



## 2022 “University Challenge”

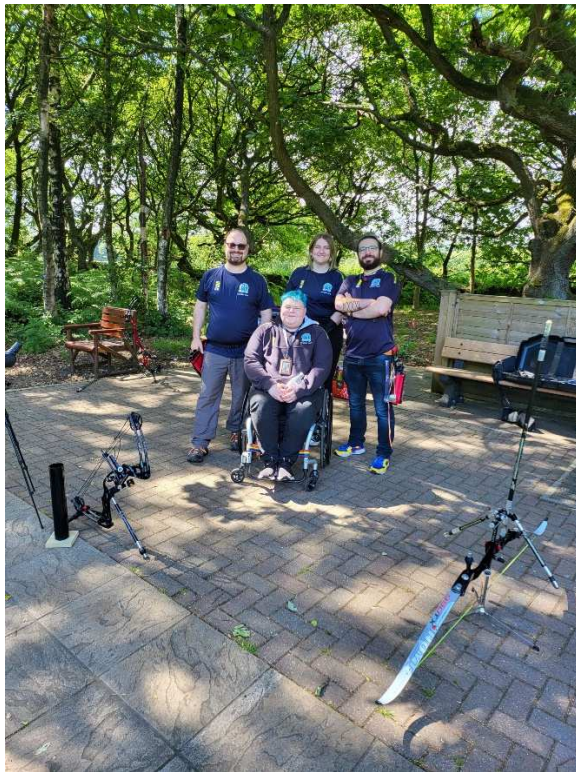
**The Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield**

**vs**

**University of Huddersfield Archery Club**

Following the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic we finally returned to the annual challenge between the two clubs that was first held in 2016. Maybe next year we'll push the boat out and arrange for a trophy.

No doubt being “Father’s Day” meant the attendance was lower than we might have hoped for but with a total of 13 archers both clubs were well represented.



Even though we had a mix of Compound, Recurve and Barebow archers, as in previous years we agreed that for simplicity we would take an average of all scores. The results are in the table below.

University Of Huddersfield Archery Club			1st Distance	2nd Distance	Total
Olly Witty	Recurve	Western	242	275	517
Edward Maxfield	Compound	Western	73	321	394
Bogdan	Recurve	Western	344	330	674
Hannah Reid	Recurve	Western	192	255	447
Team Score			851	1181	2032
Average Score			213	295	508

The Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield			1st Distance	2nd Distance	Total
Mollie Bower	Recurve	Western	303	396	699
Jon Elson	Compound	Western	384	412	796
Russell Bower	Recurve	Western	344	380	724
Neil Eddie	Barebow	Western	233	288	521
Alan Hoddinott	Longbow	Western	182	216	398
John Lane	Recurve	Western	418	422	840
Euan O'Connor	Barebow	Western 50	294	330	624
Darren Martel	Recurve	Western 40	314	348	662
Annie Kynaston	Recurve	Western 40	272	314	586
Team Score			2744	3106	5850
Average Score			305	345	650

This was somewhat of a hollow victory for the Valley Bowmen considering three of the UHAC team have only been shooting since last October and the fourth member only has a couple of years under his belt. I considered adjusting for bowstyle, then for those wearing glasses (following the half time bragging contest over strength of glasses – Well done Euan, you won that one). However, nothing materially changed the result until I adjusted based on the number of years shooting experience – but will quickly move on as VBoH measure it in decades whereas UHAC in months!



Some items worthy of mention include:

A great effort from Eddie as this was the first time he has shot at 60yds..... as demonstrated by the ‘minor’ adjustment made to one of his arrows as it glanced off the target (just don’t tell Phil!).

Bogdan and Russell shared a target in what proved to be a close run thing with their scores tied at 344 a-piece after 4 dozen. The question remains did Russell improve or Bogdan crumble at 50yds?

And finally, the threat of a Father’s Day “treat” from Mollie to Russell, of being the first time she would beat him, failed to materialise. Sorry Mollie it only counts if you beat him whilst still a junior.... tick... tock .... only 4 days to go.

