

JUNE 2026



WELCOME TO OUR

✦ SA Scoop Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to our June 2026 edition of the SA Scoop – Scottish Archery's Member Newsletter.

Lots has been happening across the archery community in Scotland.

We hope you enjoy this one!

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Latest projects, updates, resources and recaps. Keep Reading!

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1. MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES FOR 2026/27 SEASON

Following the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 22nd of November, members voted to approve changes to the membership fees and structure of memberships offered. The new membership fees and structure approved at the AGM and taking effect from 1st September 2026 will be:

- **Senior Member (21 and over): £33**
- **Archery with a Disability: £14**
- **Junior Member (Under 21): £14**
- **Non-Shooting Member: £5**

Personal anniversary memberships will also be activated and effective from 1st September 2026, as voted on by members at the AGM. This means members can join throughout the affiliation year, and membership will last for one calendar year from the date of purchase. Renewal will be due on the anniversary of affiliation

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2. 2026 SUMMER OF SPORT

EXCITING NEWS: FUNDING AWARDED THROUGH SUMMER OF SPORT 2026

Following a successful application, we are delighted to announce that Scottish Archery has been awarded £24,000 through the Summer of Sport 2026 allocation from Sportscotland.

This fantastic investment will enable us to deliver a series of Ready, Steady, Shoot launch events across Scotland, providing more opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to experience our sport in a welcoming, fun, and supportive environment.

The Ready, Steady, Shoot programme has been designed to introduce new participants to archery while strengthening connections with existing clubs and volunteers throughout the country, and as a platform for creating new clubs where there is a demand. Through these launch events, we aim to inspire more people, specifically juniors, to get involved, develop their skills, and discover the many benefits that participation can bring.

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3. READY STEADY SHOOT

NEW NATIONAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME LAUNCHED!

We are excited to launch our brand new national participation programme called Ready Steady Shoot.

Ready Steady Shoot is the national participation programme run by Scottish Archery. It is designed to introduce people to archery in a structured, fun, and accessible way, helping beginners develop fundamental skills and confidence before progressing into regular club participation and competition pathways. Scottish Archery's broader mission is to create opportunities for people to participate, progress, and achieve within the sport.

So far we have held two introductory calls for members and local authorities. The response so far has been positive and we look forward to getting things going in the next few months!

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4. WOMEN & GIRLS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 2 OF WOMEN & GIRLS COACHING ACADEMY (WGCA)

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Currently, from our 75 AGB Licenced Coaches in Scotland, 27 are female (36%), which can be compared to the national average of females being 51%. This suggests that females are underrepresented in coaching roles.

Are interested in joining the community or do you think you have the skills to support as a mentor?

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5. VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERS WEEK SPOTLIGHTS - ABIGAIL & IAN

Volunteers' Week returned this year for the 42nd year running from Monday 1 to Sunday 7 June 2026.

As part of Volunteers' Week 2026, we took the opportunity to thank some of our remarkable volunteers who are dedicated, committed and passionate in making archery an engaging and inclusive sport for all.

Volunteers bring a richness to organisations across the country. There was no better time to recognise the diversity of our volunteers and celebrate the difference that volunteering makes than during Volunteers' Week. Without volunteers many clubs and organisations just simply could not function, with so many people giving up their time and going above and beyond. The week gave us a chance for all of us to show just how vital they are to clubs and communities everywhere.

Check out our Volunteer Week Spotlights as we say thank you to Abigail Henderson of Wee County Archers and Ian Heywood of Perth Archery Club.

[Abigail Henderson](#)

[Ian Heywood](#)



JOIN OUR CLUB DEVELOPMENT OR COMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUPS!

We are now recruiting volunteers for both our Club Development Subgroup and Communications Subgroup, as part of the restructuring and refresh of the Scottish Archery working groups. If you are passionate about archery and being part of a small team working in a specific area to develop the sport, then read on or get in touch for an informal chat – we would love to hear from you!

