

County Of Warwick Archery Association

Annual General Meeting

held at
Old Leamingtonians RFC
Bericote Road, Leamington Spa
Thursday 17th March 2005

Present: John Taylor (in the chair), Anne Brown, Colin Brown, Sarah Clough, Martyn Ellis, Denis Folkard, James Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Garry Fowler, Mick Friend, Malcolm Griffin, Dave Hicken, Peter Hunnisett, Clive Jeacock, Gordon Jones, Tom Kemp, Keith Knight, Dawn Leide, Philippa Lowe, Katie Lowe, Rebecca Rae, Dave Redding, Jon Richmond, John Robbins, Fiona Sharp, Andrew Tustin and Brian Tustin.

John Taylor opened the meeting with two minutes' silence for Trevor Matthews.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Stephen Belcher, Naomi Folkard, Steve Hallard, Pete Lowe, Colin Mee, Phil Moore, Janette Ross, Stan Ross, Neville Townsend and John Weaver.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last AGM held on 25th March 2004 were agreed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 4.1 Martyn Ellis presented his report, which is appended.
- 4.2 Gordon Jones asked for further information regarding the concerns about the GNAS, and Martyn indicated that there were issues such as non-response to e-mails, the poor state over many months of the website, deficiencies in the processing of records and in the organisation of tournaments, including the failure to cash cheques for entry fees.
- 4.3 In congratulating Martyn for an excellent report, John Taylor mentioned that it had emerged during the recent WMAS AGM that there are serious problems relating to the funding of the regional coaching organisation.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mick Friend presented the receipts and payments, and trading accounts for the year ending 31st December 2004, the latter showing a trading profit of £1,185. The balance sheet at the year's end shows a closing cash balance of £6,551 and total assets to the value of £10,462. The accounts were accepted and John Taylor thanked Mick for an excellent report and all his hard work during the year.

6. **AFFILIATION FEES**

Mick Friend proposed and it was agreed that there should be no increase in the county affiliation fees for 2005/2006.

7. **RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT**

Malcolm Griffin presented the appended report, and he was thanked for his work over the year.

8. COUNTY TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Denis Folkard presented the appended report.

9. COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER'S REPORT

9.1 Dave Redding read Alan Pritchard's report (appended).

9.2 There was considerable discussion regarding the problems facing coaching in both county and the region, owing to the lack of funding from the GNAS. The possibility of CWAA providing some funding was mentioned, but it was agreed that the county committee should discuss the whole subject at greater length.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

10.1 The following members were elected to serve on the county committee for 2005/2006:

President	John Taylor
Chairman	Martyn Ellis
Vice-Chairman	Clive Jeacock
Secretary	Kathy Folkard
Treasurer	Mick Friend
Records Officer	James Folkard
Team Manager	Denis Folkard
Tournaments Officer	No appointment
PR Officer	No appointment
Committee Members	Adrian Kinzett Rebecca Rae

10.2 It was further agreed that Pete Hunnisett, in his capacity of webmaster, should continue to be invited to county committee meetings, and that Rebecca Rae would continue in her role of Child Protection Officer.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The services of Jim Ellis and John Taylor will be retained for 2005/2006.

12. COUNTY BADGE AND YEAR BAR AWARDS

The presentation of awards was made by John Taylor as follows:

Certificate, cloth badge, county badge, ribbon and year bar:

Tom Kemp

County badge, ribbon and year bar:

Anne Brown	Carol Brown	Sarah Clough
Dawn Leide	Katie Lowe	Colin Mee
Rebecca Rae	Andrew Tustin	Brian Tustin

Year Bar:

Emma Alexander	Steve Belcher	Denis Folkard
James Folkard	Kathy Folkard	Naomi Folkard
Garry Fowler	Steve Hallard	Dave Hicken
Dean Holmes	Leah Innocent	Paul Jaggars
Clive Jeacock	Adrian Kinzett	Pete Lowe
Philippa Lowe	Tony Luff	John Robbins
Janette Ross	John Weaver	

13. COMPLETE ARCHER AWARD

The gents' Complete Archer Award was won by Adrian Kinzett. As he was not present it was agreed that it would be presented to him at the first appropriate opportunity. There was no winner of the ladies' trophy.

