



SOUTHERN COUNTIES ARCHERY SOCIETY



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Dear County Secretaries,

As I am sure you are aware, over the past few years the interest in archery has grown greatly. The Southern Counties now contains approximately 391 clubs and approximately 10,000 archers. However we only have 44 Judges, meaning that there is 1 Judge for every 227 archers.

The breakdown per County of Judges is

Bedfordshire - 3
Berkshire - 8
Buckinghamshire - 0
Cambridgeshire - 1
Essex - 8
Hampshire - 7
Hertfordshire - 1
Kent - 6
London - 0
Middlesex - 4
Norfolk - 4
Oxfordshire - 0
Surrey - 0
Sussex - 2

This means there are a lot of Counties with either no Judges or very few. And these figures only apply to Target Archery, the numbers for Field Archery are much worse.

With the rise in the number of shoots many Judges are spending over 30 days a year judging. And unfortunately it is only a matter of time before Judges will have to turn down shoots as they will not have the time to judge them. This may well lead to some shoots not being able to run.

SCAS has a long tradition of producing a high quality of Judges, some of whom have even been fortunate enough to judge round the world. Judging is a very rewarding role, not only does it give you the opportunity to see archery from a new angle but it allows you to give something back. And if you are really lucky, it gives you the chance to make lots of new friends and have a really good laugh.

I am sure you all appreciate the importance of Judges, but there are just too few of us to go round at the moment. Therefore I urge you all to raise this at your County and Club meetings and ask if anyone is interested in becoming a Judge. Or alternatively if you would like myself or another member of the committee could attend your County meeting and give a talk on Judging. If anyone is interested, please ask them to either contact myself or any Judge and we will be pleased to give them all the information they would like and help them out. All enquiries are welcome.

Kind regards

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