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Calling All Juniors...

Do you limit yourself to the amount and type of archery that you do?

Want to know more?

My name is Rebecca Bartley and I am 13 years old. Prior to my beginners course at Goldcrest Archers in July 2014 my only experience of archery was a taster session on a residential school camp. In August 2014 I became a proud member of Goldcrest Archers, so at the time of writing this article I have been shooting for about 15 months.

In May 2015 I attended my first ever clout competition - Cheshire F.I.T.A Clout Championships and since then I have not looked back and have competed in a further six clouts. Recently, I received my Junior Master Bowman Clout badge which will complement my six clout end badge and my Imperial Purple Tassel award ☺

In September 2015 I participated in the Kendal Bowmen Annual Two Day Clout, which meant camping. I thoroughly enjoyed it! From the archery itself to the sociable evenings, I loved every minute of it. Next year, I am going to sign up to as many as I can, so why not join me?

It doesn't matter if you haven't done clout before, you have to start somewhere! The cost is small, but every penny you pay will be worth it. There is no pressure, just remember you're shooting to have **fun!**

Last year, I entered my first ever competition, The Goldcrest Indoor Championships. I shot very poorly that day, but people didn't laugh or mock me, instead they were all very supportive. Just remember, people aren't bothered with what score you get. What is important is that you've made the effort to go, and you're enjoying yourself in the sport.

Make sure you check out all the latest clout news and please sign up for at least one next year, I would love the company.

Thank you for reading my article

Rebecca Bartley, Goldcrest Junior Archers



Editorial comment: Well what a great article! Many thanks to Rebecca for this and let's hope it will inspire more juniors to take to the clout field. Plenty of awards to go for and that's other than the medals on offer at the numerous shoots.

Reminder

The National Clout Championships – 15th October 2016 – Get it in your diary!

Did you know?

The only way you can obtain a "missed" Tassel badge is either by shooting a different bow discipline or a longer distance.

Need a Classification badge?

They can be bought from me for £4.00 each or if ordering 10 or more, £3.00 each.

More Clouts needed

The calendar is missing Tassel shoots in Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland. Do you attend any? If yes get the organiser to contact me.

Any news?

Send it to me for the next edition.

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CLOUT RANKINGS 2015

The full listings can be found on the Northern Counties Archery Society website (www.ncas.co.uk)

There are 3 separate rankings in relation to the Imperial Clout, Metric Clout and then a combined set. For your scores to count you must shoot a minimum of 3 imperial clouts **OR** 3 metric clouts, **OR** for the combined a minimum of 3 imperial **AND** 2 metric clouts. All the scores must be shot at a Tassel Award Shoot. There is no need for you to submit scores as I calculate them from the results that are sent to me from each shoot.

CLOUT CLASSIFICATIONS - DON'T FORGET TO RE-CLAIM

Now with 2 years gone I have noticed a drop in the claims made. I believe archers are content with having achieved the standard in 2014 and do not think it necessary to make a re-claim for the 2015 season. Why not? It's only like target classifications! Do you not want other archers to see you have attained the standard again? As an indicator of numbers please see the below table that shows both 2015 and 2014 numbers in brackets.

Also, to clarify, Junior archers only have the Master Bowman classification, they do not have the Grand Master Bowman classification, unless of course they attain the scores at the senior distances!

CLOUT CLASSIFICATIONS - Will run with the same for 2016 but I will be putting some changes together for the 2017 season.

	Ladies	Gents
Master Bowman	Recurve x 2 (4)	Recurve x 3 (3)
	Compound x 1 (1)	Compound x 3 (1)
	Longbow x 3 (2)	Longbow x 2 (3)
	Barebow x 2 (3)	Barebow x 0 (2)
Grand Master Bowman	Recurve x 0 (1)	Recurve x 1 (1)
	Barebow x 1 (3)	Compound x 0 (1)
		Longbow x 1 (0)
Junior Master Bowman	Recurve x 0 (1)	
	Barebow x 2 (2)	Barebow x 0 (2)



Dicky & Roz at their wedding in Dunster

Archers profile - Dicky & Roz Summers

**We do clout "not because it is easy,
but because it is hard"!**

One of the best things about Clout is that it always seems to encourage a great deal of camaraderie – perhaps because there are up to about 20 archers on a target, not just a handful, but certainly there is always a very relaxed atmosphere that is great for the soul! But it is the challenge of the long distances and new Tassels to aim for that really appeals to us both, with Roz even tackling the Gents distances on occasions.

