

# Martel claims compound prize in open battle at college

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ON TARGET: Competitors

in action at Malvern Archers' open tournament held in the town.

MALVERN Archers held their ninth open tournament on Malvern College's playing fields.

For the past seven years, the event was at Dyson Perrins School but the move to the college venue behind Court Road provided more space.

The club expanded the field to 24 targets with more than 80 archers taking part in sunny weather with a light, though sometimes tricky, breeze.

Traffic problems on the Worcester by-pass delayed the arrival of some competitors so the shooting got under way a little late.

Gentleman patron Rob Young, manager of [Malvern College's](#) Sports Centre, shot the first arrow.

In the ladies' recurve, Sue Davies, of Redditch, took an early lead in the national round and held on throughout to finish with a score of 580.

David Michael, of Lugg Valley Company of Archers, took the lead in the men's recurve, shooting the long national round, and was first on 544.

In the men's compound division, a close competition saw Malvern Archers' Dave Martel and Tony Carter, of Stourbridge, end with the same score of 610.

Martel took the trophy, however, having shot 56 golds to Carter's 53.

The women's compound winner was Michelle Hall from Stourbridge.

Saints and Sinners Bowmen members Penny Neaverson (227) and Henry Evans (217) took the honours in the longbow division.

Overall junior winners were Tara Gibbons from Lugg Valley with 318 and Gabriel Beese-Raybould from Worcester Bowmen with 542.

The best gold award went to Eric Turner, of Fast and Loose, and the best reversed score was shared by Stourbridge's Dominic Lester from Stourbridge and Malvern's Jim Shearn whose 389 gave 983 when reversed.

The event incorporated the Worcester novices tournament for archers who started shooting from 2012. Malvern made a clean sweep with Verity Gray winning the women's prize with 509, Paul Willetts the men's with 508 and James Webb the juniors with 470.

Young was called away before the prize giving so promising young archer Jason Relf presented the awards instead.

The club members' hard work helped make the day a success, particularly organiser Aidan Norman.

For more details about archery and the club's beginners course starting next month, visit [malvernarchers.org.uk](http://malvernarchers.org.uk) or email [secretary@malvernarchers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@malvernarchers.org.uk)