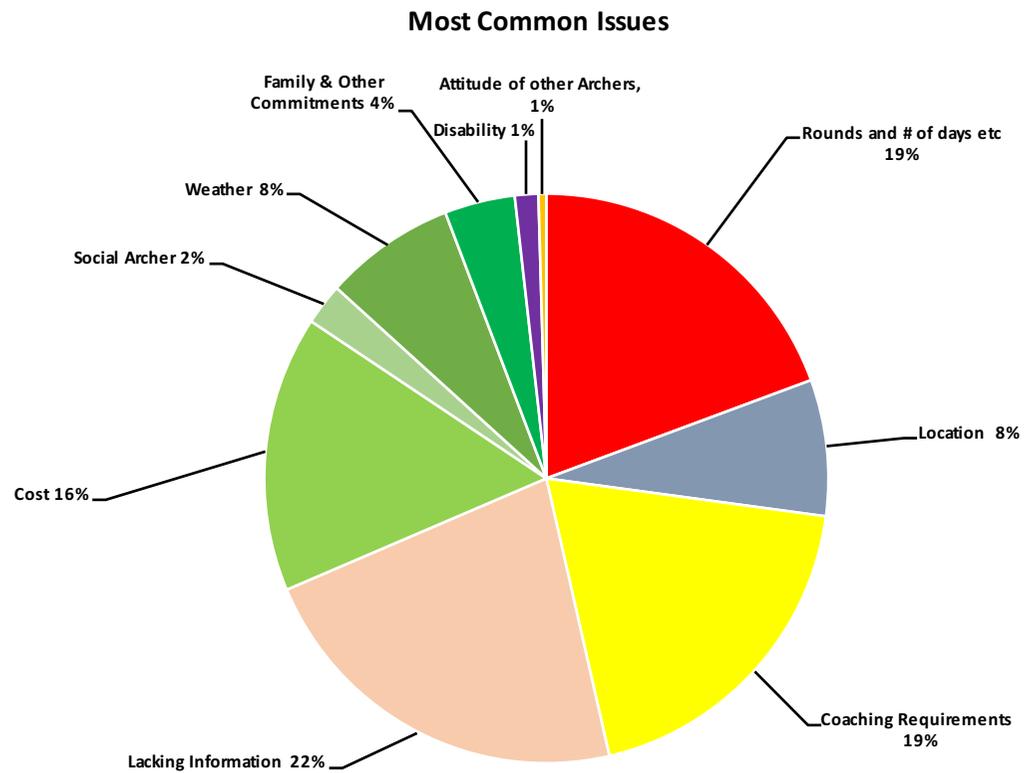




Results from the 2017
Those that don't Compete
Survey

Reasons for not shooting competitions



Have you ever entered an outdoor competition?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No never	49.7%	83
Only the club champs	13.2%	22
I've done one competition and didn't like it	1.2%	2
I've done one or two, but haven't got round to doing any more	12.6%	21
I used to compete a long time ago, but haven't recently	15.6%	26
I watch the kids compete, but don't do competitions myself	0.0%	0
I enter a couple a year, but don't want to or aren't able to commit to a full 'circuit' of competitions	9.0%	15
I compete all the time	1.8%	3
Other (please specify)		14

Other responses

I am entering an outdoor comp Sun 14 may

Target is boring, but would do field comps

I've completed in the field archery championship but not any outdoor target archery.

I do 3 x5 competitions at Blind Veterans Brighton and British Blind Sport champs. at Lilleshall

I used to compete but haven't the energy to compete and coach, I chose coaching and think I've made the correct choice

competed at uni level, enter local club level competitions

I'm competing all the time against my medical conditions

Was on GB para Squad for 4 yrs, retired now. too many injuries

I've entered some for later in the year. Just not taken part in any so far.

1st time field archery last weekend - loved it - will do it again

I don't like target competitions, which this survey seems to be about. I like field.

I used to compete regularly when I was younger. Family and other commitments have reduced the number of tournaments I attend, but I go to tournaments when I can.

I've gone to the Glasgow Archers American shoot twice, but no other outdoor competitions.

