



Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Welcome to the first edition of 2017. This will, as usual in January, be a short newsletter because the last one came out late and there is not a lot of 'fresh' news for you all, but what is here is important (well I think it is anyway)

As usual all the errors are mine!!

Mark

I have been asked by the organisers of the top three shoots below that there are still place available (well at the time of writing there were!). Full details of each shoot are on the various club web sites.

DATES for the DIARY 2017

Full details on the various club websites and the KAA pages.

January 29th KAA Indoor champs hosted by Ashford Archers at Tenterden **Places available**

February 5th Gravesend Shrimp Shoot **Places available**

February 19th Allington Castle Worcester / Portsmouth **Places available**

April 23rd Crystal Place Open York Hereford B1-5, R/S and Rose

May 14th KAA Invitation

May 21st 'Unsighted bows event' at Vigo. Double National (to be confirmed)

May 29th Gravesend Jubilee Shoot

June 11th Inter county match at Vigo

June 24th and 25th Allington Castle Sir Thomas Wyatt , R/S and Rose

July 17th Invicta Springboard at Vigo

August 6th Double WA 720 at Vigo

August 20th County Championships at Vigo

August 27th Allington Whitefriars , R/S and Rose

September 10th Clout Championships

November 20th Allington Castle Worcester / Portsmouth

November 27th KAA AGM

Note.. The shoot on May 21st will not determine the KAA Champions. This will be done at the KAA championships in August.

Reminder to County team archers (and hopefuls!!) Make sure your scores are sent in to the Record Officer!!

Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policies

I wrote to all clubs before the Christmas break about the above policies and the need to get them firmly in place. This is a gentle reminder that this process should either be happening or even better, has happened. I shall be writing to all clubs in the near future asking for more details. All clubs are also supposed to have a copy of their constitutions lodged with KAA.

SCAS 'Green Book'

At the time of writing the details of all clubs have been sent to the SCAS secretary for inclusion in the SCAS directory

Range Assessors

Derrick and I will be doing our training later this month so will issue an update in the next newsletter, BUT keep an eye out for more news from AGB on the subject as it will be down to clubs to register as and when asked to do so.

Public Address System

KAA now has a public address system for use at Vigo. This consists of four horn speakers, amplifier, radio microphone, cables, stands and so on. It has been purchased using money from the KAA development fund created by all those archers who worked at the Kent shows some years ago. It will run on either 12 volt supply or on 240 volts as required. As I type it is undergoing final testing before the purchase of the most suitable type of battery that will allow for 8 hours of use.

The system will make life easier for both the tournament organisers and the judges and should make it easier for the archers to know what is happening at the various events KAA runs.

It is also proposed that it will be available for hire by clubs that might wish to use it. No fees have been set for this as yet but the availability of the kit might help in the planning of your shoot.

Chronotir lights

Many of you will have seen these at the KAA shoots and other events over the past couple of years. The KAA set are available for hire by clubs and as more clubs host Record Status shoots where lights can now be used this is a reminder that they are available for hire.

KAA Records Officer

Tony Henwood has retired after a number of years of slaving away over a hot (and complicated) database. I would like to thank him for all the work he has done over the years for the archers of Kent. This work made more difficult by the rounds and groups being changed by WA and AGB as well as the introduction of different bow types and archer groups.

The new R/O is Terry Woodgate.. More from him later!!

From the 'Field group'

2017 Shooting Season

Can't wait for the new target season in April to start, well then come and join us shooting, our season has already started.

KAF has finalised its Calendar for the coming season and is on the KAA website. Included is an extra day for Practice, KAF-P on Sunday 5th February.

It is realised if you are a member of a target club, to get on your field and setup for field Sightmarks is not that easy. With the best way do it, with walk back's for all your Sightmarks from 5M to 60M, with others on the field this is not always possible.

So the practice day is the opportunity to spend a morning doing just that, we have four bosses, the 4 different WA faces, fully marked out with the distances for each face. They will be open to shoot all morning from 10:00am till 1:00pm.

Now is the time for the beginner or newer archers to Field shooting to get the experience/practice at field with out the pressure of doing a round

Come and fill your BOOTS.

