

Name	November	H'Cap	December	H'Cap	January	H'Cap	February	H'Cap	Worst 3 H'Cap Scores Average	March	H'Cap	+/_	Position
Recurve & Longbow													
John Shinkin (L/B)	420	60	420	60	446	56	412	61	60	443	57	-3	=8th
Ian Prior	341	68	401	62	411	61	418	60	63	462	54	-9	1st
Amy Gott	443	57	492	49	489	50			52	512	45	-7	4th
Steve Prior	551	34	544	37	532	40	551	34	37	542	37	=	=12th
Darren King	529	41	511	45	492	49	516	44	46	525	42	-4	=6th
Lisa Spinks	539	38	525	45	550	35	538	41	40	558	32	-8	=2nd
Geoff Ball	491	49	485	50	473	52	507	46	50	443	57	+7	18th
Mo Roe	450	56	419	60	459	55	452	56	57	459	55	-2	10th
Lynn Fisher	549	35	550	35	549	35	549	35	35	543	38	+3	=16th
Sam Newton	538	39	558	32	570	27	527	41	37	538	38	+1	14th

Compound													
Dan Smith	559	20			563	17	556	23	20	561	19	-1	11th
John Fisher	562	18	561	19	567	14	565	16	17	559	20	+3	=16th
Ryan Mountney	574	10	574	10	582	5	579	7	9	575	9	=	=12th
Stephanie Mountney	544	30	550	27	551	26	551	26	27	556	23	-4	=6th
Abbie Spinks	537	34	550	27	538	33	535	35	34	542	31	-3	=8th
Jim Lloyd	532	36	545	30	538	33	547	29	33	548	28	-5	5th
Craig Shinkin	570	12	569	13	563	17	574	10	14	566	15	+1	=14th
Gareth Worsley	492	47			515	42	515	42	43	534	35	-8	=2nd

Henry Mynott, Sharon Essam, Mark Wareing and Nick Wilson also shot during the winter but for one reason or another did not put enough qualifying scores to be counted. I thank them in any case, better luck with injuries and commitments next year. To qualify everyone had to shoot at least 3 of the months November, December, January and February plus the final session in March. The three lowest scores shot in the first 4 months were then checked against handicap tables for the relevant bow type and given an average shown as “Worst 3 H’Cap average” in the table. The March score was then checked against the handicap tables and taken away from the “Worst 3 Average”. The person with the biggest minus is the winner.

A word regarding handicaps for those trying to work out why someone with say a score of 551 with a compound scores a handicap of 26, but with a recurve shows as a handicap of 34. Well that's because if we compounds manage to hit the 10 its much harder for us so our handicap is lower. Seriously though, the handicap tables for compound bows and all other bow types are different with whether you are shooting at single or 3 spot targets also making a difference. The handicap score highlighted in **bold red** is the highest score discarded by an archer who has shot all four months not counting March, during the winter. This takes account of my belief that most archers will from time to time shoot a score well above their current average with the most consistent archer not having the peaks and troughs. The table above tends to confirm that belief.

I thank everyone for coming in and taking part over the winter. The aim of the Handicap Reduction Trophy is to encourage everyone, whatever their ability to come and have a go. The club has succeeded in fulfilling its commitment to put scores in for each bow type in the leagues it has entered without people pitching in to shoot foreign bow types to help out. **All** the archers who took part did maintain or improve their performance if the winter is taken as a whole. In the final month there were people who did better than others on the handicap score which is a good job as we needed an overall winner!.

I hope to see you all next year but don't forget we will soon be starting the Summer handicap event.

Regards

John
19th March 2012.