Yes but I am currently recovering from injury so not at the moment.

Do you enter indoor competitions but not outdoor ones?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No	70.7%	118
Yes - How many and why?	29.3%	49

Yes - How many and why?

As many as possible - shorter distance is easier for a novice

Yes. I've entered one for the experience but I'm not really interested in competing. I'm only really interested in improving myself.

4 in the last 18months. That's all the club could run.

1

4 because they are local

1 or 2 - if they are within 50 miles of elgin.

Because it is warm and dry

only 1. Just started

2-3 per year, distance and weather

Yes - How many and why? (continued)

1

try to do the Ayrshire League once

3 so far. Indoors offers reliable conditions and good facilities

2

I've entered the club competitions and the novice/junior competitions as they aren't as daunting to face

I haven't entered any in the last 2 years due to starting a family but before that I'd shoot 4 or 5.

Ayrshire League, if the club needs numbers to compete.

I've entered 3 or 4 indoor comps during the past 5 months. With indoor competitions the formats are easier to understand plus there are not so many ends to shoot (so fatigue not an issue) and they take less time (therefore easier to fit in with other family commitments).

Local club only 2/year

3, guaranteed to be dry.

My clubs postal league Portsmouth winter event.

The Links Archers Club Champonchips Due to a lack of transport for competitions outwith montrose

Yes - How many and why? (continued)

local league to boost club numbers

The Ayrshire league ones because why not

At least 1 a month.

4/5 during winter, like the challenge.

Ayrshire league for fun

I enter our club competitions which are usually indoors

9 - it's great fun and makes you focus on shooting in a different way to practice sessions

League shoot only- available free time

Postal because it is during the sessions

1

6 in one year

I enter both

League matches and BUCS indoor competition, in order to test myself.

Occasionally - well know I can shoot well enough to not embarrass myself

once, because it was local and did not involve much travelling

Quite a few. I prefer to shoot indoors.

2

Yes - How many and why? (continued)

To start to understand how tournaments work

As many as I can as they are only. 1/2 to 1day

10

6 this year, happy to shoot at 18m

Ayrshire League, when there's space. To support the club

As many as I can make. Possibly double figures?

1, I prefer archery to be a personal thing rather than a competitive one.

About 10. The rounds feel easier, and it's shorter distances.

7 or 8. Find shooting outdoors and in poor weather less inviting.

5 - 6 per year

3 to challenge myself

Are there any barriers that are putting you off entering competitions? (select all that apply)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I don't understand the rounds and what distances I need to shoot	26.3%	44
I can't get to the long distances reliably	36.5%	61
I don't want to look foolish	31.7%	53
I don't want everyone looking for my arrows	19.2%	32
There are no outdoor novice categories	19.2%	32
I need to buy more equipment like tents and scopes and I can't afford it just now	16.8%	28
It's too far to travel for just one day	35.9%	60
I won't know anyone	6.0%	10
It's too cold	9.0%	15
I don't like shooting in the wind	10.2%	17
I work at weekends	10.2%	17
I don't want my score published/seen by everyone	6.0%	10
I do another sport during the summer, archery is a winter pastime	6.0%	10
Other (please specify)		93

Comments;

No allowance for age, see <http://www.archery.org.au/Membership/Age-Divisions>

I'm disabled and a wheelchair user; outdoor mobility is often difficult.

I can't afford the travel costs

Just been shooting 3 months

Hardly any events near by

laziness

Age and general health.

the costs for taking part in these shoots is outwith my budget.

I enjoy archery as a leisure pursuit and club internal tournaments. I use a traditional horse bow which reduces my outside competition options.

Just started and trying to improve technique before putting myself under pressure.

I am at competitions as a Judge.. :) or help out during coaching events

Family/work commitments.

Can't be bothered

I enjoy Archery but have zero interest in shooting competitively.

I enjoy archery as a passtime only. And have not really thought about it.

No

work commitments make it difficult to have time to practise therefore a full 12 dozen round would not be feasible

I generally don't do many competitions as they are at the weekend and for me I use my weekends for doing other family things or other sports.