If you have already joined KAF then it another free item in the calendar, if not then it will cost you the usual £6, no parking fees from now on.

If you need more information contact either
Mike Clark - kaf-secretary@archerykent.org.uk or
Geoff Barker - kaf-chairman@archerykent.org.uk



Happy New Year from your new Kent Records Officer.

Hello to you all. Please let me introduce myself. My name is Terry Woodgate and I have taken over the reins of KRO from Tony Henwood. Some of you may already know me from my sporadic and intermittent competition entries over the years. My wife Sharon and son Samuel have also competed as Compound archers in the past.

I started archery in my very early twenties at an evening class back in the very late 1980's. My mother said I should get out more and try some evening classes, I think she meant the more academic lessons. I have never been very "sporty" or steady of hand so archery didn't appear to be an obvious choice but I have always liked Robin Hood. Who knew that archery would be about the only sport I would take to or have some ability in?

A couple of years into the evening classes a member of a local archery club, who was also shooting at the classes, invited me to visit his ground Crystal Palace Bowmen. I have been there ever since. Mainly I only shoot target archery both outdoors and inside but currently with the four different bowstyles; Compound U/L, Recurve Freestyle, Longbow and Recurve Barebow. It is not easy to keep four handicaps going and the year disappears very quickly trying to get in the requisite 3 scores for each! I have also dabbled, albeit very rarely, in field and clout.

I have held a few Club Committee posts over the years, starting with a couple of stints as Supernumerary, a while as one of the club's archery coaches and a short time as President before stepping down to take over as the club's Records Officer around 2004, a post I am still in today.

Enough about me, on to business. The previous email address for monthly submissions is still the same records@archerykent.org.uk and my address for records claims is 39, Roundtable Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent, BR1 5LQ. I will now make no apologies for plagiarising messages from the previous Kent Records Officer as there is no need to reinvent the wheel!

Annual Re-assessment of Handicaps

The more experienced of you can stop reading at this point: For the less experienced or the unsure, I have copied below the handicap re assessment procedure from the Archery GB rule book.

Remember this re-assessment must be carried out before you add any outdoor scores to your record books in 2017.

5. Annual Re-assessment of Handicaps

(a) The Club Records Officer will re-assess the handicaps of all archers in the Club annually

This shall be as at:

(i) 1st January for Outdoor Handicaps.

(ii) 1st July for Indoor Handicaps

(b) The handicap allocated at the beginning of each year will be equal to the average of the handicap ratings of the archer's best three scores shot during the previous year. If an archer has shot fewer than three rounds, the average will be taken over those rounds that have been shot plus the re-assessed handicap rating for the previous year.

(c) If the average is a fraction, it will be rounded up to the next larger whole number.

(d) An archer who has failed to shoot any complete round during the previous year shall retain his last declared handicap until he has re-qualified as in instruction 3(a) above.

Documents and procedures namely: County Records, Kent County Bowmen, Score returns & Team Selection, Forms and the Latest record books are all available from the KAA website.

Procedure reminders.

1. It is preferred that returns are submitted monthly. The return for the previous calendar month should be sent to me no later than the third week of the following month.
2. All relevant scores for archers who qualified KCB during 2016 should be forwarded during 2017.
3. Do not exclude scores that are "not up to usual standard" – to do so will give a misleading picture of an archer's form, but if there are exceptional circumstances (e.g. extreme weather or personal circumstances) please give details.-
4. Provide full contact details (full name, address, telephone and mobile numbers, e-mail address) for any archer achieving KCB for the first time. (As with Archery GB classifications, 3 qualifying KCB scores are required to qualify KCB.)
5. For archers who did not qualify KCB during 2016 - please wait until you have the necessary three relevant scores during 2017 before you submit them, then submit all scores as per points 2 and 3 above. I have been informed this was always the intention but may not have been fully understood by all Club Records Officers (myself included!).

Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Please bear with me as I am new to this post and have to get to grips with the existing KRO procedures following Christmas and New Year. Nothing will be ignored.

Wishing you all happy and successful shooting for the year.

Terry.