Main Duties:

- Attend and contribute to sub-group meetings
- Contribute to the development of the sub-group action plan
- Complete any assigned actions in the timeframe as required within the action plan
- Contribute to monitoring the progress of the sub-group action plan
- Bring impartiality and objectivity to meetings and decision-making

We welcome applications from people of all backgrounds and communities to ensure that Scottish Archery best represents the needs of our members and participants.

If you would like to discuss any reasonable adjustments or requirements during the process, please state this in your application or contact Lyndsay Noon on lyndsay.noon@scottisharchery.org.uk.

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EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Events at Scottish Archery are looking to compile a list of volunteers that can help at events. Whether you are an archer that can help with set up/take down, or a parent that comes along to events and could help out. Many hands make light work! There are always jobs for all.

This pool of volunteers will be given job role guidance before the event to ensure the smooth running of each competition.

Ideally there will be volunteers within each of the three Areas.

The list of volunteers would be contacted before the start of each indoor season with proposed events for the upcoming year. Volunteers can email their availability to Events@scottisharchery.org.uk





NEW GET SET FOR SPORT VOLUNTEERING E-LEARNING

With an unforgettable summer of sport upon us, there has never been a better time to inspire and support **more people of all ages and backgrounds** to start volunteering in sport.

Get Set for Sport Volunteering is just one intervention from sportscotland designed to support clubs and address the need for more volunteers of all ages and backgrounds in the sporting system - there's more to come!

Get Set for Sport Volunteering is a short module available on our Digital Learning Platform, Brightspace.

It is a starting point for individuals of all ages and backgrounds who are considering volunteering in sport.

It is designed to take individuals on a journey of discovery, to find and start volunteering in a role that suits them. It is also packed full of **useful information, essential generic learning**, and links to a range of volunteering opportunities via local and national partners.

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6. SAFEGUARDING

NEW ADULT WELLBEING & PROTECTION IN SPORT (AWPS) TRAINING COURSE

We are delighted to be organising an Adult Wellbeing and Protection in Sport (AWPS) course for our members. Details below:

- Date: 13.10.2026
- Time: 18:00-21:00
- Format: Online
- Booking Link: <https://scottisharchery.justgo.com/workbench/public/events?ref=994211BDE78A3924ACF7358C959BF5FD12D0E2F8>

The Adult Wellbeing and Protection in Sport (AWPS) course, is a brand new course developed by sportscotland, is the benchmark training program for identifying and managing adult safeguarding concerns within Scottish sports clubs and organizations. While child protection has historically dominated sports training conversations, this program shifts the focus to protecting adults—defined in this context as individuals aged 18 and over—and managing risks associated with vulnerable participants

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SAVE THE DATES: CHILD PROTECTION & WELLBEING COURSES

Through sportscotland there are a variety of Child Wellbeing & Protection Sport (CWPS) and Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO) training courses. We have organised our own CWPS course (see below):

More details below:

1. Child Wellbeing & Protection in Sport (CWPS) Training Workshops

- **Date:** 22.10.2026
- **Time:** 18:00-21:00
- **Format:** Online
- **Who:** Coaches (**part of AGB Coach Licencing requirements**), Volunteers, Officials
- **Description:** Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport (CWPS) supersedes the previous Safeguarding and Protecting Children (SPC) course. The training will provide you with the knowledge on child wellbeing and protection that will give you the confidence to deal with issues that may arise in your role working with children.

2. Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO) Training Workshops

- **Date:** 26.10.2026
- **Time:** 18:00-21:00
- **Format:** Online
- **Who:** Child Protection Officers for Clubs and Areas (**Requirement as part of our Club Affiliation process**)
- **Description:** Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer (CWPO) Training is suitable for individuals responsible for leading their club or organisation in the wellbeing and protection of children and young people. Learners will have the opportunity to develop knowledge of the roles and responsibilities associated with child wellbeing and protection.

Any further queries please get in touch with Jacqui Dunlop, Operations & Safeguarding Manager at admin@scottisharchery.org.uk

If you are looking to attend any courses before then, check out the sportscotland training course calendar below

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7. DISABILITY INCLUSION

SHOOTING THE BREEZE: FINDING MY PLACE ON THE LINE

In the second part of Archery GB's new disability series, Shooting the Breeze, Katie MacFarlane tells us about how archery brings her a sense of calm and social connection.

