



Kent Archery Association  
NEWSLETTER

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2015

Greetings and I hope you all had a good Christmas and that the New Year brings good shooting. This newsletter was started over a year ago as a trial and has gone on since then which is great but more articles please!!

As usual all the errors are mine!!....Mark

### News Update

#### AGM

It was good to see a fair number of people at the AGM. The minutes will, when available, be sent out to all clubs but some important items need to be promulgated:-

**Neil Turville** was presented with a plaque commemorating and acknowledging his long service for the Association in a variety of roles. He has now retired as Long Bow tournament organiser and is replaced by Tony Andrews.

At the discussion meeting some changes to KAA tournaments were suggested. Details of these have been sent to club secretaries and there is an article for you to read later in this newsletter. The KAA committee does take into account your thoughts and comments so please make sure we receive them via the Secretary.

You will be aware from the last newsletter that Mike Brighton has died. We are grateful to Tony Harris for stepping into the breach and running the web site for us.

Tournament Organisers. We are in need of some one to shadow Lisa Kenyon this year with the idea of running the Open in 2016 and Neil Dimmock needs help with the WA 1440. Volunteers needed please!!

A note from Bill Terry and Neil Dimmock:-

*West Kent Archery Society is a long-bow club and needs more bosses. New ones are unsuitable. We would like to buy your old bosses. They may be unusable for you but they may be good for us.*

*If you are disposing of bosses please contact Bill Terry, 99 St John's Hill, SEVENOAKS, TN13 3PE. Telephone 01372 456344 / 884793 .if you wish to make an offer.*

*Many thanks.*

#### REMINDER

Any changes of address, of members must be notified to ArcheryGB (though this can be done on line via the portal by the member) and to KAA. This is absolutely vital not only to enable the records to be kept up to date but also for insurance purposes. New club members must be given a copy of the AGB receipt to use until the AGB card arrives so that they can enter shoots etc.

Changes to club officials (secretary, R/O or CPO) should also be notified to the KAA treasurer who acts as membership secretary for KAA.

**ADVANCE WARNING!!**

These are the proposed dates for events next year so get the diaries out and start booking dates. Any KAA member may attend a committee meeting as an observer but may only speak if asked to do so.

| Event              | Date                       | Venue          |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Committee          | January 12th               | Medway Archers |
| Committee          | March 9 <sup>th</sup>      | Medway Archers |
| Invitation         | To be announced            | Vigo           |
| Committee          | May 11 <sup>th</sup>       | Medway Archers |
| Long Bow           | May 17 <sup>th</sup>       | Vigo           |
| WA 1440            | June 21 <sup>st</sup>      | Vigo           |
| Committee          | July 13th                  | Medway Archers |
| Springboard        | July 19 <sup>th</sup>      | Vigo           |
| Para event         | July 25 <sup>th</sup>      | Sittingbourne  |
| Kent Championships | August 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Vigo           |
| Clout              | September 13 <sup>th</sup> | Thanet Archers |
| Committee          | September 14 <sup>th</sup> | Medway Archers |
| Committee          | October 12 <sup>th</sup>   | Medway Archers |
| KAA AGM            | November 15th              | Medway Archers |
| Committee          | December 14                | Medway Archers |

**The Long Bows and Championships... a letter for all Long Bow archers to read please!!**

*My name is Colin Hind I have been shooting long bow in Kent for about 7 years.*

*After years of moaning amongst ourselves about the treatment of the Long bow at the County Target Championships ( always being awarded our medals last), I decided to ask the Kent committee if it would be possible to change things so that the long bow champion would be decided at the Target championships like all the other bow types.*

*Whilst I believe the Longbow champs deserves its place in the shooting calendar it is regarded as more of a fun shoot. Shooting a double national may increase the number of adult archers that participate, juniors find 60 yds difficult, so you rarely find any taking part.*

*At the target champs the distances shot are determined by age.*

*With proper recognition at these competitions more archers could be tempted to push themselves to shoot the longer distances leading to an improvement in the quality of long bow archers in the county.*

*We might always be laughing and joking but we do take our shooting seriously and would like the same recognition as other bow types.*

*The committee agreed to look into this matter and I would like to thank them for listening to my points.*

**If you wish to respond to Colin's thoughts (which have been discussed in Committee) please do so as soon as possible via the KAA Secretary. [Secretary@archerykent.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@archerykent.org.uk)**

**Dates for the diary.**

I am always happy to put tournament dates in the newsletter but I need to be given them! The same applies to the KAA web page. I know this sounds harsh but dates do change year on year and we cannot always check them out.

|                       |  |           |  |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|--|
| Feb 15th              | Allington Castle Indoor                  | Maidstone | Worcester / Portsmouth                 |
| March 8th             | Sutton Bowmen Charity Shoot              | Dartford  | Portsmouth                             |
| April 11th (Saturday) | SCAS Indoor Championships                | Crawley   | Portsmouth and WA18 for the team event |
| April 19th            | Crystal Palace Bowmen Open Record Status | Beckenham | Y/H/ B1-5                              |

Details of all the shoots above can be found on line.

