

2012

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JANUARY 2012

Frostbite Results for. January : - Castle Bowmen Team B, 877, Bridlington 819.

Castle Bowmen Team A 961, Royal Leamington Spa A 970.

Well done Team B Good shooting !

Team A erm... well it was close.

Congratulations to Glenn for picking up a Silver medal at the Welsh Indoor Championips - Excellent shooting !

Glenn picked up Silver at St Kingsmarks FITA 18m - well done to him.

Congratulations to Paul on his Engagement

WELL DONE TO ROHAN, OLIVIA & BRENDAN WHO HAVE ALL COMPLETED THEIR RED FEATHER AWARDS.

To start the year as we intend to continue - The intrepid Castle members shot in the cold, wet and at times hailstones to complete the clubs annual handicap shoot - Shooting the newly devised Castle Bowmen round (4 dozen @ 40 yds shot in 4's). We expect record status next time . As usual the results will be announced at the club christmas dinner (as usual held in january)

FEBRUARY 2012 -

February frostbite results -

Team A- Matt Gray, Glenn Bell and Mike Woodfield, scored 984 beating Pendle & Samlesbury who could only manage 961.

Team B- Duncan Boughton, Jon Monk and Neil White scored 867 and their opponents Fakenham scored a measly 827.

Well done to all the archers that competed - and remember the teams aren't fixed - so shoot well on the day and you too could call yourself a member of the awesome shooting team that is.....Castle Bowmen.

Castle Bowmen once again ran the Glamorgan Indoor Championships on behalf of the county, and everything, as usual, was awesome , and everyone had a great shoot. Special mention to Veronica for being the only member of Castle to make it onto the leader board for her session.

Congratulations to Matt Gray, whose score of 345 in November was not only the highest score in our Team A's division 2, but also the joint highest November score in the entire Frostbite League.

MARCH 2012

A message for all members. Thanks to the tremendous generosity to members and their family and friends, the sponsored shoot has raised a magnificent £605 towards Daniel's cwctch fund. Sincere thanks to all who supported this effort and well done all !

Steve

March 18th- .FROSTBITE

Eccles= 975 v. CASTLE BOWMEN 'A' = 995

Perriswood Bowmen = 866 v. CASTLE BOWMEN 'B' = 880

SO we ended the Winter Frotsbite on a high - just have to see if we win the league for the 3rd yr running.

Just a note to members about Sunday's sponsored shoot.

Thank you to all who took part in the shoot, or contributed to Daniel's fund or sponsored friends at the Club taking part in the shoot. Thanks too to Mike and his wife for the little smily man biscuits. The weather was extremely kind to us on Sunday morning too. I will let members know the final tally on the 25 March, but thank you in advance to everybody at the club who have given their time, effort and support to Daniel and his family at this difficult time.

Kind regards

Steve C

APRIL 2012

CASTLE BOWMEN AGM - TUESDAY 24th April @ WOODS BRASSERIE - YEARLY AWARDS AND TROPHIES TO BE HANDED OUT -

plus a bit of official stuff but that won't take long :)

news for the Castle Bowmen Juniors :-

Hi All, Just a reminder that this coming Saturday is the second of our Junior Club Coaching sessions at the Heath - meet 9-30. Aim to finish by 12-00.

Fingers crossed for the weather - and dont forgrt those note books !!

If possible let me know if you are coming or not so we are prepared etc

Cheers

Rick

Well done to Steve for shooting his first competition 1st class score at the Easter shoot.

Castle Bowmen held its annual Easter Shoot on Easter Sunday - The weather was variable but the Easter eggs were plentiful and the shooting

was excelant from every competitor - Castle Bowmen taking the top 3 spots in the Gent Recurve division. So well done to all who entered,
And special thanks to everyone who helped, you all made the day a good one and are a credit to the club.