For me Archery is just something I do during the week at my local club.

Another reason is that I am quite lucky in that at my local club I can go and shoot anytime. Hence instead of driving for what could be hours to a fairly regulated shoot I can just go to my local range and shoot whatever distance I want for as long as I feel like.

I don't feel I'm at a suitable skill level yet

As it stands my free time is limited due to family commitments, so that's why I don't do competitions

I had to select an option above but it's not actually a reason, I simply don't like to compete

I am partially sighted and at the moment I just enjoy my shooting and don't feel ready to compete. Anyway that may take the fun away

I am from Aberdeen and there are NO open clubs to encourage one help people take part

Hectic schedule, work juggling four children. Cost of travel, ferry, plane and fuel.

Too much commitment at the weekends.

Time...as many of the outdoor competitions that I've looked at are over two full days

There are very few comps for VI Archers in Scotland.

Not enough one day competitions. Too many 2 day events.

Paint scheme of my compound is ruled as illegal because it is a cammo

No local clubs/competitions nearest club/competition is an hour away.

Haven't been able so far to spectate at a competition, and so don't know anything about what happens or if I would be good enough to compete

Transport to some places can be a problem with my electric or manual wheelchairs

As Q1 and 2 I tapped this answer as the software requires an answer

i shoot for fun not competitive by nature and also fishing is my main hobby only weekends of so cant do both

Just dont particularly enjoy windy days etc

I have been on beta Blockers for 20+ years because of Ischaemic heart disease. It is not possible to stop these drugs. If you only want to answer with "other", you should have a box to tick otherwise this survey won't accept the answer and asks you to tick a box. I ticked the only box that might be any way relevant, although I don't really worry about who knows my score.

Too great a committment of time for too little shooting.

Sooooo nervous

I often care for my Autistic nephew, so rarely get to shoot with my club just now, nevermind make competitions.

Can't make Sundays which are when most competitions are held due to family commitments.

No categories seniors, 60 plus age archers compete against 20 year olds, doesn't happen in other sports.

I shoot for fun not for competition, its too serious at competitions and it puts me off. Sport should be fun.

Some are too many arrows for me.

most compititions are 3hrs+ away meaning that to compete I would need to also book accomadation the night before and then drive 3-4hrs after to get home for work the next day, and cant guarantee a full free weekend

I like to be able to shoot more arrows per end & if our club competitions were outside I would enter them
Having to be a member of Archery GB, SAA, etc. Membership is far too expensive for what I would get out of it.

Not reaching 90m just now means there's only the Metric 1 event for most of the events. Won't be long till I can reach 90m but it could be off putting for a lot of people. I don't care if I have to shoot with the ladies initially !!

weekend family commitments - have to plan well ahead for a free weekend.

Competitions are long and I get sore if I stand or sit in the one position too long

I'd rather compete with my own equipment.

I've only just started to shoot and have just completed a beginners course. In the fullness of time I may compete once I have had more experience.

Not interested in competing with others.

I had to tick something above so the form would be accepted.

Nowhere to practice outdoors locally, so only inside in the club.

Don't like competing

I only play archery as a leisure activity.

I struggle to reach long distances. Outdoors comps are often unfriendly and get fed up hearing tut tuts from other archers when I am not as good.

I have a lot of commitments at weekends

No barriers

New to the sport. Started Dec 2016 so don't think I'm good enough yet and haven't shot outdoors yet. Outdoor season starts next week.

None really just need to practice more.

There are no Competitions for Normal Club Archers, they all seem to be geared up for "Performance" Archers.

Not easy for disabled people

The events are field archery and I am not interested in field archery. If I was aware of competitions which were shooting at targets as we do indoor and outdoor then I would consider competing.

Don't want to compete

I don't have the option to practice outdoors at present.

Cost plus medical condition

I worry if it is in a team that I would make the others lose. The only outdoor shoot I did I enjoyed and the guys were very helpful and nice. My low score even got a special mention for a good try. :-)

I do this as a hobby, I don't care to spend long hours shooting after driving a long distance and paying to shoot.

