Kent Archery Association

NEWSLETTER

November 2014

This is one of the saddest editions of the newsletter.
You will all be aware of the sudden death of Mike Brighton a long serving member of KAA, County Champion and committee member.
I make no apologies for copying the next section from the web site. Mark.
Mike has had a long career in archery and I can only remember parts of it, one thing I will always remember was, whether he was shooting Target or Field he would always be very smartly dressed.
Initially like most of us he started with target archery but it was not to long before he took to shooting field. He shot well in both disciplines, shooting for the County Target team on many occasions and also becoming an accomplished field archer as well holding a number of County Field records.
During the nineties Trish arranged an annual coach trip for thirty archers from all over the country to partake in the Five Nations Tournament in Vertus France, the Champagne region and you could guarantee he would always be one of the first to book his place. Mike then got well into the five nations circuit and started shooting some of the others in the series. Eventually he arranged for one of the series to be shot at Crawley's ground.
His skill in Field archery managed to get him onto the National Field Squad and he took part in the Training trip to Cadeer en Keer in Holland which was the site of the World Field Championships in 1992.
Mike also became interested in Coaching and soon worked his way up to County Coach level and later took on the role of Chair of the Invicta Coaching group, a post which he held for a number of years.
Getting more into the administration of our sport he then was elected as President of Kent Archery Association, a role which he took very seriously drafting many of our policies which are in place today. During his time in this office he set up the website for the County.
The next role he was elected to was the Vice President of Archery GB again a role which he enjoyed and occasionally stood in for Trish whilst in the role of President.
Mike was very proud to have an official role in the 2012 Olympics looking after all of the International and National Technical Officials at both the Test Event and the Olympics. Shortly after the end of the Olympics he said he felt there was one thing in archery he would have loved to have done but he realised it was too late. He wished he had taken up judging and become an International Judge as having worked with them at the aforementioned events he felt there was a real camaraderie between them which he would have loved to be part of.

Mike's contribution and dedication to Archery in Kent is difficult to sum up in these few words and our thoughts are with Jane and his family at this difficult time.

Funeral details are elsewhere in this news letter

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 9th	Medway Archers
Invitation	May 3rd	Vigo
Committee	May 11th	Medway Archers
Long Bow	May 17th	Vigo
WA 1440	June 21st	Vigo
Committee	July 13th	Medway Archers
Springboard	July 19th	Vigo
Para event	July 25th	Sittingbourne
Kent Championships	August 16th	Vigo
Clout	September 13th	Thanet Archers
Committee	September 14th	Medway Archers
Committee	October 12th	Medway Archers
KAA AGM	November 15th	Medway Archers
Committee	December 14	Medway Archers

Don't forget the KAA AGM at Medway Archers clubhouse on the 16th November. Full details and the agenda will be sent to your club secretary in the near future. Please bring your own chair!!

The photographs in the last edition have been identified as being of Ralph Canning (Crystal Palace Bowmen) at the Bodiam shoot.

Report on the Inter Counties 2014

The Inter Counties was held at Kingston University Tolworth Surrey on the 7th September 2014, with representative teams from, Berkshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxford, Surrey and Sussex.

Kent sent teams for Senior Compound, Senior Recurve, Senior Longbow, Senior Barebow and Junior Recurve.

The day started early with Archers arriving from before 7:00am. The field was laid out ready with only the faces to be fitted. Weather was misty but calm with the promise of a fine day ahead.

Team Managers were asked to register their team members and with the usual scramble to find them it was with a degree of relief that we found all the Kent Team had made it safely. The new team shirts were handed out were needed then with the whole team looking very much the part practice commenced with three ends at the longest distance. Equipment inspection was carried out during practice.

The Managers meeting called before start of play resolved most issues but a lively debate ensued when we were advised to only ignore the lowest score ignoring the minimum one from each gender requirement. Kent had no problem with this due to the inclusion of at least two lady archers, in each discipline required to exclude the lowest score, which gave us three Gentlemen or two ladies to choose from. Eventually it was agreed to follow the rules of entry and retain the minimum one from each gender.

