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CHANTRY BOWMEN OF ROTHERHAM

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The Committee

The people who manage the clubs affairs on your behalf are as follows:

The Executive Officers

President: - Peter Titterton

Chair Person: - Barry Armitage

Secretary: Snr/Jnr- Dorothy Neyt

Treasurer: - Mike Murphy

Other Committee Members

Tournament Organizer: - John Ferrier

Public Relations Officer:/ Child Protection Officer:- Darren Davis

Equipment Officer: - Melvyn Neyt

Committee Member: - Noel Lawrence

Committee Member: - Martin Jordan

Committee Member: - Kevin Pearson

Co-opted Junior Member: - Daryl Oxley

Records Officer: -

The committee hold meetings every 12 weeks to discuss the clubs affairs.

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1) Name and Address of Club

The name of the Club shall be “Chantry Bowmen/Chantry Junior Bowmen of Rotherham” and the address shall be that of the respective Secretaries.

2) Objectives of the Club

The objectives of the Club shall be to practice the sport of Archery, physically and socially and to comply with and maintain the rules and standards laid down by the Grand National Archery Society.

3) Membership

a) Adult: - Full Membership shall be open to adults from the age of 18 years upon payment of the necessary subscription (including affiliation fees due to the Grand National Archery Society and it's Region and County).

b) Junior: - Full Membership shall be open to Juniors under the age of 18 years upon payment of the necessary Junior subscription outlined in 3a).

c) Juniors under the age of 15 years shall be accompanied by a responsible adult. When junior archers are shooting individually or in groups they must be supervised by a GNAS affiliated member (see ONAS Law in the Introduction of the GNAS Rule Book).

d) Honorary membership

Any person not a full member of the Club who contribute there time and assistance to helping the Club, The Committee shall be empowered to make them Honorary Members of the Club and shall, enjoy all the facilities of the Club with the exception of the right to vote at General or Annual General Meetings.

e) Admission to membership of all the above classes is subject to the approval of the Committee of the Club, whose decision shall be final.

4) Subscriptions

Subscriptions payable shall be inclusive of GNAS (which also includes Region and County) and Chantry Bowmen of Rotherham.

The subscriptions payable for all classes of membership shall be determined by the committee of the club and shall be paid annually by August or upon admission to the club.

5) Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall take place not later than 28th February in each year on a date and at a venue to be fixed by the committee, this date to be published not less than 14 days prior to the said meeting.

The Secretaries and Treasurers reports for the year ending 31st' December shall be presented at this meeting and the officers and committee members for the ensuing year shall be elected. The necessary quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be 20% of those entitled to vote

Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by the committee or by the written request to the secretary of a minimum number of five members, this meeting to be held within 28 days and published 14 days prior to the said meeting.

Voting shall only be open to those members who have fully paid the total subscription, the Chairman to have the casting vote.

Meetings of the Committee shall take place as and when necessary with a quorum of six members. Decisions shall be by a simple majority, the Chairman to have the casting vote.

6) Contingency Clause

if, for any reason, a contingency should arise between Committee meetings, when a decision needs to be taken quickly, this may be done by a minimum of 3 members of the Committee, the decision taken to be reported back to the the Committee at their next meeting.

7) Officers and Committee

The Committee of the Club shall consist of the following elected members:

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| President , | Tournament Organizer |
| Chairman, | Equipment Officer |
| Secretary, | Public Relations Officer |
| Junior Secretary, | Child Protection Officer |
| Treasurer | 4 Committee Members |

The Committee shall be empowered to co-opt a Records Officer, or other member to the committee as and when required

An elected member shall be appointed on a show of hands, subject to the assent of that particular nominated member. Should there be more than one nomination for a particular post; a card vote shall be taken.

Each member of the Committee will hold office for one year or until the date of the next Annual General Meeting unless a vacancy arises when the Committee shall be empowered to co-op a replacement.

An Auditor shall be appointed who is not a member of the Committee.

8) Rules

- a) All members upon admission to the club shall be supplied with a copy of the Constitution and rules.
- b) This Constitution may be amended only at the Annual General Meeting and notice of all proposed amendments shall be notified to the Secretary not less than 21 days prior to 1st January. Constitutional amendments shall be carried by a two thirds majority vote.
- c) Constitutional amendments shall be made available to all Club Members within 21 days of adoption.
- d) The Committee reserves the right to refuse admission to the Club or expel any person whose behavior or demeanor is considered to be detrimental or derogatory to the good name or interests of the Club.