Long competition days, not convenient when have to arrange care for dependents.

Target shoots are too expensive and I prefer a 1 day field or 3D shoot to a double Fita. 2 day events are expensive and travel and accommodation costs make them prohibitive to most archers

Physical injury/illness prevents competing for a full day

Attitudes of some archers toward newer archers/competitors puts me off

The cost of paying for SAA and AGB to shoot in Scotland !!!

Getting to the competitions.

Outdoor competitions are too long in our area often only 2 day competitions are available there should be half day events preferably in the afternoons due to distances travelled

I competed for 15 years at UK level and no longer have the desire to commit the effort required to compete at an acceptable level. I shoot when I want to and for fun. A guarantee of good weather and no wind might incentivise! (I had to select don't like shooting in wind as your survey is not set up properly - I don't care about wind really)

Competition are just too long, a 60 arrow competition is enough for me (disabled archer)

Not currently in good enough form to shoot (most) full outdoor rounds!

Don't get enough long distance practice, weather often interrupts club nights.

It can be quite intimidating if you don't enter frequently and are not achieving fairly high scores; there is a degree of snobbery from a few archers who can be very off-hand with archers they seem to perceive as "getting in their way" and, instead of assisting and being sociable, are hostile and unhelpful. If you are a bit uncertain anyway, that is very likely to put you off completely. That being said, most are friendly and helpful. Judges do generally outline the rules at the start, but maybe they could reiterate them again for newcomers, as it is quite a lot to take in and competitions can have different rules depending on the rounds to be shot. I was at one competition where the judges asked newcomers to identify themselves so they could offer additional support, but others haven't done that and it was very helpful.

It's expensive to attend the competitions

I didn't take up archery to compete but to relax. The only person I want to compete with is myself. I want to shoot & learn at my own pace.

I enter the only SAA field shoot each year. I selected the first option because the survey doesn't work unless I do. There is no "other" option.

I am also an IFAA Field Archer and there are only so many weekend days I want to spend away from my family.

I'm usually busy with family commitments and other sports during the summer.

Too rigid dress codes and other nonsense that is just not necessary making it not fun.

I don't want to be compared to other and I would rather keep Archery a safe space.

The rounds that tend to be held for outdoor are too long, and the distances aren't achievable for me. My club don't encourage the longer distances, so it's difficult to practice; although they have said they want to do more of the long distances this season.

There is limited access to outdoor training facilities.

After the novice category, there is nothing else for beginners. I'm a beginner just coming up to a years membership. I'm not good enough for a full competition but too experienced to be called a novice.

Originally Injury stopped me going to Comps....That resulted in a loss of form & stamina to complete a round.

I primarily shoot for fun so don't have the best kit. I have felt looked down on by other shooters for having a "training bow"

Cost of entry fees, fuel etc

I am currently recovering from injury and 12 dozen rounds are out of the question just now.

Please select the 5 most important factors that would encourage you to take part in a competition.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Online entry form	25.7%	43
Distance to the competition	67.7%	113
Type of competition (round, distances shot etc)	47.9%	80
If the competition can be used to claim badges or for classification (1st Class, Bowman etc)	25.1%	42
Facilities at the venue (toilets, parking etc)	33.5%	56
Catering at the venue	9.0%	15
Social aspect of the competition - who will or wont be there	25.1%	42
Likelihood of winning	9.6%	16
Predictability of the weather	25.7%	43
Entry cost	32.9%	55
Cost of travel and accommodation	43.1%	72
Trophies/rewards	6.6%	11
Promotion of the event (social media, photographs etc)	10.2%	17
Adults and children competing at the same time	7.8%	13
My ability in archery	56.3%	94
Other (please specify)		39

Comments;

Uncertainty regarding the terrain.

Accessibility for people with disabilities

The current competition set up isn't what has stopped me competing. I now have other commitments. Competitions take up a lot of time, which doesn't help.

I would really appreciate more experience but cannot commit to weekly club sessions on a regular basis

An improvement in my ability to walk the necessary distance.

Competitions tend to apply mainly to the re-curve category with some traditional but mostly Long Bow.

