



WELCOME TO OUR

SA Scoop

Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to our April 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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1. FOCUS ON ARCHERY

PARTNERSHIP WITH SPORTING MEMORIES FOUNDATION PROMOTING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING FOR OVER 50S

We were delighted to feature as part of sportscotland's Focus On series, highlighting the partnership work with Sporting Memories Foundation to promote both the physical and mental wellbeing benefits for over 50s.

Archery is a sport for all ages, with participants ranging from as young as seven to well into their nineties. This is demonstrated by Ian Hunter, aged 91, a member of Lasswade Archery Club in Bonnyrigg, Midlothian.

Scottish Archery, in partnership with The Sporting Memories Foundation Scotland are supporting session leaders by providing training, resources and equipment, enabling them to deliver archery as part of their existing services and programmes.

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2. EVENTS

2026 COACHING CONFERENCE TICKETS GO LIVE ON 1ST MAY!

We are pleased to announce that tickets will go live on 1st May for our 2026 Coaching Conference, which will take place on 24th & 25th October at Sight Scotland Veterans Hawkhead Centre.

This year's theme aligns with our Supported People key pillar, which is an integral part of the 2025-29 Supporting Our Archery Community Strategic Plan. We understand that people are at the heart of our archery systems so we need to ensure that coaches feel supported and empowered through opportunities to collaborate, connect and develop.

The conference aims to offer coaches the opportunity to come together to learn, share ideas, network, feel inspired and more knowledgeable & confident across various topics. There is significant value in this approach and looking forward to welcoming and bringing people together again for this year's event.

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COACHING CONFERENCE
SCOTTISH ARCHERY

Scottish Archery

**SPEAKER
ANNOUNCEMENT**

2026 Coaching Conference

Ryan Grewcock

Archery GB
Head of Learning & Development

24th Oct

SAVE
THE DATE



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**SPEAKER
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2026 Coaching Conference

Bill Mackay

Archery GB Senior Coach (Level 4)
Archery GB Coach Developer
Scottish Archery National Team Coach

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SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED: RYAN GREWCOCK AND BILL MACKAY

We are delighted to announce two of our speakers who will be presenting at our 2026 Coaching Conference. This includes Archery GB's Head of Learning & Development Ryan Grewcock and seasoned Senior Coach and Coach Developer Bill Mackay. We are looking forward to having them there. Check out their bios below:

Ryan Grewcock

Ryan is currently Head of Learning & Development for Archery GB with 29 years in snowsport, starting as a ski coach at 16 and progressing to Alpine Development Coach (L4). A tutor since the age of 23, he's now a Senior Tutor for UK Snowsport and Snowsport England, delivering all Development Coaching courses.

He's managed ski centres, trained athletes, and led national coaching pathways, including the UK's international snowsport licensing scheme.

After 11 years at Snowsport England, Ryan joined Archery GB, driven by a passion for coach development. He's also part of the cross-sport group working to regulate coaching for Sport England, shaping the future of coach education across the UK

Bill Mackay

Bill originally came into archery as a family activity in 1986. Having spent many years in Scouting from the age of eight. His career in Scouting covered a variety of different aspects of Scouting. Scout leader then District Commissioner, leader trainer, reaching National Trainer and developer. Moving to archery as a family activity, with his background, he was asked to become a Coach. He also became a coach in Field Archery, completing the training and achieving Archery GB Senior Coach around 2000.

Recognised as a National Trainer for Scouting Bill was invited to the AGB board as a Scottish representative, then became the National Coach Officer Education from 2002 till 2014. During this time, Coaching and Education were developed to work within our educational environment.

Bill continued working with the Senior Coach Education team, working in Scotland with the Development Team. Currently with the Scottish Team as Team Coach and now looking at developing our teams and team support.