We were advised that hot and cold drinks would be available all day with food up to the resumption of shooting after lunch

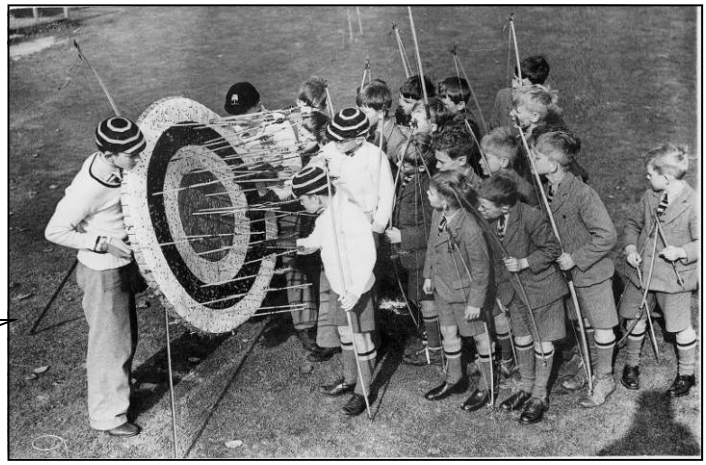
The rounds were confirmed as WA1440 – 90 for the Gents and WA1440 – 70 for the Ladies with Juniors shooting Metric rounds appropriate for age and gender.
Shooting commenced at 9:30 with things moving smartly on. Scores were collected at the end of each distance which gave time to walk up and down the 53 targets to make sure all was OK with the team. Most seemed in good spirits and enjoying the day. Michelle Sword had a sore throat which definitely affected her shooting but carried on for the team.
Score for the first distance collected and handed in the scorers tent were soon returned with the leaderboard. These showed Kent in a strong position in 2nd place for the compound recurve 4th juniors 3rd longbow 5th and barebow 4th
Weather remained overcast but warmer with almost no wind.
End of the second distance and lunch. Scores collected and handed in juniors had slipped to 4th and barebow 5th but several very creditable scores were emerging.
Lunch, time for the, all important, team photo.
After lunch with target faces changed shooting resumed. It was noted that there were starting to be some equipment failures and having been warned that errors in score could disqualify whole teams more errors in scoring. What do they put in these lunches?
End of the 3rd distance scores collected and returned juniors back up to third
The sun was out and temperature, tiredness and pressure mounting one final effort required.
The Kent Teams shot well and produced excellent results at the end of the round
Senior Compound, 1st Place by just 2 points
Senior Recurve, 4th Place 265 points behind Oxford in 1st
Senior Longbow, 3rd Place 150 points behind Sussex in 1st
Senior Barebow, 5th Place 220 Points behind Middlesex with Mike Simpson taking 1st overall
Junior Recurve, 3rd Place 106 Points behind Essex with Ryan Holden taking 1st and a big improvement from Natasha Crouch
Awards were given out although some trophies and lots of medals missing, lots of congratulations and commiserations

I would like to thank all the archers and also Tony Andrews, Ken Davis, Sharon Foster and Roy, and Tony Henwood for stopping me having a nervous breakdown trying to collect scores from our archers on some of the 53 targets and keeping an eye on all our team. Special thanks to Mike Aldridge who generously provided loads of sweets to keep the energy up.

Report from Peter Dallas.

Well done to the whole team.. Mark

OK.. So who gets to keep (and clean) the cup! I know who is paying for the engraving



Not the Kent team but even the AAS was never like this!

Report on Trial Development Meeting Specifically Targeting Lady Archers

Inception: Following my email to committee members around this time last year, I made suggestions that the county would greatly benefit from the targeted development of ladies. Conversations with Chris Horan around this topic and his ideas for developing on the County Team Event at Lilleshall led to the formation of a development workshop similar to those held when I was a junior.

Purpose: To widen the pool of county standard ladies.

Method: As this was a trial run, there were limited spaces available so only recurve-type ladies were chosen. The selection process was brutally simple. I first chose ladies I had seen at tournaments (as they showed a proven want to compete) and secondly by scores submitted to the County Records Officer (this showed they were aware of the county and its protocols).