Shooting the Breeze explores how people with different disabilities integrate behind the waiting line. In our first post, Nick Coe shared his experience of shooting and coaching with a hearing impairment. You can read Nick's [story here](#).

In this edition, Scottish archer and Island Games silver medalist shares her experience of being a neurodivergent archer.

Tell us about your journey in archery, how you got involved and what you love about it
"I got involved in archery by chance. I had volunteered as a first aider for the Tall Ships 2023 as I needed to find something to get me out of the house. As a reward for helping, the first aid group organised a have a go archery session – which I nearly didn't attend as I slept in! I arrived an hour late to the session and missed the boss far more times than I hit the target, but I was instantly in love with the process of shooting.

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AGB COACHING ARCHERS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY COURSE SUCCESS

We were thrilled to host Archery GB's disability coaching experts, Nat Merry and Philip Watson, on 13 and 14 June. Held at the Sight Scotland Veterans Hawkhead Centre, the workshop brought together 12 coaches from Dundee, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Ayrshire, Lothian, and the Forth Valley.

The event combined theory with hands-on practice, sparking valuable discussions on coaching experiences and shared problem-solving for supporting archers with a disability.

Euan Murray, Scottish Archery's Development & Engagement Officer shared his reflections from the day:

"Nat and Philip delivered an engaging, insightful course that fostered great collaboration and problem-solving among the coaches. The feedback has been very positive, and coaches are looking forward to putting what they have learned into practice. Thanks to both facilitators for travelling to Scotland, and to Gayle Pink for organising"

A full round up will be available from Archery GB in due course.



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT (SDS) ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations are invited from those connected with SDS for the following awards that will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 19th September 2026 at Forthstone, 56 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9EB. It is important that there is a clear indication of why the individual/group is being nominated.

The Awards Panel will then meet to consider all applications and decide the winner for each category in advance of the presentations at the AGM on Saturday 19th September 2026. A list of former award winners can be seen on our [website](#)

All nominations should be returned in confidence, before Monday 17th August 2026, to:
Email - admin@scottishdisabilitysport.com

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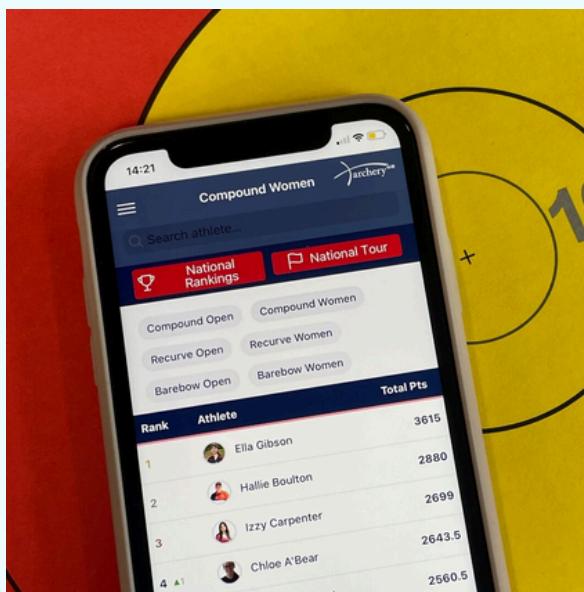
8. ARCHERY GB UPDATES

PERFORMANCE ROLE CREATED FOR LA GAMES AND BEYOND

Archery GB is pleased to announce the appointment of Lucinda Whittaker, who will take up a new position of Performance System Lead. This position sits across both the Olympic and Paralympic World Class Performance Programmes.

As we start to progress towards the 2028 LA Games, alongside our development of athletes for the Brisbane Games in 2032, this role will play a significant part in the programmes' medal ambitions.

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NEW NATIONAL RANKING SITE LAUNCHED

Archery GB are pleased to launch the new national ranking site for archers who want to follow their national ranking and National Tour ranking more easily across devices.