3. WOMEN & GIRLS

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION: SCOTTISH ARCHERY'S WOMEN & GIRLS COACHING ACADEMY

The WGCA Participants range from those considering coaching for the first time to those already partway through their Archery GB Session Coach Level 1 qualification. The group on Sunday 20th April completed their final assessment module and all nine participants passed and are now qualified.

Coach Developer Duncan McEwan shared his reflections and overall enjoyment of the day:

“Sunday was a long but fulfilling day. We had 9 prospective Session Coaches doing their final Observation day at the excellent facilities at Sight Scotland’s Linburn center.

The nine candidates can’t through the Scottish Archery Woman and Girls Academy stream and were a little nervous about the day as expected - but super focussed.

Having everyone so on board with the process helped to make the day a success and after some good sessions and great discussions, Scotland have 9 more Session Coaches who can help their clubs bring new archers into our sport.

To top it all off - all 9 candidates expressed a desire to undertake the next level (Development Coach) as a group, because of the great team spirit within the group.

Thanks to Steven Oliver from Sight Scotland for opening the centre early for us and closing up afterwards - all on his day off !”

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OLIVIA & KRISTIN SELECTED FOR ACHIEVE 2026 PROGRAMME

As part of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, two of our young coaches have been selected to participate in the Achieve 2026 programme, which will allow them to experience the Glasgow games from the perspective of a coach. Pairing them with experienced coaching mentors, Olivia Kendal and Kristin Ward will get an inside track on a variety of sports as part of a wider programme to leave a sporting legacy in Scotland.

The Achieve 2026 programme is an educational programme aimed at athletes and female coaches that have the potential to make the future Commonwealth Games and represent Team Scotland. Achieve athletes/coaches will have access to a well-qualified and experienced mentor that will guide them through this educational experience. Their job will be to inspire curiosity in the participants in an effort to develop a deeper understanding into the differences between the elite competitions they are currently subject to and a large-scale multi-sport event like the Commonwealth Games. We have already filled our athlete wave but are looking at further numbers for our coaches wave.

The main body of the programme will see participants take a 5-day trip to Glasgow during the games where they will spectate a variety of different sports, as well as take part in a Team Scotland House visit, inspirational talks, media training and appropriate interactive workshops to share learning across sports. All in an effort to increase understanding of the participants, their sports, how they learn and how they can help them individually maximise the experience.

Achieve 2026 is part of the Scottish Summer of Sport, which will create many opportunities across the country for our communities to participate in a wide variety of sports, including archery, and for us will culminate with the Home Nations competition at the University of Stirling on 15th-16th August





4. JENSEN'S STORY

JENSEN DAVIDSON'S COMPETITION EXPERIENCE

We've had some fantastic feedback following our 2026 Scottish National Indoor Championship weekend at the University of Stirling. Ann Buchanan shared her grandson Jensen Davidson's experience and it's a brilliant example of just how positive and encouraging archery can be for young people.

Jensen (14), who shoots with Bannockburn Bowmen, only started archery just over a year ago. Since then, Ann says everyone at the club, from coaches to members, has been incredibly supportive, helping him along every step of the way.

Jensen is neurodiverse, dyslexic and moderately bilaterally deaf, so busy environments can sometimes be overwhelming for him. He can get anxious in crowds and finds social situations tricky until he gets to know people, so heading into the event, there were some understandable nerves. But on the day, Jensen rose to the challenge.

With several clubmates around him and coaches making sure he knew exactly what was happening and when, he quickly started to settle in. He was very nervous at first (even telling his gran to give him some space while he set up), but after a few practice shots, things began to change.

[Full Story](#)

5. PODCAST

ANASTASIA WILSON, ILLARIA KNIBB AND VICTORIA SEMPLE TALK BAREBOW

Great Britain's barebow women are on a mission! Anastasia Wilson, Illaria Knibb and Victoria Semple sat down for a very special episode of AGB's The Way Of The Bow.

