



CLOUT TIMES



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TASSEL AWARDS

Changes to qualifying scores

I have carried out a full review of the scores required to obtain the various awards for all the 4 bow disciplines the scheme caters for. This has been done for both the imperial scheme and the metric scheme. In the main most of the scores have remained un-changed, but the biggest change is found with the barebow discipline. High claims for Red, Gold and Purple badges have led me to alter the full range of qualifying scores on the imperial tassel

scheme. Other changes with imperial relate to the top end of the compound scores where these have been reduced slightly taking into account that very few gold and purple tassels have been awarded. The metric scheme sees changes to the red and above scores for recurve and compound. Again this is due to the relatively few awards seen. For the revised scores please see the tables on page 2. The shaded boxes indicate the changes.

CLOUT CLASSIFICATIONS

Scheme set up through the Tassel Award

Following requests to look into introducing a classification scheme for clout archery I have carried out a detailed analysis of clout scores achieved at tassel award shoots over the past few years. Taking these into account I intend to roll out a classification scheme for clout archery under the banner of the Tassel Award Scheme from March 2014. In this way Northern Counties Archery Society will maintain control over the scheme, obtain and sell

badges to archers and if necessary administer changes to the scheme. On page 2 of this newsletter you will find the tables showing the qualifying scores for the various classifications together with the design of the badges. Rules for the scheme are the same as target in that 3rd Class to Bowman will be self-administered with Master Bowman, Junior Master Bowman and Grand Master Bowman subject to annual claim.

CLOUT TASSEL RANKINGS

Did you know they existed? I have compiled Clout Rankings for some 6 years for imperial clout and 3 years for metric clout, and combined rankings for 3 years. To be part of it all you need to do is ensure you shoot at least 3 separate clout tassel shoots during the year. That is 3 imperial **or** 3 metric. For the combined it requires 3 imperial **and** 2 metric. I collate these at the end of the season from all the results received from the shoots. No need to submit scores. The rankings can be found on the Northern Counties Archery Society website at www.ncas.co.uk

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Revised Imperial Tassel Award qualifying scores – From 1 January 2014

	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
White	75 - 124	75 - 124	25 - 49	50 - 99
Black	125 - 174	125 - 174	50 - 74	100 - 124
Blue	175 - 199	175 - 224	75 - 99	125 - 149
Red	200 - 224	225 - 249	100 - 124	150 - 174
Gold	225 - 249	250 - 274	125 - 149	175 - 199
Purple	250 +	275 +	150 +	200 +

Revised Metric Tassel Award qualifying scores – From 1 January 2014

	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
White	175 - 224	175 - 224	75 - 124	125 - 174
Black	225 - 274	225 - 274	125 - 174	175 - 224
Blue	275 - 299	275 - 299	175 - 199	225 - 249
Red	300 - 319	300 - 319	200 - 224	250 - 274
Gold	320 - 339	320 - 339	225 - 249	275 - 299
Purple	340 +	340 +	250 +	300 +

Shaded boxes indicate changed scores

Imperial Classification qualifying scores – Seniors and Juniors – From 1 March 2014

Imperial Clout	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
3rd Class	65 - 114	75 - 124	15 - 39	40 - 89
2nd Class	115 - 164	125 - 164	40 - 64	90 - 114
1st Class	165 - 189	165 - 209	65 - 89	115 - 139
Bowman	190 - 214	210 - 234	90 - 114	140 - 164
MB	215 - 239	235 - 259	115 - 139	165 - 189
GMB	240 +	260 +	140 +	190 +

Metric Classification qualifying scores – Seniors and Juniors – From 1 March 2014

Metric Clout	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
3rd Class	165 - 214	165 - 214	65 - 114	115 - 164
2nd Class	215 - 264	215 - 264	115 - 164	165 - 214
1st Class	265 - 289	265 - 289	165 - 189	215 - 239
Bowman	290 - 314	290 - 314	190 - 214	240 - 264
MB	315 - 339	315 - 339	215 - 239	265 - 289
GMB	340+	340+	240+	290+