Dicky's story

I first took up archery 38 years ago at Southampton University. I followed the usual route of Recurve Target until 1985, when Dunster Archery Week made the first of its life-changing impressions on me - it introduced me to other types of archery as well as Recurve Target, ie Field, Clout and Longbow. Typically over the next 10 years I shot the occasional Field round and 1 or 2 Clouts a year, enjoying them but without improving much.

Dunster's second pivotal point was the incentive to buy a Longbow to compete on Longbow Target Day in 1994. By 1996 for me Longbow had taken over from Recurve at Target tournaments and, as the British Long-Bow Society do Clout as well as Target, I started to shoot Clouts with Longbow.

Dunster's influence continued in 1998 when I first met the lady there who was later to become my wife. 2002 was our first Dunster together as a couple, and from then on we would spend most weekends together at one tournament or another.

Roz's story

My first introduction to archery was at games lessons in school. I thoroughly enjoyed it but didn't shoot again until 1993 when I started with Recurve Target at Crowthorne Archers, and had a go at Field too. After I took up Longbow in 1997 my first Clout tournament was at Dunster where I scored 13 and to my astonishment came 2nd!

By this time I had decided Longbow was my favourite bow style and enjoyed shooting the longer distances. In 1998 I met Dicky on the York line at Dunster. Although reaching 100yds I was struggling with too many bouncers, so he kindly lent me a heavier Longbow and matched arrows which improved things considerably. This was the start of our great friendship – no, not romance at this stage, that didn't blossom until 4 years later! I continued to shoot about 3 Clouts a year for a while (there weren't so many Clouts in the south then), including Dunster which had become a regular in my shooting calendar.

Togetherness!

In 2003 our club (at the time) AC Delco changed grounds and by 2004 we had hacked out a Clout practice range from the undergrowth. With the ability to practice we were able to improve further, and by 2005 we were both Longbow National Clout Champions, and again in 2006. Buoyed up by our success we became even more obsessed with Clout, with Dicky becoming Recurve Champion in 2008. We also tried Barebow with some success, both achieving Imperial and Metric Purple Tassels.

As many of us know, Dunster Archery Week is addictive, and having met there it seemed fitting that we had our wedding there in June 2010, in Dunster Castle above the shooting field, followed by that wonderful archway of bows on Longbow Day a few days later.

When AC Delco moved field again, losing space for Clout, we changed club to Southampton AC. Better practice facilities helped both of us to claim National Records with Barebow at 185m, 165m, and 180y and Roz at 180y with Longbow. We both regularly achieved top 3 in the rankings and earned our Longbow Metric Purple Tassels. Also, Dicky became the Barebow Champion in 2011 and 2012.

Wanting more Tassel Clouts in the south, we took on organising the Hampshire Clout, encouraged South Wilts to join the Tassel Circuit and Lytchett followed later. Also, Southampton now run 3 Tassel Clouts a year, yet we still find we need to travel widely. In the last few years we have concentrated on Clouts at the expense of Target tournaments, and this year alone we have competed at 30 Clouts (including BLBS ones) and clocked up almost 6000 miles!

The introduction of the Clout Classification Scheme in 2014 gave our shooting an extra impetus as we set about gaining Classifications in all the bow styles we shoot regularly, leading to Barebow GMB, Longbow MB and Recurve 1st for Roz and Barebow MB, Longbow MB, Recurve Bowman and Compound Bowman for Dicky. Longbow is still our first choice and we both regained the Longbow titles in 2014 and Dicky again in 2015 as well as his GMB and Imperial Purple Tassel. We think it is our persistence, togetherness and the fresh challenges we set ourselves that keep it fun and interesting and have contributed to our various successes. Our joint obsession shows no signs of abating and, with the "Dark Side" to explore further, we look forward to more manic Clout years ahead!