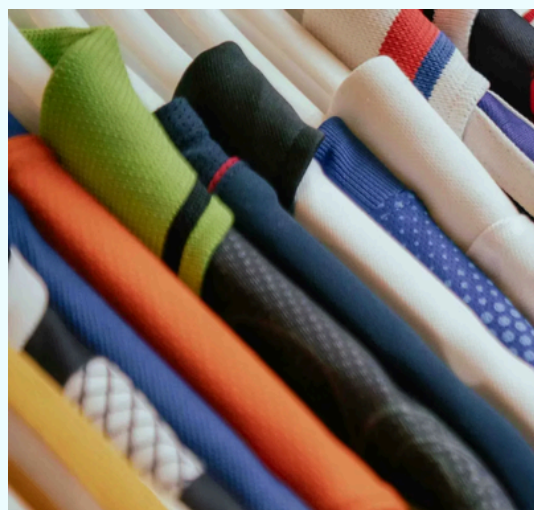
The trio brought home a team silver medal (along with Scotland's William Anderson's Bronze) at the European Championships in Bulgaria but they almost didn't make the tournament at all after the airport told them their kit was "weapons" and they were not allowed to fly. Cue a mad scramble to compete, and they certainly made it count!

The athletes also answer your questions too including tips on staying hydrated and how to prepare for international selection.

Hosted by Jay Vydelingum, The Way of the Bow is a [Clement Stories Production](#) for Archery GB.



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6. RESEARCH

EXPLORING ATHLETES EXPERIENCES WITH THE CURRENT PRECISION-BASED SPORTSWEAR MARKET

You are invited to take part in an undergraduate research study exploring athletes experiences with the current precision-based sportswear market. Before you decide, you must understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the information below and feel free to ask any questions.

This study is being conducted by Alexandra Jonassen, a student at Manchester Metropolitan University, as part of their assessed coursework for Fashion Enterprise Project.

You have been invited because you are aged 18 or over and have experience with precision-based sports.



7. DISABILITY INCLUSION

NEW ARCHERY GB COACHING ARCHERS WITH A DISABILITY COURSE COMING TO SCOTLAND IN JUNE!

We are pleased to have Archery GB Coach Developers coming up to Scotland deliver the 2 day Coaching Archers with Disability course at Hawkhead Centre in Paisley. The course will take place on 13th & 14th June.

This is a great opportunity and the workshop is designed to equip coaches and instructors with the confidence and skills to support archers of all abilities in an inclusive and accessible environment.

Throughout the course, participants will explore and experience:

1. Understanding diverse needs and how different impairments can affect shooting.
2. Developing coaching techniques for archers with challenges related to balance, stance, or strength.
3. Supporting archers with limited mobility or grip strength in drawing the bowstring.
4. Inclusive coaching strategies for archers with visual impairments.
5. Creating a welcoming and accessible archery experience for everyone.
6. Using and adapting equipment and assistive devices.
7. Safety and risk management considerations for inclusive coaching.
8. Effective recruitment and development pathways to support disabled archers in the sport.

The cost is £90 and is subsidised by The Fletcher's Trust. Hope to see you there.

For further info or book your space (please note spaces are limited!) click button below

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MARCHERS FOR ARCHERS RAISES £14.9K FOR DISABILITY ARCHERY

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The challenge saw archers, clubs, and Archery Activity Partners setting personal challenges to walk, run, shoot, or step while raising funds to improve access into archery for disabled people.



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THE ACCESS ARCHERY FUND IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Access Archery Fund (AAF) is now open and ready to receive applications from Archery GB clubs and Activity Partners, who want to grow or enhance their accessibility and inclusion for disabled archers.

The AAF is a partnership programme between Archery GB and The Fletchers' Trust that will help more disabled people experience the benefits of archery.

[More Info](#)



8. ARCHERY GB UPDATES

ARCHERY GB ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25 AND STRATEGIC UPDATE

Archery GB's Annual Report 2024-25 and Strategic Update shares the progress the organisation has made over the last 12 months and our key priorities for the upcoming cycle.

