get from our visitors:

“Brilliant day out with great company”, “The woods looked stunning. All the targets were well placed and looked natural”, “Great course, one of the best ever” , “a straightforward course with no tricks and good for all bows”, “One of the best well thought out courses this year”.

Thanks to all who helped with setting the course, marshalling and catering the shoot itself and the clear-up afterwards and to everyone who came and took part to make this a great day out for all concerned.

We hope to have you back again for our first shoot of 2024 so keep an eye on our Facebook page for announcements.

Shoot Results

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American Flatbow (AFB)

Juniors

Name	Club	Final Score
Amy Wetherall	LB Heritage	334 - 1st

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Freda Marshall	Cof60	550 (3 spots) – 1st
Bella De Freitas	Black Eagle	550 – 2nd

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Pete McDermott	Westcott	690 – 1st
Simon Webster	Westcott	638 – 2nd
Paul Chittenden	Bridge Woods	628 – 3rd
James Brown	Ind.	518
Stephen Wetherell	Cof60	482
Paul Wilson	Cof60	460
Gerry May	LB Heritage	444
Barrie Cooper	Ind.	328

Barebow (BB)

Juniors

Name	Club	Final Score
Liam Sutton	Bridge Wood	570 - 1st
Megan Godman	Cof60	436 – 2nd

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Sue Dickenson	Tendring	662 - 1st
Georgina Brown	Ind.	604 – 2nd
Rungnapha Redwood	Bridge Wood	562 – 3rd
Zoe Burgess	Bridge Wood	446
Melanie Hart	HFA	382

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
John Hillsden	Orion	680 - 1st
Ken Sparham	Aurora	670 - 2nd
Lee Sutton	Bridgwood	654 - 3rd
Phil Trainor	Magic Dragon	652
Colin Radke	Noak Hill	640
Nigel Moynihan	Aurora	642
Marcus Redwood	Bridge Wood	592
Peter Humphrey	COLA	562
Tim Godman	Cof60	556
Stuart Oldman	Fleet Ibex	522
Richard Loose	MKFAC	490
Fraser Whieldon	Ind.	486
Peter Loose	MKFAC	446

Bowhunter (BH)

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Kieran Grundon	Aurora	638 - 1st

Traditional Bowhunter (TB)

Juniors

Name	Club	Final Score
Isabel Reece	SWAC	642 - 1st

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Jan Seed	Bridge Wood	632 - 1st

Rebecca Leach	Avalon	492 - 2nd
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Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Brett Field	SWAC	662 - 1st
Owen Biggs	COLA	660 - 2nd
Chris Perks	South Wilts	656 - 3rd
Graham Brown	Ind.	650
Paul Bromwich	Ind.	646
Kevin Hill	HFA	642
Roy Fisher	Bridge Wood	636
Lee Brown	Bridge Wood	630
Glenn Bolton	Bridge Wood	562
Mike Cullen	Black Eagle	546
Tim Seed	Bridge Wood	546
Peter Arterton	Bridge Wood	544
Steve Lucas	Aurora	522
Steve Dickenson	Tendring	518

Compound Limited (CL)

No competitors

Compound Unlimited (UL)

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Sarah Cope	Black Eagle	832 - 1 st

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Iain Cope	Black Eagle	940 - 1st
Karl Bowles	Avalon	932 - 2nd
Andy Williams	Black Eagle	928 - 3 rd
David Lovell	Black Eagle	908
David Stone	Black Eagle	814

Freestyle (FS)

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
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Martin Joy	Aurora	754 – 1st
Doug Shaw	Toft Hill	696 – 2nd

Hunting Tackle (HT)

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Sylvia Marshall	Cof60	552 - 1st

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Brendan Reese	S. Wilts	654 - 1st
Alan White	S. Wilts	566 - 2nd
Pete Whieldon	LEFA	564 - 3 rd
Cliff Meyer	Toft Hill	530
Terry Rendle	Magna Carta	512

Longbow (LB)

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Julie Fuller	LB Heritage	510 - 1st
Carol Pierce	LB Heritage	496 – 2nd
Sally Smith	Cof60	488 – 3rd
Katharine Roper	HFA	386
Emma Wetherall	LB Heritage	344
Julia Gradwell	Ind.	168

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Ian Watkins	Windrush	596 – 1st
Patrick Hutchinson	N. Somerset	554 – 2nd
Nick Murphy	COLA	520 – 3rd
James Walker	HFA	514
Stuart Fuller	LBH	466
Bryan Whyte	Cof60	448
Tony Wright	Magna Carta	400
+	Ind.	398

Primitive (PV)

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Carolyn Neville	Cof60	510 - 1 st

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Martin Ward	Windrush	432 – 1st
Ross Davis	Bridge Wood	352 – 2nd

Thumb draw (TD)

Ladies

Name	Club	Final Score
Denise Field	S Wilts	512 - 1st

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Sarfraz Aslam	First Digit	680 – 1st
Qasim Aslam	First Digit	656 – 2nd
Christopher Barker	Cof60	634 – 3rd
Taha Usmani	Wye Valley	622
Mahmud Syed	Cof60	586
Mubeen Mughal	Cof60	584

Crossbow (XB)

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Neil Melton	HFA	892 – 1st
Hugh Stalker	Westcott	820 – 2nd
John Newton	Westcott	780 – 3rd

Traditional Crossbow (TXB)

Men

Name	Club	Final Score
Andy Wetherell	LB Heritage	710 – 1st
Andy Neville	Fleet Ibex	646 – 2nd
Steve Wickenden	LB Heritage	600 – 3rd