



The 6th Northern Flight and Clout Championships.

September 1961

The 6th meeting in its 7th year was held again on Grange Park, Preston, Lancashire and attracted 66 entries. A smaller entry than last year, but very good considering the very bad weather conditions and the fact that another archery event was held at the same time in Preston, a thing that the organisers would not like to happen again. The Northern Flight having been advertised in the B.A. for some months before, and the other shoot being arranged only a few days before.

There were no new records, probably due to the heavy weather, and flight distances were much shorter.

For the first time in the Clout Shoot, the new 1961 Clout rules were adhered to, accounting for the lower scores. Shooting was two ways, scribed rings marked the targets at both ends. The Ladies shoot was separate from the Men's, shooting 6 arrows per end, 4 targets in all, this arrangement cut down the time considerably, which in the past was somewhat drawn out. Thirteen trophies and over 30 gold and silver medals were awarded.

Mr. Jack Flinton once again had something up his sleeve, (or perhaps in his waistcoat pocket), this time it was a real baby Flight bow under 24ins. Long and only 20lbs pull, and for the very first try-out shot an arrow the amazing distance of over 270yds.

Results Open Flight Championships

Ladies

1 st Lady champion- Miss G. Oldfield (Sheffield),	280yds 1ft 6ins
2 nd Lady champion-Miss W. Miles (Manchester),	239yds 0ft 7ins

Gentlemen

1 st Gent champion- Mr. W. Wilding (Preston)	340yds 2ft 4ins
2 nd Gent champion- Mr. G. Kay (Blackpool)	306yds 0ft 7½ins

Juniors

1 st champion- R. King (Blackpool)	240yds 2ft 7ins
2 nd champion-B. Ward (Blackpool)	239yds 1ft 5½ins

Target Bow Flight up to 45lbs pull.

1 st – Don Harkness (Warwick)	259yds 2ft 5ins
2 nd – W.Wilding (Preston)	255yds 1ft 7½ins

Target Bow Flight up to 35lbs pull.

1 st – Don Harkness (Warwick)	250yds 2ft 1in
2 nd – J. Oldfield (Sheffield)	247yds 3ft 0in

Juniors Flight

1 st – R. King (Blackpool)	230yds 3ft 11ins
2 nd – B. Ward (Blackpool)	228yds 2ft 8ins

Crossbow Flight

1 st Gent – Mr S. Turner (Derbyshire)	580yds 2ft 6ins
2 nd Gent – Mr. Davies (Bolton)	570yds 0ft 10ins
1 st Junior – Mr. Clark (Derbyshire)	578yds 0ft 9ins

Clout Shoot

1 st Lady – Miss B. Boswell (Preston)	15
2 nd Lady – Mrs. Smith (Burnley)	7
1 st Gent – Don Harkness (Warwick)	38
2 nd gent – Mr. A. G. Humphrys (Springfields, Preston)	24
1 st Junior – C. Anderson (Blackpool)	18
2 nd Junior – R. King (Blackpool)	13

Clout Team Award.

1 st – Springfield Archers nr Preston	57
2 nd – Blackpool	50