14. CWAA SUMMER LEAGUE

John Taylor presented the appended summary of the results and presented the trophy and medals.

15. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

It was moved by Martyn Ellis, seconded by Denis Folkard and agreed that paragraph 3.2 of the constitution be amended as follows, by the deletion of the words struck out and the addition of the words in italics:

Membership of the Association shall be open to all Ordinary, Associated and Junior members of the Grand National Archery Society who are resident in the County of Warwickshire or who are members of archery clubs ~~located in the County of Warwickshire and such membership shall commence upon payment of the appropriate subscription.~~ *which affiliated through the Association at the 17 March 2005 and which continue to affiliate through the Association, or of clubs located in or closely adjacent to the County of Warwickshire who subsequently elect to affiliate through the Association. Such membership shall commence upon payment of the appropriate subscription. For this purpose the County of Warwickshire shall be deemed to be the Administrative County of Warwickshire and the Metropolitan Districts of Birmingham, Solihull and Coventry.*

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

16.1 Martyn Ellis reported that a **review of the Regional Inter-Counties Competition** is underway, principally to change the balance of compounds and recurves in the teams in favour of compounds. Any changes will take effect from 2006.

16.2 At present counties can field up to 24 archers broken down as follows:

Recurves	12 gents and 8 ladies
Compounds	2 gents and 2 ladies

The teams comprise:

Recurves	6 gents and 4 ladies
Compounds	1 gent and 1 lady

16.3 Warwickshire have provisionally proposed that each county should be able to field up to 24 archers, the balance between recurves and compounds to be of their own choosing, and that teams should comprise:

Recurves	6 gents and 4 ladies
Compounds	3 gents and 2 ladies.

(It was considered that the standard of longbow archery in the region is not high enough to justify its inclusion in the competition.)

16.4 It was agreed:

- (1) That the above proposal be adopted and formally submitted to WMAS
- (2) That it be further proposed that the Roy Matthews medals be awarded only to winning archers who have not previously been awarded one.

Signed _____
CWAA Chairman

1. CHAIRMANS REPORT TO THE CWAA AGM – 17 MARCH 2005

It has been another successful year for Warwickshire's archers with many outstanding achievements at National and International events. These have again been lead by Chris White and Naomi Folkard.

Chris became World FITA Field Champion in the Compound division and was a member of the UK's gold medal winning team undoubtedly reinforcing his position as one of the best all round compound archers in the world. He also finished 6th at the European Target Championships and 5th at the Face to Face Indoor Tournament in Holland, finished.

The highlight of any archers career, and indeed almost any sport person is an appearance at the Olympics and this was achieved by Naomi, who after a nerve racking qualification, and that was only for James who accompanied her, at Lilleshall, went on to achieve 11th place against the best archers in the world. Her performance was not only a great achievement for herself but brought her recognition at the BBC West Midlands Sports Personality awards where she won the "Breakthrough" award. This resulted in a great deal of publicity for the sport, as did the superb achievements of Alison Williamson who won bronze and Larry Godfrey who came within a point of beating both the eventual gold medalist and of the bronze medal. Naomi also shot in the European Championships finishing 34th and several European Grand Prix events.

At National level she became Indoor Champion with a new 36 arrow final record of 346 and equalled the 12 arrow pass of 118. and also won the combined event at the UK Masters.

Philippa and Katie Lowe were also selected to represent England at the home internationals.

Other successes at National Junior level included

Bethany Roberts -Girls U9 Recurve Junior Outdoor Championships

Rebecca Adkins - 2nd in the Girls U13 Recurve

Eleanor Bromage - National Championships - Girls U16 Bristol III

Lucy Stanley - 2nd in the Girls U18 Bristol II.

I apologise to anyone else who I have forgotten.

Denis will report on the Team achievement and Malcolm on the records that have been broken.

Returning to more mundane matters the elected Committee has met on 4 occasions with good attendances from all. The meetings have also been regularly attended in an ex officio capacity by Becky Rae as Child and Vulnerable adults protection officer and Pete Hunnisett as Web Manager who. Both have done a considerable amount with Becky drafting the Child Protection policy and Pete enhancing and updating the website that was originally developed by Richard White. The only disappointment is that more clubs did not take advantage of the meeting that was arranged on the Child and Vulnerable adults protection policy or elect to have their details added to the web site. Many clubs are now finding that by far the majority of enquiries for membership and course now come via this route. There are also opportunities offered by the GNAS Web site.