9) Honorary Life Membership

In recognition of exemplary services rendered to the Club, the Committee shall be empowered to recommend to the Annual General Meeting any Club member for Honorary Life Membership.

Amended and approved by Annual General Meeting
22nd February 2004

Chantry Junior Bowmen of Rotherham

(A junior club operating under the umbrella of Chantry Bowmen of Rotherham)

The junior club welcomes juniors between the ages of nine and eighteen years old. The club shows a commitment to child safety and welfare, in line with the GNAS child protection policy. We also operate a zero tolerance of bullying within the club.

We hope to encourage juniors to become independent by gradually learning how to set up and care for their equipment. However, we ask that juniors under the age of fifteen be accompanied to all club sessions by a parent or responsible adult.

After completing the beginner's course no formal tuition is given, although, help and advice are freely available to anyone who asks. It may be necessary to seek advice on technique or the purchase of new equipment as the junior grows, so please don't be frightened to ask a senior, experienced archer.

Juniors will be encouraged to be competitive but this is by no means compulsory. They have the opportunity to shoot competitively in club and open tournaments but if they prefer, they can set their own personal goals. Juniors are also encouraged to help with setting up and taking down of equipment on club or tournament days, they can also help at 'Have a Go' events organized by the club. This helps to promote a sense of responsibility and team work.

If juniors wish to take part in the following activities it is recommended that they purchase a score pad in which to record scores from tournaments and club target sessions.

Juniors can chart their progress by participating in the following activities if they wish:

Junior Handicaps and Junior Classifications:

Juniors can hand in all their outdoor scores (including date, venue, hits, gold's and score) to the Records Officer. To qualify, a junior must complete a minimum of three separate rounds at tournaments or club target day. Classification badges will be awarded in the same way, as for the Seniors.

Association for Archery in Schools (AAS)

In order to take part; juniors will submit their scores for the first 3 dozen arrows (excluding sighters) of any recognized round or club target shoot; to the Junior Secretary. This includes both indoor and outdoor rounds.

When they have three qualifying scores they will receive a certificate and badge at the appropriate level and age group. These are funded by the club.

GNAS Junior Awards Scheme (JAWS)

Forms are available, from the Junior Secretary, to register for this. Once registered, the junior will receive a badge and a booklet, the booklet is used to keep a record of all tournaments, classifications and achievements for one year. Help can be given when filling in this rather lengthy booklet, but it is important to keep accurate records of all shoots, as for handicaps and classifications. The booklet is sent to ONAS before the end of December. A list of the Top 100 plus junior archers is published in 'Archery UK'. Various awards are available to the best archers in each age group.

Postal Shoots

Postal shoots such as GNAS July Nationals and a Yorkshire equivalent are open to all juniors; more information is available from the Junior Secretary.

Yorkshire Junior Squad

This is operated within the County to further develop archery for seriously committed junior archers, it is open to juniors who have completed at least one year within the club and who have taken part in open tournaments. More information is available from the Junior Secretary.

Finally

If competition is what you are interested in, then here are a few points to remember when attending a tournament;

1 Remember that you all have something in common-Archery.

2 At a tournament some people prefer to sit quietly while others prefer to chat Please respect other people

3 Only make positive comments e.g. "well done" or "excellent round" etc. Try to encourage others, even if you are having a bad day.

4 Don't ask people what they have scored. The only score that matters to you is your Score!

5. Thank all those people on your target for their company or for scoring. Thank any adult who has scored for you. It is polite to shake hands too!

6. Always remove your cap/hat when receiving a trophy or medal from the Lady Paramount/Lord Patron.

7 If you win an award it is nice if you can find an opportunity to congratulate the other award winners in your category.

8 You will probably meet some of these juniors again at another shoot, so enjoy each other's company and you will make good friends.

If you need help at any time, ask your junior or Senior Secretary. For information about GNAS Rules or Rounds then please purchase a rule book.

Most of all enjoy your time with Chantry Junior Bowmen of Rotherham, and good shooting.

Junior Secretary.

