



Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the July edition of the KAA Newsletter.

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

It hardly seems possible that the outdoor season is drawing to a close and some of us are thinking about the Indoor, although as I type this we have the Somner and the SCAS next weekend. Pity they are on the same weekend but blame SCAS for that.

Club Details

I have been told off for my poor spelling on the e-mail that went out but at least it got some one's attention. KAA needs to keep club details up to date for a whole load of reasons including legal ones. I must also say that membership details sent to me on the AGB forms are destroyed after 12 months by shredding (my machine nearly died last week!) and are never given out to anyone.

Many thanks to those clubs who have sent their AGB forms in; they will be processed in the near future.

At the end of the year KAA had 1603 adult members registered and 497 juniors... just thought you would like to know.

AGB Cards

As your club sends in your forms o AGB you will get your AGB membership cards. With them should be details of how to access your details via the AGB portal. It is well worth checking that they are correct.. You can also make changes there and save your club secretary work by doing so if needs be. You can then also get an electronic newsletter from AGB.

County Record Update!!

Natasha Crouch Lady U14 Recurve of Thanet Archers, score of 594 for the Short Junior National round has toppled Racheal Long of Crown Archers score of 544 which has been hers since July 1995

Ryan Holden Gent U18 Recurve of Thanet Archers, score of 1178 for the Bristol 1 round has beaten Mstr. O. Bolton of The Bowmen of Darenteford score of 1136 which he has held since Aug 1997.

Ryan Holden Gent U18 Recurve of Thanet Archers, score of 754 for the American round has dethroned Mstr. D. Logan of Weald Archers score of 750 which he has held since Aug 1983

Ryan Holden top junior boy in BA Frostbite league with a score of 334

Ryan Holden top junior boy in BA Portsmouth league with a score of 592

Bayley Sargeant top junior girl in BA Frostbite league with a score of 344

Bayley Sargeant U16 Compound from Canterbury Archers. Has received her Junior Master Bowman Badge from Archery GB.

She has also gained her final qualifying score for England and both qualifying scores for GB. She has also just applied for her 1300 (Senior) World Archery Star

And not to leave the senior's out:

Senior Longbow Cliff Gadd came first in WA 70m ranking round, the H2H and the 1440 G at the Master shot at Lilleshall in June

Senior Longbow Clinton Hill a new County Record and Nation Record of 642 for the York round.

Congratulations to all of the above and my message is..**BEAT THAT IF YOU CAN !!**

Thanks to the KAA Records Officer for the update.

All records are, of course, on the KAA website.

I make no apologies for the length of this report... they are your team representing your County (and I would not dare shorten it!!)

Strong Performance from KAA Compound Team at National County Championships 2014

The weekend of 28 & 29 June saw the National County Team Championships take place, once again hosted by Lilleshall National Sports and Conferencing Centre, Shropshire.

Kent Archery Association were represented at this event in the Gents Compound division. The three archers comprising the team were, team captain - Chris Horan (Castle Moat and Folkestone Bowmen), Mike Kells (Swan Archers) and Steve Batey (Ashford Archers).

Last year at the inaugural Championships, this same team delivered a strong performance in finishing 4th out of 18 teams.

Due to the popularity and the success of the previous year's event, the 2014 championships saw an increased field in both the number, and the talent of participants. The gents' compound division rose to a total of 21 competing teams. It was noticeable that several teams were stronger than in 2013; with the number of international archers representing their county having increased.

The format of the Championships consisted of two days of competition:

Day one consisted of a 72 arrow ranking round, followed by a team head-to-head elimination match play event. For the compound teams, these events were competed at a distance of 50m, on a target that was 80cm in diameter, with scoring zones from 10 points down to 5 points.

Day two would see competitors complete a WA 1440 round (36 arrows at 90m, 70m, 50m and 30m).

Points were awarded for each event based upon the teams' final positions, with one point awarded for a first place, two points for a second, continuing down the entire list of teams. The number of points accumulated by each team would be totalled at the end of the tournament, the team with the overall lowest total winning the Championships.

Day 1.

The first day's competition for Kent's compound team started with the 72 arrow WA 50m ranking round. The weather provided heavy rain to start the day, with this clearing as the morning progressed.

