

**St Sebastian Archers
Information Booklet**

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1 Introduction

St Sebastian Archers forms part of the Derbyshire County Archery Association (DCAA) and is affiliated to the East Midlands Archery Society (EMAS) and the Archery GB (AGB)¹ which is the National body.

The Club is organised by the elected Committee members purely on a voluntary basis, with the assistance of Club members. **It is emphasised at this point that all Club members are expected to help with the day-to-day running of the Club.**

This club was formed to promote the sport and enjoyment of archery at all levels, while support will be given to any archer to achieve their aims, we must still remember we do this for FUN, smiling is allowed, in fact smiling is mandatory.

The contents of this booklet are intended as an introduction to membership of St Sebastian Archers and offer basic information on the sport of archery. All archery clubs affiliated to AGB are subject to its rules and regulations with regard to shooting and full details of these can be found in the AGB Rules of Shooting, a copy of which can be obtained from the AGB office or an archery retailer.

2 General Information

- 2.1 The facility to shoot is all the year round on the following basis:
 - 2.1.1.1 During the summer, club nights are held on Monday & Friday evenings & most Saturday afternoons & Sunday afternoons, subject to senior archers being available.
 - 2.1.1.2 During the winter (October to March) club sessions are held at weekends, usually Saturday afternoons & Sunday afternoons.
 - 2.1.1.3 Club shoots will be held throughout the year and information about them will be issued from time to time.
- 2.2 Membership of the Club begins on October 1st each year but in order to complete the administration process involved, subscriptions (which also include AGB Membership) are collected from mid-August each year and should be paid before the last week of September. Members will be notified of the fees due at the appropriate time.
- 2.3 Members are requested to give due respect to all equipment owned by the Club as this has been obtained only by the hard work of Club members.
- 2.4 All members are expected to assist with the erection of targets on the field together with their removal.

¹ AGB is the trading name of Grand National Archery Society (GNAS)

2.5 Our Club shooting colours are red and black tops/black bottoms.

2.6 The field is available for members' use at any time subject to availability. Access to the equipment storage facility will only be allowed when an archer has reached the required standards of safety awareness and field layout; this will be decided by Club Officials see the keyholder process rules.

2.7 All members are expected to participate in some of the fund-raising events the club takes part in, i.e., have-a-goes at the ground or off-site, these events raise funds for new equipment and keep our membership fees down.

3 Open Shoots

Open events are arranged and hosted by clubs, counties, regions and the national body and archers wishing to participate in these events must complete the appropriate entry form and enclose the necessary fees. Copies of certain entry forms will be displayed on the Club notice board and members are generally expected to make their own arrangements.

4 Scoring and Etiquette

- 4.1 Several regulations apply to scoring arrows (they can be found in the AGB Rules of Shooting). Each colour on the target has an inner and outer ring and the basic rules in scoring are as follows:
 - 4.1.1.1 The scoring points for hits on that target face for AGB rounds (yards) are: Gold 9, Red 7, Blue 5, Black 3, White 1.
 - 4.1.1.2 The scoring points for hits on the target face for metric rounds are:
Inner Gold 10, Outer Gold 9,
Inner Red 8, Outer Red 7,
Inner Blue 6, Outer Blue 5,
Inner Black 4, Outer Black 3,
Inner White 2, Outer White 1.
- 4.2 No arrows should be touched or pulled from the target until all scores have been recorded and no alterations shall be made on a score sheet to the value of any arrows without the supervision of a judge presiding at the tournament. Scores must always be recorded in ink. Non-compliance with these rules can lead to disqualification of the archer. For club practice shoots, scores may be recorded electronically such as by the member's smartphones.
- 4.3 When calling scores, the archer does so in groups of three, starting with highest scoring arrow i.e., "9-7-5" pause "5-3-1".
- 4.4 Archers should not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting and not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to remain silent.
- 4.5 Archers should not make any exclamation on the shooting line that might distract a neighbour in

the act of shooting and it is polite not to walk off the line whilst a neighbouring archer is at full draw.