Starting our outdoor shooting season on the 1st of April - no it's not a joke :)

MAY 2012

**** Summer POSTAL UPDATE ****

Castle Bowmen Team A: Glenn Bell , Matt Gray , Nigel Jenkins Scored 1,902 vs. Alsager 1673
Castle Bowmen Team B : Mike Woodfield , Steve Chamberlain , Chris Mearns Scored 1507 vs. Dunstable who scored 1300
so first blood to Castle - keep up the good work

For Blandy Jenkins World Record Status FITA Castle sent an intrepid group to brave the heat to bring back medals - And they didn't dissapoint.

Chris, shooting Barebow took away a Gold medal and a PB (Personal Best score) AND !!!! It was a MB !!! (Master Bowmen) !! Score !!!!! so very well done.

In the Gent Recurve's Glenn Stole the Silver with a great score of 1174, while Mike put in a Season Best score of 1170 to acheive a solid 4th .

Wendy shot well in the Ladies Barebow category to take home a Bronze, and Steve shot very well to also score a Personal Best.

Steve and Chris travelled to Llandaff City Bowmens 'Westerns' Tournament on a diplomatic mission for Castle - They proceeded to raid the silver cabinet - so well done guys, keep up the good work. Steve took a nice silver medal for himself and a massive PB for the round with a score of 705, With Chris securing himself a Bronze medal and another PB for him too with 704.

Dear Postal League Colleagues,
The fixtures for Summer 2012 have now been published.
Our Team A is in Division 1 with a division score of 1800.
Our Team B is in Division 10 with a division score of 1475.
There are sixteen divisions in total.
Rory - Castle Bowmen Postal league co-ordinator

Check out the tournament calender for who we'll be beating this year.....umm i mean competing against this year.

June 2012

At Supermarine Bowmen's record status FITA near Swindon the bad weather didn't deter Castle Bowmen from shooting.

Glenn shot an awesome 1200+ score to bring home the Gent Recurve Gold medal and Trophy beating his nearest rival

by miles, and Chris shot supurbly well in the conditions to take home the Silver in the gents Barebow category and also

claiming an English Cross achievement badge as well.

New Classification badges have been awarded to those members who have consistently been shooting to a higher standard :-

3rd Class for Michelle

3rd Class for Mike

3rd Class for Jon

3rd Class for Alan

2nd Class for Terry

1st Class for Chris

Bowman for Wendy

Castle Bowmen ran its Annual Summer shoot - The Doug Woodley - and this year it was a FITA 900 with a Jnr FITA 900 for the juniors.

As always Castle Bowmen archers were in fine form. Almost everyone shot a PB for the round and with Wendy, Michelle, Steve, Jon, Sophie, Chris, Alex, Tom, Alice and Charlotte all taking home medals. Jon, Chris, Rick and Michelle all shooting new Glamorgan records too !!.

As of this moment, in the summer postal league, Castle Bowmen Teams A & B are both top of their respective Divisions. Whoo hoo and all that

Congratulations to Glenn for Qualifying for the Welsh Euronations team, shooting in the European Commonwealth Championships in Guernsey in July.

Good luck to him and the whole team.

The mighty Castle Bowmen travelled to deepest darkest westish Wales to Neath Archers Rose Award Tournament to see what they can bring back.

Glenn, as always didn't disappoint, and came back with the Gold in the Gents Recurve for the York round. Stephen, in the challenging weather conditions shot a PB score for the York, as did Chris in the Barebow Class, along with a Silver medal position, and also claiming his Blue Daffodil award.

Nick came 2nd in the National round and Wendy also came 2nd in the Ladies Barebow for the Hereford, along with another PB, a claim for her Black Daffodil award and her 3rd BOWMEN SCORE !! yay.

This Month's Summer postal shoot was well attended again and good scoring from all involved - Team A was Matt, Glenn and Mike scoring 1927 v's Llantarnam A (score unannounced as yet but I think we beat them)

and Team B was Jon, Rick and Steven scoring 1495 v's Beverley Archery club who scored 1436.

Results of the Winter Postal Frostbite league had reached us and Castle Bowmen Teams A and B both finished in 2nd position in their respective Divisions.

Well done to all archers who competed as all the scores were higher than predicted.

In February's match Matt was the highest scoring archer in the league in Team A's division and Duncan was the highest scoring archer in Team B's Division.