SAFETY

To ensure safety to members and members of the public, the club has to follow the "Rules of Shooting" at all times, as laid down in the GNAS handbook. Failure to do so will invalidate our insurance cover, with the prospect of individuals and the club being sued for damages in the event of an accident. Also with respect to our outdoor facilities at Sheffield Hallam University Sports ground, we would be in breach of their Health and Safety Rules, which could lose us the use of these facilities

The club follows these rules at all events we participate in Club nights, Tournaments, Have a Go and beginners Classes. As a member you are required to comply with the rules at all times, you are urged to purchase a copy of the GNAS Rules of Shooting for details of all rules (£8.00 from GNAS, do not purchase from an archery equipment supplier, they are known to add 50% to the price). If you wish to purchase a copy the club secretary will obtain a copy for you direct from GNAS.

Rules of Shooting!

A brief explanation of what is required to comply with the requirements.

Outdoor

1) As the field is not totally closed to members of public, dog walkers and joggers. The field must be roped off, using road spikes and tape the full length of field, for the distance being shot plus overshoot. With a minimum of 100yds for distances up to and including 80yds, from 80 to 100yds the overshoot is 50yds; therefore at 100yds the field length will be 150yds.

The width of the field should be 25yds either side of the outer most target stands.

- 2) Warning signs must also be placed at strategic points to warn people of archery in progress.
- 3) The stands when placed at the required distance and with target boss in position must be secured to the ground with metal pins through the holes in the stands legs.
- 4) The target boss must be secured to the stand, using the ropes with metal spikes at the end, these must be placed in the edge of the boss, one at about 2 o'clock position and the other at 10 o'clock, the rope is then secured to the ground behind the target with metal spikes.
- 5) After shooting has finished ensure that all equipment is removed from field, especially the metal road spikes and metal target securing spikes. As these could cause injury to ground staff when cutting the grass, also other users of the field.
- 6) During shooting it is essential that any lost arrows must be found. Before leaving the field, if any are not located this must be reported to the club secretary immediately, who has to make a report to the GNAS and inform the Manager of Sheffield Hallam University sports ground, to ensure our insurance cover is not jeopardized.
- 7) As part of the GNAS rules of shooting all arrows must be identifiable, with the archers initials and individual number on each shaft
- 8) There must be a minimum of 2 senior members (over 18 years old) shooting, who must shoot alternately, never together, one acting as lookout while the other shoots.
- 9) Juniors must be supervised by at least 2 senior members or 1 senior member with a second adult (Parent/guardian) acting as lookout after being given instructions on these duties).
- 10) On club nights and any other occasion where several members are shooting, one member will take on the duties of Field Captain and control the shooting and safety.

Indoor Shooting

Rules still apply, though the securing of targets is restricted to securing the bosses to the stands with rubber ties and the use of backstop netting.

General

For your own and others safety, make sure you follow these safety rules:

- a) Never draw a bow, even without an arrow, except when standing on the shooting line and facing the target.
- b) Never aim a bow anywhere except at the target.
- c) Never start shooting until you are sure it is safe to do so and there is no danger to others (on club nights a member of the club acts as Field Captain, controlling shooting).
- d) Immediate compliance with the word "FAST". Any archer, who sees any potential danger, can shout it. As soon as you hear the word "FAST" stop shooting immediately, lower your bow, remove the arrow from the string and return it to your quiver. Only commence shooting when it is safe to do on instruction from the field captain.
- e) Never go in front of the shooting line, without the permission of the field captain.
- f) When retrieving arrows never run, always walk towards the target. Look at the ground so as not to tread on any arrows that have fallen short.
- g) Never stand behind an archer, who is pulling arrows out of the target, you could get an arrow in the face.
- h) Take extra care when using carbon/carbon alloy arrows; use an arrow puller to protect your hands from fibers that may have lifted from the shaft. Inspect your arrows regularly for carbon fibers lifting as these can be extremely difficult to remove without medical attention.
- i) Never let go of a drawn bow without an arrow in it, the energy stored in the bow limbs can seriously damage the bow.

I have paid my fees what does this cover.

The annual subscriptions to the club is made up of two parts, one is the Clubs and the second to the National Archery body (GNAS), the latter being the most important one.

GNAS:

The GNAS is sub divided into Regional and County levels.

Northern Counties Archery Society

Comprising of Cumbria, Durham & Northumberland, Lancashire, Cheshire, Yorkshire and the Isle of Man.

Yorkshire Archery Association

County Level

Club:

The remainder of the annual fees set by the committee are used to provide the necessities for the club to operate, provision of bosses, stands, target face's, Hire of indoor facilities, field rental etc, you will at the ACM see a breakdown of this income and expenditure of our annual accounts.

