



Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

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As I type this the radio has reminded me that officially yesterday was the last day of official summer. You can go off some people. As usual the errors are mine and the omissions because no one told me. Please pay particular attention to the page on Protection issues. I have kept it as a separate page so it can be taken out and posted in the clubhouse!!
Mark

KAF Dates for the diary:-

Kent Archery Association County Field Championships

	Saturday 7 th October	Workday
KAA-1	Sunday 8 th October	24 target Unmarked/Marked



3-Way Inter-counties Field Event

	Saturday 14 th October	Workday
KAA-2	Sunday 15 th October	12 target + H2H

	Saturday 18 th	Workday
KAF-6	Sunday 19 th November	Club shoot 24T

More details may be found through links on the KAA website.

Range Inspections

The time for registrations to have been completed is coming to an end. Just remember that if your range does not fully comply (except for the length of the indoor halls) than you **must** have the range assessed. While it is possible to 'bend the truth' in order not to have a visit given the litigious time we live in I would not like to think of the consequences were there to be an accident and it was found that the range was not compliant despite the fact it was listed as being so. Would the insurance still hold? AGB have yet to give me an answer but I have real suspicion that it might not and that the club would then be liable. (This is my opinion.. Not an official one.. Yet!)

Archery GB Website

This is actually up and running again and the club portal via Sport80 is working. Do check that your club details are correct (and your own details of course). I found that Crystal Place Juniors had been re-located up North somewhere (I have just moved them back to KAA). As I mentioned in the last newsletter the old AGB address comes up with an error so be warned!

Upcoming events:-

Ashford Indoor.. November 12th
Allington Indoor ..November 19th
KAA AGM.. November 26th



Bowmen of Darenteford Archery Club turns 40! Darenteford held a well-attended Ruby Anniversary National shoot on 16th July for members to celebrate the milestone. This also happened to be the first official shoot at the new ground after moving to Northfleet on 1st July. The event included National rounds, specially created target faces for a short novelty shoot, commemorative badges and a BBQ afterwards. Overall a fantastic day was had by all.



Can we use this for a head to head please??

Thanks to Darenteford for the photos



It's that time again..

The renewal forms are all with clubs.. Indeed some have already been filled in and sent to me which is great. Some points to help all clubs:-

- ⇒ Only one copy of the form is required but I must have the agreement section as well (note an addition here about data being held which will affect clubs).
- ⇒ Only one cheque (made out to Kent Archery Association) is needed.. I will send the correct amounts to SCAS.
- ⇒ I always acknowledge receipt of the forms.
- ⇒ Club secretaries have been sent an Excel sheet with all the fees on it. There is a copy on the KAA website SCAS have reduced their fees this year.
- ⇒ Individual members of AGB must affiliate to KAA and SCAS.
- ⇒ It will take me time to finish this year's audit and start banking cheques again.



Cheques only please!!

Having Judged the William Somner Tournament for a number of years I was really upset when it was cancelled last year and even more so when I was told earlier this year that it was to be discontinued. I have received the following from Bob Gawler:—

**Canterbury, Castle Moat & Folkestone, & Thanet Archers,
William Somner organisers.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Archers that have supported the competition and all the past and present judges, over the 62 years it has been organized. It is with great regret that the three remaining club's decided that this was the time to end the tournament, as each year sadly the number of entry's has dropped.

When the record status was applied for the 61st tournament, because it arrived on a bank holiday Monday when it was processed by Archery GB it was deemed too late, so that year we had to cancel, fortunately we had managed the 60th anniversary.

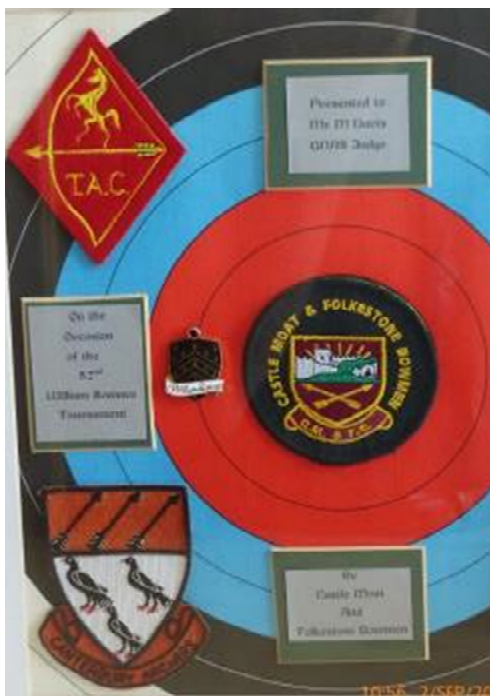
A brief history of the William Somner Tournament, in 1956 6 Clubs formed the William Somner Tournament, Bretts, Canterbury, Castle Moat, Cinque Ports, Dover, and Thanet, in 1957 Herne bay joined in 1961, Dover left in 1979, Sibertswold joined in 1982, Herne Bay left in 1983. 6 Clubs Bretts, Canterbury, Castle Moat, Ashford Archers, Sibertswold and Thanet revised the constitution and amended at 1984 A.G.M. At 1985 A.G.M agreed to close down William Somner Tournament and the organisation reformed on an informal basis and to hold all tournament's on Canterbury's ground, as some of the older archers will know this was at the Montgomery school Sturry, then Simon Langton Boy's and finally Simon Langton Girl's.

