

# Shoot Results

## Cloth of Gold Bowhunter Challenge 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Cloth Of Gold held its first shoot of 2025 on 29th June, we had an overcast start to the day while booking-in took place but it turned into a mixed day of overcast and bright sunshine and became quite hot and uncomfortable. With the recent heavy growth our woods looked their best for the 57 archers who took part and gave some shade but little respite from the heat.

Most of the shoots we organise follow the standard NFAS format and 'Big Game' scoring but we've been organising on a Bowhunter Challenge every summer for the last four years. This takes its format from the 'Bodnik Bowhunter Challenge' which has been taking place in Europe and in the UK over the last 10 years. It aims to recreate actual bowhunting situations and scenes. When hunting with traditional bows, shots further than 30 yards are rarely taken, so to keep it lifelike and challenging, all the distances shot are set up in realistic settings within the normal distances for bowhunting. In addition, the shoot rewards 'kills' while penalising 'wounds' on the target.



The 'Bodnik Bowhunter Challenge' only allows traditional wooden bows and arrows. To permit more bow styles to take part and to keep within NFAS shooting rules, our shoot was a 'Bodnik-style' shoot and open to all shooting styles with the exception of Compound bows, crossbows and sighted bows. This was purely for the purposes of target protection, due the shorter distances involved and the large number of smaller targets in use.

To emphasise the 'hunting' nature of the shoot, it emphasises 'kill' scores and so 'wounding' scores are penalised. This shoot needs to be taken as more of a personal challenge than a pure competition as points are easily lost by the smallest of margins.

We used three shooting classes in place of the usual 13 shooting styles we are accustomed to. These were, Class 1 – wooden arrows shot off the hand. Class 2 – wooden arrows shot off the shelf. Class 3 – Aluminium or carbon arrows shot off the hand or shelf.

To reduce the numbers of archers shooting on individual pegs we set a course of 2x23, 3D targets. The course was shot in one circuit of the full course shooting two arrows off the first (Red) peg with both arrows scoring 10 points for a kill and minus 2 points for a wound. Then after a break archers made their second circuit of the course shooting one arrow from the second (yellow) peg scoring 20 points for a 'kill' and minus 5 points for a 'wound'.

This gave a maximum possible score of 920 points but a minimum possible score of minus 207 points – best avoided. Misses were 0 points.

In addition to the short-range shots and our very generous scoring we also had our world-class catering tent in action to refresh and refuel archers through the day. We also had a bring-and-buy table provided for everyone to browse in passing which did a brisk trade in archery spares, bow bags and various accessories as well as some very nice bows put up for sale by club members and visitors. Some of our visiting thumb-draw archers set up an interesting display of horsebows and a good selection of thumb-draw shooting equipment.

At the end of the day, we were able to close the shoot at around 4.30pm and finish the day with 'Bowhunter challenge' medal awards for the winners and runners-up in all three classes taking part.

Again, we had nothing but positive comments on the shoot: "Your best course yet", "really tricky", "your course setters did a great job", "As always, very good", "worth coming just for the catering", "another fantastic day out", "brilliant day, brilliant course and brilliant company".



Thanks to everyone who came and shot round on the day and as always to our fantastic course setters, course marshals and caterers who did a fantastic job all day long in the heat of the catering tent, and to everyone who supports the club and keeps us active.

We'll hope to have you back again for our final shoot of the year on 28th September which will be an NFAS Open Shoot.

Results are as follows:

## **Class 1 – Wooden arrows shot off the hand Ladies**

| <b>Forename</b> | <b>Surname</b> | <b>Club</b> | <b>Class</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sylvia          | Marshall       | Cof60       | 1            | 131          |
| Freda           | Marshall       | Cof60       | 1            | 117          |
| Tracey          | Rodford        | Ind.        | 1            | 78           |
| Julia           | Gradwell       | Ind.        | 1            | -2           |

