



Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

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Greetings,

This newsletter is slightly later than usual because I have been asked to wait until after the KAA committee meeting each month so any news from the committee can be sent out. Then the meeting had to be postponed due to illness. Such is life. November is a quiet news month but still some items that need to be brought to everyone's attention so read on...

- 1) Getting news for a newsletter is difficult so an address has been set up so you can you mail whoever is the current editor (perhaps the committee want to get rid of me!!) newsletter@kentarchery.org.uk is now the contact address.
- 2) A major series of changes to do with scores has been approved by the committee. A document will be going out to all clubs and I am not going to steal Terry's thunder as he has been doing a tremendous amount of work on score levels, records and so on. Details at the end in his article.

A note arrived from our President...

Hi Mark

Just thought we might put this in your next newsletter, just to show that Judges can shoot as well.

This past weekend Hannah Brown was shooting at Exmouth Archers Field Archery Championships and shot two excellent of scores.

On the Unmarked day a score of 389 and on the Marked day a score of 382 both of which are GMB scores and also Scores counting for selection for Next year's World Championships. Field archers will realise this is excellent shooting as not many archers achieve a Marked score so close to the Unmarked score.

The score of 389 also makes it possible for Hannah to claim the Gold World Archery Arrowhead badge, therefore becoming only the third person in Kent to claim this prestigious award along with Trish when she was shooting Barebow and Chris Horan.



All clubs will have received the notification of the KAA AGM.. Did you see your copy because if you didn't then have a word with your Club Secretary. It is taking place on the 26th November at Medway and further details will be sent out. As a personal statement I was very disappointed in the fact that so few nominations were sent in to the KAA secretary. I would like to think that it is because you all think we are doing a good job BUT more support would be nice as I know when organising the Championships. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the meeting for vacant posts. Please attend if you can.

Sponsorship

In-Range archery have very kindly agreed to sponsor all KAA tournaments this year. This is great news for Kent because it does help keep the ever increasing costs of our shoots at bay.

You will now see their logo on all KAA entry forms, results sheets and so on.

Thankyou 'In-Range Archery' .

The shop at Wrotham does have a web site <https://inrangearchery.co.uk> and the shop itself is easily accessible from the M20.

Congratulations to Bayley Sergeant and Ryan Holden who have been selected to shoot for England later this year

The provisional dates for 2018 are shown below. I say provisional because at least one shoot needs support if it is to run (see later in the newsletter):-

Event	Date	Venue
Committee	January 8 th	Medway Archers
Indoor	January 28 th	Tenterden
Committee	March 12 th	Medway Archers
Invitation	May 13th	Vigo
Committee	May 14 th	Medway Archers
Long Bow	May 20 th	Vigo
County Match	June 10 th	Vigo
Committee	July 9 th	Medway Archers
WA 720 H2H etc.	July 7 th & 8th	Vigo
Para event	July 22nd	Sittingbourne
Kent Championships	August 5 th or 12 th	Vigo
Clout	September 9 th	Thanet Archers
Committee	September 10 th	Medway Archers
Committee	October 8 th	Medway Archers
KAA AGM	November 25 th	Medway Archers
Committee	December 10 th	Medway Archers

KAA Indoor Championships and Ashford Archers indoor.

Details and entry form for this shoot are on the KAA Website. The date is the 28th January 2018.

A new venture!!

Following the unfortunate demise of the William Somner shoot this year a space appeared in the archery calendar which has been filled by Gravesend Archers who are going to put on a Record Status WA1400 on their range on the usual date of the Somner. They are calling it the Pochohontas shoot.. ?Indian summer?? I have the details which are available now on the club website or contact info@gravesend-archers.co.uk

Allington Indoor

I have been asked by June to mention the Allington Indoor on February 18th 2018. Entry forms on the web I believe and will be sent out to clubs in the near future. Worcester in the morning and Portsmouth in the afternoon (makes it sound like a road trip!!)

Sutton Bowmen Charity shoot takes place on the 18th of March. The club have had to reduce the sessions this year due to demands from the school so get your entries in early when the forms come out.

Crystal Palace Open (R/S)

Well if I cannot plug my own club's shoot what can I do!! Entry forms have been on the web since May and entries are coming in already so I am told.

Trophies

As those of you who were there will know I did not 'award' a fair number of the trophies at the Championships this year. Two of us went through the list of awards and realised that not only were a fair number not there but some were not in a condition to be given out.

This caused a complaint which will be discussed at a future KAA committee but in order to aid discussion I put together some thoughts which I have summarised below. With the aim of getting people's thoughts. This will not be discussed at the AGM but your views via the new e-address will help the committee in their deliberations.

For reduction

The time taken at the presentation to give them out and sign the book.

The time and cost in sending those out that are not collected.

The time and cost of getting them all back the following year.

