



Newsletter

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Back in April we were optimistic that we would enjoy a long hot summer and have many evenings and weekends lazily loosing our arrows at the target. How wrong could we be! May's weather was not particularly good and who could forget the floods of June? But many of us battled on through the pouring rain and in that traditional British stiff upper lip way, some even managed to improve handicaps, win tournaments and joke about the weather. It has been a good season for some of our Counties archers as you will see below.

Back at the beginning of June, Vic Eaton, ladies compound, of LNER had an invite to the GNAS UK Masters tournament at Lilleshall. On the Saturday morning, she shot 658 for her FITA 70M "720" round, a county record, which put her in 5th place. In the afternoons head to head she reached the quarter finals, eventually being knocked out by Danielle Brown. On the Sunday she shot 1337 for the Ladies FITA, again setting a new county record and finishing 5th. This gave her a final overall placing of 4th.

Due to her performance at the UK Masters, she was selected to shoot for GB at the World Cup leg in Dover, but unfortunately had to pull out a week before, due to an injury picked up by pulling an arrow from a boss.

Vic is pictured below with fellow Derbyshire archers who were invited to the Masters: Tony Fletcher, Steve Brunt and Glen Croft



Congratulations to Gemma Buxton who was overall weekend junior lady champion at the Euronations event held in Dublin in July.

Derbyshire had 2 junior archers competing for England: Gemma who is a member at DAC and Andrew Randall from Derwent. Gemma was top lady recurve on the day and Andrew came a well placed 9th in his first outing for England. England came 2nd in the team event on Saturday, with all of the juniors putting in good scores, just being beaten by an older and more experienced Scottish team.

On the Sunday it was an individual competition, where Gemma came 2nd and Andrew put in another steady score to come 10th.

Whilst Gemma and Andrew were in Dublin representing England, Glen Croft and Sarah Smith were in Lviv, Ukraine representing GB in the final leg of the Europa Cup Series. Glen was part of the winning Junior Recurve Boys team that weekend. They had already gained a bronze medal in Cyprus in an earlier leg this year.

This posed a problem for the new Junior County Team Selection Officer, Mark Allsopp. With the top 4 junior archers away shooting for their country, it gave Mark the chance to pick some of the Counties up and coming archers for the Junior Inter-Counties tournament, which was held at Washingborough in Lincolnshire the same weekend. The recurve team, comprising of Laura Evans (Burton Bridge), Kallum Baston (Derwent), Nigel Bennett (LNER), Lucinda Stone (DAC) and William Bonyng (CBA), finished 3rd, only 5 points behind Notts. Whilst the compound team, Thomas Taylor (Pastures), Abigail and Ashley Dolan (Burton Bridge) finished 2nd. Leicestershire showing their dominance in both bow types. Well done to all juniors who represented their County and to Ian Baston who stood in as team manager. It is good to see so many of the Counties clubs represented and with the youngest archer only 10 years of age, this bodes very well for the future.



The senior county team enjoyed a glorious sunny day on 5th August at Meriden in the Tri Counties competition, with a fantastic win for Derbyshire's Longbow team. They put in a convincing score of 1300 to beat Notts by 152 points. But Warwickshire proved too strong for us in both recurve and compound, and we were beaten into 2nd place, but ahead of Notts in both cases.



Teams:
 Recurve – Gemma and Louise Buxton, Sandra Bennett, Joanne Armstrong, Glen Croft, Pat Margett, Dan Doxy, Dave Coupland, Barrie Monk and Shaun Thomas.
 Compound – Steve Brunt, Shelagh and Tony Fletcher
 Longbow – Sue Margett, Lee Abbott and Mark Allsopp

Derbyshire Archers are Regional Champions

On 17th June 2007 at the EMAS Championships at Southwell, Steve Brunt became the Gents Regional Compound Champion with a score of 1200 for a York round. Beaten into second place by just 2 points was fellow club member Tony Fletcher.