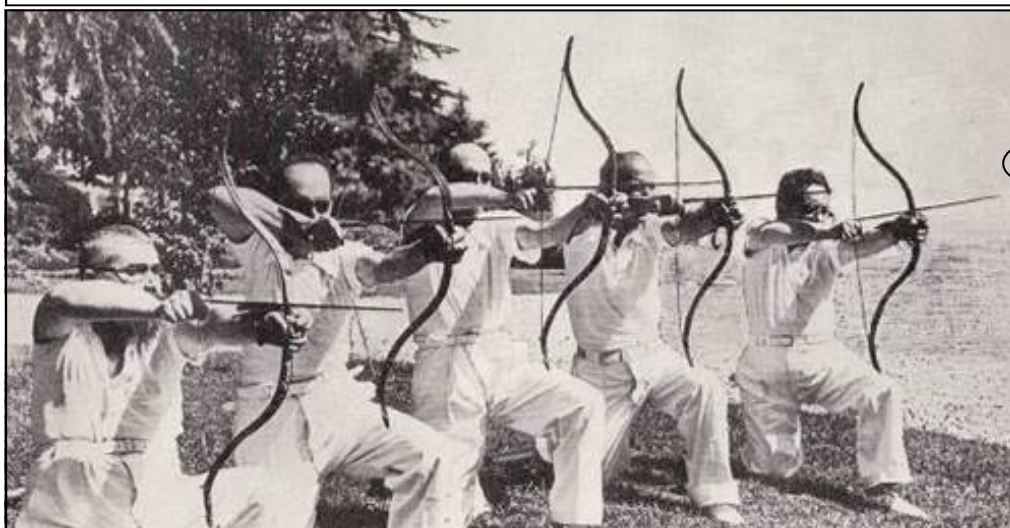
**Kent Field Archery**

**This group is going ahead and committee meetings have been held. These are the dates for 2015:-**

- 21st February - Work Party Event
- 22nd February - KAF Shoot number 1
- 28th March - KAF Shoot number 2
- 2nd May - Work Party Event
- 3rd May - KAF Shoot number 3
- 18th July - Work Party Event
- 19th July- KAF Shoot number 4
- 26th September - Work Party Event
- 27th September - KAF Shoot number 5
- 10th October - KAA COUNTY FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 21st November - KAF Shoot number 6

Included in the schedule above are work party events. These are vital and are required to allow the shooting events to occur.

More details on the KAA website <http://www.archerykent.org.uk/field/introduction.aspx#hasArrived> If you wish to join please contact.... [kaf-chairman@archerykent.org.uk](mailto:kaf-chairman@archerykent.org.uk)



### Young person and Vulnerable Adults

Just before Christmas all clubs in Kent received a document from AGB with the updated policy on the above. I asked that all secretaries made it available to all members as we are all affected by it. Please make sure that you have read the policy. If you need to get hold of a copy there will be a link on the KAA website in the near future or you can go to the AGB website. Any KAA club CPO is offered free on line training.. Just contact [cpo@archerykent.org.uk](mailto:cpo@archerykent.org.uk) to make arrangements.

### CRB Checks (or as they are now known..Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS))

I have discovered that AGB do not tell you when these are about to run out!! If you have had a check please see if it is up to date and if it running out, or has already done so, contact AGB for the on-line application. It is actually quite easy to do.

**NOTE WELL.. THE SERVICE IS FREE. DO NOT USE ANY OF THE SITES ADVERTISED ON THE WEB.**

Some people just like being awkward.. Not allowing others to beat them!!  
From last month's KAA committee meeting minutes....

2 records have now become permanently unavailable, as perfect scores have been submitted. So congratulations to Chris Horan of Ashford Archers for a perfect Worcester-double score of 600, the record has stood at 599 since Oct 2009 held by Mr B Beaney of Ashford Archers and to Mike Johnson of Tonbridge Archery Club for a perfect National score of 648, the record has stood at 644 since Sep 2006 held by Mr A Bignall of 1066 Archery Club. Both records were claimed with the compound bow.

I am just jealous. Well done to both. Mind you Chris.. What will you do if they introduce an inner 5 for the Worcester?

Congratulations also to Vicci Flack (CPB) and Jacqui Gould (Crown) who both beat records going back to the 1980's What took you so long ladies?

Up to date record lists are posted regularly on the website, when I last looked four boys from my old club still hold records for the clout set back in the early 1980s.. Come on folks get clouting!!!



Er... coaches????