This report is a record of our journey over the past year, showcasing a period of significant growth and the continued modernisation of archery. It brings together the collective dedication of AGB staff, volunteers, and members, reflecting our core mission to grow and celebrate the sport.

Throughout the year, AGB have achieved notable success in expanding grassroots reach, enhancing digital support systems for clubs, and securing vital strategic partnerships that ensure the long-term sustainability of the sport. As AGB adapt to the changing needs of a diverse membership, this report highlights their commitment to making archery more accessible and inclusive for everyone, regardless of background or ability.

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9. CAMPAIGNS

CLEAN SPORT WEEK - 11TH TO 17TH MAY

Clean Sport Week is UK Anti-Doping's (UKAD) annual campaign bringing together sporting organisations, athletes, coaches and communities across the UK to celebrate fair play and champion drug-free sport.

This year's theme – Built not bought. 100% me. – is a straightforward message to every athlete at every level. Lasting success comes from hard work, talent and dedication. It cannot be bought, and it should not be risked.

Throughout the week, UKAD will tackle dangerous misinformation about IPEDs, share accurate health information, and highlight the role athletes play as role models for the next generation.

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK - 11TH TO 17TH MAY

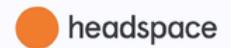
The Mental Health Foundation (MHF) is leading the campaign on mental wellbeing across the UK from 11 to 17 May. This year's theme is Action.

This Mental Health Awareness Week MHF are asking people to join us in taking action to support good mental health. Even small actions can help us feel hopeful and less powerless. And while our individual actions matter, when we come together we are even more powerful.

[More Info](#)



Unlock Your April Rewards



10. JUSTGO REWARDS

YOUR SCOTTISH ARCHERY APRIL REWARDS ARE HERE – DON'T MISS OUT!

They're here! Our newest member rewards have just landed, packed with fresh offers, exclusive perks, and exciting ways to get even more from your membership.

Dive in and discover what's waiting for you!

[Unlock Rewards](#)





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11. COMPETITION

COMPETITION REVIEW - APRIL 2026

April marks the arrival of spring, bringing longer days, warmer weather, and the first blooms of flowers, symbolising new beginnings and opportunities for growth and positivity.

This month signalled the end of the domestic student competition season with the Scottish Student Archery Outdoor Championships and Head to Heads. Its been a successful season for the volunteers part of SSA Development Group, great work and looking forward to seeing things continuing to evolve in the future.

Following this, some of Scotland's budding stars headed down to compete in Stage 1 of Archery GB Junior Archery Series (JAS), hosted by York Archers. JAS is a five stage youth competition that is quickly growing into one of the biggest UK Youth tournaments. In York, Ancient Society of Kilwning Archers' (ASKA) Olivia Kendal put in a solid performance in the Compound Youth Women's category. She managed to reach the final and in what was a thrilling match, which went down to a shoot off where Millie Franklin of Clachton Archers edging the win 9 to 7. Well done Olivia on the silver medal! Fellow scot and Bannockburn Bowmen's Kristin Ward navigated her way through qualification and unlucky not to progress further in the head to heads as part of the Recurve U21 Women's category. She was narrowly beaten by Jolly Archers' Jenna Graham 6-4, great effort Kristin!

Meanwhile on the same day, St Andrews University Archery Club (USTA) held their prestigious Silver Arrow competition. Steeped in history, the Silver Arrow is Scotland's most ancient archery competition with a history stretching back over 400 years. The competition has a long and distinguished history; an early legend purports that the Marquis of Montrose, while an undergraduate at St. Andrews, sent an arrow flying over St. Salvator's Tower to land on the Dean of Arts. This mild oversight was, however, more than compensated for by his winning the Silver Arrow in 1628. Well done to the volunteer team at USTA for organising another great day.

Rounding off April, a Scottish contingent headed down to Stage 1 - Bucks & Bounty as part of the Archery GB National Tour. Well done to all the archers who competed. Some notable performances included Max Gordon finishing 22nd in Recurve Open; Compound Open 12th place finish for Fin Clark 12th and Robyn Geddes securing 18th in the Compound Women.