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9. EVENTS

ENTRIES ARE LIVE FOR 2026 SCOTTISH OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are delighted to announce that entries are now live for our 2026 Scottish National Outdoor Championships on 22nd & 23rd August hosted by Balbardie Archers.

The Senior & Novice Championships will take place on the Saturday and on the Sunday, the Junior & 50+ Championships.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of bids for the Senior and Novice Outdoor Championships and the Junior & 50+ Outdoor Championships, we have combined them into one weekend for this year. Hopefully, from 2027 onwards, we re-launch the bids as separate stand-alone events, with clubs organising their own event on the second day. If you, your club or your area is interested in hosting one of these events. Please contact events@scottisharchery.org.uk. It is a great way for clubs to fundraise.

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SCOTTISH TOUR STAGE 2 AND 3 UPDATE

Just a reminder that entries for Stage 2 are closing soon (3rd July), which takes place on 25th & 26th July hosted by Ayr Archery Club

Also, entries for Stage 3 close on 7th August, with the event taking place 29th & 30th August at Moray Archery

Please note that space fillers will be allocated after the closing of bookings and keep an eye on your emails

[Stage 2](#)

[Stage 3](#)



Scottish Tour Finals
19th September

Location
GLAMIS CASTLE



SCOTTISH TOUR FINALS COMING TO GLAMIS CASTLE

Scottish Archery is thrilled to announce that the Scottish Tour Finals 2026 will take place at Glamis Castle on 19th September.

Glamis Castle has played a huge role throughout history. Home to James V of Scotland during the 16th century, and more recently, the childhood home of Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, Glamis' rich heritage and beautiful grounds will help to build a solid foundation for Scottish Archery's most prestigious event.

Fiona Hirst, Scottish Archery's Events Officer and Event Director said:

"Over the past few years, Scottish Archery has worked incredibly hard to raise the standard and profile of competitive archery across the country. By working collaboratively with a range of organisations and partners, we are delighted to have secured Glamis Castle as the home of the Tour Finals for the next few years.

We wanted to create something truly special for our athletes - an occasion that not only rewards performance but also delivers a high-level competitive experience in a unique and iconic setting. Events like this help prepare our archers for the opportunities that may lie ahead, including the potential Commonwealth Games in India in 2030.

This partnership with Glamis Castle and their Estates team is an exciting step forward for Scottish Archery and a reflection of the ambition we have for the sport moving into the future."

Curtis Hirst, Scottish Tour Finals Producer and Sports Delivery Consultant said:

"For many archers, Glamis is an annual venue in the archery calendar with Lochside Bowmen. With the kind permission of the Earl of Strathmore, the matchplay will take place directly in front of the castle. With its beautiful grounds, we hope that this venue will provide archers with a great shooting experience alongside the pressures of an international matchplay environment. A lot of work has gone in to making this possible and we are so excited to be finally sharing this news with everyone."

Watch out for further updates.



10. STUDENTS

STUDENTS FROM SCOTTISH INSTITUTIONS ON TARGET AT BUCS OUTDOOR FINALS

By Kelsey Hunt, Scottish Student Archery Communications Officer

This month, students from Scottish universities and colleges who competed at the 2026 BUCS Outdoor Archery Championships at Lilleshall.

There were some wins honourable mentions and here are all the archers who medalled:

- Misha Pavlov, Dundee (Recurve Open third)
- Bridey Simpson, St Andrews (Compound Female third)
- Alex Chun St Andrews (Compound Female second)
- Cizzie McGuinness, Dundee Female Longbow 2nd
- Sabrina Seidumanova, Edinburgh Female Longbow 3rd
- Yufeng Tang, Stirling Novice Barebow Open 3rd
- Rohan Dyce, St Andrews, Novice Longbow 2nd

Some honourable mentions Katherine Lamont, Abertay placed third on Day 2, finishing 4th overall female Barebow Recurve Female Selin Busoni, Edinburgh finished 8th overall, finished 7th day one Kelsey Hunt (Strath) and Kirsten Ward (Stirling) finished 16th and 17th, Kelsey ranking 6th on day 1 (I had a shocker of a qual's haha) William Anderson (Dundee) ranked 4th in barebow open.

