

~~~ Review of the Castle Bowmen Archery Year 2019 ~~~

As the year is ending we once more reflect on the awesomeness of Castle Bowmen.

The Club's numbers are well over the 100+ members mark, as it has been for quite a few years, keeping us one of, if not THE, biggest club in Wales.

Club of Champions

In 2019 our awesome archers won over 100 tournament medals, 7 County championship titles, numerous County & Welsh records, another 2 Welsh Champion titles, and also won the Barebow Team Medals at the WAA Inter-County Championships, Bath Archers WA1440, The Gloucester County championships (visiting team) and ended the year as the #1 Barebow team in the UK.

We once again have all the top ranked Barebow archers in Wales, plus plenty of UK ranking representation too.

Every member of Castle Bowmen shot exceptionally well over the year, many attaining new PB's (Personal Best scores) with 55 archers being awarded new Classification badges.

Chris O' and Kathy C' have both claimed their Master Bowman classifications this year (Kathy with an unofficial GMB). Along with Mike Wo' also regaining his MB classification and Sarah I' with her JMB these are the most Master Bowmen we've ever had in the club at any one time.

Planning ahead for next year we designed and ordered some new 50th anniversary club banners and quality pens to go with our existing Club flags for extra advertising for the club.

Mike Wo' was voted in as Glamorgan Archery Association Chairman, and Steve C' as the County Secretary.

Castle Bowmen Juniors

Castle Bowmen Juniors had some good success stories this year.

Sarah I', in her last year as a Junior, competed at the Junior Masters tournament in Oxford, and after a long day of shooting came 2nd in her age category.

Daniel H', also in his last year shooting as a junior, won the coveted title of Club Champion after winning the Club New Year H/C Shoot. Up and coming champion Emily C' competed in her first tournaments this year, and won many medals, as well as gaining her Bowman Classification.

Coaching

Our awesome coaches have been busy as always this year filling the demand for the archery courses, with lots of trainee archers turning up to be taught, and many of them going on to become full members of the club.

Castle Bowmen AGM

Castle Bowmen's AGM was well attended again and lots of important club business was discussed. The new committee, charged with the smooth running of the club, were sworn in and a full review of the year was given by Rick S', the Chairman. Before during and after the official proceedings the members who attended enjoyed a lovely buffet arranged by Steve C'. Rick also wished everyone good shooting in the year to come.

The Annual award for the archer making an exceptional contribution to the club, the 'Arthur Knighton' trophy, was presented to Kathy C' for her dedication and commitment to shooting and keeping up the morale the club.

Club Tournaments

We started 2019 with our customary cold New Year Handicap shoot to determine our club champion, which this year was awarded to Daniel H' from the Castle Bowmen Juniors.

Our other tournaments throughout the year were very well attended and greatly enjoyed by all:-

From the Easter shoot, the most chocolatey competition in Wales and also a Welsh Ranking event, The 'Val Goodman' Junior May Metrics (The Only annual Junior-Only 12 dozen round tournament in Wales) to the Doug Woodley mid summer WA900 shoot, all the visiting archers from other clubs agreeing they had a very enjoyable time.

And not forgetting our unique annual Club Team Head-to-Head Tournament in October, with many of Castle Bowmen's archers competing to win officially the biggest Archery medals in Wales, and the even more sought-after Losers Wooden spoon trophies.

Postal Leagues:-

In the winter-

Nearly all of our teams won their divisions in the Frostbite and Portsmouth Leagues and received shiny new winners badges.

In the summer-

6 out of our 8 teams won their Summer league divisions and all received their customary winners badges

Glamorgan Postal League-

9 Castle Bowmen teams win their divisions in the newly devised Glamorgan Postal league for the Summer.

Glamorgan County Team

Five archers from Castle Bowmen:- Mike Wo', Kathy C', Chris O' & Sarah I' (Barebow Team) and Michelle W' (Recurve Team) were chosen to be members of the Glamorgan County team for the WAA inter county championships held in West Wales.

Mike, Kathy, Chris, Sarah and Michelle also received individual category medals for winning their respective bowtype categories.

2019 Glamorgan County Champions:-

Caz' P' - Lady Barebow Champion (INDOOR)

Mike Wo' - Gent Barebow Champion (OUTDOOR)

Castle Bowmen Barebow team:-

Glamorgan County Champions (INDOOR)

Glamorgan Intercounty team Champions

Gloucestershire County Champions (VISITORS)

#1 ranked Barebow club in UK

Glamorgan county records claimed:-

Mike Wo' - National - Gent Barebow

Michelle W' - National - Lady Recurve

Wendy W' - St George - Lady Barebow

Emily C' - Short Jnr Windsor - Lady B/B U12

Chris O' - Windsor - Gent Barebow

Kathy C' - WA70m - Lady Barebow

Kathy C' - WA70m(Double) - Lady Barebow

Chris O' - Hereford - Gent Barebow

Mike Wo' - WA70m - Gent Barebow

Mike Wo' - WA70m(double) - Gent Barebow

Chris O' - Western - Gent Barebow

Michelle W' - Long Western - Lady Recurve

Chris O' - WA900 - Gent Barebow

Michelle W' WA900 - Lady Recurve

Caz' P' - WA900 - Lady Barebow (master)

Mike Wo' - WA70m(double) - Gent Barebow

Caz' P' - WA70m (double) - Lady Barebow

Caz' P' - WA70m (double) Lady Barebow (master)
Chris O' - Albion Round - Gent Barebow

2019 Welsh Outdoor Champions:-

Mike Wo' - Gent Barebow Champion

Welsh Records claimed:-

Mike Wo' - National - Gent Barebow
Wendy W' - St George - Lady Barebow
Chris O' - Windsor - Gent Barebow
Kathy C' - WA70m - Lady Barebow
Kathy C' - WA70m(Double) - Lady Barebow
Chris O' - Hereford - Gent Barebow
Mike Wo' - WA70m - Gent Barebow
Mike Wo' - WA70m(double) - Gent Barebow
Chris O' - Western - Gent Barebow
Mike Wo' - WA70m(double) - Gent Barebow
Caz' P' - WA70m (double) - Lady Barebow
Caz' P' - WA70m (double) Lady Barebow (master)
Chris O' - Albion Round - Gent Barebow

WELSH RANKINGS :-

Lady Barebow

Kathy C' at number 1
Caz' P' - #2
Sarah I' - #4

Gent Barebow

Mike Wo' at number 1
Chris O' - #2
Karl C' - #9
Ian M' - #10

Lady Recurve

Michelle W' - #7
Wendy W' - #12

Gent Recurve

Mike Bar' - #10
Rick S' - #16
Steve C' - #17

UK RANKINGS :-

Lady Barebow - Kathy C' = 12th
Lady Barebow - Caroline P' = 18th
Lady Barebow - Sarah I' = 27th
Lady Barebow - Wendy W' = 92nd

Gent Barebow - Mike Wo' = 4th
Gent Barebow - Chris O' = 8th

Lady Recurve - Michelle W' = 212th
Lady Recurve - Wendy W' = 226th

Gent Recurve - Rick S' = 193rd
Gent Recurve - Mike Bar' = 398th
Gent Recurve - Steve C' = 409th