To check out what is coming up visit our Events Calendar or to access any results, head to our Past Results by clicking button below.

[Events Calendar](#)

[Past Results](#)



SCOTTISH TOUR STAGE 1 ENTRIES CLOSE TOMMORROW!

Reminder that entries are live for our 2026 Scottish Tour – Stages 1 to 3 with Stage 1 entries closing tomorrow! (1st May).

- > Stage 1: Balbardie – 23rd & 24th May
- > Stage 2: Ayr – 25th & 26th July
- > Stage 3: Moray – 29th & 30th August

The Scottish Tour marks the beginning of Scottish national competitions as part of the outdoor season, with three qualifying stages followed by a Finals Day which is usually an occasion to remember!

[Prospectus](#)



1 MONTH TO GO UNTIL INTER AREA COMPETITION FOR 2026

We're excited to announce that it is only 1 month until 2026 Inter-Area Championships is taking place on 30th & 31st May at Moray Archery

It promises to be a fantastic weekend of archery and community, welcoming participants of all ages and abilities - from novice to seasoned archers

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Perth & Kinross Disability Sport Fair City Games

Scottish Archery

2026 ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

With Perth Archery Club & Scottish Archery

 **Sunday 17 May 2026**

 **Gannochy Sports Pavilion, Perth**

For Archers with Learning Disabilities, Physical Disabilities, Vision Impairments or Hearing Loss

All enquiries to graeme@pkds.org.uk

No cost to participate



Our Fair City Games are proudly sponsored by QTS Contracts North Ltd



ENTER OR VOLUNTEER AT THE 2026 PERTH & KINROSS DISABILITY ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Perth & Kinross Disability Sport, in partnership with Perth Archery Club, Scottish Archery and Scottish Disability Sport are delighted to invite entries from across Scotland to our Fair City Games 2026 Perth & Kinross Disability Sport Archery Championships.

The Perth & Kinross Disability Sport Fair City Games include a series of Sports events for people with disabilities to get involved in throughout the year - these include Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Boccia, Lawn Bowls, Curling, Table Tennis, SOMA, Wheelchair Basketball and Swimming.

We're committed to our No Cost Participation approach which sees our weekly sessions, development and competitive events, education courses and programs delivered at no cost to the participant.

There is no cost to participate in this event.

Any person with a disability who has been in regular training or interested in getting involved in the sport. All are welcome. It is requested that young people under 16 be accompanied by a parent / guardian. Anyone under a sanction or suspension within their sport should not enter this event.

All entrants will shoot a 9-arrow classification shoot to give them a score between 0 and 90, they will then be grouped into groups depending on that score for pool matches. There will be separate competitions for those using Recurve and Compound bows.

Please show respect for officials, event partner staff and your fellow competitors.

Closing Date for Entries 13 May 2026

[Enter Here](#)

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THE 2025/2026 WINTER POSTAL LEAGUE: RESULTS ARE IN!

After six months of intense competition across Scotland, the final arrows have been scored and the results are official. A massive congratulations to Links Archers for taking home the Overall Club Trophy with an excellent performance across all disciplines, finishing with a total of 60 points!

While the scores were high, the heart of this league is our community. We want to highlight one of our most consistent archers, Ian Hunter Snr., who successfully submitted a Barebow score every single month this season. At 92 years young, Ian is one of the oldest active archers in the UK and a true inspiration to the entire Scottish archery community.

Individual Season Top Scorers

Congratulations to our highest scorers who set the standard this winter:

- **Recurve:** Misha Pavlov (**595**) & Debbie Geddes (**570**).
- **Compound:** James Ross (**591**) & Robyn Geddes (**590**).
- **Barebow:** Gregor Campbell (**540**) & Carol-Anne Seez (**570**).
- **Longbow:** John Nicolson (**453**) & Sandie Graham (**433**).