July 2012

Congratulations to Glenn for shooting well at the European Commonwealth Championships in Guernsey, Helping the Welsh Euronations team bring back the Gold in the Small Nations Category.

THE GLAMORGAN COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS !!!!!

Castle Bowmen went - we saw - we conquered (a little bit)

The brave band of archers from Castle battled through the searing heat, the off-putting lack of wind and the unending raffle

to bring back treasure and valient acheivements for the glory and honour of the club.

On the Metric 1 round Nick came first with a PB to bring home the Gold. Wendy on the Ladies FITA also shot a PB and

took away the Silver medal. On the Gents FITA Rick shot a very creditable Seasons Best score, Steve put in a Personal Best

score for the round. Mike came 2nd in the Gent Recurve to take Silver and Chris, taking away his 3rd Gold medal of the season,

is now Glamorgan Gent Barebow Champion.

Castle Bowmen received a Thank You card from the Welsh Government for a have-a-go archery day, which they

enjoyed very much - despite the bad weather. Thanks to Steve for arranging and running it - (see below for card)

Plenty of good scores and PB's were shot for July's Postal

The teams are :- Team A = Glenn, Matt & Mike scoring 1890 v's Clophill Archers who scored 1742 and Team B = Steve, Rick & Alan scoring 1593 v's East Riding who scored 1530

So once again the Victorious Castle Bowmen are.....victorious. Just 3 more wins for Overall Victory.

August 2012

St Kingsmark Bowmen hosted the Welsh Target Championships at Chepstow and Castle Bowmen were

in attendance with awesome results.

Chris became Welsh Barebow Champion 2012 with yet another MB score despite the changeable weather conditions,

Glenn also put in a MB score to take home the Silver in the Gent Recurve category, Wendy was 3rd Lady Barebow

and Rick shot an excellent seasons best score.

August Postal league scores are as follows - When our opponents post their scores they will be added here too.

Castle Bowmen Team A: Glenn Bell, 633, Matt Gray, 630, Mike Woodfield, 590 v's Hinxworth
Castle Bowmen Team B: Alan Pierce, 560, Terry Cross, 551, Duncan Boughton, 520 v's Spelthorne

At the Gloucester County Championships Rick and Chris kept the good name of Castle Bowmen alive and well.

Rick shot well to record a seasons best score and Chris came away with a PB , a County record, A shiney Gold Medal for coming first Gent Barebow and by no means least His 3rd Master Bowmen Score of the year !!!!!!!!!!!!! awesome shooting .

Excellent Shooting from Chris at the Gwent County Championships got him a shiny Silver Barebow Medal to take away.

In the challenging weather conditions he also acheived a PB score and his second MB of the year.

Congratulations to Chris as he is awarded his Bowman badge from the club.

September 2012

Unofficial results from the Final Postal League standings put Castle Bowmen A top of Division 1 - While Castle Bowmen B finished 2nd in Division 10 - still an excellent result. - Well done to all We will wait for official confirmation but these results put us in a good position starting the Winter postal League.

Castle Bowmen Under-Water Archery Team travelled to Creigiau in search of Treasure - and found loadsssssss

The world famous , and delicious, annual BBQ shoot held by Cambria Bowmen was a wet affair but the intrepid Castle Bowmen battled through. Biggest congratulations must go to the Castle Bowmen Juniors for Completing AND WINNING in very difficult conditions.

Ryan and Heather both took Gold in their categorys on the Short Junior Windsor Round.

Jonathan and Alex also both took Gold for their age groups on the Albion round.

The Seniors did well too with Mike Baily taking Gold in his first ever Tournament .

David, shooting the Windsor round took home a Silver medal . Mike Wilcocks scored a PB also on the Windsor round and

took home a Bronze medal, and Tina also shooting the Windsor round, coming back from a wrist injury, took first place and won a well deserved Gold.

On the St George round - Wendy Takes Gold for the Lady Barebows, a PB and also claims a Glamorgan county record.

Steve also shoots a PB in difficult conditions. Mike Woodfield, shooting Barebow for a change, takes the Silver medal with

Chris taking the Gold with a PB as well.

