



City of Cambridge Bowmen

The 71st Annual General Meeting of the City of Cambridge Bowmen was held at the
Downing College Sports Ground Pavilion

On Sunday 10th April 2022, commencing at **13.00**

Meeting opened at 13.10

Chair's welcome

Thank you to everyone who is here, and everyone that makes City of Cambridge Bowmen the best archery club in Cambridge. The AGM is an important event as it allows all members a chance to have a say on how the club is run, directions it should take, and provides an opportunity to see what goes on under the hood.

A short recap of how the club is run.

A committee is elected each year at the AGM and then meets bi-monthly to discuss matters, with further communication between. They are responsible for overseeing the running of the club for members including collecting subs, affiliating members, negotiating venue hire and purchasing equipment. They also coordinate the courses for new member acquisition and the running of the annual tournament each year that is essential in keeping membership fees low. In addition to this they seek to provide opportunities for members such as coaching assistance, awards schemes, training, competitions, and social activities.

You will hear from each of the members in turn about what they have been up to which should give you more of an idea.

1) Apologies for absence

Mark Yard, Richard Brasher, Alvaro Arteaga, Alejandra Najero, Meg Westbury, Nigel Westbury

Present

Committee: Nick (treasurer), Jack (chair), Lydia (Captain), Patrick (secretary), Seb A (records), Ank (tournamentse

Members: , Bogumil, David Long, Yiannis, Tim and Jenny Dodd, Seb P

2) Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting proposed LSS, seconded DL, approved

3) Matters Arising , accounts were audited, AGB refund done, toolkit sorted,

4) Chair's Report

The main theme for 2021/2022 has definitely been rebuilding.

The successes for the club last year were given as 'we're still here...' and 'we managed to keep shooting', and having been through it I think that is entirely fair took hard work from several people. However, 2020-2021 took a toll not only on our membership numbers but also general mood and motivation. It was in response to this that I decided to take on the role of Chair in August last year. Since then we have been working hard to rebuild our numbers and community, and I feel that this has largely been a success.

Key in this was the acquisition of new members via beginners' courses. Fortunately the pandemic seems to have produced pent-up demand for a social, distanced, outdoor activities, and our waiting list was, and remains, excessive. We have run 4 beginners' courses over the last year, with a 5th planned for June. This is far more than we usually do, and takes a huge amount of effort from members whose enthusiasm I know has worn thin at times. Therefore I wish to extend huge thanks to John, Anke, Richard, David, and Patrick.

We returned to our usual shooting venues at Downing and Coleridge after some displacement last year, and I would like to thank them for their renewed hospitality in hosting us.

Whilst outdoor shooting has been back towards normal we have had various restrictions in place throughout the year at Coleridge. We hope that these will cease by October, but this remains to be seen, and the club has always operated in the safest way possible for all of our members whilst trying to ensure everyone had an opportunity to shoot.

I would like, at this point, to take a moment to thank Patrick for running the indoor scheduling system throughout the winter. This ensured that everyone had an opportunity to shoot in a safe manner whilst also being able to follow rules and plan their week. Thanks also to those members shooting indoors who were respectful of the guidelines making enforcement a relatively painless experience.

This year we negotiated with Downing to shoot every Sunday during winter (rather than every other) making us less of a hostage to fortune with the weather, and providing more opportunities to shoot whilst restrictions were in place.

Alongside this we started up the monthly Frostbite competition which has been a great success, especially amongst some of our newer members (See TO report for more). It is my hope that this will continue with a monthly Short Metric for our summer postal league.

In another aspect of rebuilding we will be running our annual tournament again in May after a 2 year hiatus making it the third attempt at our 10th anniversary shoot.

Entries are looking healthy, and it's great to see that archers still want to come and shoot here. This brings in a large amount of money for the club, so please do try and help out for part of the weekend.

On top of this we will also be hosting the End of Season shoot for CAA in October; I'm pleased that we are in a strong enough position to be able to support archery within the county.

Competitively successes have been rather modest over the last year, but not non-existent.

We took part in several postal leagues in which the Compound team continue to dominate and the recurves have also been doing well (full results from TO). It has also been great to see CCB

members making up a large part of the county team for the SCAS postal.

In-person we took part in the Town vs. Gown competition with the university. Unfortunately we did not take the trophy, but I'm hopeful for this year so get training!