Imperial Classification qualifying scores – Senior and Junior – From 1 March 2014

Imperial Clout	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
3rd Class	65 +	75 +	15 +	40 +
2nd Class	115 +	125 +	40 +	90 +
1st Class	165 +	165 +	65 +	115 +
Bowman	190 +	210 +	90 +	140 +
MB	215 +	235 +	115 +	165 +
GMB	240 +	260 +	140 +	190 +

Metric Classification qualifying scores – Senior and Junior – From 1 March 2014

Metric Clout	Recurve	Compound	Longbow	Barebow
3rd Class	165 +	165 +	65 +	115 +
2nd Class	215 +	215 +	115 +	165 +
1st Class	265 +	265 +	165 +	215 +
Bowman	290 +	290 +	190 +	240 +
MB	315 +	315 +	215 +	265 +
GMB	340 +	340 +	240 +	290 +



DIARY OF SHOOTS - CONFIRMED

Metric Tassel Award Shoots 2016

Bramcote	28/02/2016	Bramcote, Notts
Kettering	06/03/2016	Kettering
Waterside	19/03/2016	Exbury, Hampshire
Devon - Cornwall	20/03/2016	Newquay
Cheshire	02/05/2016	Neston, Wirral
Eagle	11/06/2016	Penrith
Cumbria	09/07/2016	Penrith
Cumbria	10/07/2016	Penrith
Kirknewton	24/07/2016	Wooler
Nethermoss	13/08/2016	Burscough
Oxfordshire	20/08/2016	Bicester
Essex	21/08/2016	Woodford
Neston	29/08/2016	Neston, Wirral
Hampshire	01/10/2016	Exbury, Hampshire
Lytchett	08/10/2015	Wareham, Dorset
Fakenham	08/10/2016	Fakenham
Rutland	16/10/2016	Great Casterton

Imperial Tassel Award Shoots 2016

Waterside	20/03/2016	Exbury, Hampshire
Southampton	10/04/2016	Southampton
Yorkshire	17/04/2016	Driffield, East Yorkshire
Essex	17/04/2016	Woodford
Burton Bridge	22/05/2016	Burton on Trent
SCAS	05/06/2016	Caddington, Beds
Eagle	11/06/2016	Penrith
Eagle	12/06/2016	Penrith
Bucks	10/07/2016	Aylesbury
St.Georges	17/07/2016	Harrogate
Southampton	07/08/2016	Southampton
Lancashire	14/08/2016	Burscough
Surrey	20/08/2016	Warlingham, Surrey
Derbyshire	21/08/2016	Burton on Trent
Neston	27/08/2016	Neston, Wirral
Cheshire	28/08/2016	Neston, Wirral
NCAS	04/09/2016	Harrogate
Gloucestershire	04/09/2016	Brockworth
Bowflights	11/09/2016	Rubery, Birmingham
Hampshire	02/10/2016	Exbury, Hampshire
Lytchett	09/10/2016	Wareham, Dorset
Fakenham	09/10/2016	Fakenham
Nationals	15/10/2016	Bradford
Southampton	04/12/2016	Southampton

AWARDS – CALANDER YEAR 2015



Grand Master Bowman

Chris Baigent	Waterside	Recurve
Carol Fairbrother	St.Georges	Barebow
Dicky Summers	Southampton	Longbow



Junior Master Bowman

Rebecca Bartley	Goldcrest	Barebow
Jasmine Simpson	Wyre Forest	Barebow



Master Bowman

Liz Bowyer	Arundown	Barebow	Karen McKay	Wyre Forest	Recurve
Ray Chaplin	Ebor	Recurve	Malcolm North	Abbey (Herts)	Compound
Catriona Charters	Hinckley	Longbow	Luke Pritchard	Chippenham	Longbow
Kath Hall	Killingworth	Recurve	Roz Summers	Southampton	Longbow
Katrina Horton	Bebington	Longbow	Brian Taylor	Harlequin	Compound
Paul Lomas	St.Georges	Compound	Roy Wareham	Hertford	Longbow
Michelle Loxley	South Wilts	Compound	Mick White	Goldcrest	Recurve
Steve Mayer	Stalybridge	Recurve	Barbara Williams	Herts	Barebow