What's Next? League organizer James Ross will be reaching out to the winning clubs shortly to arrange delivering the league trophy and highest scorer trophies in person, a great chance to visit clubs across the country.

We are already looking ahead to the 2026/2027 season with some exciting admin updates and scoring changes in the works. If you have suggestions on how to make the league even better, we want to hear from you!

Full results and final standings are available now. Check the SAA website for the complete tables.

A big thank you again to James Ross for organising this.

[View Results](#)



12. OFFICIATING

SIMON GARFORTH BECOMES ARCHERY GB REGIONAL LEVEL JUDGE

A huge congratulations to Simon Garforth passed his practical assessment and is now a fully qualified Archery GB Regional Judge

A thank you to the judging team who have supported Simon through this, and it is great to see the AGB Judging Team grow further and develop in Scotland

Simon stated his delight on his achievement:

“I’m so happy to have achieved Regional Judge it means a great deal I couldn’t have done it without the help of all the judges, and especially the judges that helped on the day. I want to stay as a regional judge I have no plans to try for National Judge at the moment I want to build up my experiences, and to help our current and future candidate judges to achieve their goals too.”

Scottish Archery’s Events Coordinator Fiona Hirst added:

“Congratulations to Simon Garforth who passed his Regional practical assessment at the Silver Arrow shoot in St. Andrews on Saturday. This is a great achievement and Simon has been working extremely hard for his regional grade. Scottish Archery are excited that we have judges that are progressing through the grades as well as new candidates who are joining the ranks. This will be a great boost to the competition scene within Scotland. If you are interested in becoming a judge, please contact the Judge Liaison Officer at JLO@scottisharchery.org.uk”



13. TARTAN

CHECK OUT OUR NEW OFFICIAL SCOTTISH ARCHERY TARTAN

As part of our ongoing programme of building on our history while defining our future together, Scottish Archery are proud to announce the availability of our official Tartan.

Working in conjunction with kiltmaker and Scottish archer, Kayleigh Ivanov, the Scottish Archery tartan has been designed to represent key aspects of our sport, using Saltire Blue as a base colour, checked and over-checked with World Archery target colours.

Each sett of the tartan consists of 72 threads of saltire blue to represent the arrows in a 720 round, followed by white, black, blue, red and gold in increasing threads to represent an archery target. A further 72 threads of saltire blue follow to make a total of 144, with the sett completed with an overcheck in target colours and outlined in white to signify a lined archery field.

The tartan is available to all archers to represent our sport and will feature on the 26-27 Scotland team shirt as well as appearing in a number of our materials.

The Tartan can be found in the Official Scottish Register of Tartans

[Click Here](#)



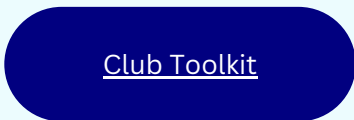
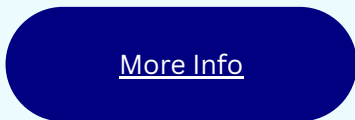
14. CLUBS

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP TO START ARCHERY WEEK 2026!

Start Archery Week (SAW) is celebration of archery's vibrant community and its power to bring people together. We invite clubs and organisations across the country to open their doors and welcome new archers of all ages and abilities.

Whether you're a seasoned archer or just starting out, archery offers a unique opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, learn new skills, and have fun in a supportive environment.

