



Newsletter August 2014

A Note from the Editors!

Well here goes our first attempt at the Fox Archers Newsletter.

According to our website, the last one was published back in February 2011 so please be kind! 😊

Are the Stars of the Future Junior Members at Fox? It would appear so!

Our very own Stevie Kent returned triumphant recently, the proud winner of a double gold at the Junior National Outdoor Archery Championship.

Stevie won the U18 years Recurve World Archery Star Competition Metric 1 round on the Saturday and then the Junior National Championship Bristol 1 on the Sunday.

Stevie started archery in 2008 at the age of 11. At 13 he won an indoor tournament outright, beating the juniors, women and even the senior men with his compound gold. Stevie switched from compound to recurve in the hope to realise his dream to win gold at the Olympics, the dream fuelled further by watching the Korean ladies take gold in 2012.

As if that wasn't enough, Stevie, whilst in preparation for the National Championships, unofficially broke two national junior archery records and is also SCAS Metric and Imperial U18 Champion, as well as recently scoring 1274 for a Gents Fita.

The comments and observations over the years of archery coach Ted Bradford, of Chessington Bowmen, Kingston have played a huge part in Stevie's success as has the unwavering support of his grandad.



Here Come the Girls.....

Congratulations to Carla and Alex Bolou who have both been selected to join the Kent Archery Association team to shoot a world record status intercounties shoot on the 7th September 2014. A fantastic achievement considering the short time they have been shooting.

Plus, Alex has already achieved her 6 Gold End Award!





*Time flies like an arrow!
Fruit flies like a banana!*



Tournaments Update

Mid Kent League

Following July's league match, Fox Archers are placed 3rd in Division 1 based on Pure Score and 2nd in Division 1 for the Handicap league.

The league match on the 10th August, away to Highstead Valley proved interesting to say the least! We all knew that it was due to be challenging day thanks to Hurricane Bertha's visit but lightening flashes directly overhead whilst at full draw proved too much for those of us shooting recurve bows with carbon long rods. So with only sighter's and 1 end shot, we beat a hasty retreat leaving a team of 5, Steve, Cyril, Ed, Elaine and Derek to battle bravely on. Their perseverance was rewarded as the rain eased off, the sun came out and they returned victorious, beating Highstead Valley on pure score. Well Done Team!

Independence Day – 29th June 2014

Always a popular shoot and this year was no exception with a total of 67 archers taking part. The day ran very smoothly with a break for lunch, our extremely high quality ploughman's, after the first distance and strawberry's and cream during the afternoon break. Despite a few rumblings, the rain managed to hold off until we were all patiently gathered at the pavilion listening to the results, at which point the heavens opened, soaking everyone that failed to find cover! Full results can be found on our website.

Outdoor Club Championships 2014

Scheduled earlier in the season than previous years, we managed to break the cycle of shooting Club Champ's in the rain or like last year, getting rained off completely.

After a grey start, the weather improved nicely as the day progressed.

The round consisted of 8 dozen, using 4 different sized target faces, all shot at the same distance of 30 meters, resulting in a leisurely day without the need to move bosses and no frantic 'don't forget to change your sight mark' conversations!

The day concluded with our traditional BBQ expertly cooked by Paul Kentish.

Super Yummy!

Results:

Gents Recurve

1st Carlos 740 2nd Jose 718 3rd Cyril 587

Ladies Recurve

1st Sonia 671 2nd Julie 566 3rd Liz 434

Gents Barebow

1st Ed 528 2nd Derek 210

Gent Compound

1st Michael 810 2nd John 784

Gents Longbow

1st John W 380 2nd Steve 281 3rd Graham P 249

Junior Gents Recurve

1st Dan 532

Junior Ladies Recurve

1st Carla 581 2nd Alex 484



Don't forget that Derek always needs raffle prizes for upcoming tournaments. Please ensure the donations are in good condition and if they are food or drink, still in date!



14th Longbow Open Shoot (2 way Double National)

A tricky start to the day as the field set-up team was a little low on numbers and the tractor decided to have a lie-in and not start. Finally with 8 bosses each side of the field and the archers present, 31 archers registered, the day could start. After the traditional sherry break: was there an improvement in the number of arrows hitting the boss, you decide! The shoot ended and it was time for the delicious cream tea prepared by Lynn followed by the award ceremony. Congratulations to all the winners. Full details will be on the website soon.

Mazda MX5 Owners Club - Have a Go and BBQ

The MX5 enthusiasts visited Fox again for their annual Have a Go day. Everyone seemed in high spirits and as in previous years, their car's took pride of place lined up across the field. They have booked with us again for next year already, so they must enjoy themselves. Where else can you get a fun day out, get fed and throw a few arrows at a target for the princely sum of £12 each? A successful day for Fox too as we made a clear profit of £300.

Master Bowmen.

Congratulations to Graham Souch for achieving Master Bowmen at the competition he attended in Eastbourne.

Congratulations from all your friends at Fox!



4th Tony Bates (Memorial) Junior Tournament. (9 dozen round).

For those of you that are new to Fox, the Tony Bates Memorial shoot started in 2010 when the then committee members realised that there were no events in Kent that were specifically for juniors. After Tony Bates passed away in 2011, it became a competition in his memory.

This years event is on the 7th September and we would very much like as many of our juniors to take part as possible. It is a great opportunity to meet juniors from other clubs during a relaxed day followed by a BBQ.