Purple – Metric

Catriona Charters	Hinckley	Longbow
Martin Coward	Goldcrest	Barebow
Lucy Eyles	Chippenham	Longbow
Sam Taylor	Harlequin	Barebow
Mick White	Goldcrest	Recurve



Gold – Metric

Charlotte Baigent	Waterside	Longbow
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Angela Cargill	Eagle	Longbow
Gareth Carlin	Adwalton Moor	Recurve
Katherine Comina (J)	Harlequin	Barebow
Melissa Dawes	Cleve	Recurve
Chris Eccles	Caldy	Longbow
Fiona Harris	St.Georges	Barebow
Shelley Hurst	Uni.of Bradford	Recurve
Kris Kirk	Goldcrest	Recurve
Paul Lomas	St.Georges	Compound
Rebekah Lowe	Belvoir	Barebow
Erin Mayer	Stalybridge	Recurve
Abigail Nicholson	Bebington	Barebow
Alex North (J)	Abbey (Herts)	Barebow
Malcolm North	Abbey (Herts)	Compound
John Peatfield	Stalybridge	Recurve
Dave Peters	Bebington	Barebow
Andy Rowlands	CCB	Longbow
Bev White	Goldcrest	Barebow
Emily Williams	Pentref	Longbow



Purple – Imperial

Chris Baigent	Waterside	Recurve
Rebecca Bartley (J)	Goldcrest	Barebow
Sam Kellett (J)	Rochdale	Longbow
Dicky Summers	Southampton	Longbow



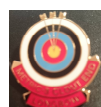
Gold – Imperial

Gillian Bartram	Pastures	Compound
Ray Chaplin	Ebor	Recurve
Jeanette Holder	Southampton	Compound
Katrina Horton	Bebington	Longbow
Sharon Lawrence	Pilgrim	Barebow
Erin Mayer	Stalybridge	Recurve
Karen McKay	Wyre Forest	Recurve
Malcolm North	Abbey	Compound
John Peatfield	Stalybridge	Recurve



Metric 6 Clout End

Rebecca Bartley (J)	Goldcrest	Barebow
Jacob Boden	Silver Spoon	Recurve
Christine Burnett	Sellafield	Recurve
Martin Coward	Goldcrest	Barebow
Melissa Dawes	Cleve	Recurve
Mark Fenwick	Grimsby	Compound
John Fisher	Silver Spoon	Compound
Peter Fox	Rutland	Compound
Chantelle Goubert	Guernsey	Recurve
Shelley Hurst	Uni.of Bradford	Recurve
Kris Kirk	Goldcrest	Recurve
Allison McCulloch	Eagle	Compound
Victoria Moore	Hingham	Recurve
Graham Neale	Goldcrest	Recurve
Alex North (Jnr)	Abbey	Barebow
Malcolm North	Abbey	Compound
John Peatfield	Stalybridge	Recurve
Iulia Petre	Corby	Compound
Bethany Woodcock	Uni.of Huddersfield	Recurve



Longbow - Metric 3 Clout End

Charlotte Baigent	Waterside
Angela Cargill	Eagle
Roland Cargill	Eagle
Chris Eccles	Caldy
Lucy Eyles	Chippenham
Philip Faithfull	Canterbury
Geoff Fisher	Kettering
Norman Hughes	CCB
Nikki Ledwick	Eagle (Bedford)
Andy Monks	Goldcrest
Christopher Moore	Hingham
Stuart Perry	Kendal
Luke Pritchard	Chippenham
Ian Stowell	CCB
Julie Taylor	Rutland
Alison Ward	Leaves Green
Harry Wardle	Stalybridge
Emily Williams	Pentref

Editor Plea:

Please let me have some articles to publish, whether these be reports from shoots or general discussion documents. I would like to share more news and not just award achievers.