This year's SAW takes place from 9th to 17th May. For more information or get involved click below





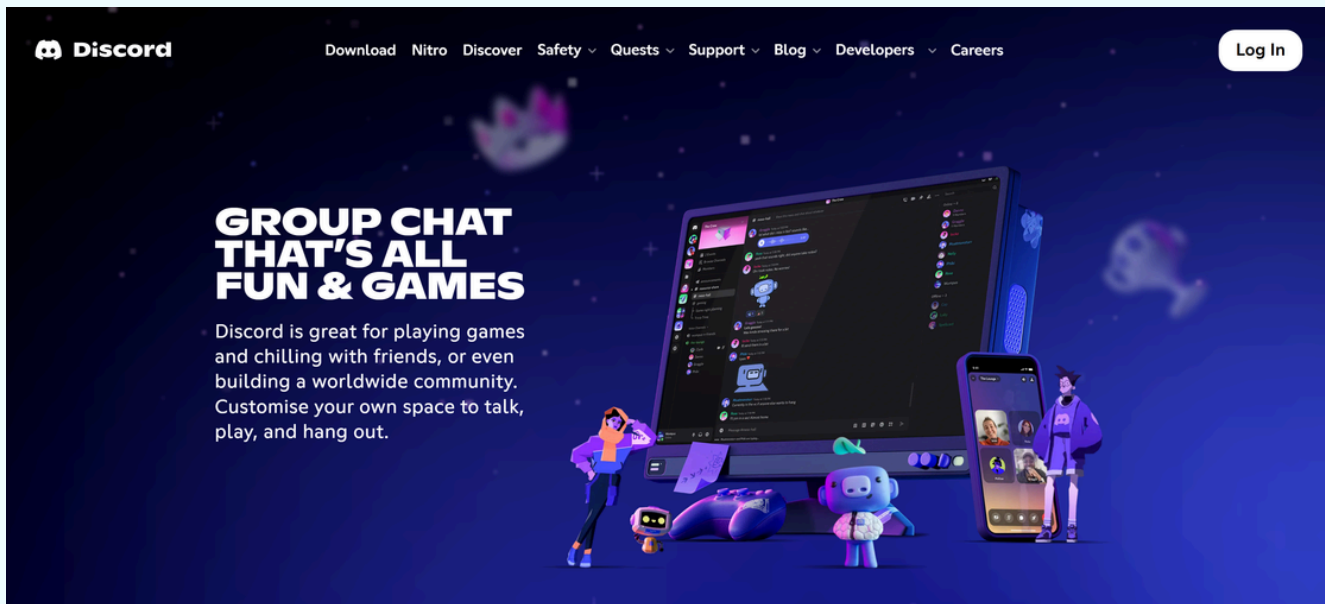
LEAP SPORTS SCOTLAND FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT IS BACK FOR 2026

Festival Fortnight, coordinated by LEAP Sports Scotland, takes place annually and is now in its 13th year. It aims to increase the visibility and participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people in Scottish sport. It provides opportunities to raise awareness of LGBTIQ+ and wider equality, inclusion, and human rights issues within the world of sport and physical activity. Last year's festival welcomed over 2000 attendees to over 100 events across Scotland!

The festival will take place between 13th - 28th June and provides something for everyone, featuring a combination of sporting, cultural, academic, social, and recreational events.

[More Info](#)

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SAA CLUB NETWORK - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

At our latest meeting, the Scottish Archery Club Development Subgroup chatted about ways to help club leaders and volunteers connect with each other more easily.

One idea we're testing is a SAA Club Network on Discord. This would be a relaxed online space to share resources, swap ideas, learn from each other, and make new connections with people involved in clubs across Scotland.

Discord is a free app you can use on your computer or phone (Apple and Android). You can join conversations by text, voice, or video – whatever suits you. Getting involved is totally optional, and you're welcome to dip in and out as much as you like.

If you fancy getting involved please complete this expression of interest form.

[Click Here](#)

2026



SCHOOL SOFT ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Thursday 14th May



P4/5 and P6/7



Lornshill Academy

15. SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY & PARTICIPATION

SCHOOL SOFT ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS NOW FULL!

We are delighted that our 2026 School Soft Archery Championships is now full.

We are looking forward to schools coming together for a fun day of competition, with only 2 weeks to go!





16. COACHING

COACHING ARCHERS WITH DISABILITIES COURSE COMING TO SCOTLAND IN JUNE!

