



The 1972 Northern Flight  
And Clout Championships.

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1972

Archers from all over the north were in York, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, competing in the Northern Counties and Yorkshire County Flight and Clout Championships, held on the Knavesmire.

Claims for two new National records were made as a result of the event, which was a personal triumph for Mrs. Mary Evans of Abbeydale Archers.

In spite of an injury to her hand during the Flight Championships, which required hospital treatment and stitches, she went on to win the ladies Clout championships.

It turned out to be very much a family affair for the Thorley family of Hermes Archers, who figured prominently in several awards.\*

More than 50 competitors took part in the Flight Championships, which was won by Alan Webster of Sheffield, with a distance of 678 yards 1ft 7in.,

In doing so, he beat his own previous record set in 1968 using the same bow.

In second place was George Thorley (Hermes Archers) with a distance of 593 yards 2ft 7in. Third was Ivor Hall (Leicester), 414 yards 2ft 5in.

The Ladies' Flight Championship was won by Miss Alison Thorley, with a distance of 392 yards 1ft 4in. She beat her mother, Mrs Monica Thorley, whose distance was 387 yards 1ft 7in. Alison is also claiming a new National record.

In third place was Mrs. Wendy Hodkinson (Eccles) with 347 yards 2ft 7in.

In the junior section, Alison Thorley's 392 yards 1ft 4in, which won her the Ladies' Flight Championships, also gave her top placing for Juniors.

She beat her brother, Alan Thorley, into second place. His distance was 368 yards 1ft 1in. Third was R. Porter (Hermes), with 399 yards.

There were 72 competitors in the clout championships, placings being:

Ladies

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| 1. Mrs Mary Evans | 2. Mrs Monica Thorley |
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Men

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| 1. Gordon Shipley | 2. Ray Turvey |
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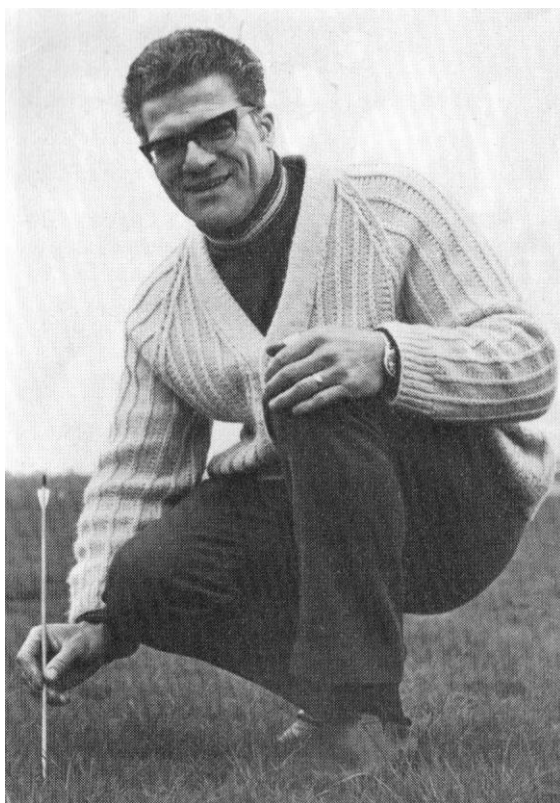
Girls

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| 1. Miss Leslie Evans |
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Boys

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| 1. B. Patterson |
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\*The Thorley family now have no less than five Master Flight shots, Mr. And Mrs. George Thorley, Miss Alison Thorley, Miss Jo Rodmell, Master Alan Thorley. All with tackle made in the family, which in itself seems to us to be a record. Incidentally, the distances shot by Monica and Allison are good "men's" firsts as well.



Alan Webster of Sheffield, with his record 678 yards 1ft 8in flight shot at York.

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