The workshop for ten attendees was held on Saturday 4th October by kind permission of Sittingbourne Community College through the archery club there. The day was run by Trish and Derrick Lovell, Ted Essex and myself. Basic development topics were covered by means of gentle performance administration techniques, brief analysis of shooting form and essential strengthening specifically designed for shooting.

Results: Ladies who attended were equipped with the necessary tools to progress their shooting in the direction that they wished to proceed. There was abundant enthusiasm prior to the event and it would seem that has only continued to grow following positive feedback from some of the ladies.

Development: There was an overwhelming response from the group as they unanimously voted for further such events. Since then, I have also been made aware of additional recurve ladies who would be suitable/ interested in development for the county. I wish to be able to hold the next workshop at a larger venue to incorporate not only the additional recurve archers, but compound as well as it is my vision to strengthen the entire county team throughout the female gender (eventually).

Jacqueline Gould

Not only has Jacqui been busy organising people but she has been busy re-writing some records!!
After some nagging I received the following e-mail in September
I read the additional KAA newsletter and OK hint taken! I did have 8 records, but as a result of Dunster archery week, the record total has now gone up to 9.

WA 1440 (L)
Double WA 1440 (L)
70m, 60m, and 50m distances
WA 70m round
Hereford
Double Hereford
Albion

I have had two record breaking years in a row, neither of which were planned! Shooting recurve barebow came as a result of a series of unfortunate events and rehabilitation following shoulder surgery. In 2013, it was purely to enable participation in events, but in 2014 I went out to tournaments with a purpose-UK ranking scores.
The UK Masters were held in June at a very wet and cold Lilleshall. Performance was suitable low due to the circumstances, but success was high as along with fellow barebow and club archer Mike Simpson and county longbow archer Cliff Gadd, gold medals and championship titles were taken in style.
Next came Dunster Archery Week, the Hereford record was increased by a massive 75 points (just one off recurve Master Bowman). The following day was my birthday and I shot with former Kent archer and idol of mine, Pauline Swift. I managed to further increase my 70m and 50m records, even managing to take an end off compound archers Pauline and Jan Howells. The Albion record fell the day after that, with 829, incidentally higher than I had managed to get in the Mid-Kent League at that point! My first ever clout went off to a bumpy start as the organisers had measured the distances in metres instead of yards!! I still managed a tassel award. By Friday fatigue had set in and I fell short of the Western record by 12 points. Not bad at all for a holiday! I believe my success was aided by quality ice cream, beverages, cream teas and excellent company.
My next recurve barebow event was in a lightning storm in Bristol, it's quite disconcerting watching lightning strike pylons in your peripheral vision whilst concentrating on aiming! The morning was very disrupted by onslaughts of heavy rain but everyone wanted to push on to finish the shoot. Somehow I managed to top my WA 70m round which was previously 544, up to 550. I think the initial 108 dozen helped somewhat! Unfortunately I had to pull out of the tournament due to severe illness. This led to a panic conversation with the organiser of the Andoba WA Star event. I had to sacrifice a potential recurve ranking event in order to complete the required number of 1440 events. The organiser was extremely accommodating and this was great news because...
...I managed to break the 60m distance record and it now stands at 303. Interestingly, I also topped the long metric record, but this doesn't count as it was completed on the second day of a two-day event despite the change in bow type.
That completes my record breaking year, all in aid of getting scores for UK ranking (I also managed to get scores for recurve too), so watch this space for the results!!

You can check all Kent Records on line at the Kent website and all National Records on line at the AGB website.
You can also check your own details using the on-line portal and passwords that were sent to you with your new AGB membership card.

Mike Brighton's funeral details as I know them at present.
The funeral will take place on Monday 10th November 11.30 am at Kent & Sussex Cemetery Chapel (next to crematorium) Benhall Mill Rd, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5JJ followed by interment at Paddock wood Cemetery, 1pm. Close family only at the interment please. Flowers if desired to Sears 22 Church Rd, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 6EZ by 10.00 am please.
I am told that a fund in Mike's memory and for the Pembury Hospital ICU will be set up. Details to follow.

End note….As usual this has been written by me and all errors are, therefore, mine.
If you want any articles etc. added to the next issue just send them in! The next newsletter is due out in January so have a good start to the Indoor season and a Happy Christmas! Mark