I work shift work most weekends

I only selected 5 Options because I had to. There is nothing that you could say to get me to take part in a competition

Available information on how the competition runs e.g. On the distance you have to shoot, how to prepare arrows for competitions

Put off by past experiences

I have never tried to find out about competition and wouldnt know where to look.

Nothing really but I clicked a few

At the moment I don't feel the need to be competitive

If judges understood Archery Rules of Shooting 1200

The system requires an answer

I just feel that competitions would make my form even worse, because of stress...

take part in shoot without competing, or a shoot to include those on banned medication.

I'd be more inclined to make an effort for an unusual round, like a popinjay or a popeyoung.

Also, you only find out about competitions if you are reading competition lists. If you're not inclined to enter competitions you are not likely to be reading the calendar. So not entering competitions is self perpetuating.

Or If they where held on a Saturday

I do not travel distances well these days so like to have a local club I can get to quickly

competitions are held in edinburgh and glasgow. travel distance, cost and time from aberdeen is too far.

Relaxed entry requirements

Being clear that any one can shoot any of the rounds on offer. Gents in the ladies rounds or adults in the kids rounds for example. Not always clear that any and all bow styles are welcome. I.e. No Long bow on entry form or even an "other" section.

I had to tick something above so the form would be accepted.

I would never compete

Despite the above comments, most shoots are really enjoyable overall.

Novice comp to take away fear factor of competing with those who have loads of experience.

Please see the answer to question 3. My Summer sport means that I cannot and will not consider entering outdoor archery competitions.

I don't drive and need to depend on lifts. Though our club is good for that.

Trophies and medals should be available to all bowstyles not just recurve archers. If you want to encourage people don't restrict medals for children to number of entries per age group. Consider participation medals.

I want to practice more and improve my consistency before I compete

Back stops for arrows. Very embarrassing and very time consuming looking for lost arrows.

None - all of these factors have always been an issue - I'll return to competition if I feel like it. (I had to select cost because your survey isn't set I properly)

I chose only one item. Nothing else matters

Have highlighted the only thing that I'd like to change. everything else is pretty much hunky dory.

Online registration and payment would make it far easier for people to enter. There are often tournaments that I intend to shoot in, but by the time I've got around to finding my cheque book, completing the entry form, etc it's too late.

Relaxed atmosphere.

Ability level.

I have answered this question according to what I thought when I did compete before injury.

Would you consider taking part in a competition run in a relaxed friendly manner like the Glasgow and Penicuik Fun shoots that are already on the Tournament Calendar so that you can learn and understand how a competition format works?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
No	32.3%	54
Yes - If yes, what types of rounds would you like to compete in?	67.7%	113

Yes - If yes, what types of rounds would you like to compete in?

Yes I would

Any

All rounds

I would like to try a 'watch and shoot' type of competition, combining movement with realistic targets but my wheelchair would, I suppose, rule that out.

Portsmouth

I would need to understand how rounds at competitions work

Portsmouth / Bray

any that help me improve

Novice

Any.

Fita 18

any

Don't have any experience or fully understand the technical terminology

Unless my general health improves.

any in SAA Northern area

don't know what they are!

I like the American shoot, but i don't know of many other outdoor fun shoots, sorry.

Traditional Horse Bow

Novice

Glasgow clout

I am not sure about various shoots. But field archery is the one I like.

not specified

already shoot the Glasgow fun shoots

Relatively short distance rounds.

I don't know: I'm unfamiliar with outdoor shooting. Only done indoor target shooting so far.

intermediate distances

Due to shift work not really possible but changing jobs so hopefully be able to take part more

Not sure - depends what is available (I don't know)

Any - if explained

Fun' targets, Something a bit different from normal competitions. Maybe teams?

50m max for my current ability

????? Dont know

As I have no outdoor experience, I have no ability to know what rounds, but a round with several short distances as well as the longer ones. Also an hour before the event for novices to get some idea of sight settings would encourage my attendance- having never shot more than 25 yards.

Shorter rounds

York or WA

Unsure

N/A

I'm not sure what rounds are available but currently I would shoot 30m and 50m as that's about my limit right now.

