



Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter.

Last newsletter it was the Ark in the garden, this time it is so misty I am not sure I have a garden!!

As usual all the faults will be mine!!

Mark

To all club secretaries / treasurers.

Firstly many thanks to all those clubs who sent in their forms etc. on time. It really does make my life easier. All forms sent in were acknowledged by e-mail.

At this time of year clubs often have their AGMs.. If there are any changes to club personnel (Secretary, Treasurer, RO or CPO) you must let me know so I can keep the files up to date. I will also tell SCAS but the clubs must tell AGB.

Changes of address can be done via the portal by the archers concerned but new members etc. must be sent to me as well as AGB. Please send the relevant money as well!!

A note from Canterbury Archers..

"Canterbury Archers had a pleasant surprise on Sunday during the Fred Noone 90.

The competition was established 4 years ago when Fred celebrated his 90th Birthday and 4 years later he still shoots regularly if not too frequently. At this years Birthday Shoot we discovered that he had just been awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French government following his service on D-day! He was in the first wave of landing craft on that historic day. He will be on duty on Sunday at the Cenotaph so let's hope for continued warm weather. At the same shoot we had our youngest member on the line aged 12. I wonder how many clubs have a spread of 82 years between the youngest and the oldest member?"

(Our oldest member is 86 and our youngest 10 so we have a way to go... Ed.)

Dates for the diary:-

Remember I can only put in those dates that I know!! There are many more on line in various places!!

15th November Kent AGM at Medway Archers, Details have been sent out.. Your chance to have a say in how the KAA is run

28th November Indoor Match at Sittingbourne

29th November Allington Archers Indoor Worcester / Portsmouth

14th February 2016 KAA Indoor Championships.. Entry forms on line at the KAA website

17th April 2016 Crystal Place Bowmen Open RS.

Rule Books

Did you know that the AGB rule book and the WA rule books are both available on line? I am not sure if AGB will ever produce another printed copy given the cost of doing so but a look on both sites will bring them up for you to store. Browse. Learn etc. The AGB magazine also carries updates, suggestions etc..

Kent AGM

Details have been sent to all clubs and individual members.. Do come along if you can but you may need to bring your own chairs as the play group ones are rather on the small side.

A club returns to Kent

We are pleased to welcome back into KAA folds the 1066 Archery Club who are based in Tenterden. Details will be going on the website but they have their own..... Do look them up on line. They are also looking for inter club competitions.

Talking of Web Sites

KAA has one of the best web sites (if not the best) in the country. It was designed and written by Mike Brighton who, as you know, died earlier this year. Our current WebMaster is working to re-create the site in a more easy to edit fashion. We do not want to lose the look of the old site but it was all hand coded which makes changing things difficult for Tony. I actually tried doing a page a while ago and it took ages.

Please bear with Tony as changes are made as some information (records etc.) may be out of date.. always look at the date of the page you are looking at to see if it is up to date.

Kent Field Championships 2015.

Sunday 18th October 2015 saw the KAA Field Championships 2015 held at the Kent Archery Field Woodstock venue, located near Sittingbourne.

This was the first occasion these Championships have been held since 2008, owing to a slow decline in Field Archery in Kent over recent years.

The response by Kent archers for the 2015 Championships was overwhelming. The course allowed for a maximum of 48 competitors, and the event was full prior to the closing date, with a waiting list in place. In total 41 Kent Archers competed at this event across 5 different bow disciplines. For those who are unfamiliar with field archery, the course consisted of twelve different targets. Competitors were divided into groups of four, and then allocated a starting target on the course. Upon completion of the target, the group would then progress to the next target; in the same way you would progress from hole to hole on a golf course.

The twelve target course was completed twice, with every archer shooting a total of 24 targets. All of the targets on the course were classed as marked targets; this meant that the distance to the target was shown on the shooting peg. Therefore archers were not required to estimate any distances. However, this should not detract from the other challenges the archers encountered on the course. Targets were situated at uphill or downhill angles, and often with difficult terrain underfoot.

To give an overview, some of the more challenging targets included a 60cm target face (equal to a standard Portsmouth target face) shot at 45 metres and a 80cm target face (equal to a standard Frostbite target face) shot at 60 metres.

One of the shortest targets on the course, only 10 metres in distance, was situated on the top of a quarry with a 35 degree downhill angle between the archer and the target. This equated to the equivalent of aiming a bow at an item on the ground about 2 metres away from your feet!

Congratulations go to the following who were all awarded the title of Kent Champion in their respective categories.

Gents Compound: Chris Horan – Ashford Archers.

Ladies Compound: Vicci Flack – Crystal Palace Bowmen.

Gents Recurve: Richard Parker – Crystal Palace Bowmen.

Ladies Recurve: Jacqui Gould – Crown Archers.

Gents Longbow: Geoff Barker – Allington Castle Archers.

Ladies Longbow: Lindsey Coates – Evolution Archers.

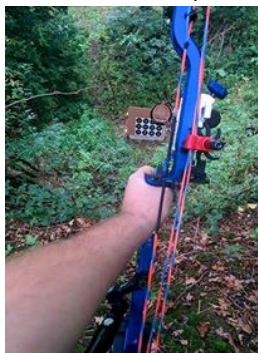
Gents Traditional: Mark Evans – Dover Castle Archers.

Ladies Traditional: Ruth Germaine – Evolution Archers.

Junior Boy Barebow: Corey O'Malley – Evolution Archers.

Junior Boy Traditional: Freddy High – North Downs AC.

Junior Girl Traditional: Josie High – North Downs AC.



Kent Archery Field regularly run shooting events at the Woodstock Field venue. This is open to all KAA members. If you would like further information, please contact:

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Thanks to Ollie and Chris for the photos