And just in general the Scottish teams are brilliant at supporting each other - was sad it was my last BUCS! I was the only strath archer who was able to attend but was welcomed into the Dundee team for travel and all clubs went to dinner on Sunday. It's a lovely student event and the best of the year!

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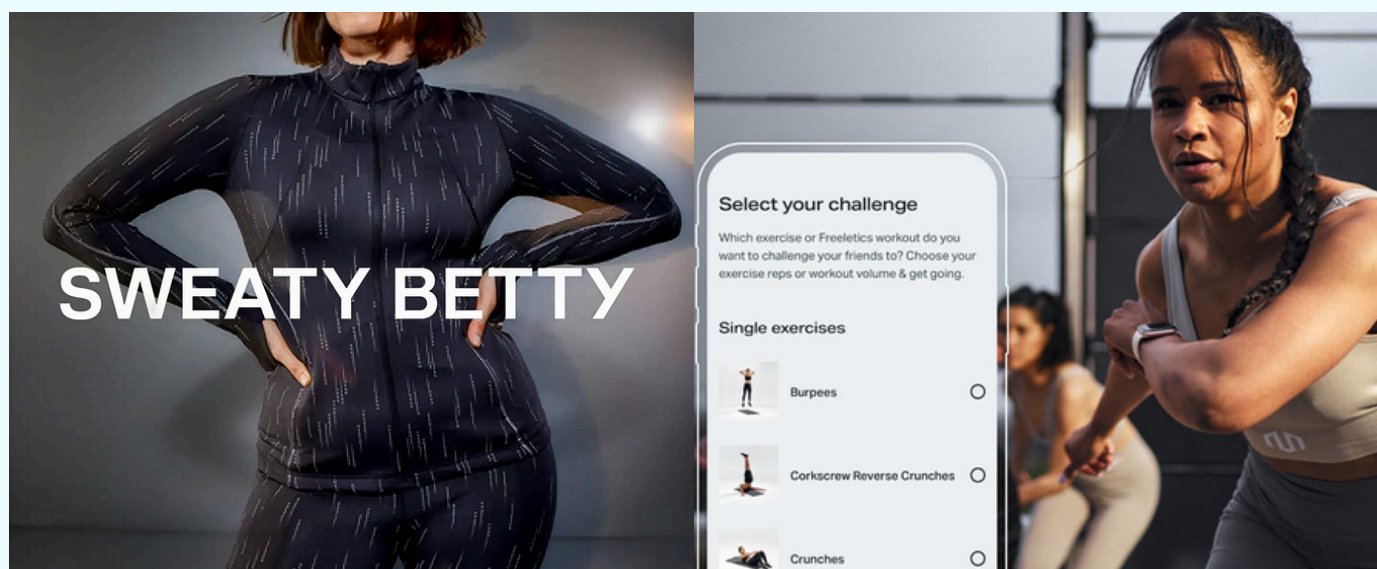
11. JUSTGO REWARDS

**OUR SCOTTISH ARCHERY MAY MEMBER DISCOUNTS ARE HERE –
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The wait is over! Our hottest June deals have just landed!

From savings on sports gear and experiences to member-exclusive offers, there's never been a better time to take advantage of your rewards.

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12. CLUBS IN THE COMMUNITY

ST CUTHBERTS PRESTWICK & LASSWADE JOIN LEAP SPORTS FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT

Both St Cuthberts Prestwick Archery Club and Lasswade Archery Club hosted events as part of Leap Sports Festival Fortnight. Festival Fortnight (FF), coordinated by LEAP Sports, takes place annually, and aims to increase the visibility and participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people in Scottish sport, and provides opportunities to raise awareness of LGBTIQ+ and wider equality, inclusion, and human rights issues within the world of sport and physical activity. The festival provides something for everyone, featuring a combination of sporting, cultural, academic, social, and recreational events.