Having highlighted these two areas I would obviously like to thank that committee for the excellent work that they have continued to do.

I am sorry that both Jeannette Ross and Malcolm Griffin have decided to step down this year. Malcolm has done an excellent job in taking over from Tom Davies and Janette has successfully managed our shoots now for many years.

I like to think that it is because of the quality of the work done by the committee, especially Kathy and Mick in the key roles of Secretary and Treasurer, that we receive so little dialogue from the clubs. But perhaps there are other reasons as well.

1. Coaching

On the coaching front there appears to now be some progress with the new coaching stricture and Dave Redding is organising a level 1 course for anyone in Warwickshire who is interested in achieving that level. Our coaches have also been praised again for their contribution to the GNAS personal performance courses.

A further squad weekend was held at Lilleshall and it was pleasing to have two Juniors invited this time and one or two other new faces who are coming through to challenge for places. My thanks go to Clive Jeacock, Tony Drabble and James Folkard for staffing the weekend, which was once a great success.

2. GNAS

On a less than satisfactory note it is unfortunate that we are currently considering writing to the GNAS to highlight certain areas of concern, as there seems to be an increasing level of dissatisfaction with the service that they provide. If clubs have any particular issues then I would be grateful to hear from them so that we can make our text as broadly representative of Warwickshire member's views as possible.

3. Conclusion

That concludes my report and I would like to thank John for his support as President and those who elected me to serve as Chairman of the best archery county in the country.

TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT TO AGM 17 MARCH 2005

The first event of the year was the Per-Season FITA at Meriden, which was organised by Dave, and it appeared to be well attended and well run on the day. My first thank you is therefore to Dave and his Meriden colleagues

The first match of the season was against Lancashire and Cheshire at Blackpool, on 16th May, which was a really beautiful day for so early in the season. We were in the lead up to the 11th dozen, but were overtaken in the last dozen to lose to Cheshire 15302 to 15259.

Our team were Philippa Lowe, Kathy Folkard, Leah Innocent, Anne Brown, Dawn Leide, Dean Holmes, Steve Belcher, Brian Tustin, Clive Jeacock, Denis Folkard, Adrian Kinzett, Garry Fowler and Dave Hicken.

To help with the transport Pete Lowe hired and drove a minibus and John Robbins took his van to carry most of the kit. A very special thanks to them. I'm sure it made all the difference to those of us who don't travel too well that early in the day.

The second match was against Leicestershire at Leamington on 6th June. Again we lost fairly narrowly 12182 to 12079. In the team that day were Philippa Lowe, Leah Innocent, Kathy Folkard, Anne Brown, Janette Ross, Steve Hallard, Steve Belcher, Adrian Kinzett, Dean Holmes, James Folkard, John Weaver and Pete Lowe. The juniors also had their annual match with Leicestershire, which they lost 7392 to 8031, the team being Sam Bromage, Eleanor Bromage, Alex Leide, Rebecca Adkins, Katie Lowe, Jack Henderson and Lucy Stanley.

The match against Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire was cancelled by Notts., who promised to host this year's match.

The final match of the season, as always, was the Regional Inter-Counties at Lilleshall on 10th October. I was able to select our strongest team for the match and our recurves finished in first place with 11,481 points to Shropshire's 10,771. Our team were Naomi Folkard, Philippa Lowe, Leah Innocent, Kathy Folkard, Steve Hallard, Steve Belcher, Adrian Kinzett, Dean Holmes, Denis Folkard and Tom Kemp. The compound competition was won by Worcestershire with 2,591 points. Our team consisting of Garry Fowler and Dawn Leide came fourth with 2,375.

During the winter season we held two squad days at Leamington, ably supported by Barry and June Farndon and by Clive. We also had a very successful weekend at Lilleshall in January, organised by Martyn Ellis and staffed by Clive, James Folkard and Tony Drabble.

In conclusion therefore I should like to say a big thank you to the five just mentioned for their help and support to the squad, and to all the archers who turned out to shoot for the county during the year.

Denis Folkard
Team Manager