Classification badges



CLOUT CLASSIFICATION SCHEME – THE SMALL PRINT

1. Regulations for all Disciplines

- (a) The Clout Classification Scheme is owned and administered by Northern Counties Archery Society.
- (b) The use of the classification scheme by Clubs is optional and the administration of it, up to Bowman standard, shall be in the hands of the Club Officials. At Master Bowman, senior and junior, and above, the classification is ratified by Northern Counties Archery Society via the Tassel Award Administrator.
- (c) Initial grading and subsequent upgrading occurs immediately the necessary scores have been made in the defined year.
- (d) Apart from occasions when juniors become seniors or change age groups, the qualification, as a minimum, holds for one year immediately following that in which it is gained. If it is not maintained during that year, reclassification shall be on the scores made during the year.
- (e) An archer may hold a different classification in different disciplines.

2. Juniors

- (a) A junior may hold both junior and senior classifications assessed independently, using the appropriate qualifying rounds and scores.
- (b) Juniors are defined within age groups according to Archery GB Rules of Shooting.

3. Claims for Bowmen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class – All Disciplines

Claims for Bowmen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class in all disciplines should be dealt with by each club.

4. Claims for Grand Master and Master, Junior and Senior, All Disciplines

- (a) Archers achieving the performances required for Grand Master and Master, both Junior and Senior deserve widespread recognition of their achievements. Additionally, these performances need to be highlighted to Northern Counties Archery Society. Therefore, claims for these awards are coordinated by Northern Counties Archery Society.
- (b) Claims for the title of Grand Master and Master both Junior and Senior in all disciplines as appropriate shall be submitted on the appropriate form to the Tassel Award Administrator, as soon as possible after the achievement each year and in any case to be received by 31st December. Northern Counties Archery Society (NCAS) via the Tassel Award Administrator will:
 - (i) Confirm the validity of the claim.
 - (ii) Notify the claimant and send him/her the appropriate badge, provided that an identical badge has not previously been issued to that archer for the same bowstyle.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the archer concerned to submit the claim together with the official Result Sheets sent out by the Organisers of the Meetings.
- (d) The claim shall include a declaration defining the style of bow the archer was shooting.

5. Awards

- (a) The defined year for all outdoor classifications is a calendar year.
- (b) The scheme shall apply only to those archers shooting bows conforming to the following bowstyles:
 - (i) Recurve.
 - (ii) Compound.
 - (iii) Longbow.
 - (iv) Recurve Barebow.
- (c) Qualifying Scores. See Tables on the NCAS Website www.ncas.co.uk
- (d) Bowman, 1st Class, 2nd Class and 3rd Class.
 - (i) Qualifying Rounds. See Tables on the NCAS Website www.ncas.co.uk
 - (ii) Number of rounds. Three.
 - (iii) Standards. All scores must be shot under Archery GB Rules of Shooting, at a meeting organised by Archery GB or a body affiliated to Archery GB, or at any associated club target day. See the Rules of Shooting for conditions of shooting at a Club Target Day.

- (e) Junior Master Bowman.
- (i) Qualifying Rounds: See Tables on the NCAS Website www.ncas.co.uk
 - (ii) Number of Rounds: Three. At least 1 score must be from an Imperial clout and 1 from a Metric Clout, plus one other score. (Either Imperial or Metric)
 - (iii) Standards. All rounds must be shot at an event organised by FITA, FITA Members, or Archery GB, and holding **"Tassel Award Status"**
- (f) Master Bowman.
- (i) Qualifying Rounds: See Tables on the NCAS Website www.ncas.co.uk
 - (ii) Number of Rounds: Three. At least 1 score must be from an Imperial clout and 1 from a Metric Clout, plus one other score. (Either Imperial or Metric)
 - (iii) Standards. All rounds must be shot at an event organised by FITA, FITA members, or Archery GB, and holding **"Tassel Award Status"**
- (g) Grand Master Bowman.
- (i) Qualifying Rounds:
 - (ii) Number of Rounds: Three. At least 1 score must be from an Imperial clout and 1 from a Metric Clout, plus one other score. (Either Imperial or Metric)
 - (iii) Standards. All rounds must be shot at an event organised by FITA, FITA members, or Archery GB, and holding **"Tassel Award Status"**

Claim forms will be placed on the NCAS website available for download in the coming months.