Craig Paterson from Prestwick St Cuthbert Archery Club shared his reflections from the event:

“Prestwick St Cuthbert Archery Club hosted their second LEAP Sports Come & Try event this month which was a brilliant example of archery as a truly inclusive sport, welcoming people from a wide range of minority and underrepresented groups.

We were proud to see LGBTIQ+ participants, disabled archers including a wheelchair user, and individuals from diverse backgrounds all taking part together in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. It was especially rewarding to see how easily the facility accommodated disabled access needs, ensuring everyone could take part on equal terms.

A huge thank you to our club volunteers and members whose support, patience and encouragement made the event such a success. There were also some great conversations about coaching pathways and how we can continue to grow opportunities that better reflect and serve all communities.

Events like this show the real strength of archery—open, welcoming, and accessible to everyone.”

Great work from both clubs in proactively reducing barriers for LGBTIQ+ community to participate in archery.

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GLASGOW ARCHER HIT THE MARK WITH INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ARCHERY CAMPAIGN THROUGH GLASGOW 2026 FESTIVAL

Glasgow Archers' Volunteers Hit the mark with inclusive community Archery campaign through Glasgow 2026 Festival as part of 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

A dedicated team of local archery volunteers has successfully introduced the sport to over 150 participants across Glasgow through an intensive multi-week community outreach campaign. Between 30 May and 17 June, the initiative broke down traditional barriers to sports participation by delivering tailored sessions to diverse groups, including young children, ethnic minority communities, women-only groups, and students with complex support needs.

The campaign showcased the versatility of the sport, utilizing both traditional and adaptive 'soft' archery equipment. Key milestones included a multi-week beginners' course at Whitecraigs RFC, well attended by female and minority participants, and an incredibly popular taster session for the Amina Muslim Women's Friendship Group. The programme also prioritized adaptive sports, delivering specialized sessions at Hazelwood School to ensure primary and secondary pupils with visual impairments and sensory issues could fully experience the joy of archery.

"Our goal was to show that archery truly is a sport for everyone, regardless of age, background, or ability," said a club representative. "Thanks to the incredible dedication of our volunteer coaches, who turned out in high numbers to support every session, we were able to provide safe, high-quality, and impactful experiences for participants ranging from ages 3 to 16 and older. The response from local schools, scout groups, and community hubs has been overwhelmingly positive."

With successful events also hosted at Langside and Blackfriars Primary schools, St. Andrew's Secondary School, and for Govan Scouts, the club has laid a strong foundation for future grassroots sports integration in the region. Following the success of this campaign, the club aims to continue its inclusive programming and welcomes further partnership inquiries from local schools and community organisations.



KILMARNOCK BAREBOW ARCHERS SUPPORT CARE HOME GAMES AND LEARNING DISABILITY SPORTS DAY

The month of June has been a busy period for the team at Kilmarnock Barebow Archers. On 3rd June, the club supported the 2026 East Ayrshire Care Home Games. The event was organised by East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. This partnership is made up of partners from East Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran, working together to deliver social care and community health services.

A couple of weeks later, the club delivered archery activity at the East Ayrshire Disability Sports Day, held during Learning Disability Awareness Week (LDAW) 2026 at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena in Kilmarnock, is a cornerstone community event celebrating inclusive sport. The theme for LDAW 2026 was "Do you see me?" which is all about people with a learning disability being seen, heard and valued. The fully accessible day brings together adults and young people to try adaptive sports, ride all-ability bikes, and promote an active lifestyle.

Club representative and volunteer on the day Tim Diesel shared his reflections from both events:

"Kilmarnock Barebow Archers (KBA) were delighted to support both the East Ayrshire Care home Games and Learning Disability Sports Day events. As a club, we really enjoy taking part in community events like this because it gives us the chance to see the positive effect archery can have on people from all walks of life. Seeing so many smiling faces after trying archery was incredibly rewarding for our volunteers and coaches, and it reminds us why we love sharing the sport."

[Care Homes Games](#)

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13. CLUB SUPPORT

JUSTGO FOR CLUBS - MANAGING YOUR CLUB JUST GOT EASIER

JustGo's club management solution can transform your membership management, reduce your administration, and get you back to doing what you love!