Further success came in the raffle with Ryan, David and Rick all having winning tickets.

September Postal teams are as follows - Its getting close - we are still top at the moment but it all depends on what our opponents scored -

Castle Bowmen Team A ~ Glenn Bell, 650, Matt Gray, 647, Jon Monk, 568. v's Chesterfield

Castle Bowmen Team B ~ Rick Seal, 536, Terry Cross, 501, James Wainwright, 467. v's Club AZ October 2012

October 2012

Congratulations to Ryan for competing and coming 3rd in the Welsh Junior Indoor Championships - 3rd in Wales is an excellent achievement.

Castle Bowmens first Team Tournament was well attended and everyone had a good shoot.

All the teams shot very consistently and the final scores from all 7 teams were fairly close to the qualifying

scores held in the last few weeks, and to add to the excitement the top 2 teams were tied at the end of the

tournament and had to have a head-to-head tiebreak shoot off to decide the winner.

The Bronze medal team were - Terry, Wendy and David

The Silver medal team were - Rick, Ricardo and Mike Wi

The Gold medal team were - Chris, Mike B and Mike Wo

Congratulations to the Castle Bowmen Juniors who competed at the Glamorgan Junior Indoor Championships held in Cardiff - Charlotte, Tom and Ryan all won Golds in their categories - well done.

Congratulations to the following archers for achieving the next level of classification badge :-

John and Heather are now 1st Class - Nick, Alan, Michelle, Alice and Charlotte receive their 2nd class badges and Ashley, Dave, Tom and Ryan have their 3rd class badges.

Castle Bowmens Club Team head-2-head Tournament will be held this month.

The Qualifying round will be on 14th/21st October - this is where you shoot and are then seeded into teams.

Then on the 28th October the teams will shoot against each other for shiny medals and the like.

Castle Bowmen will have 3 teams in the Winter Frostbite postal league this year - (3 doz @30m)

The Target scores for each team will be :-

Castle Bowmen A = 1000

Castle Bowmen B = 910

Castle Bowmen C = 860

So lots of chances for your score to help the club do well in the league. Dates of shoots will be on the calendar.

November 2012

Just as a reminder - The frostbites are 3 dozen at 30m every month of the winter season - We have 3 teams entered - In Division 1 - 12 and 23

So plenty of scope for everyone to have a chance of being included.

There are 42 divisions in the league and 252 clubs.

November 4th - Frostbite Postal Shoot -

Team A v's A.C. Delco - CASTLE BOWMEN A (Matt, Glenn and Mike Wo) winning by 4 points - 997 > 993

Team B v's Nonsuch Bowmen - CASTLE BOWMEN B (Jon, Rick and Chris) came 2nd this time - 918 < 971

Team C v's Bowmen of Guernsey - CASTLE BOWMEN C (Steve, Terry and Ricardo) beat the whole isle of Guernsey 864 > 838

Castle Bowmen held its FITA 18m Tournament and many of castles newer members competed with very good results.

The event was well attended, with a couple of records being broken and all who attended having a good time.

Well done to Ryan for shooting a PB and going away with a Gold Medal, as did Neil shooting his Canadian Flatbow.

Michelle, Rob, Ricardo and David also shot very well and ended the day with PB's.

Thanks to Val and Tina for providing refreshments to the archers, and many many thanks to the working party - awesome job .

A good start to the Winter Frostbite Postal Tournament with all 3 Castle Bowmen teams shooting higher than estimated.

Team A = Matt , Glenn & Mike

Team B = Jon , Rick & Chris

Team C = Steve , Terry & Ricardo

Our Opponents scores are unannounced as yet, but will be posted as soon as they become available.