Doncaster and District Archery Association

Formed in the early 60's by several local clubs, several of them no longer in existence, to promote Archery in the area by organizing several tournaments each year with the winners not only receiving Trophies and medals, but points towards the DDAA Archer of the year Award. The tournament is still held each year and as member of Chantry you are also a member of the DDAA eligible to take part in all tournaments and ACM.

Payment of Subscriptions:

Current Members: are required to re-affiliate every year, the GNAS financial year runs from September to August the subs must be collected and submitted to GNAS no later than 31st October, failure to do so bars a member from affiliation until the following September, which means they cannot shoot for a whole year not just with our club, but with any club. Therefore remember to pay you subscriptions on time.

New Members: can join at any time of the year on payment of full subscriptions up to 31st May, and then re-affiliate in September. If they join on or after 1st June they are not required to re-affiliate until the following Year i.e. they have full membership for 15 months. This is the rule of the GNAS not the club, and new members have to decide under these circumstances when they wish to join.

Membership Card: on joining all new members will be issued by the secretary a temporary membership card, valid for 6 months, giving the GNAS time to register them, when a full membership number will be issue to the secretary who will pass it on to the member, the Membership card temporary or full must be carried at all times, particularly if competing in a tournament, when the host club can request you to produce it, failure to do so could lead to you being barred from shooting

General: as well belonging to the national body we are also members of the international body F.I.T.A (Federation Intemationale de Tn a lArc), which allows us to shoot in any member country as guest on production of our GNAS membership Card and we reciprocate to any visiting member from abroad.

Coaching:

The club has several members, qualified level I Coaches, who will be happy to provide you with further instruction as and when you need it. Normally coaches do not interfere with beginners unless they are requested by the archer themselves or the coaches see something in the archer's style that could be a danger to them or other archers.

Therefore it is up to you to request their assistance.

Do not purchase any archery equipment without obtaining their advice as it is too easy to buy equipment that would be unsuitable for you as beginners, which could be a waste of money. It takes some 6 months of shooting (varies between different people) before you would be ready both physically and technique wise for competition type equipment.

When seeking assistance from a coach be prepared in the short term for the results to appear to be making the results worse than before, this is because each change in your shooting style is only part of the whole and has to be practiced as a whole to gain the advantage of the change in the long term.

Club level I Coaches:

Mike Murphy;
Peter Titterton

There are also several very experienced members, who will when asked also assist.

Do not be afraid to ask for assistance there is always someone willing to help you

Tournaments

Chantry Bowmen hold 3 shoots annually; 'Outdoors', a longbow in May and a FITA 900 in September, with a Double Worcester Indoor round in December at our facilities at Sheffield Hallam University Sports Ground.

We also stage our Club Championships in July, which is a closed event, open to club members only, for Trophies and medals. We also run an evening fun shoot followed by a hot meal just Christmas (usually day after Boxing Day). Your support and assistance at all these events is essential for their success. There are always plenty of jobs to do, setting up the field, selling raffle tickets, collecting scores, clearing away at the end etc. Donations of suitable raffle prizes are always welcome and gratefully received.

Shooting

From September to April we shoot indoors at Thrybergh Sports Hall on Tuesday evenings 7:30 to 9:30pm, Herringthorpe Leisure Centre on Thursday evening, and Sheffield Hallam University (SHU), Cricket School on Friday evening, both at 7:30 until 9:30pm, there is a target fee charged for both Herringthorpe and SHU venues as the club does not have the finances to pay for them. At all venues GNAS rules of shooting will apply, also at Thrybergh and SHU we have a booking in procedure, where each archer selects a target to shoot at and stays on that target all night. Indoor we only shoot 3 arrow ends.

Outdoor shooting commences middle April to late September on Tuesday's and Thursday's evenings 7:30 to 9:30 (Dusk)

NAS Etiquette:

A good archer: -

Does not talk in a loud voice while others are shooting:

Does not talk to other archers, who prefer to be silent:

Does not make any exclamations on the shooting line, which might disconcert a-neighbor in the act of shooting:

Does not go behind the target to retrieve your arrows before the scores are recorded:

Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores:

Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission:

When Calling scores, does so in groups of three e.g. 7-7-5 (pause) 5-5-3:

Thank the Target Captain at the end of the round, for his/her work on your behalf: