

# THE JESTER

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## Mick Baines, 1939–2022



On 15 March 2022 I said goodbye to my good friend Mick (Baines). We have been friends for several years as he took me under his wing when I started at Harlequin Bowmen 7 years ago. Mick was an experienced archer and I remember looking in awe at his arrows - all in the centre of the target (as I went to pick mine out of the grass). Mick taught me a lot and we bonded over our love for archery and other sports. We had great fun travelling to take part in numerous archery competitions - target, clout and wand and spent our long journeys together talking about archery. Mick had great knowledge

and would speak at great lengths and in great detail about numerous topics. He was very passionate about aeroplanes, snooker and many other subjects and even after arriving back at my house for Mick to collect his car, we would then talk for another hour or so before he left to go home, very often in the dark.

Mick, you were a true friend, and I will miss you enormously.

Rob Neil



As a recent newcomer to the club Mick was kind and welcoming. Mick always remembered my name, was great company and fun to chat with. It was always entertaining listening to his banter with the old timers!

John S

Starting shooting at the age of 11 was quite scary at times especially being shy but Mick was a friendly face who was always happy to talk to me and check up on me. I really appreciated that :)Abbie C



So sorry for your loss. Mick always made my son I welcome at Harlequin bowmen with his friendly chat and sound advice. Mick was a lovely man who always had time for everyone. He will be missed by all of us at the club. Rest in peace Mick.

Ed Darter and family



If there is one quality which comes to mind when reflecting upon the years I knew Mick, it was his dependability. If he said he was going to be shooting at a particular time you could depend on him being there. He was always approachable and willingly gave advice to any that asked, especially novice members. Dependable advice, resulting from his many years of shooting experience. You could depend on Mick to support Harlequin in any way he could, and he always acted in the best interests of the membership. Shooting with Mick was a pleasure - a sociable, knowledgeable, and amusing shooting companion - who will be sorely missed.

Regards Bill M

Very sad news. I was fond of Mick, and he was always so supportive of Freya

Helen B

Very sorry to hear the news, we only spoke briefly (comparing hot flushes, as his medication brought them on) but he seemed a lovely chap.

Helen and Peter



Such sad news, he was such a lovely man xxx Gav also has very fond memories of him x

Sam T

I am so sorry to hear that 😔. I remember him from my very first shot and I've always enjoyed shooting in his company, which I did many times 😢. He will be sadly missed.

Sophie G

We were so sorry to read of Mick's passing, please pass our condolences to his family and friends at harlequin particularly Rob Neil who I am sure has taken his clout buddies loss quite hard. Mick was a lovely guy I shall always remember him as the first to speak to me in 2018 when I first started attending the clout competitions. Always friendly and willing to give advice and he made me realise how fun the clout crowd were compared to the target bods who are more serious and competitive. I knew he had been ill for some time but always hoped I'd see him on the circuit again. Alas not to be.

Rest in peace Mick

Regards Pete White & Karla Rixon (Dunstable Bowmen)



**Alan Holder**

We will sadly miss Mick, he was a lovely man.  
Our condolences to his family





**Meera Shah**

That is very sad! Our condolences to his family! 🙏 RIP  
Mick 🌟



**Barbara Williams**

So sad, Mick loved his Clout - he was so enthusiastic on tournament days. My condolences to his family.



**Andy Climpson**

This is very sad news. He was always so friendly and helpful when we were there, and he always looked out for Abbie and asked how she was getting along. Sadly I haven't seen him in ages, such a lovely man and he will be greatly missed.



**Phil 'Badger' Collins**

Very sad news. Please pass on my condolences



**Michelle Raven Loxley**

This is very sad. He will be missed.



**Chris Baigent** Admin

Such sad news. Was a great guy to shoot with at many shoots in the South.



**Glyn Jones**

RIP Mick. It was always a pleasure shooting with you

**Aaron Marsh**

RIP Mick

**Colin Harrison**

I shot with Mick on a regular basis for several years. A thoroughly nice man and good fun to be with.

**Mark Harvey**

Damn that's really sad news 😢. Mick was a real inspiration and help for me when I started shooting... always positive, encouraging and offering advice without expecting anything in return. Shared many a mornings shooting with him and he was always happy to point out and remind me when he'd beaten me...😊 ....but also the first to go out of his way and congratulate me when I done well in competition, and he had seen the results. When I stopped archery, I hadn't seen him for a few years then bumped into him and the conversation and banter just started off immediately as if I had never been away. A huge loss to the club and my condolences to his family...TOP MAN

**Paulina Stanik**

Mick was the person who welcomed me to the Club back in 2012. He was never tired of helping me with my bow at Harwell and I remember him very well despite the time that has passed. The picture you posted reminded of all the fun we used to have shooting together. My condolences to everyone. 😞

**Roz Summers**

A clout regular, he will be greatly missed. He was what clout is all about - enjoyment and enthusiasm. RIP Mick.

Mick was one of the first more-experienced archers at Harlequin Bowmen to welcome Lauren, myself and later Katherine to the club and help see us through the first days with our 'archery stabilisers' on. A warm and friendly man, Mick always made a point of catching up with my other half, Heather at events and making her feel welcome. As a club member he was an invaluable contributor to running and setting up club events, and a participant in every aspect of the club's activities. Mick's mild-mannered and self-deprecating qualities meant he was ever modest about his not inconsiderable archery achievements. Thank you, Mick for everything you did for our Club. Rest in Peace.

Paul, Heather, Katherine and Lauren

# Easter Sunday

## Wand Shoot

Come and join us for our annual chocolate rabbit-fest! Shoot a wand round with us from 10.00 am on Easter Sunday. Set up from 9.30 am. ALL WELCOME. Chocolate for anyone who hits a rabbit.\*



\* No live rabbits will be involved in the shoot (-:

### COACHING TIP OF THE MONTH:

#### Measure up!

As a matter of routine, you should know your bow's basic measurements: along with bracing height you need to record your 'tiller', nock position(s), consider having an accurate draw length measured and also know your bow weight 'on the fingertips'.



Join us at one of our bow-set-up sessions in April to give your bow the once over and check things are set up appropriately. All bow-types welcome.

### APRIL CALENDAR

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sat 9<sup>th</sup>, Sun 10<sup>th</sup>: Beginners Course, 9-12  
Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monthly Shoot: Warwick Rounds, 10 am.  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup>, CLOUT shoot, 4.00 pm  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup>, COACHING: Bow set up and basic tuning, 9-12  
Tue 12<sup>th</sup>, COACHING: Bow set up and basic tuning, 5-7  
Sun 17<sup>th</sup>, WAND SHOOT, Easter Sunday Wand, 10 am  
Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>, JUNIOR COACHING, 10-12.30  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup>, CLOUT shoot, 2pm  
Thu 28<sup>th</sup>, Committee Meeting, 7.30pm

### MEET THE COMMITTEE



Hello everyone, I'm Robb!

#### ROLE ON THE COMMITTEE:

I am the Harlequin Bowmen Records Officer.

#### My archery experience

About 6 years and always barebow!

#### What my role entails

I collect scores from archers and work out handicaps and club and county records, as well as handing out lots of shiny badges.

#### What do I need club members to do?

Please send me EVERY indoor and outdoor score for recognized AGB rounds completed or for any 252 badge, 6-gold end claims.

#### Tell us an interesting fact

Whilst shooting indoors I once managed to bounce an arrow off the back wall and into the back of my boss!

**EMAIL:** records@harlequinbowmen.org.uk

# You be the judge!?



Judging.....how it started for me was a plea within Oxfordshire County for some volunteers to come forward to become trained. Being a dad of 2 junior archers then I wanted to help and so I offered to start the process and 3 years later I became qualified as a County Judge... (COVID having slowed the process considerably)

Once I had agreed to train then the judging pathway consisted of being allocated a mentor (I was luckily enough to have Guy Perring for this). Guy then assisted me to find shoots locally where I could officiate with other experienced judges. I then had to judge at 12 competitions and also attend a course at Lilleshall as well as attend a conference which is held every year. This process typically takes between 12 and 18 months. Once I had completed all of this then I was put forward for my assessment, which as I said earlier happened quite a while afterwards due to COVID.

In terms of what a judge does then the role is to make sure that a competition is safe for those involved and that it is also fair for everyone involved. We are there to make sure that every archer shooting had a good day.

Going forward then the expectation from AGB is that I will judge for around 12 days a year (both indoors and outdoors)

There is also a career development for judges (if you want to) and the progression looks like this:

Candidate/Youth - County – Regional - National – Continental - International

Some people do ask me why I judge.....well for those who have seen me shoot then this is an easy question to answer!! But in all seriousness, I really enjoy my days on the archery field working with other judges who I have got to know really well as part of a team. I also enjoy talking to archers and making the day enjoyable for them.

I also see an important part of judging as assisting new competition archers to understand the rules in a friendly manner and make sure that the first time shooting at one does not put them off.

So, if anyone is interested in becoming a judge then please come and chat to me.



Graham Pink

If anyone is interested in being a judge or just finding out more, Archery GB are running an information event online on TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL....very timely!

<https://www.archerygb.org/book-your-place-on-archery-gb-webinar-how-to-become-a-judge/>

# 2022 Indoor Handicap Head-to-Head

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March we held our annual handicap head-to-head competition at John Mason School. Thank you to the 16 archers who signed up and competed together. We completed 4 rounds of matches, with a final ranking from 1 to 16 for all archer who took part.

It was very much a family affair at the top with team Church taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place honours in a very competitive and super-charged final. Well done to Henry who beat Dad, Chris, in the final, with both of them exceeding their handicap expectations through the evening. Trophies all round surprised Mrs C, apparently, who was dazzled by the bling! Congratulations too, to our other winners on the night: Alison, Chloe and wooden spoon winner Katherine (-:

Full results below.

Target	Round 1			Round 2			Round 3			FINAL S						P'mth Total	Prizes					
	Name	Adj	Score	Total	Name	Adj	Score	Total	Name	Adj	Score	Total	Target	Name	Adj	Score	Total	Placings				
1	Derek Young	242	109	351	1	Derek Young	242	123	365	1	Derek Young	240	115	355	1	Chris Church	227	137	364	1	Henry	300
2	Bill Murfett	238	97	335	2	Justin Miles	250	113	363	2	Chris Church	233	139	372	2	Henry Church	309	61	370	2	Chris	530
3	Joe Andrews	258	94	352	3	Chris Church	234	129	363	3	Alison Fautley	245	115	360	3	Derek Young	240	130	370	3	Derek	477
4	Justin Miles	250	105	355	4	Chloe Pink	234	126	360	4	Henry Church	310	52	362	4	Alison Fautley	245	112	357	4	Alison	453
5	Mark Gardiner	229	126	355	5	Stuart Walker	218	147	365	5	Justin Miles	249	95	344	5	Chloe Pink	230	131	361	5	Chloe	514
6	Chris Church	234	125	359	6	Alison Fautley	254	124	378	6	Chloe Pink	234	130	364	6	Paul Comina	224	127	351	6	Paul	515
7	John Salway	235	124	359	7	Henry Church	310	42	352	7	Stuart Walker	216	139	355	7	Justin Miles	249	104	353	7	Stewart	569
8	Chloe Pink	235	127	362	8	Paul Comina	228	123	351	8	Paul Comina	228	140	368	8	Stuart Walker	216	141	357	8	Justin	417
9	Stuart Walker	218	142	360	9	Bill Murfett	238	118	356	9	Bill Murfett	238	123	361	9	John Salway	234	133	367	9	John	510
10	Katherine Comina	227	130	357	10	Joe Andrews	258	96	354	10	John Salway	235	127	362	10	Mark Gardiner	229	121	350	10	Mark	493
11	Alison Fautley	254	102	356	11	Mark Gardiner	229	131	360	11	Joe Andrews	258	86	344	11	Bill Murfett	238	110	348	11	Joe	376
12	Freya Healy	232	112	344	12	John Salway	235	126	361	12	Mark Gardiner	229	115	344	12	Joe Andrews	258	100	358	12	Bill	448
13	Ian Howland	238	123	361	13	Katherine Comina	227	134	361	13	Katherine Comina	226	132	358	13	Ian Howland	231	132	363	13	Ian	496
14	Henry Church	328	69	397	14	Freya Healy	232	121	353	14	Ian Howland	238	137	375	14	Freya Healy	231	122	353	14	Freya	485
15	Neil Bennett	239	100	339	15	Ian Howland	238	104	342	15	Freya Healy	232	130	362	15	Katherine Comina	226	116	342	15	Neil	468
16	Paul Comina	228	125	353	16	Neil Bennett	239	121	360	16	Neil Bennett	239	123	362	16	Neil Bennett	238	124	362	16	Katherine	512
																			Wooden Spoon			

## A Summer of Competition at Harwell

57<sup>th</sup> Diana Competition, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 09:00 – 17:00, Harwell Campus

Assembly is at 10:45, sighters at 11:00

<https://www.harlequinbowmen.org.uk/event-info/57th-diana-open-competition>

If you 'don't feel ready for a proper competition' then sign up anyway because honestly... it's just another shoot! If you like good weather, good food, and good company, this event is for you!

Harlequin Bowmen 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clout Weekend, Sat 25<sup>th</sup> -Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Jun, St Birinus School Playing fields

Assembly at 10:45 (Sat) and 10:00 (Sun). WA and GNAS Double Clout rounds.

<https://www.harlequinbowmen.org.uk/event-info/harlequin-bowmen-3rd-annual-clout-weekend>

Come and try out clout beforehand if you want, and then join us for a great weekend of relaxed and informal shooting.

Berkshire Archery Association County and Open Outdoor Tournament, Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July, Harwell Campus

Assembly is at 8:15 am. Double WA70m and similar rounds.

<https://www.harlequinbowmen.org.uk/berkshire-county-championships-2022>

A slightly higher profile but no less friendly event hosted by Harlequins at Harwell.