Before the start of the round, competitors were provided with a 45 minute practice session. This proved eventful for Mike Kells, as during this session he had to endure two equipment failures. However, these were resolved before the competition commenced; and Mike managed to put these issues firmly behind him to post an excellent score of 694. To put this into context, this was a score only 26 points away from the maximum total of 720; a feat made even more impressive when you acknowledge that the ten scoring zone is only 8cm in diameter, at a distance of 50m.

This was a personal best for Mike, and a score which enabled him to top the individual rankings for the WA 50m round.

Strong performances from Chris and Steve with 660 and 653 respectively, enabled Kent to secure 4th place as a team for this event.

The head to head elimination rounds followed the identical format to the events held at International and Olympic archery events.

Each team was required to shoot ends of six arrows in 120 seconds. Each team member would shoot two arrows, with only one team member being allowed on the shooting line at a time. The competitor is also only allowed to fully remove their arrow from their quiver once they are on the shooting line.

Each match would consist of four ends, 24 arrows in total. For the compound teams, the team with

This therefore created a high pressure environment where successful performance required strong technique, good teamwork, calmness under pressure and important time management; as an average of only 20 seconds allocated for each arrow to be shot.

Kent's 4th place seeding from the ranking round meant they had a bye in the 1/16 elimination round, before facing 13th seed Staffordshire in the 1/8 round. Despite a nervous start to the match by both teams, Kent grew in strength as the match progressed; with a highlight being a total scored of 59 out of 60 points in the third end. This led to a comfortable victory for Kent; winning the match 218 to 209 points. Particularly impressive in the Kent trio was Steve Batey, who being the 'anchor' third person in the team meant he was required to shoot the last arrow with sometimes only 15 seconds remaining on the clock. He dealt with this pressure excellently to bring home the match victory for Kent.

The victory against Staffordshire set up a quarter final match against 5th seed Durham and



Northumberland. This was a rematch of the 2013 quarterfinals, with Durham and Northumberland looking to seek revenge on the defeat Kent had inflicted upon them 12 months earlier.

The match started with both teams performing to a high level. Kent managed to pull in to a marginal early lead as the match progressed. However, Mike was unfortunate to sustain a further equipment failure, and with two arrows dropping low on the target, the match swung dramatically in favour of Durham and Northumberland. A strong recovery in the final end by the Kent team saw the final score as 217 – 217. Match tied. The result would be decided by a shoot off.

The format of the shoot off was simple. One arrow per competitor, 60 seconds allowed per team. Drama struck for the Kent team almost immediately, as Chris Horan was shown a yellow card by the Judge. He was deemed to have removed his arrow from his quiver, before stepping onto the shooting line. This required him to step off the line and begin the process again, having the unavoidable effect of placing a time penalty on the team. Kent's allocated 60 seconds was now down to 48 seconds.

The Kent team remained strong and dealt with situation calmly, recording scores of 10,9,9 for the shoot off. However, this was not enough to progress, as Durham and Northumberland posted 10,10,9 to win the shoot off by a single point, 29 to 28.

This placed Kent 5th overall for the head to head elimination event.

Day 2.

Day two saw the competitors complete a WA 1440 round. The weather conditions were particularly challenging in the morning, with archers having to deal with a strong breeze that constantly changed direction.

Kent finished 9th in this event, with the following scores; Mike Kells- 1331, Chris Horan- 1300 and Steve Batey- 1283.

When the final Championship results were posted, Kent’s compound team finished 5th overall.

This was an excellent result, which placed alongside the 4th place finish in 2013; confirms that Kent’s compound team are a competitive force at a National level.

Well done guys!!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Clout Championship	September 14th	Ramsgate
Indoor Championships	November 9th	Tenterden
KAA AGM	November 23rd	Medway Archers

As usual full details on the KAA website

The AGM details will be sent out to clubs this week and the event is your chance to have a say in how we run the County for you and who does it!!



Flipping big target but then he is on the dark side and they need something big to hit!



Robert Edward Dillon and his sister Georgiana, practising archery in the grounds of Clonbrock House, Co. Galway. In the manner of younger brothers throughout history, he seems to be claiming credit for the winning shot...



Ladies shooting in Wisconsin in the 1930's

The right to all the photos has been granted