GNAS and Fox Membership Fees

Lynn will be asking for GNAS with immediate effect.
ArcheryGB want us to get renewals in by 1st Sept, that way we will all (hopefully) have our cards by the 1st Oct when our old ones expire. If we don't have your renewal subs by the deadline which will be 27th August, you will not be able to shoot until you have received your new card and can show it at the field. That could take a few weeks.

So remember

NO CARD - YOU DO NOT SHOOT.

2014/2015 Fees to be paid before 27/08 as follows

Senior:	
ArcheryGB:	£40.00
KAA:	£ 3.50
SCAS:	£ 2.50
Total	£46.00

Junior :	
ArcheryGB :	£25.00
KAA:	£ 2.50
SCAS:	£ 2.00
Total	£29.50

Cheques made payable to Fox Archers.
If you want to pay before the 16th August, you are most welcome to do so.

Fox Membership Fees 2014/15 - due October 1st

Seniors :	£50.00
Juniors :	£25.00

Membership fees are a subject for discussion at AGM so could change. Please see Committee Meeting update for further information.

Indoor Shooting.

British Summertime ends on the 26th October, so our first date for indoor shooting will be the 27th October.

Shooting times are from 9.30am to 1pm and the fee is £4.00 per archer.

The funds raised during the outdoor season are used to pay for new club equipment, target faces, stands etc.

The funds do not subsidise the hire fees for the indoor season, so we need as many archers as possible to continue to shoot through the indoor season.

4th Indoor Portsmouth Tournament.

The tournament date is the 7th December and as in previous years will be shot over 3 sessions.

If you wish to shoot a double session, please bear in mind only the scores from the first round will count towards any record you might achieve.

This is proving to be a very popular shoot, so please submit your entry form and pay the fee as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Full details and the entry form can be found on the website.

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Club Clothing.

The clothing catalogue has been emailed to members several time this year and an order is due to be submitted in September, that way we will have shirts for the Kent Open. It is always nice to try to wear club colours in major competitions.

When we shoot in a Record Status shoots we wear black and white or green and white. Other clubs attend shoots in club colours and it would be great if we did as well. Remember, no jeans, drab or olive green, camouflage or any shirts with non-archery related advertising is permitted.

If you attend a shoot wearing clothing that does not conform with the dress code detailed on the entry form, they could refuse to allow you to shoot and will not refund your entry fee. Or they may permit you to shoot but you may not be eligible for any awards, trophies or medals you qualify for.

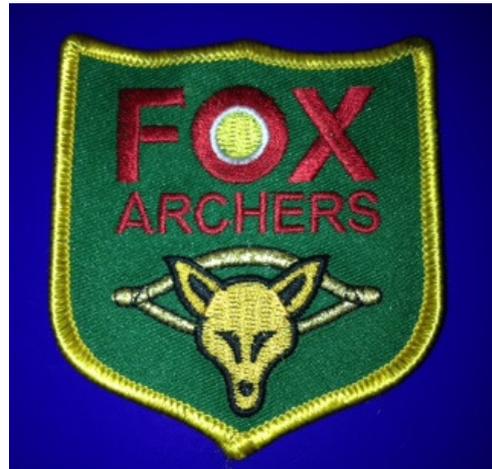
Don't forget, Fox badges are always available and can be sewn on to plain shirts of the appropriate colour if you prefer.

Please see Lynn as soon as possible if you want to place an order.

New Members, Welcome!

After two fully booked beginners courses so far this year, Fox Archers are pleased to welcome the following new members: Frank Pottle and his son Dominic, Cherie and Wendy Bolou, Matthew Townsend (junior), Nathan Clark (junior), Gaynor, David and Andrew Hollands.

We are due to run another beginners course in September, the date will be confirmed as soon as possible.



Bringing Home the Bling!

Or in this case Keeping the Bling at Home!

Well Done Ed.





Committee Meeting

Lynn has circulated the minutes from the committee meeting held on the 20th July but for those of you that have not yet had the opportunity to read them, here are a few highlights.

Field Set-up

Please ensure that when you are setting up the field, you leave enough space for a shorter distance boss at the far left (nearest the bank) as we have a number of new members who may not be comfortable shooting a longer distance yet.

New Member Mentors

Some new members have felt unsure how to proceed when they come to shoot for the first time following the completion of their beginners course. All committee members have agreed to act as a mentor for new members and each new member would be allocated a specific person to turn to for help.

Junior Membership

Stevie Kent is happy to give demonstration sessions in order to encourage our junior Members and any Seniors that are interested.

Equipment

Following the collapse of an 'A' frame stand during a shoot recently, it was agreed to replace all 'A' frames with 'H' frames, and that the new and existing 'H' frames would be painted green.

Please ensure that any/all damaged equipment is reported to the Equipment Officer as soon as practicable.

Family Membership & Reduced Tournament Fees for Juniors

Both items were raised by members and discussed by the committee. It was agreed that the proposals should be referred to the next AGM in October in order to allow all members views to be considered.

Dates for Your Diary!

7th Sept: 4th Tony Bates (Memorial) Junior Tournament (9 doz round)

21st Sept: MKL – Home to Abbey

7th Dec: 4th Indoor Open Portsmouth Tournament

Fox Archers AGM – Date to be confirmed

Editors Final Words.....

We hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter. We intend to publish 4 times a year but will be perfectly happy to publish a 'Stop Press' edition if requested by anyone wishing to feature a special event or achievement.

Remember, this is your newsletter, if you have anything you wish featured please email to: foxarchers@hotmail.com alternatively contact Ken or Sonia.

Fox Archers Newsletter, written by the members, for the members!