



Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year to all KAA archers and Welcome to the latest edition of the newsletter. As usual all the errors are mine (as are most of the opinions)

Mark

Secretary We were unable to appoint a secretary at the AGM as there were no volunteers. Being secretary is mainly about being the filter for all incoming KAA mail and doing the minutes of meetings. We have bought a Dictaphone to make life easier so please volunteer if you think you could carry out this vital role for us. If you feel that you could just do the minutes that would be great. The majority of the reports are submitted before the meeting electronically to make things even easier.

Tournament Organiser We also need a TO for the KAA championships in August. In order to protect the shoot date and venue I have booked the event as Record status / rose with AGB in my own name but would love someone to take it over please!

Thanks go to the committee members who retired at the AGM. Kay Holliman, Glyn Levis, Bob Gawler and Sophia Andrews

Membership Updates

I would remind all clubs that they **must** supply me a copy of the AGB form for new members (along with payment please!) as soon as AGB is given the information. I now get an update form from SCAS every month or two and need to make sure that the information matches. This applies to block memberships as well thank you..

I had a few minutes spare the other day so I went to the AGB website and had a look at the various ranking lists and on browsing through I found 20 Kent archers listed. To get on to the lists requires some hard work so I think it is well worth listing them here. If you want to see the whole list go look at the AGB site!! If I have missed anyone out my advance apologies. Particular congratulations to Jacqui who was number one in her section.

Tania Nadarajah	Dawn Gore	Paula Young
Michelle Sword	Hannah Brown	Jacqui Gould
Candice Robinson	Sarah Hulcomb	Adam Kells
Marc Martin	Gursel Sakanak	Cliff Gadd
Brett Stinger	Colin Hind	Michael Kells
Alex Taylor	Matthew Owen	Chris Horan
Andy Phillips	Rowan Troy	Cecille Midrouillet

I did go looking for a similar list for the juniors but could not find one!!

Talking of 'Well done'

Our compound team came in in 4th place at the National Indoors the team being Bayley Sargeant, Rowan Troy, Mike Kells and Chris Horan and Irene Crouch won the ladies Long Bow at the same event.

I also had a look at the junior event and found that Sittingbourne seemed to have won nearly all the Long Bow and Bare Bow sections!!

In the Field sections Chris Horan tells me of the following rankings:-

Chris Horan (9th in Gents CPD), Hannah Brown (11th in Ladies Compound) and Dave Clarke (22nd in recurve).

And last (but not least) Jacqui Gould for 5 Bare Bow UK records

KAF News

Brief synopses of KAF proposals for 2016

KAF are organising 6 shoots plus the KAA Field Championships and a Have-a-go during 2016.

To spice things up and improve the experience they will be running not only the usual marked 12 target rounds but also some unmarked animal rounds and a couple of 24 target both marked and unmarked events.

They will also hold a have-a-go day on the 31st January hosted by experienced field shooters for you to enjoy and get a taste for field archery.

For further information see the KAF Facebook page or KAA website which has the contact details

Dates for the diary for you. These are dates for tournaments within KAA remit and for committee meetings:-

The dates can be confirmed on the KAA website.

Please note the change of style of shoot in May when those shooting the bare bow and the long bow are invited.

The WA 1440, Invitation and Championships are all Record status (with Rose where applicable).

Item	Date	Venue
Committee	January 11 th	Medway Archers
Indoor	February 14 th	Tenterden
Committee	March 14 th	Medway Archers
Invitation (R/S & R)	May 8 th	Vigo
Committee	May 9 th	Medway Archers
Un sighted bows (L/B, B/B)	May 22 nd	Vigo
WA 1440 WRS	June 19 th	Vigo
Committee	July 11 th	Medway Archers
Springboard	July 17 th	Vigo
Para Archery Festival	July 24 th	Sittingbourne
Kent Championships R/S & R	August 21 st	Vigo
Clout	September 11 th	Thanet Archers
Committee	September 12 th	Medway Archers
Committee	October 10 th	Medway Archers
KAA AGM	November 27 th	Medway Archers
Committee	December 12 th	Medway Archers



I thought there was a time limit for three arrows in field.

Proposed rule change..
 Do look in the latest issue of the AGB magazine where a proposal to allowed lights for Record Status shoots has been put forward. If you have any comments to make the contact details are there.
 The change is not mandatory.

The Internet, Social Media and people's opinions.

A lot of us use the internet (that is probably how you received this) and many people use the social media areas such as Twitter, Face Book, You tube and so on. They are all a great way to keep in touch with people, update information and so on. The KAA uses the web a lot to keep in touch.

We can all discuss various matters such as Bare Bow awards and so. That is great.

There is, however, a down side to all of this and that is what we say and how we say it and unfortunately there have been a couple of instances involving archers in Kent where, to put it bluntly, people have over stepped the mark and caused upset. This is not satisfactory and it should be noted that this can come under the area of the KAA discipline policy.