## **Men**

| <b>Forename</b> | <b>Surname</b> | <b>Club</b>     | <b>Class</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sarfraz         | Aslam          | Cof60           | 1            | 304          |
| Nick            | Murphy         | COLA            | 1            | 291          |
| Ian             | Watkins        | Windrush Bowmen | 1            | 260          |
| Alberto         | Martinelli     | Ind.            | 1            | 254          |
| Scott           | King           | Ind.            | 1            | 239          |
| Mahmud          | Syed           | Cof60           | 1            | 210          |
| Zghard          | Takal          | Cof60           | 1            | 176          |
| Tom             | Martin         | SWAC            | 1            | 122          |
| David           | Alvey          | Cof60           | 1            | 63           |
| Robert          | Webb           | Ind.            | 1            | 58           |
| Mohammed        | Mughal         | Cof60           | 1            | 16           |
| Martin          | Ward           | Windrush        | 1            | 8            |

## **Class 2 – Wooden arrows shot off the shelf. Ladies**

| <b>Forename</b> | <b>Surname</b> | <b>Club</b> | <b>Class</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Kim             | Lea            | Ratpack.    | 2            | 219          |

|          |           |             |   |     |
|----------|-----------|-------------|---|-----|
| Georgina | Brown     | Ind.        | 2 | 112 |
| Liz      | Robertson | LB Heritage | 2 | 72  |

## Men

| Forename | Surname    | Club         | Class | Score |
|----------|------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Brendan  | Reese      | SWAC         | 2     | 443   |
| Paul     | Chittenden | Bridge Woods | 2     | 343   |
| Graham   | Brown      | Ind.         | 2     | 273   |
| Alain    | Jacq       | Ind.         | 2     | 229   |
| Martin   | Joy        | Aurora       | 2     | 161   |

## Class 3 – Carbon or aluminium arrows shot off the hand or shelf.

### Juniors

| Forename | Surname    | Club | Class | Score |
|----------|------------|------|-------|-------|
| Isabel   | Reese (13) | Ind. | 3     | 322   |

### Ladies

| Forename | Surname | Club | Class | Score |
|----------|---------|------|-------|-------|
| Denise   | Field   | SWAC | 3     | 325   |
| Shauna   | Innell  | SWAC | 3     | 313   |
| Natalie  | Stones  | Ind. | 3     | 254   |
| Claire   | Potts   | SWAC | 3     | 215   |
| Sarah    | Tyrrell | SWAC | 3     | 155   |
| Linda    | Lehane  | Ind. | 3     | 122   |
| Shirley  | Beddoes | Ind  | 3     | 98    |
| Holly    | Elcock  | SWAC | 3     | 96    |
| Victoria | Baldwin | SWAC | 3     | 82    |

### Men

|        |          |              |   |     |
|--------|----------|--------------|---|-----|
| Terry  | Stevens  | Bridge Woods | 3 | 640 |
| Brett  | Field    | SWAC         | 3 | 611 |
| Aaron  | O'Shea   | Thornbury    | 3 | 608 |
| Owen   | Biggs    | COLA         | 3 | 580 |
| John   | Nicholls | SWAC.        | 3 | 468 |
| Nathan | Taylor   | Ind.         | 3 | 432 |
| Tim    | Young    | Ind.         | 3 | 423 |

|        |          |           |   |     |
|--------|----------|-----------|---|-----|
| John   | Hillsden | COLA      | 3 | 410 |
| Sorin  | Dediu    | Ind.      | 3 | 390 |
| Ian    | Elcock   | SWAC      | 3 | 380 |
| Daniel | Baitup   | Afan Nedd | 3 | 354 |
| Paul   | Bromwich | Cof60     | 3 | 304 |
| Mark   | Wiseman  | Ind.      | 3 | 276 |
| Hugh   | Chapman  | Ind.      | 3 | 247 |
| Matt   | Brown    | Windrush  | 3 | 228 |
| Nick   | Lea      | Ratpack   | 3 | 223 |
| Alan   | Hands    | Senlac    | 3 | 169 |
| Peter  | Humphrey | COLA      | 3 | 156 |
| Andrew | Lehane   | Ind.      | 3 | 145 |
| Shaun  | Bateman  | Cof60     | 3 | 127 |
| Ryan   | George   | Afan Nedd | 3 | 126 |
| Gareth | Pearson  | Noak Hill | 3 | 104 |
| Phil   | Marr     | Senlac    | 3 | -36 |