



# Kent Archery Association

## NEWSLETTER

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This is a trial edition of a new venture for KAA. Why? I do a lot of talking to archers around the County when I am judging or coaching and while people know there is a lot of good stuff on the website people seem only to go there when they want something.. And so miss out on a lot of what is happening in Kent, how our teams are doing and so on.

This news letter is designed to be either printed and put on the club notice board or (even better) sent on to all club members by e-mail. What it contains will eventually be up to those people who send items in about their club, team and so on.

This edition contains things I think should be in there so all the blame comes to me.

Cheers.... Mark Davis (treasurer)

### Kent Clout Tournament

This year's clout was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at St Lawrence College Ramsgate. seventy archers registered but only sixty eight turned up to shoot.

The day was dry and breezy to start with but the wind increased making it quite challenging, with rain coming in at the end of the shoot.

Our Judge again this year was Mark Davis and we were fortunate to have Clinton Hill as our Lord Paramount. Everyone was pleased to see him especially as he had left his bow at home.

I was lucky enough to have a good team helping this year, special thanks must go to my wife, Linda, as I cannot drive she ferried me back and forth and helped both before and on the day.

11 tassel awards were claimed for, including Bob Beaney (County Chairman!) who on his first clout achieved a white tassel.

Kent Juniors achieved some good scores and it was lovely to see so many of them especially

Adam Kenyon's SCCA group. Natasha Crouch could have a Kent Record, this needs to be verified.

I have had some positive feedback, so hopefully a good day was had by all.

One suggestion for next year is a 50ft wind break down one end.

Bob Gawler (TO)

**Full results are on the KAA website**

### Unusual Fact

Did you know that the current GB crossbow champion is a KAA archer ?

Chris Bristow shoots for Crystal Palace when not shooting crossbow.

Well done Chris on your achievement, bet you would like the one below!



Why don't you come along next year?

The KAA committee spends a lot of your money each year so I asked the KAA equipment officer what has been done this year to help KAA shoots? It seems that we have acquired trolleys to help the field party, radios to help run the shoot, first aid kit, tufts to mark the shooting lines, field party jackets plus nuts, bolts, paints, locks stand lashings and so on. Last year we replaced all the stands and about 20 bosses!

Did you know that clubs can hire KAA equipment? Contact the treasurer for details.

When your Archery GB card comes through go on line to the portal on the AGB website and check your details.. It is very easy to do! Club secretaries can also check (but not change) details of members.

**Members..** We have 1459 senior members and 415 junior members affiliated to Kent as of 31/08/2013 All KAA members can vote at the AGM

### YOUR AGM!!

The KAA AGM will take place on Sunday 17th November at Medway Archer's club house. Your club secretary has been sent the details so if you have not seen them ask to do so. We need nominations for Committee posts and it is the time when you can raise any matters about the way in which we run KAA on your behalf.

Want to shoot a FITA in Kent.. Neil Dimmock is trying to organise one for next year so as soon as we have a date we will let you know. It is a long time since the last one was held as a County Championship.

Hannah Brown one of our county's International judges has been appointed Chair of AGB Judges. Apparently she did rather well at the World Police games as well!  
Talking of judges.. Do you want to become a judge? Have a look on the AGB website or contact one of the KAA judges for more information.

**Contact details.**  
Full list on the website but briefly:-  
Secretary@archerykent.org.uk  
Treasurer@archerykent.org.uk



Are you good enough to shoot for the County? You can only be selected if your scores are sent in to the County Records Officer.

Forthcoming dates:-  
AGM 17th November  
Kent Indoor Championships 10th November  
Indoor County match 30th November

**County Captains Report on the**

**Inter Counties Match**

The SCAS Inter Counties Tournament was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Kingston University ground, Old Kingston Road, Surrey  
Round were York, Hereford and Bristol 1, 2 3, 4 and 5  
Kent sent representative teams for Recurve, Compound, Longbow and Junior. Five to shoot four to count. One of our Juniors to was unable to attend on the day due to family house problems.  
**Recurve Team:** Linda Gawler, Adam Kells, Graham Souch, Steve Smith, Marc Martin  
**Junior Team:** Sophie Castle, Alice Garton, Ryan Holden, Harrison Earl, Stevie Kent  
**Compound Team:** Michelle Sword, Bob Beaney, Steve Batey, Clive Jeffrey, Michael Kells  
**Longbow Team:** Alison Ward, Geoff Barker, Neil Collins, Colin Hind, Cliff Gadd  
The day started warm and very sunny with almost no wind giving no hint of what was to come.  
Neil Dimmock as TO gave an introductory speech to the team Managers to explain procedure and hand out team score sheets for completion at the end of the day.  
Then the judges were introduced to the archers and Neil explained that some awards would not be available as they were held by the SCAS secretary who recently resigned, hopefully the awards and medals will be available soon.  
The whistle went for sighters, the clouds came in the wind began to blow but no obvious problems.  
We had the usual good and bad sighters but things seemed ok. Shooting progressed, 2 dozen, 3 dozen, the wind starts to become more difficult to judge the clouds become heavier, 4 dozen everyone is looking behind from where the weather is coming. 5 dozen will we get away with it not a chance the 6<sup>th</sup> dozen is shoot in heavy rain and gusting wind. The archers struggle to the complete the distance some bundled in waterproofs some braving the elements and one still in sun glasses and shorts.  
Lunch, of course the rains stops and the sun comes out although it was now chilly. A few problems to sort out but nothing to bad.  
The whistle goes for the start of the next distance, yep that's right, up comes the wind and rain squalls start and carry on sometimes heavy for the rest of the day and got colder to boot.  
Our teams held up well despite the scores not being the best but conditions precluded that.  
The final whistle and a frantic drying and putting away of equipment and tents. Score sheets checked and completed scores compiled and rushed to the TO.  
People gathered in the university canteen for the results and outside rain disappeared and sun came out typical.  
The team and individual results were read out. Kent achieved third place longbow, third place recurve and a magnificent 1<sup>st</sup> place individual gents recurve from Graham Souch.  
With the match done and provisional scores and awards made we all went home tired and damp, pleased for the winners commiserating with the non winners, and looking forward to September 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 the date of the next Inter Counties.  
May thanks go to all our archers both team members and those who sent scores in through the year. I must thank the backroom staff of Sophia Andrews, Tony Andrews, Mike Garret, Tony Henwood and Ian Garton without whom it would have been very difficult to keep the archers and organisers happy.

**P Dallas**  
**County Captain**