KAA would advise all members to consider what they say and how they say BEFORE HITTING THE ENTER KEY!! My rule is if I am not sure then don't say it, delete it and think again... PLEASE!!

If there is a problem then go through the correct channels.

Children make really good picture material for web sites, magazines and so on. Please ensure that you have parental permission when using photographs and preferably make sure that the child cannot be identified via location or name if possible especially with very young children.

County Match Report from Peter Dallas

Kent held the indoor 4 way county match at Sittingbourne Community College on the 28th November Middlesex withdrew at the last minute making it a 3 way event between Kent, Surrey and Essex. Our Judges were Mark Davis and Tony Harris who controlled the shoot superbly my thanks to them Compound shot the 3 spot target while all others shot the Portsmouth round Compounds and recurves shot the morning session with Kent and Essex at the end of the round tying on score hits and golds.

The afternoon session was for barebow and longbow with Essex coming through to win overall. My thanks go to all the archers, scorers and helpers on the day but especial thanks go to Adam and Lisa Kenyon and their team who worked so hard and put on a superb venue which received nothing but praise from all with tea and coffee provided all day.

Both Essex and Surrey have already expressed interest in next year's event and it is hoped to invite Sussex to submit a team.

Additional Team notice!!

Phil Axford has been elected to the KAA committee and will be working with the KAA team as manager and tecchie for future events. A great addition to the team.



Found as an advert the other day.. Is it a sitting target I asked?

Did you know that the minutes of all the KAA committee meeting are sent out to all club secretaries and are posted on the web site. If you want to know what the committee is up to just go and have a look or ask your club secretary. KAA members are also allowed to attend KAA committee meetings but are not allowed to speak unless asked to do so.

You can also receive your own copy of this newsletter by e-mail. Contact Mark Davis

FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENTS

I have been asked to advertise the following tournaments. Full details will be on the relevant club or County web site. If you want your club shoot on the KAA website contact the KAA webmaster, if you want in the KAA newsletter then contact the KAA treasurer or secretary.

7th February 2016	Gravesend Shrimp Shoot
14th February 2016	Ashford Indoor (inc KAA championships) at Tenterden. Record Status Portsmouth rounds.
21st February 2016	Allington Castle Archers Worcester / Portsmouth at Maidstone
6th March 2016	SCAS Indoor at Crawley. Portsmouth Rounds then a WA 18 team event.
13th March 2016	Sutton Bowmen Charity Shoot, Harris Academy, Falconwood (Portsmouth rounds).
17th April 2016	Crystal Palace Bowmen Open (Record Status and Rose) at their range at Park Langley, Beckenham. York, Hereford, B1-5.



Sylwia Maria Zyzanska of Poland shooting in 2014.. What a perfect picture of concentration and technique.

Just as this issue was going to 'press' I had an e-mail from Thanet archers with a poem and some pictures about Christmas. I thought.. Do I leave it until next November or do I put in an extra page.

Decision made.. See next page!!

The Demise of Deadly Dave

T'was the Thanet Christmas shoot and they came from far and near
To show off all their fancy dress and sparkling shooting gear
All were having fun and banter flew around
Shepherds, Elves and Robin Hoods were thick upon the ground

The Christmas fairy had arrived, looking rather hot
And fairy dust flew all around every time she shot
Santa tried his best, but his beard got in the way
Catching in his string and his arrows went astray

Over in the corner, one lonely figure stood
His name was 'Deadly Dave' and his archery was good
No fancy dress for him. He had come to shoot
How could he show who was the best
Wearing silly boots

You wouldn't find him giving cards, or gifts, or anything
I haven't got the time he'd say, I've got to wax me string
He stepped up to the shooting line, his aim was good and true
And as he pounded gold on gold his score just grew and grew

By the end of the round he knew his score was one for the record books
And stood there in his pomp, giving others superior looks
As they announced the winners, he felt a sense of pride
This would prove taking it seriously was completely justified

But then his world came crashing down, his happy bubble burst
As they announced the winner was the one who scored the worst
The Xmas fairy had come third by shooting with her wand
An Elf had bagged the second spot (she was a saucy blonde)

But pride of place went to Santa, with his score of 23
He'd spent time giving presents to all that he could see
And as for Deadly Dave, well, he's so much different now
If you want to shoot and have some fun, our Dave can tell you how

Don't worry about your score, or how you shoot or look
Don't watch too much U-Tube or bury yourself in books
Just have some fun and get dressed up for Christmas every year
And all the scores that you might wish for, they will soon appear

By Daniel Pearce – Thanet Archery Club



This newsletter is compiled and sent out on behalf of KAA.

If you want to see an article in it let me know or (and even better) write one for yourself and send it in.

Enjoy your archery and see you at a shoot soon.

Mark