

# County Of Warwick Archery Association Annual General Meeting

held at  
Old Leamingtonians RFC  
Bericote Road, Leamington Spa  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**Present:** Neil Britland, Angela Cave, Martyn Ellis, Denis Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Peter Hunnisett, Gordon Jones, Derek Kelly, Mary Kelly, Philip King, Keith Knight, Dawn Leide, Graham Macro, Paul McCarthy, Jon Richmond, Janette Ross, James Scott, Derek Smith, John Taylor (MBE), Brian Tustin, Robert Watson, Kerry Whelan and Roger Wyton.

(Clubs represented: Coventry, Leamington, Meriden, Quantum, Solihull and Sutton Coldfield)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies were received from James Folkard, Naomi Folkard, Michael Hoffman and Leah Innocent.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

2.1 The minutes of the last AGM held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2008 were agreed.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

## **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

4.1 Denis Folkard presented his report (Appendix 1).

4.2 He was thanked by John Taylor for his work over the year.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

5.1 Roger Wyton presented the receipts and payments, and trading accounts, together with a balance sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008. A trading profit of £1,430.83 was shown, resulting in a closing cash balance of £10,824.50 and total assets to the value of £15543.51. A detailed account for the CWAA Indoor Championships showed a small profit on the shoot.

5.2 Roger pointed out that in the present economic climate, interest from banked assets had dropped substantially.

5.3 Roger, John Taylor and Keith Knight were thanked for producing/auditing the excellent accounts, and the accounts were accepted.

## **6. AFFILIATION FEES**

6.1 Roger Wyton proposed, and it was agreed, that there should be no increase in the county affiliation fees for 2008/2009.

## **7. RECORD OFFICER'S REPORT**

7.1 A report from James Folkard was presented (Appendix 2). This showed that fifty seven record claims had been ratified, involving ten archers; target, field and clout; and juniors, seniors and masters.

7.2 James' work on the records was commended.

## **8. COUNTY TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

8.1 Paul McCarthy presented a very extensive report (Appendix 3).

8.2 He was thanked for his work over the year.

8.3 It was reported that WMAS fees for the coming year are to remain unchanged, but that the GNAS are proposing an increase of £2 per head for seniors.

## **9. COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER'S REPORT**

9.1 A report sent by Alan Pritchard outlined the main activities/achievements of the County Coaching Group during the year. This included running level 1, level 2 and county coach courses, in addition to coaching seminars. It was reported that the total number of Warwickshire coaches was 25: 2 senior, 4 county, 5 coaches and 14 level 1.

## **10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

10.1 The following members were elected to serve on the county committee for 2008/2009:

President	John Taylor (MBE)
Chairman	Denis Folkard
Vice-Chairman	Graham Macro
Secretary	Kathy Folkard
Treasurer	Roger Wyton
Records Officer	James Folkard
Team Manager	James Scott
Tournaments Officer	Jon Richmond
PR Officer	Kathy Folkard
Membership Secretary	Brian Tustin
Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer	Jon Richmond
Webmaster	Pete Hunnisett
Committee Members	Derek Kelly Robert Watson

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

11.1 It was agreed that John Taylor and Keith Knight be appointed as auditors for 2009-10.

## **12. COUNTY BADGE AND YEAR BAR AWARDS**

12.1 It was reported that awards will shortly be available as follows:

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

Craig Bowley, Terry Deery, Natalie Gee, Phil King, Helen Markland, and Bob Watson

### **Cloth badge, ribbon and year bar:**

James Scott and Brett Walker

### **County badge, ribbon and year bar:**

Angela Corrie, Fran Deery, Ruth Field and Stan Ross

### **Year bar:**

Wendy Baird, Carol Bye, Graham Field, Garry Fowler, Colin Geenes, Steve Hallard, Dean Holmes, Pete Hunnisett, Leah Innocent, Paul Jaggars, Clive Jeacock, Tom Kemp, Dawn Leide, Philippa Lowe, Richard Pearson, Adam Ravenscroft, Jon Richmond, John Robbins,, Janette Ross, Brian Tustin and Lee Williams

## **13. 'COMPLEAT' ARCHER AWARDS**

13.1 The 'Compleat' Archer Awards were as follows:

Men's Recurve	Pete Hunnisett
Ladies' Recurve	Angela Cave
Men's Compound	Max Sowerby
Ladies' Compound	Janette Ross

## **14. CWAA SUMMER LEAGUE**

14.1 The trophies for both the Made Score Team and the Handicap Adjusted Team Competitions were awarded to Leamington.

**15. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

15.1 A proposal by the committee that all references in the constitution to the 'Grand National Archery Society' be replaced by 'the Grand National Archery Society/Archery GB' was discussed.

15.2 Denis Folkard pointed out that the registered name of the governing body continues to be 'Grand National Archery Society' (GNAS) and that 'Archery GB' is only the trading name.

15.3 Kathy Folkard read an e-mail recently received from David Sheratt, which stated:  
"The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society and the Laws will continue to be in the name of GNAS. On that basis I believe that you can leave the constitution as it is, as that will continue to refer to the legal entity GNAS."

15.4 Keith Knight pointed out that the GNAS have now indicated that it is proposed next year to include both the names 'GNAS' and 'Archery GB' on membership cards.

15.5 It was agreed that it is unnecessary at present to amend the constitution.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

16.1 None.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

CWAA President

## **APPENDIX 1: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to AGM 26.03.09**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The latest membership figures provided by WMAS suggest that the Warwickshire membership this year is less than last year. However, at the time of writing this report there are doubts about the validity of the figures and I would not wish to draw any conclusion from them. Two clubs were wound up in the autumn, namely Dunlop and Rugby Disabled.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

In the absence of a better offer, Leamington ran the senior outdoor championships on their own ground in September. It was open to county archers only, and it was fairly well attended. However, owing to the limitations of the field, it is not an ideal arrangement, although it will be repeated this year, and we hope to find a better home for the shoot before very long. Bowflights ran the clout championships, combined with their own open tournament, and Leamington ran the junior outdoors, combined with the Sunday of Midland Counties. Both went well.