We also had a few people taking part in external competitions across a range of levels. Two of our archers competed at the Archery GB Masters tournament. Closer to home Lydia defended her indoor ladies compound county champion title and we also had good showing at the Jolly Western where some members tried a competition for the first time.

Good luck to everyone who is getting back to competition, and I hope some of our newer members will start exploring external events this summer.

Building on all of this, I'd like to present a brief look forwards for the year to come.

Now that we have rebuilt our membership base the priority for me is to support these new archers to develop and keep them involved.

Here are several plans we have to achieve this:

- Pushing the 252 and WA Arrow awards schemes.
- Providing coaching support for members to keep them improving and engaged.
- NB: if anyone is interested in becoming a coach CCB will pay for your training.
- Making sure there is a time members know they can get support, and in addition providing a dedicated time for junior members to be supported.
- Workshops with equipment/skills
- Supporting members to explore competitions and archery beyond CCB

Overall I'm hoping to build social cohesion within the club through club competitions, target days, etc.

I've thanked a number of people already, but would like to reiterate my thanks to the committee this year. Patrick as secretary who has put in an absolute shift behind the scenes to make sure things keep ticking smoothly. Nick as treasurer for stepping up part way through the year and sorting the accounts. Anke for chasing AGB and making sure we got back on track with the tournament. Seb for sorting through badges and administering records and awards. Lydia for organising new experienced members and keeping TvG going, and Richard for general support where needed.

Running an archery club is complicated in that it covers weekend hobby up to elite competitive sport. Everyone is valid, and as a club we wish to cater to everyone's interests and support our members in what they wish to get out of it. However, to do this we need to know what people want and their help. I would ask that people please help the club wherever they can, and please do consider joining the committee to reduce the workload on others and bring new ideas. We have several vacancies that can be filled today, or at a later point, and extensive archery experience is not a pre-requisite.

Over to the rest of the committee...

Report accepted

5) Secretary's Report

Secretary and Membership report 2022

2020 and 2021 were difficult years for membership.

However latterly we have seen an upturn in membership. We have recruited 13 new members from beginners courses (excluding March course) and 12 experience archers .

2022 membership (before 2022-2023 renewal) and at April 2021 (after renewals)

	2022	2021	comments
CCB Adult Count	36	20	2 Leaving
CCB Junior Count	6	2	2 Leaving
CCB non shooting Count	2	0	
CCB Over 65 Count	4	2	
CCB honorary Count	2	2	
Total	50	26	

2 experienced archers are joining

A number expected following March beginners' course.

Covid restrictions also brought their own difficulties with limited numbers in doors and a booking system required to ensure we did not exceed numbers and a fair distribution of sessions. Fortunately there were only a very few people unable to get their desired session and all archers who requested a place had at least one session in the week.

Hopefully winter 2022-23 will not have covid restrictions. However depending on indoor space will remain limited and we may need to keep a booking system to avoid overcrowding.

On a brighter note in 2021 we were able to return to our usual Downing field home where we have a contract through to 2025.

6) Treasurer's Report



Treasurer's Report – year to 31st March 2022

Having taken over as Treasurer during the year, I set out my report below to accompany the accounts.

Because of the impact of the pandemic, I have displayed the year's figures compared to the two previous years, so they can be interpreted better.

The year to March 2022 was "semi-normal" after Covid-affected 2021, the main difference to a normal year being that we didn't have our own Tournament, with its accompanying income.

The result for the year is a small surplus, which is a reassuring position to be in following the 2021 deficit.

Our reserves at the end of the year are strong, roughly in line with the previous two years.

We have decided to keep fees for the year ahead unchanged.

N J Tiley
8th April 2022



City of Cambridge Bowmen

Income and expenditure

	Year to March 2020	Year to March 2021	Year to March 2022
<u>Income</u>			
Annual fees	5,011.50	1,643.00	8,298.00
Tournament income	2,214.15		0.00
Receipts from AGB	1,729.00		50.00
Other income (inc. courses)	1,364.00		310.10
Total income	10,318.65	1,643.00	8,658.10
<u>Less expenditure</u>			
Refunds	668.44	216.00	633.05
Affiliation - AGB	2,166.00	769.00	2,068.00
Affiliation - CAA	189.00	86.00	182.00
Hire of venues	4,409.88	2,116.00	3,224.00
Equipment	2,776.75	53.63	1,378.28
Web	20.99	23.98	164.87
Postal league	0.00	15.00	0.00
Tournament expenses	134.38		35.50
Other expenses	213.50	50.00	529.24
Total expenditure	10,578.94	3,329.61	8,214.94
Surplus / deficit for the year	-260.29	-1,686.61	443.16
Funds at start of year	16,577.89	16,317.60	14,630.99
Funds at end of year	16,317.60	14,630.99	15,074.15
<u>Represented by</u>			
Funds at bank on 31st March	16,317.60	14,630.99	15,074.15
	0.00	0.00	0.00