JustGo for Clubs is built with clubs like yours in mind, and we believe this could really help your club run for effectively & efficiently. There are 3 packages: JustGo Lite, JustGo Essential and JustGo Pro:

- Sell memberships
- Create and promote club events
- Class and training management
- Club email communications
- Personalize automated system emails
- Online payment processing with full or partial refunds
- Membership subscriptions and installments
- Insights and dashboards
- Essential purchasing rules (for membership and event ticket personalization)
- Family discounting
- Club website builder
- Product cross-sell
- Create a 'membership journey' by including additional data capture as part of the membership purchase

We are offering some clubs the opportunity to register their interest so they can access the **JustGo for Clubs Pro package** for FREE for Year 1. Our aim is to work with these clubs to gain feedback on this feature prior to a potential full rollout on the system for all clubs to access.

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14. COACHING

2026 COACHING CONFERENCE: GET YOUR TICKETS

The countdown is officially on! Get your tickets for the Scottish Archery 2026 Coaching Conference

- When: 24th & 25th October 2026
- Where: Sight Scotland Veterans Hawkhead Centre, Paisley
- Theme: Supported People – empowering, connecting, and growing our archery system together

Whether you want to share fresh coaching ideas, scale up your technique, or network with peers across the sector, this weekend is built for you

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NEW LEVEL 1 COACHES IN EAST OF SCOTLAND

It's official: we have a whole new squad of qualified coaches! Huge well done to everyone who passed their Archery GB Level 1 on 6th June at Sight Scotland Veterans Linburn Centre.

Watch out beginners, these guys are ready to help you hit the gold!

Thank you to the Coach Developer team of Iain and Bill.

We are currently planning our next set of Level 1 and 2 courses for the new season.

If you would like to register your Expression of Interest, click below.

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COACH EDUCATION SUBSIDY FOR 2026/27 APPLICATIONS NOW LIVE!

Following a successful year of progress and an increase in the number of coaching courses having taken place, Scottish Archery is pleased to announce the renewal of its Coach Education Subsidy for 2026/27 (until 31st March 2027) thanks to sportscotland.

This funding helps break down financial barriers to training. This year, our targeted support focuses heavily on:

- Women & girls getting into coaching
- Young coaches
- Those who experience financial barriers or hardship
- Improving Equality, Diversity & Inclusion across our archery community

Don't miss out on the chance to build your skills and support your club to provide a positive experience of archery for participants

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#PlayItForward



UK COACHING WEEK - PURPOSEFUL PLAY

UK Coaching Week is an annual national awareness campaign which empowers coaches, clubs and the public to celebrate great coaching.

This year's theme focuses on celebrating the power of purposeful play - showing how well-designed, playful activities help both children and adults learn, develop and thrive. Explore ideas that put play at the heart of meaningful learning and support participants to build a lifelong love of being active.

Play can mean different things to different people. We've spoken to coaches of varying backgrounds and practices. What's clear is that play helps people develop physically, socially and cognitively. Yet opportunities for true play are increasingly harder to find.

Purposeful play is about being intentional. It's using play to create meaningful experiences that build skills, confidence and connection. Experts and coaches including Joel Enoch, Gareth Williams, Andrew Telfer, and Gill Erskine share how play can be shaped, supported and sustained within coaching environments.

Archery GB Programme Coach Mark Braham shares one of his favourite games for making archery fun – Archery Pizza Challenge!

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COACHING ARCHERS WITH A DISABILITY WORKSHOP

We were thrilled to host Archery GB's disability coaching experts, Nat Merry and Philip Watson, on 13 and 14 June. Held at the Sight Scotland Veterans Hawkhead Centre, the workshop brought together 12 coaches from Dundee, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, Ayrshire, Lothian, and the Forth Valley.

The event combined theory with hands-on practice, sparking valuable discussions on coaching experiences and shared problem-solving for supporting archers with a disability.