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Set your watches! Tickets go live on 1st May for our 2026 Coaching Conference will take place on 24th & 25th October at Sight Scotland Veterans Hawkhead Centre

[More Info](#)



SAA COACH NETWORK DISCORD CHANNEL

In recent months, the Scottish Archery Coaching Subgroup has been exploring ways to connect coaches. One way of doing this has been through the setup of a SAA Coaching Network channel setup on Discord. The platform provides the opportunity for coaches to share resources, learning, ideas and create new connections. Currently, we have 46 members part of the network and keen to grow this further.

Discord is the communications platform that enables you to build meaningful connections through voice, video, and text features. Its available to use on computer and mobile phone (apple and android apps).

This is totally optional for coaches to join. If you wish to join, please click the link below

[Join Here](#)



17. PERFORMANCE

SCOTTISH NATIONAL SQUAD DAY SUCCESS!

Thanks to the support from our pathway sponsor, [BB7](#), we kicked off the 2026 Outdoor season with a Squad Day hosted by Balbardie Archers. This session is the first of three planned for 2026 and focused on tuning for outdoors alongside team competition.

The session, led by National Coach, Bill MacKay, included 25 archers and 5 coaches, from those hunting their first cap to those with many years of international experience. For once the weather in Bathgate played ball and we had a great sunny and dry session to test out Scotland's finest.

In the morning a number of archers tweaked their setup to meet the challenge of outdoor distances, including bedding in new arrows and sharpening outdoor technique. After a brief lunch break, the archers shot a quick 18-arrow qualification and were then divided into teams to practice 'the dance' in a team's round-robin. While learning some serious lessons and getting to know the newcomers, our archers lapped up the spring sunshine in this fantastic session.

We'd like to extend our thanks to Balbardie Archers for their hospitality and also to [BB7](#), our pathway sponsor for this season who enabled us to remove the barriers for competing archers and deliver this session without direct cost.

Also, Scottish Archery would like to thank those who arranged the day including National Team Manager Ainsley Ward, National Team Coach Bill Mackay and his coaching team made up of Iain Wilson, Sandie Graham, Victoria Barby, Andy Findlay, Simon Garforth and Paralympian Nathan MacQueen.



FIN CLARK NAMED IN GB TEAM FOR 2026 EUROPEAN YOUTH CUP

The 2026 European Youth Cup will take place in Ruse, Bulgaria from 1-6 June, with Scotland's Fin Clark selected as part of Compound team.

There will be a selection shoot at the Junior Archery Series stage 2 as part of the selection process for the European Youth Championships. Click [here](#) for the full 2026 Recurve and Compound youth selection policy.

Archery GB Performance Pathway Manager, Cait Leach, said:

"We're delighted to name a strong team to represent Great Britain in Ruse. Their selection reflects their commitment and readiness, and this competition provides a valuable opportunity to challenge themselves and continue their learning against the best in Europe."

[More Info](#)



18. SAFEGUARDING

TRAINING FOR COACHES, VOLUNTEERS AND CHILD WELLBEING & PROTECTION OFFICERS

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 for 7th May and plan to hold more in the future. More details below:

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

- **Duration:** 3 hours
- **Format:** Online
- **Who:** Coaches (**part of AGB Coach Licencing**), Volunteers, Officials
- **View Courses:** Click [here](#).

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

- **Duration:** 3 hours
- **Format:** Online
- **Who:** Child Protection Officers for Clubs and Areas (**Requirement as part of our Club Affiliation process**)
- **View Courses:** Click [here](#).

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

PVG UPDATES

Following updated PVG Legislation from 1 April 2026 PVGs will expire after 5 years; there is no change to current processes for doing PVGs.

PVGs - anyone who has a PVG through Scottish Archery and is no longer in a regulated role, ie have stopped Coaching - please let Jacqui know so that they can be removed from the PVG Scheme (admin@scottisharchery.org.uk)



ANY STORIES OR NEWS LIKE TO SHARE?

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