Portsmouth

All!

Currently only able to reach 70m so anything up to that. Don't know whether I can reach 90m - let alone do it consistently!

I think any type of round would be suitable. The point is that as an introduction the style should be relaxed and non-competitive.

Novice up to 50 yds

FITA or FITA Field

As I don't know anything about competition formats, I am unable to express any views on this.

I don't know what types of rounds there are!

Head to head

I'm sometimes there supporting people who are shooting

Don't know but half day would be good

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Novice

Unsure - don't know enough about it?

30 yard

Less arrows, st George, Albion, Westen.

field shoot and portsmouth

Rounds with 9 dozen or less arrows.

have taken part in outdoor events hosted by moray archery and Glenlivet in moray

Would have to be local

if distance was closer to aberdeen

N/a

These events sound pretty good already.

Not familiar with the shoot - but a many as I could possibly try.

One of the quicker rounds

not sure what the options are.

unsure as I am not yet familier with competition as I have only just started to shoot

Shorter distances for sure

All.

Needs explained

Not sure

whats on offer ??

Yes, however more north of Perth/Dundee would be great. Any

Not sure what I would Participate in

Not sure of the rounds available.

Unsure would need more information

If there where more in the Northern Area

I'm flexible

Shooting at targets like those currently used in training.

Don't know, don't understand the rounds yet.

Maybe but unlikely.

Not decided

Shorter distances

I don't know. I liked the animals.

something over distances shorter than 40 yards-also not involving hundreds of arrows shot

St George ,Albion , short Windsor, Western etc etc.I think some of these rounds would encourage beginners and juniors to come along and have a go

3D, archery golf, field

Shorter rounds. Less than 75 arrows

Not sure

Any rounds at all

Learning about rounds is the help needed..!

Novice or shorter rounds, perhaps more ends for those who are newer to the sport or who lack confidence in competing

Any rounds depending on distance to travel.

Any would be nice

What do you have that i can learn about for other competitions, surely that's the point?

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Anything.

something that last half day

Shorter competitions with fewer ends required

Don't know

Portsmouth

Shorter distances. Never shot at 70m, so not going to enter competition.

anything from 20yds/m to 60yds/m, preferably mixed distances. I have been in one competition that used 40, 50 and 60m with mixed size target faces from 60 to 120cm, assigned at random - that was fun and prizes were awarded on various criteria eg highest reverse score. Was surprisingly successful at levelling the playing field a bit.

Depends... on fitness level for one... this older archer lives in a secluded area. To get to centralbelt competitions requires a 150 mile minimum journey.

The round doesn't really matter. It's finding time!!

As per above - dependant on other discipline competition schedule.

6 shot rounds.

Head to heads, either team or individual, shorter rounds

I am familiar with the competition format but think it is a good idea and could have got me into competing earlier.

Shorter outdoor distances

I don't know

Recurve

Any round can be made enjoyable - given the right atmosphere/people.

Any traditional or barebow round

I'm not sure

Are there any other comments that you would like to make?

The cost of starting up can limit most people. While having to pay for two organizations to shoot is ridiculous we need one governing body to control everything .

Yes. I'm uncertain of my current membership status in that, I've only been able to go to a club meet once so far this session and have not as yet, paid my membership fees. I fully intend too but my condition has precluded attendance so far. (All suitable appendages crossed for the near future!!)

people are either competitive or not some want to achieve others aren't bothered, not everyone wants to spend a whole day at the weekend shooting arrows

Competitions are rather slow especially with two waves. Maybe there could be fun competitions with quicker rounds set against the clock.

I would love to have somewhere to practice during the day when I could at least build up abilities and skills

Scottish Archery is too focussed on central belt and does not offer coaching north of Perth. What is Scottish Archery for? I don't see anything for having to join it

Does Traditional include Horse Bow? What distances would be appropriate?

No

Large tents should be placed well back from the equipment line.