The next Frostbite shoot will be on the 2nd December

December 2012

December - Frostbite Postal Shoot results -

CASTLE BOWMEN A (Matt, Mike Wo & Steve) v's Royal Lemington Spa - 980 > 939

CASTLE BOWMEN B (Chris, Mike Wi and Jon) v's Redditch Bowmen B - 898 > 837

CASTLE BOWMEN C (Rick, Terry and Alan) v's Kestrals - 848 < 860

News of the Christmas shoot from the last indoor session before Christmas:-

On the last day of indoor shooting before Christmas, last weekend, events proved especially noteworthy for two archers:

Newcomer James won the peanut shoot, becoming the first archer to destroy the nut in three years of trying by club members.

The nut was so comprehensively shattered that only fragments of shell could be found.

James then went on to win Val's mystery scoring competition, winning with a white whilst two of his competitors on black went out of the competition.

Terry Cross began with the notoriety of achieving a 'Robin Hood', the damage to arrows slightly dampening the euphoria. (see pic on the photo page).

Then, with a last arrow situation, and with everyone watching, Terry hit the bottom end of the cylindrical balloon, bursting it

and causing the small balloon inside it to slide down the front of the target and bounce across the floor!

Last month's Frostbite Results are announced - Victory for Team A and C (see november entry for details)

Congratulations to Chris for having his Glamorgan County record officially recognised

He now holds the Barebow County record for a St George round he shot in the summer season.

The New Archery GB magazine Winter edition is out now and if you turn to page 21 you will see a review of the Welsh outdoor championships, in which Chris and Glenn from Castle Bowmen get a little mention

for their awesome shooting.

Castle Bowmen can end the year with it's reputation as the club of Champions still intact ~ The 2013 review of the year

In 2013 we also became one of, if not THE, biggest club in Wales.

Castle Bowmen feature well in the 2013 Welsh Target Rankings :-

For the Gent Recurves - Glenn ends the year as 4th in Wales with Mike Wo' 5th, Rick is ranked lucky 13th with Steve at 28th.

For the Lady Barebow Category - Wendy is ranked 2nd in Wales with Michelle at 3rd.

Chris ends the year as 2nd in Wales for Gent Barebow.

Michelle is Currently the Welsh Lady Barebow Outdoor Champion, Mike Wo' is the Glamorgan County Gent Recurve Outdoor Champion,

Ryan is the Glamorgan U14 Indoor AND Outdoor Junior Gent Recurve Champion, Nia is Glamorgan Indoor Junior Lady U14 Recurve Champion,

with her sister Rhianna the Glamorgan Indoor U14 Junior Lady Barebow Champion with Harry being Junior Gent U18 Barebow indoor champ.

Many medals were won by Castle Bowmen members this year and also plenty of County and Welsh records being claimed too :-

Heather now holds the Junior Lady U16 Barebow Glamorgan record, Rob, Rick Val and Michelle all hold FITA 900 county records

in their respective categories, Ryan holds the Glamorgan record for Jnr Gent U14 Recurve at Metric III round, Michelle also holds

the county record for an Albion round shot by a Lady Barebow and Mike Wo' now holds the Welsh and County record for Gent barebow

shooting the St George round.

Chris was Team manager for the winning Glamorgan Inter-County team this year. Michelle, Mike Wo', Glenn, Ryan, Beth and Heather

were all part of the winning team this year, with Michelle, Mike Wo' and Beth picking up individual medals in the Barebow categories.
Castle won the Summer Postal league tournament for the 2nd year running - ending top of division 1 - so technically the best club in the UK.
We ran our normal plethora of tournaments throughout the year for all levels of archer, all of which went very smoothly.
Our unique team head-to-head club handicap shoot was once again enjoyed by those of the club who took part.
We introduced a Junior-only 12 dozen round Tournament into the shooting calendar, the only one in Wales, which received much praise.
The Castle Bowmen Junior club is as popular as ever and receiving praise from Welsh Archery Association Committee Members.
Many of the Juniors benefitting from their Junior-only Saturday coaching sessions and claiming many FITA badge awards.
The qualified coaching team in Castle, while always excellent, gained another Level 1 official coach this year - Steve.
Well done to EVERY member of Castle Bowmen for all the achievements of the year, whether big or small.
The MOST important thing is that you enjoy the Archery .
2013 was a good year for Castle as a whole, and hopefully for many individually - here's hoping 2014 is just as good.

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