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7) Tournament Organiser Report

CCB 2021 Tournament

Cancelled

2022 Tournament

10 year anniversary– 3rd attempt

WRS Double WA720 tournament

14th/15th May.

Assembly 8.45 a.m. Practice 9.00 - 9.45 a.m. Start 9.45 a.m.

Entry is £20/day.

Eventbrite charge paid by us this year - £17.85 revenue/ticket.

Deadline 2 weeks before, no refunds after.

No camping. No dogs (unless assistance dogs).

Medals!

Entries to date (9 April 2022):

96 entries via Eventbrite (**£1,713.60**) – held by Eventbrite, NOT in our account

5 entries via BACS (**£100**)– in OUR accounts

Total: £1813.60

Total (without CCB archers)

Saturday – 54 entries (13x 50m (C), 10x 60m, 25x 70m, 6x 50m Barebow)

Sunday – 47 entries (12x 50m, 7x 60m, 23x 70m, 5x 50m Barebow)

- little down on Recurve for 2020 entries (cancelled), others level to that
- 5 (+1 on order) double layer compound bosses, 9 recurve bosses available, 2 extra straw required at this point

Disabled archers:

Saturday

- 2 Compound stay on line (1 bringing agent/archer, 1 asking for agent),
- 2 Compound disabled but can pull arrows and move of line (will clarify to be sure),
- 1 Recurve stay on line (will clarify agent need)

Sunday

- 1 Compound stay on line (bringing agent/archer),
- 1 Compound disabled but can pull arrows
- 1 Recurve stay on line (will clarify agent need)

Cost to us to date (pure tournament):

£140 for tournament application (£70/ day, up from £50 for weekend)

Jobs that would need doing (for completeness):

Kitchen

Tea/coffee/other throughout day

Optional: breakfast and lunch shifts to provide sandwiches etc., cake?,

Judges lunch for both days

Other

set-up on Friday (13th) early afternoon onwards,

parking (Sat, Sun early)

putting up faces (early, lunch for compound)

Assembly ☺

collecting of running slips (all day)

looking after judges

data entry (all day), ideally 2 laptops to finish quickly at end of day

(sleep on site Friday night and Saturday night – necessary w/o campers?)

printer(s), laser would be nice – (or we print ahead, some spare forms)

laptops,

tools

Any help appreciated – a couple of hours or all weekend!

Friday setup

morning, mid-day, afternoon Saturday

morning, mid-day, afternoon Sunday

4-5pm-ish Sunday to put everything away

8) Field Captain's Report

- It's been a good year for new experienced archers joining, with at least 10 people joining us from outside the club. These include everything from regular shooters, to people dusting off their kit after a prolonged absence, to recent beginners' course graduates! It's great to welcome so many new faces to the club.
- In terms of safety, I'm pleased to say we've had minimal incidents. As a reminder to all, please keep an eye out while shooting for any stray pedestrians (especially along the back of the field or coming out of the houses on the left), and stop shooting if someone is walking along the far side of the field by the hedge until they are out of the overshoot.
- We hosted the Town vs Gown shoot on the first weekend of October, with surprisingly good weather for the time of year. Unfortunately, the students were victorious, so I want everyone to practice shooting 60 and 50 yards in time for this year's event!
- Finally, a thank you to the other committee members who have been very supportive in taking on elements of this role during a very busy year for me. In particular, thanks to Richard and Anke for sorting out medals for the upcoming tournament, and Patrick/Dad for handling the majority of the new member introductions to the club - we would definitely have fewer than 10 new archers if not for his efforts!

9) Equipment Officer's Report

Took an inventory early in the year to catalogue club equipment.

Over the year we purchased several new bows to support the increased beginners' course load.