None

I would love to shoot some competitions, but those I am in most cases present as a Judge

Archery is not the only pastime I have,

gaining and use of a handicap
events for similar experience

Really enjoy being at club all members very friendly and willing to give advice

No

No

There isn't enough for those who are only casual. It's always the same people who are going to win.
Perhaps a decent handicap?

At my second indoor competition I "Won " the worst arrow award. This was announced at the time of the end which left me feeling quite humiliated and certainly did little to improve my concentration and my score (Worst score I've ever shot!) I will never enter a competition again that has this "Tradition" - Indoor or Outdoor as I never want to be part of an event that endorses this Institutional humiliation. Please feel free to email me for further discussion on this topic. andytwort@gmail.com

shorter rounds in the masters category

I am quite lucky in that at my local club I can go and shoot anytime. Hence instead of driving for what could be hours to a fairly regulated shoot I can just go to my local range and shoot whatever distance I want for as long as I feel like.

Personally I just like shooting - competition doesn't really interest me.

Thank you for your time

N/A

Archery to me isn't all about competitions, its about been able to shot when I have the time to do so and also the social aspect.

Some people are not competitive and shoot for relaxation, socialization and self-improvement

Local club network is key - in Aberdeen there is no club open to general public

I may have missed it, but I've not seen a clear calendar showing dates, times and cost. Since I don't compete it would be very helpful to see clear guidelines for a turning up to the event alone and info on different groups I. E. Shooting guidelines

Living in the "west" most competitions are a long drive away as well as the competition actually lasting for a long time. I'll need to wait for my children to grow up before I can return to competition.

Being VI it would be most appreciated if I could have someone to score for me

Intimidated by try hard archers with big equipment budgets

As a disabled Archer I would like to see more all disabled competitions eg ranking events and other competitions both national and international

Last summer a group from Lothian Disability Sport went to Glasgow for a competition, everyone brought back a medal except the coaches. That was VERY satisfying

Not competing is purely a person thing and perhaps this may change over time. I would happily support my club members in competitions though.

some people are non competitive like myself hence just happy shooting at club level for fun and don't feel pressured to shoot outside their comfort zone

Last time I shot outside I was eaten alive by midges

If I had been younger, shooting in competitions while stating that I was taking banned substances, would have allowed me to test myself against others and enjoying the companionship without my scores counting for any prizes. I am sure there are many older archers in similar positions.

In general I find competitions to be too great a commitment of time for too little shooting. I can go up to my local field course and shoot 100 arrows in an hour and be home for lunch. I went to the Scottish field archery champs in Oban recently and it was a two day commitment for 144 arrows.

Also the survey required me to tick a box for 3 and 4. I could not just do a write in reply.

Encourage rounds to be shot at clubs, indoors and outdoors record progress of members prioritise help/coaching, improvers awards, improving archers will enter competitions, if there are awards they have a chance of winning.

I occasionally shoot other types of bow when given the chance & would ideally prefer to go barebow & traditional but compound is the most realistic option for my physical condition

Very few local shoots.

Cost is the major issue. As a northern area archer we are looking at a cost of £150 too attend a shoot in central belt.

It would be good if there were some events, both indoor and outdoor, where a handicap system was used, as in golf, to level the field. That way there's always a chance you might just do better than you thought.

I took part in the Eastern Area Novice and Junior showdown this year, which Lance Hawker organised. It was easily the most enjoyable competition. Probably because of the fact that everyone was a similar level, but it was really good fun as well. It was very well organised.

You can expect new comers to competitions not to have all the kit like tents. So are they just to be left standing in the rain or with no where to sit?

Can food or drink be got if forgotten?

Would people be willing to share spotting scopes?

Make them feel included not on the fringe of group that already know each other. Encouraging club members who already compete to support first time shooters. Or have a club pick a particular shoot and support as many of the club to go as they can (consider a group entry fee or discount to support this approach)

When learning the basic archery course, there was very little information given on competitions.

I've been shooting outdoors and indoors for less than a year, still need to buy my own kit as the club bows require quite a bit of adjustments as I get a different bow every time.

Too many of the Northern area events are 200 miles + south of me. Its cheaper and easier for me to attend nationals in England than to attend my regional shoot in Scotland.