CLOUT CLASSIFICATIONS – BADGES

Badges can be purchased via the Tassel Award Administrator according to the following:

- 3rd Class up to Bowman may be purchased at the following cost:
 - Up to 10 badges - £4.00 per badge
 - Over 10 badges - £3.00 per badge
- It is not possible to purchase Grand Master or Master, Senior and Junior, unless the original has been lost. Under these circumstances the archer must individually contact the Tassel Award Administrator giving evidence of original claim. In these circumstances a cost to cover administration, badge cost and postage will be levied.

Requests for classification badges must be made to:

Andrew Neal, Chapel View, 43a Main Street, Riccall, York, YO19 6QD

Full payment must be made on request – Cheques payable to "Andrew Neal"

TASSEL AWARD SCHEME – IMPERIAL & METRIC

Know of any clout shoots that don't carry Tassel Award Status?

Get the organiser to give me a call or point him in the direction of the NCAS website. There are still parts of the country that don't have Tassel Award shoots. Let's get the Scheme bigger and better!

ANY NEWS?

Whilst I will not advertise individual shoots, apart from the calendar of shoots, I will consider news connected to clout archery. Reports from shoots (Including photographs) - Please send them to me by e-mail and I will do my best. My aim is to run a couple of newsletters a season, dependent on contributions.

DIARY OF SHOOTS

Imperial Tassel Award Shoots

Waterside	08/03/2014	Exbury, Southampton
Essex	13/04/2014	Woodford Green, Essex
Yorkshire	20/04/2014	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Archers of East Riding	24/05/2014	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Burton Bridge	25/05/2014	Burton on Trent
SCAS	01/06/2014	Caddington, Beds
Eagle	07/06/2014	Penrith
Eagle	08/06/2014	Penrith
Grand Western	19/06/2014	Dunster
Bucks	13/07/2014	Aylesbury
Coastal	20/07/2014	Burnham on Sea, Somerset
Southampton	03/08/2014	Southampton
Lancs	10/08/2014	Burscough
Surrey	16/08/2014	Warlingham, Surrey
DWAA	23/08/2014	Devizes
Neston	23/08/2014	Neston, Wirral
Cheshire	24/08/2014	Neston, Wirral
NCAS	07/09/2014	Harrogate
Bowflights	14/09/2014	Rubery, Birmingham
Rochdale	14/09/2014	Middleton
Durham & Northumberland	21/09/2014	Ashington
South Wilts	28/09/2014	Downton, Salisbury
Hampshire	05/10/2014	Exbury, Hampshire
York	11/10/2014	York
Lytchett	12/10/2014	Poole, Dorset
Fakenham	12/10/2014	Fakenham, Norfolk
Nationals	18/10/2014	Appleley Bridge, Bradford

Metric Tassel Award Shoots

Kettering	02/03/2014	Kettering
Waterside	09/03/2014	Southampton
Cheshire	05/05/2014	Neston, Wirral
Archers of East Riding	25/05/2014	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Eagle	07/06/2014	Penrith
Cumbria	12/07/2014	Penrith
Cumbria	13/07/2014	Penrith
Nethermoss	09/08/2014	Burscough
Woodford	24/08/2014	Woodford Green, Essex
Neston	25/08/2014	Neston, Wirral
Hampshire	04/10/2014	Exbury, Hampshire
Fakenham	11/10/2014	Fakenham
Lytchett	11/10/2014	Poole, Dorset