I don't think the William Somner Tournament can ever be revived as it was an imperial round and now unfortunately all new archers only want to do metric rounds even our junior's coaches encourage them to only shoot metric , it is sad but imperial rounds seem to be dying out.

All trophy's will be at Bill Terry's Archery Museum, he has agreed to be custodian and put them on display until they are required, at some future date hopefully.



Engraving after unknown artist by Michael Burghers - National Portrait Gallery, UK



It was agreed by the Somner committee that all remaining funds to be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Somner Committee
Bob Gawler, Linda Rendle,
Thanet Archers,
Dave Ash, Guy Murray Castle Moat,
Jason Sargeant , Mark Jones
Canterbury Archers,

Given Bob's comments about Imperial rounds I must agree with him that there is too much pressure to shoot 'metrics' especially for those archers who need to gain ranking points.

When I first shot the KAA championships (in about 1972) there were about 60 targets each with 6 archers on it. Shoots have got smaller there is no doubt but times are changing and I think that the pressure from AGB is also coupled with the pressure of time that seems (unfortunately) to be part of our life style these days.

I am happy to say that the **Kent Championships** had as many people taking part as we did last year and that other 'Imperial' rounds are still being shot (as at Crystal Place when 36 targets were used!!)

Over 115 archers entered the event which took place in glorious weather on the 20th August.

At one point I thought that I was going to have insufficient help to run the event but last minute appeals plus the 'usual' crew got everything sorted.

Particular thanks must go to:-

Peter Dallas, Karen and Tony for running the scoring system and raffle along with Gillian, Linda and Sharon. This team ensured that, despite the inability of many archers to add up, the scores were out very quickly.

Mike Walton and his team of Mike J., Ian, Terry, Derrick and Tony for being the field party and helping mark out the day before. In particular whoever's idea it was to use paint rather than ropes and thus depriving the archers of Kent for the chance to watch the TO fall flat on his face again. Lowering the spacing between targets made the field slightly more compact but easier to manage and avoided the problem of archers hitting concrete.

Hannah, Tony, Debs and Georgina for judging.

I must apologise for the errors in the bow types used by archers.. an error in my programming altered some at the last minute and has lead me to consider a slightly different check in method.

It was decided by discussion not to award all the trophies that could have been given out due to the fact that 1) quite a few were either damaged or did not arrive until after the event and 2) the presentation would have gone on for ever. Tony and Peter have had a very good idea for next year. The fact that some archers refused to take the trophies after presentation and that many have not been engraved for some time also indicates a change in perception of awards that needs to be considered.

Medals for all categories were awarded.

It should be noted that KAA are 4 SCAS medals short at the present time.

Unfortunately I did not have time to take photos so if any one has any....

Full results on line

Safeguarding Members.....From the KAA Committee

PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Following a report within the SCAS region, we at KAA would like to remind all members of their responsibility with regard to the AGB safeguarding policy. Within the document it explains the acceptable behaviour boundaries and just as importantly lists examples of where these would be considered crossed.

Remember it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard those enjoying our sport and if you feel that there is concern or suspicion then raise this with one of the persons below.

The reason for the way the policy is written is to protect not only those participating but also those with a coaching role, administration, voluntary or a position of influence such as a judge or field captain.

There are two policies that all clubs must adhere to. The first of these is published on the KAA website <http://www.archerykent.org.uk/clubs/cpo/introduction.aspx> and the second on the AGB website.

<http://www.archerygb.org/about-us-structure-safeguard/safeguard/policy-guidance/>

In addition all clubs have been sent various details and copies of the relevant documents in the past couple of years by the KAA CPO.

A brief summary (taken from one of the AGB documents) is set out below:-

Practices to be avoided

The following should be avoided except in emergencies:-

Spending time alone with children and young people away from others.

Taking or dropping off a child or young person to an event or activity.

If cases arise where these situations are unavoidable, it should be with the full knowledge and consent of someone in charge in the club or the child's and/or young person's parents.

The following must *never* happen:

- * *Engaging in rough, physical or sexually provocative games, including horseplay;*
- * *Sharing a room with a child or young person;*
- * *Allowing or engaging in any form of inappropriate touching;*
- * *Allowing children or young people to use inappropriate language or behaviour unchallenged;*
- * *Making sexually suggestive comments to a child or young person, even in fun;*
- * *Engaging in a sexual relationship with someone under the age of 18 who you are coaching; ☒*
- * *Reducing a child or young person to tears as a form of control;*
- * *Failing to act upon and record any allegations made by a child or young person;*
- * *Doing things of a personal nature for children and young people that they can do for themselves;*
- * *Inviting or allowing children or young people to visit or stay with you at your home unsupervised.*

Even if you have no juniors or vulnerable adults in your club you are obliged by AGB to ensure that policies are in place

KAA has available free CPO training materials and there are others on the KAA and AGB Websites.

KAA CPO can be contacted by e-mail on CPO@archerykent.org.uk or on 0208 650 4648

Contact can also be made to the club CPO, County Secretary, County Chairman.

It is now an offence to be aware of a Child (or Vulnerable Adult) protection issue and fail to notify the relevant people!!