

The Indoor Season

The odd thing about the Indoor Season is that it isn't all indoors, but one activity that will certainly be indoors is the Friday Evening Session, because there's no longer enough daylight.

The indoor season starts on 1st October, when we get full access to the hall on Sunday Mornings. But if the weather is good many members will opt to go outdoors this month. generally nearly all club fixtures between October and March are indoor fixtures, although in some years we do enter the 'Frostbite' postal league if enough people wish to enter. The Frostbite Round comprises 3 dozen shots at an 80cm FITA target at 30 metres, and matches are scheduled for every month from November to March.

The club often holds one outdoor Fun event near Christmas - usually a Clout or Wand shoot, other than that, if the weather's pleasant a group may decide to shoot an impromptu round outdoors.

Indoors, we enter the British Archer Indoor Postal League, and shoot one match per month from November to March. The number of teams entered depends on the level of support that year, one or two teams is usually comfortable, three rather hard work.

There are two other important Club Events, the two Indoor Tournaments on the Third Sunday of November and the First Sunday of February. These are important fund-raising days for the club, and the priority for members is to help, although we can usually fit a small number of our people into the shoots.

Through the Autumn and Winter months members travel off to outdoor events at various distances. October is a very busy month for Clout Shoots, and the enthusiasts will be travelling to Berkshire, Yorkshire, Rutland and Middlesex. There are Field Shoots in Sussex (Fletching, October) and Surrey (Box Hill, November).

And there are numerous Indoor Tournaments in Essex, Surrey, Hampshire, Berkshire and London, culminating in the Southern Counties and Sussex County Championships at the K2 Sports Centre at Crawley in March.

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