The majority have not been engraved for a number of years.

Quite a few are in poor condition.

The fact that I have some trophies in my care that archers did not want to take away with them.

The current cost of having trophies engraved (KAA has to pay if requested at about £12 a time).

Some trophies are for classes / groups no longer applicable.

Against reduction

Some archers like trophies (especially juniors).

The trophies were donated.

The trophies have historical value.

The trophy table looks impressive.



Trish Lovell
shooting at the
Kent Vs Sussex
field match

Long BowBare Bow.....unsighted bow event.

It didn't seem to matter what it was called or how it was promoted the shoot failed. The committee listened to some archers who wanted the format changed; so it was changed. And only a handful of people entered.

KAA cannot afford to run shoots that make a loss and it is certainly not fair to ask the volunteers who help the shoot (and a lot are needed for every event) to turn up for a handful of archers.

What do archers want in the way of a long bow shoot if it is to be held at all?

Thoughts by e-mail to myself or the KAA secretary please.

A new Event in Archery (as far as we know that is!!)

On Sunday 15th October 2017, Kent Archery Association (KAA) hosted Sussex County Archery Association (SCAA) in what we believe to be the first ever Inter-County Field Match.

Each County Team was compromised of twelve archers, which included Compound, Recurve Barebow, Longbow and Traditional bow disciplines. The event consisted of all archers shooting a twelve target field course in the morning, which included both known distance, and unknown distance targets.

Two points were awarded to the County Team had the highest cumulative score per bow style division. With Kent winning the Compound and Recurve divisions, and Sussex topping the Barebow and Longbow/Traditional divisions; the match was perfectly balanced at four points each, going into the afternoon's team elimination match play event.

Four teams from each County battled through quarterfinals, semi-finals and gold/bronze medal matches. Points would be awarded dependent on the final team positions; 1st through to 8th, with these points being added to the morning totals to determine the overall winning County.

With field team elimination matches usually reserved for international events, this provided several archers to experience this form of competition for the first time. Each elimination team consisted of three archers, one compound, one recurve and one unsighted bow-style.

Matches consisted of four different targets, with each team required to shoot a total of three arrows, one per team member, within a time limit of two minutes.

The team with the highest cumulative score upon completion of the four targets were declared the winners of the match.

Sussex dominated the afternoon competition, with three of their teams making it through to the semi-finals. This lead to Sussex teams taking gold and silver positions in an all Sussex final, with a Kent team successful in winning the bronze medal match.

The dominant performance by Sussex in the head to head matches meant they had a resounding overall victory, and became the inaugural winners of the In-Range Archery Shield.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support provided by In-Range Archery (www.inrangearchery.co.uk).

KAA are intending to host this event again in 2018. Therefore if any other Counties feel they would be interested in entering a team, please contact KAA through either our KAA Facebook page, or secretary@archerykent.org.uk.

Chris Horan (who sent me the photos Ed.)



From the KAA Records Officer

Various County Records/Submissions Updates.

The Kent Record Books currently contain over 7,000 potential records. There are currently less than 1,200 records that have actually been shot and claimed. This works out at around 16% of the total possible permutations. Therefore the Kent Committee has decided that our records books will be rationalised to mirror or at least largely reflect the records held by our governing body AGB. Most of the background work has already been carried out. These changes will be coming out as soon as is practicably possible, given the imminent festive season, and hopefully should be complete before most people return to the outdoor season next spring.

The committee has become aware of a disparity between the policy and procedures manual and what is effectively needed to select County Teams for the indoors tournaments. The procedures do not capture enough archers to make up some teams. Therefore can record officers and archers please take note that the County will accept monthly submissions for indoors scores as follows. Recurve and Compound - classification levels A to C; Barebow and Longbow - classification levels A to F. This covers both senior and junior archers because Archery GB do not recognise differences between ages indoors and Kent do not enter junior indoor teams.

On a similar theme, the outdoor submissions are being looked to possibly expand the current and sometimes confusing KCB level requirement to include 1st class scores. There will still be a requirement that the 1st class scores must be from 8 dozen+ rounds which include the archers maximum distance. A proposal to change the policy will be put together soon.

There has been some confusion surrounding the certification (3rd signature) to be written on the back of County Record Claims from one extreme of writing chapter and verse all through to having just an illegible signature on the reverse of the score sheet. A proposal will be issued to implement the certification on the back of club day score sheets (not competition results sheets) to be "Shot to AGB rules, witnessed by" to be followed by the witnesses signature, printed name and position on the club committee.

Finally, a big thank you to all those using the new spreadsheet monthly returns forms. This makes the task of recording archers achievements much easier as everything comes back in a standard layout.

Terry Woodgate

(Ed's note.. Some of the above will need to be approved under the 'changes to policy rule' but all have the agreement of the committee so unless any one objects they will go through)