I do not do archery to compete.

For me I find enjoyment , satisfaction and relaxation in field archery preferably, in walking the course with one or two others and we do not even count our scores

More comps further north.

My experience from the couple of competitions I have entered is that competitions are friendly and relaxed events. My problem is simply that weekends are largely committed.

Would like to see more Cometicions for the Longbow/Barebow club Archer

I have two boys who also are members of the Archery club and would need to consider them at any event.

I really just don't understand what I'd be entering as and then what to do on the day.

Just not ready to compete - don't want to.

I've no idea what distances I'm likely to be allowed to shoot at the various competitions. I can shoot reliably up to 50m but don't know what rounds to enter.

No

There needs to be more local competitions other than in the central belt and the SAA fees are much too high in comparison with England and regions.

Not enough Field shoots on the SAA calendar and no 3D shoots so having to shoot at SFA or STAFAA events at present

I will start to compete but I do not feel ready yet

Why do we have to pay archery gb to take part in Scottish tournaments ?

Good luck with the survey.

The wording on question two is badly done and should be reworked as it is confusing.

Making novice and upcoming archers shoot 50m and 30m on smaller WA 6 zone faces is dumb. It is hard enough as it is. 1200+ archers might still shoot a 4 at 50m - that would make them an 1190 archer on the small face. Even worse further down the classes.

Not everyone can commit to a whole day or weekend for a competition, some half day competition may see numbers increase

we would like to encourage some of our juniors to compete but can really only do local competitions as travel would be an issue, given child protection concerns and parents generally will only travel locally; the postal leagues offer opportunity to do some competitive archery, but the division structure for all archers is somewhat haphazard and folk sometimes feel they aren't achieving because there are teams in their division that seem as if they should perhaps be in a much higher division. A team can also achieve a high score but still be relatively low in their division due to the nature of the match structure of the competition. It's a difficult balance, but some of these factors may discourage some teams from entering or continuing with the competition, which would be a pity.

Geography is against Scottish archers. Inter club competitions over the internet might help.

None

There's no category for instinctive archery at question 9. I really belong in a field archery club but the local club is convenient. They're a fine bunch but the club is entirely target archery driven. It would be nice to see the club embracing some other archery disciplines-Field, 3D,etc. Might help them to attract & keep younger archers. It would also help newer archers to start competing if the rules, competition types, distances, etc were made clearer & readily available. It's not easy to find out what all the competition names actually mean.

We need more SAA field courses

I've found the SAA community and set up to be great in all aspects. Just can't commit fully over two disciplines unfortunately. Enjoy indoor immensely though.

There's no incentive for club members to go to competitions. I've raised it with my club, and the comments are always along the lines of "What's the point when I'm not going to get anything". If there were more rewards for being outside the top 3 or 4, then it might encourage more people. I think it would also be good if there were more rewards for club members to aim for, instead of the current badges for the top archers. This would encourage a more competitive view within clubs.

I like the 'controlled' surroundings indoors. Outdoors with longer distances and weather conditions means I can't score well.

As mentioned above, I work at the weekends so competing is not possible at the moment. If I were to go back to a weekday job, I would definitely try to go back to competing.

I loved attending competition, and made many great friends in doing so.

I have always tried to get members at my club to attend, but I think many feel it is too competitive & "not for them". There is also the feeling that they aren't good enough, or they were unable to hit the required outdoor distances - again, I am going to be working on that this outdoor season. Hopefully getting myself back to regular competition as well!!!

When I did compete, I felt there were too many of the competitions were staged over 2 days. Having family who do not also participate in archery, it is often too difficult to get away for the whole weekend. So, often, I could just shoot 1 day for a score but knowing that you'd never have a chance of medalling does take away something from the event before you even start. I think more competitions are needed that are 1 day only or based on 6 doz rounds to make it easier for people with other commitments to also take part.

Now that I have been injured, I realise that such a big focus on 2 full days of 12 doz rounds may be physically out of reach for many too. Perhaps 3 tiers of competitions would be good to catch more archers - beginners, intermediate & advanced - with the duration & distances adapted accordingly?