- 4.6 Archers should not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before their score has been recorded.
- 4.7 Archers should not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- 4.8 Most challenge trophies awarded are valuable and irreplaceable. The holder is responsible for them and for their return at the appropriate time in a clean and fit condition for presentation. It is also customary to have the trophy engraved as appropriate.

5 Classifications

- 5.1 As an archer begins to shoot classified rounds it will soon become apparent that his/her scores are not comparable with the more experienced fellow archer. In an endeavour to encourage improvement in the sport, awards are given progressive classifications, which are currently 3rd, 2nd and 1st Class, Bowman, Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman.
- 5.2 In order to gain the first award, being 3rd Class, the archer must shoot three appropriate rounds and attain certain scores. Details of these can be found in the AGB Classification Tables, a copy of which is available within the Club. Experienced archers will be willing to assist the system further.
- 5.3 A handicap scheme is also operated which is again attributed to scores. Some of the Club shoots and some open tournaments are subject to the handicap system, which enables archers of all abilities to compete on equal terms. Detail of handicaps and appropriate allowances are also scheduled in the AGB Classification Tables.
- 5.4 The Club Records Officer is responsible for retaining records of Club archers' attainments and it is essential that in order to obtain classifications, all scores (good or bad) be passed to him after every shoot. It is the archer's responsibility to ensure that this practice is carried out, the club operates an on-line score system called "Golden Records". Scores should be entered directly on-line or written scores passed to the Records Officer at your earliest opportunity to record all scores.

6 Equipment

- 6.1 Inexperienced archers attending beginner courses will learn from basic training equipment loaned by the Club for this purpose. Beginners must use club equipment for insurance purposes.
- 6.2 Archery equipment is varied and can be expensive. It is with this in mind that care should be taken with Club equipment and most

particularly, that care is taken not to handle that of a fellow archer without permission. Juniors should be reminded that an archery field is not a playground.

- 6.3 Members are expected to return equipment to its proper place in the shed and to keep the equipment shed tidy.

Please do not be afraid to ask if you are not sure or need help.

Recognised Rounds for Record, Handicap and Classification Purposes

Outdoor – AGB ROUNDS (5 Zone Scoring)							
Round	122cm Face						
	100Y	80Y	60Y	50Y	40Y	30Y	20Y
York	6	4	2				
Hereford		6	4	2			
Bristol I (U18 JB)		6	4	2			
Bristol II (U16 JB/U18 JG)			6	4	2		
Bristol III (U14 JB/U16 JG)				6	4	2	
Bristol IV (U12 JB/U13 JG)					6	4	2
St George	3	3	3				
Albion		3	3	3			
Windsor			3	3	3		
Short Windsor				3	3	3	
Junior Windsor					3	3	3
New Western	4	4					
Long Western		4	4				
Western			4	4			
Short Western				4	4		
Junior Western					4	4	
Short Junior Western						4	4
American			2½	2½	2½		
St Nicholas					4	3	
New National	4	2					
Long National		4	2				
National			4	2			
Short National				4	2		
Junior National					4	2	
Short Junior National						4	2
New Warwick	2	2					
Long Warwick		2	2				
Warwick			2	2			
Short Warwick				2	2		
Junior Warwick					2	2	
Short Junior Warwick						2	2

Dozens of arrows at each distance

Outdoor – METRIC ROUNDS (10 Zone Scoring)											
Round	122cm Face						80cm Face				
	90M	70M	60M	50M	40M	30M	50M	40M	30M	20M	10M
FITA (Gents)	3	3					3		3		
FITA (Ladies)		3	3				3		3		
Metric I		3	3				3		3		
Metric II			3	3				3	3		
Metric II				3	3				3	3	
Metric IV					3	3				3	3
Long Metric (Gents)	3	3									
Long Metric (Ladies)		3	3								
Short Metric							3		3		
Long Metric I		3	3								
Long Metric II			3	3							
Long Metric III				3	3						
Long Metric IV					3	3					
Short Metric I							3		3		
Short Metric II								3	3		
Short Metric III									3	3	
Short Metric IV										3	3

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