Organised a shed clearout in March to - Please could all members endeavour to keep it clean and tidy

We should now be prepared for the outdoor season and the tournament pending the delivery of another target and a few pieces from Clickers.

I would raise that the back of the shed looked damp and could perhaps do with some structural attention and painting/proofing. Please could any members who can help with this put themselves forward.

For next year I would like to see more knowledge transfer to members, through workshops or similar.

10) Records Officer's Report

City of Cambridge Bowmen – Record Officer's Report 10.04.2022

It was really nice to be coming back almost to normal, and being able to shoot more regularly. Because of this we have been seeing an increase in the number of classifications reached in the club, although we have a few people who did not manage to gather the three scores required. We even managed to hold the Town vs Gown shoot in October.

1. Postal Leagues

We joined the postal competition as well as the SCAS league.

Last summer the compound team finished 1st of their division, and the recurve team finished 3rd.

We are still waiting for the official results of the league this winter.

Well done everyone, and we hope to see you participate to the summer league which has just started.

2. Competitions

The Town vs Gown returned this year but unfortunately, we were not able to get the trophy this year and it stayed with the University team. Well done to Lydia and Patrick who went back to a recurve to make the numbers, and to Seb Palmer and Rafal Sikora for doing very well on the shorter distances.

In February we had some club members participating to the Peacock WA18 and the Jolly archers' open Portsmouth and Indoor county championship. Won both the open and county ladies compound trophies at the CAA indoors and the team of Jack and Lydia won bronze in the open event. Anke won Silver and the Ladies Recurve and Gold for the double round.

3. New Club Records

According to the scores I have received we have a few new club records.

An updated record list will be shared shortly and I encourage everyone to shoot for some records. There are outdoor rounds that have none and it doesn't matter if it's an age appropriate round. A record is a record!

Outdoor Records:

WA 50m	Lydia Sinnett-Smith	C Ladies	675
Long National	Lydia Sinnett-Smith	C Ladies	624
Western	Lydia Sinnett-Smith	C Ladies	860
WA 1440 Ladies	Lydia Sinnett-Smith	C Ladies	1362
Short Junior Western	Seb Palmer	Recurve	768

4. Classifications

The following classifications were attained this year:

Outdoors

Anke Hannemann	Recurve	Bowman
Lydia Sinnett-Smith	Compound	Bowman
Richard Brasher	Recurve	2 nd Class
Jack Atkinson	Compound	3 rd Class

Indoors

Anke Hannemann	Recurve	C
Lydia Sinnett Smith	Compound	A
Rafal Sikora	Recurve	E (First time badge)
Jamie Pirie	Recurve	D
Richard Brasher	Recurve	D
Seb Allouis	Recurve	D
Demetris Stylianou	Recurve	D(First time badge)
David Long	Recurve	D

11) Webmaster's Report

Gave the website a facelift.

Added ssl certificate so website is secure and recognised as such by browsers.

Paid domain name fees for next decade.

Added information on awards.

Kept things up to date elsewhere as required.

Please could anyone who wants to write news articles for the club do so, and send to me to add.

Most parts now transitioned across from Matt.

We've signed up to Golden Records – more to come soon...

12) Election of Officers.

Nominees for officer posts will have the opportunity to briefly outline why they are running for the position and what they plan to do over the following year. There will then be a short period (2-3 min.) for members to ask any questions.

Role	Incumbent	Nominations/ retiring/ reelection
Chair	Jack Atkinson,	Willing to stand for re-election elected
Secretary	Patrick Sinnett-Smith,	Willing to stand for re-election elected
Treasurer	Nick Tiley	Willing to stand for re-election elected
Tournaments	Anke Hanneman	Would like to stand down, Willing to stand for re-election for 2022-23 Need to shadow for a year elected
Records	Seb Allouis	Willing to stand for re-election elected
Captain	Lydia Sinnett-Smith	Standing down Vacant No takers
Equipment	Jack Atkinson	Mark Yard nominated elected
Club coach	Vacant	David Long nominated elected
Other members (up to 3)	Richard Brasher	Richard Willing to stand for re-election Lydia Sinnett-Smith nominated elected
Junior representative	Vacant	Vacant

13) Membership Fees for 2022-2023 Season

Motion to leave fees unchanged, and remove the reduced summer rate due to it not being used.

Proposed NT, seconded SA : approved.

14) No other business was properly raised

Meeting closed at 14.28