Euan Murray, Scottish Archery's Development & Engagement Officer shared his reflections from the day:

"Nat and Philip delivered an engaging, insightful course that fostered great collaboration and problem-solving among the coaches. The feedback has been very positive, and coaches are looking forward to putting what they have learned into practice. Thanks to both facilitators for travelling to Scotland, and to Gayle Pink for organising"

A full round up will be available from Archery GB in due course.



NEW AGB GAMES BASED LEARNING WORKSHOP

Archery GB have launched a new Games Based Learning Workshop which will be piloted at Lilleshall National Centre on 2nd August.

This interactive workshop is designed for archers who want to create more engaging, inclusive, and effective learning environments.

Through a mix of practical activities and collaborative challenges, you'll explore how games can be used to develop skills, improve decision-making, and enhance the overall coaching experience.

By the end of the workshop, you'll leave with practical tools, new ideas, and the confidence to apply Games Based Learning in your own coaching environment.

This workshop is suitable for all archery coaches looking to develop their delivery, whether you're working with beginners, recreational archers, or those developing their performance.

We have already experienced interest from coaches and archers in Scotland in the course and we are keen to explore potentially bringing a course to Scotland.

If you would be interested in attending this course if it was in Scotland or local to you, please complete the Expression of Interest form below.

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SUN SHINES FOR U21 OPEN DAY

By Bill Mackay, Scottish National Head Coach

The planned weather turned up, and it was warm and sunny all day. The schedule was well produced, with Learning having fun. It was a short day 10.00am till 2.00pm.

We had 20 archers attend with lots of support from parents and families staying to watch and observe the session.

At the start of the day, we had a great warm-up with our Youth Panel taking the lead and introducing many new ways to warm up our archery muscles. Huge thanks to Kristin, Abigail, Olivia and Laura.

Moving on to the shooting with our Coaches observing and working with everyone. We had a lot of experienced coaches and archers, Iain Wilson, Maya Clayton, Mirren Yule and Gilbert Jamieson. They ensured that an enjoyable learning atmosphere lasted all day. We moved on to a game that involved shooting at a flower made from folding paper plates. This game involved aiming at different parts of the target and hitting your opponent's plate while having to shoot your own target to revive it when your teammates shot your plate.

Next was some team shooting in teams of 3, with archers having to work out what was required, how to shoot and encourage their team to be more focused on the round. This also included learning when and where to be during each end. Lots of good shooting and team building happening. Again, we had lots of help from our Youth Panel members here.

During lunch, we had a discussion on how the team round went and a recap of the morning session. This was more shooting, but also trying out some suggestions from our Coaches. All too quickly, we only had 15 minutes left. Balbardie Archers' members were fabulous, and we overran our time, but the club welcomed us to stay and shoot if we wished to. We rounded off the day with a group task, with archers asking each other what one thing they are taking away from today.

Lots of great statements from the archers. Having fun learning was a statement to remember.

A massive thanks to the Balbardie Archers for the setup and lining for team head-to-heads. Also for staying and helping out with the archers. My thanks to all the parents/panel members, and coaches who were involved. It just would not happen without you.



SCOTLAND'S NATHAN AND CAMERON COMPETING AT WORLD ARCHERY PARA SERIES GB TEAM

Starting today, GB will be competing in the World Para Series in Nove Mesto, Czech Republic for medal glory. The first stage of the World Para Series took place in Bangkok at the start of April this year.

The selected team represents a strong blend of established World Class Programme athletes alongside emerging talent, reflecting both the strength and depth of the pathway. This includes Scotland's Nathan MacQueen MBE and Cameron Radigan.

The squad has prepared well and carries real ambition for what can be achieved on the international stage. This competition is another important opportunity to build momentum as they continue progressing through the season.

Best of luck to Nathan, Cameron and the GB Team. The action is underway and you can keep up to date on IANSEO below

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SCOTLAND'S FIN CLARK WINS FIRST SENIOR AGB NATIONAL TOUR TITLE

A huge congratulations to Fin Clark on winning his first senior Archery GB National Tour title at Stage 3 in Surrey.

Initially placed 10th in qualifying and after some really really hard matches Fin managed to keep his composure and secure the title!.

Well done Fin, fantastic achievement!



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