

Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the July edition of the KAA Newsletter.

The usual reminder that I do this so all the errors, omissions etc. are mine!

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to all those archers who sent me their best wishes after my recent series of 'illnesses'. I am very pleased to say that I am improving by the day and will be back on the 'judging trail' in time for the Springboard.

I also need to apologise to Ashford archers for mis-locating the KAA Indoor championships from Tenterden to Sittingbourne. It is of course at it's usual location. Sorry.. But it does give me a chance to mention the event again!!

Mark

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After a long absence a FITA (or rather WA) event came back to Kent a few weeks ago when a fair number of archers came to Vigo to shoot. Full results are on the KAA web site. 18 WA Stars were claimed and also a National record (Ms L. Piper from Woking).

If you look carefully at the results you will see that a lady came third in the men's compound section.. Nice one Vicci!!.

Thanks to all who helped put it on.

Money and new archers

I hate to raise the subject of money yet again but some reminders to clubs.

- 1) All new archers **must** be registered with KAA even if no fees are due, use the usual forms.
- 2) No fees are payable for KAA or SCAS for archers joining on or after July 1st. Seniors need to pay £9.75 to AGB and Juniors £6.00.
- 3) Full fees will be due on the 1st October but <u>at the new rates</u>. Please see the KAA website which lists them all in detail along with a self calculation box.

<u>September</u>

In order to get the books audited and ready for the next financial year I am closing them on September 5th.Any club sending in returns early for next year will not have them processed until the audit process has been completed (no later than the end of the month).

I was sent this link the other day. It is to a film about Bhutan where archery is the major sport But not as we know it!! http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/archers-bhutan/	Do you play music at your shoots If you do you may be breaking the law!! It seems that to play music at an archery event may require a Public Performance Licence. Interesting thought!
And if you thought the noise at some head to heads was bad then worry not.	Thanks to all those who sponsored trophies in the KAA Championships Bare Bow division.

I had a chat with a 'starter' archer the other day who said that he was scared to enter the Kent Championships because it is such a large record status shoot. This is nonsense. Anyone can enter the shoot provided they comply with the rules! And if you want a shoot to 'try out' as a first shoot then go to the Springboard (details overleaf!).

Club CPO's

When your club sends in the annual return it agrees to abide by AGB rules.. This includes the fact that every club is required to have a CPO / welfare officer. A quick check through the data base shows that only a few clubs have registered their CPOs. KAA provides free on line training for all club CPOs so there really is no excuse!

A note will be sent round soon asking for all clubs to provide the name of their CPO so that the County complies with the requirements.

Coaching or training

Do you work as an archery coach or trainer and get paid for it? If so do check your insurance carefully as it has been stated (again!!) that AGB insurance does not cover you. Full details are in the current issue of ArcheryUK (page 65), you should also note that volunteers in schools etc. are not covered by AGB either! In addition archers helping out on beginners' courses must have been AGB members for three years.

Please read the article if you have not already done so.

Talking of ArcheryUK magazines where on earth did they get the strings for the 'long bows' on the cover? Elastic or what. I know I could do with one for mine. A quick calculation shows the string to be longer than the bow, is this negative fistmele?

DATES FOR THE DIARY FROM KENT All details are on the KAA website as well as entry forms

Invicta Springboard	July 20th	Vigo
Para-archery Championships	July 26th	Sittingbourne
Target Championships	August 17th	Vigo
Clout Championship	September 14th	Ramsgate
Indoor Championships	November 9th	Tenterden
KAA AGM	November 23rd	Medway Archers