Also taking the title of Regional Champions were Andrew Randall, who shot 1032 for a Bristol 1 to become Junior gents Recurve Champ. Sarah Smith, who shot 1126 for a Hereford, which gave her the title for Junior ladies recurve, but would have placed her 2nd in the ladies section. Gemma Buxton, winner of the junior ladies recurve Bristol 2 round with a score of 1156. Ashley Dolan shot 1050 in the junior compound Bristol 2 section. Tom Emery scored 416 with his longbow shooting a Bristol 2 and Abigail Dolan shot 1163 for her compound Bristol 4 title.

Well done to all of our County archers for their excellent achievements.

The outdoor season will soon come to an end and on behalf of the Derbyshire County Archery Association, I would like to thank all of our clubs for the hard work that has gone into arranging the many successful tournaments that have taken place over the "summer"! We still have the County Champs to go, so if any you not taking part in the shoot, could come along to Milford on the 23rd September, I'm sure your help would be greatly appreciated.

A little story – Do any of you know this archer?

So ask me why I didn't get to the field on Tuesday evening don't you want to? Well I'll tell you anyway.....

Wot wiv 'er indoors being away 'n' that I've 'ad a few things to sort out. Like – what shall I do for dinner? When can I get to the shops? Have I done the pots? How do I cook (well....whatever it is)? And on and on.....

Then it was archery – yes I do love archery and I want to get on with more and more practice, but just sometimes I wish it would rain so that I have an excuse not to go! But today it was perfect – no wind, no rain, no sun, not hot, not cold – perfect for some shooting.....

So shall I have dinner when I get back? Or before I go? And when do I cook it? And what? And lots ...and lots...and lots more questions.

I knew that I had to pack my archery stuff, then....oh yes, pop into the bank on the way...then....oh yes , I need some stuff from Tesco....and then hmmm.....shall I get to the allotment today or tomorrow (not sure yet)?

Anyway I left home for the bank – then to archery – then to Tesco for some stuff to cook when I got back home. Whoops, nearly forgot, must pop in and get a video for this evening "cos it's crap on TV".

So have I got everything? Quick check on archery box, table, cheque book, money, list of items I'll need to cook this new recipe that I've seen, details of stuff for the bank, video membership card – yep all packed. Bank done, now archery! Field was a little wet, but perfect conditions, so I wrestled with Jabbas door. (Why do I use more effort opening the door than all the rest of the evening)??

I think a boss at 30 yards – yep, no rounds today, just some practice on 1. Keeping elbows down. 2. Keeping head still 3. Not grabbing at the bow when I shoot.

So boss out.....then a stand.....then some pegs and a mallet 'cos I forgot to take them out with the stand. Oh yes, forgot and had to go back, I need to measure the 30 yards so that I can re-calibrate my sight. All done!

Now the little table (of course) and my box and the stand – got it...the limbs – yep still looking good – which is the top and which is the bottom? – yep got that sorted. String – yep all sorted, stringer – got it and its getting warmer! Result. This will be a good practice session I can feel it. Now the risernow the riser...!!!! Now the ***** riser!!!!!!!

Oh *****, that's what I've forgotten, it's in the lounge at home. So a problem.....do I leave everything and go and get it? Well its 1545hrs and the next archer could be 90 mins away.....and what about security?

So I shall have to pack EVERYTHING away, lock up and go back home for it.

After doing all that I was starving, and couldn't face the trip back all over again, so I popped into Tesco and then got a DVD and went home!

If you have anything that you would like to go in the next DCAA newsletter, email Sandra-the-archer@hotmail.com

Many thanks to those that have contributed to Septembers newsletter.

Sandra



Chance Your Arm

Have you ever had a go at this archery game?

Come along, chance your arm and have a go

We are not Robin Hoods or William Tells

And our sport to you we'd like to show

There's three different types of bow to choose

And with each you can have a turn
There's recurve, compound and historic longbow

We teach any you would choose to learn.