At the end of the membership year, Adrian Kinzett, our Tournaments Organiser, dropped out of archery altogether, and we were very grateful when Janette Ross volunteered to finish off the organisation of the indoor championships. Both sessions were sold out, indeed there was a substantial waiting list, and it was particularly pleasing to see no fewer than 15 juniors from the county competing, by far the greatest number of juniors seen shooting anywhere for a very long time.

There was no field championship this year, a problem which we hope to rectify next year.

### **OTHER OPEN TOURNAMENTS**

The Committee were pleased to note that several other open shoots were run during the year. Meriden worked hard as always to lay on the Open Windsor, Open American, FITA 70 and Head to Head and a double FITA 70. They also organised the Stephanie Hall Memorial FITA Star, but sadly it was blown away, literally, after 4 dozen.

Stratford also worked hard to organise the Shakespeare and John Bray Memorial shoots, and their Double Portsmouth just before Christmas. It occurred to me as I was writing this report that the Whitbread Western is missing from this list, and I don't know why, but I hope they are able to run it this year.

As well as the shoots already mentioned, Leamington ran the WMAS Novices in May, and this time the entry nearly reached capacity, which pleased us no end.

Sadly, it looks as though the Rugby Windsor is now history. It would be very nice if someone else could take it on, as it was a popular shoot.

### **COUNTY LEAGUE**

The County League held on by its finger tips, with just four clubs starting and three finishing. The Committee has decided to continue with it this year, but at this date only Leamington has entered. Hopefully that will change before the start of the season.

### **INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

In the Euronations tournament held in Belfast in July, Philippa Lowe, Lee Williams, John Robbins and Adam Ravenscroft all shot for England, and Lee represented England again in the Home Nations match at Lilleshall in August. Philippa also made it to the shoot-offs for the Olympic team.

Naomi shared in the disappointments in Beijing, coming 15<sup>th</sup> in the individuals and 4<sup>th</sup> in the team. Very soon afterwards she, and Chris White, were in South Wales competing in the World Field Championships, Naomi finishing 6<sup>th</sup> and Chris 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **COUNTY ARCHERY IN GENERAL**

In recent years it has appeared to me that the archers I see competing at tournaments come from a very small number of clubs, mainly Meriden and Leamington. Clubs that used to be active, like Rugby, Coventry and Solihull, are hardly ever seen, although some of them have growing memberships. This has strengthened my view that archery is more and more regarded as a recreation rather than a competitive

sport. However, in the last two years I have been very pleased to meet many archers from clubs like Quantum, Bowflights and Sutton Coldfield. No doubt this is due to hard work from people like John Richmond and Derek Kelly, getting their archers motivated to turn out. So thank you to them, for enabling me to end this report on an optimistic note, and I hope those green shoots continue to grow, and spread.

## APPENDIX 2: RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT to AGM 26.03.09

The following 57 claims made during the 2008 / 2009 seasons and have been ratified by the committee.

DATE	CLAIMANT	ROUND	CATEGORY	PREVIOUS RECORD	SCORE
07/10/07	D Leide	Windsor	CUL	851	960
22/04/08	D Leide	Albion	CUL	-	858
28/05/07	D Leide	Ladies FITA	CUL	-	1258
28/10/07	J Vick	Combined FITA	JRG	-	857
14/10/08	K Folkard	Ladies FITA	RLVet	-	1147
01/09/07	K Folkard	Herford	RLVet	-	1045
24/06/07	K Folkard	Western	RLVet	-	689
22/04/07	K Folkard	Albion	RLVet	-	722
08/04/07	K Folkard	American	RLVet	-	698
13&14/10/07	N Folkard	2x24 FITA Field Combined	RL	655	674
24&25/05/08	N Folkard	FITA 24 Combined	RL	655	738
25/05/08	N Folkard	FITA 24 Marked	RL	339	367
26/04/08	N Folkard	FITA 24 Unmarked	RL	339	343
24/05/08	N Folkard	FITA 24 Unmarked	RL	343	371
04/06/08	N Folkard	FITA 70m	RL	662	663
11/05/08	J Vick	Short Western	RJG	-	726
31&1/05/08	J Vick	Double Bristol 3	RJG	1966	2202
06/04/08	W Baird	American	RLVet	698	728
13/07/08	J Ross	FITA 70m	CUL	-	623
20/04/08	J Ross	Albion	CUL	858	906
20/07/08	J Ross	National	CUL	-	606
06/04/08	J Ross	American	CUL	724	774
05/05/08	J Ross	American	CUL	774	786
13/04/08	J Ross	Ladies FITA	CUL	1258	1273
09/09/07	B Duynstee	Double 1way Clout	LbG	-	75
09/09/08	B Duynstee	Single 1way Clout	LbG	-	57
06/07/08	H Scott	Bristol 3	RJG	1158	1166
15/06/08	J Vick	Metric 3	RJG	1167	1209
15/06/08	J Vick	Metric 3 – 50m	RJG	-	292
15/06/08	J Vick	Metric 3 – 40m	RJG	-	303
15/06/08	J Vick	Metric 3 – 30m	RJG	-	295
15/06/08	J Vick	Metric 3 – 20m	RJG	-	322
03/08/08	J Ross	FITA – 70m	CUL	-	319
01/06/08	J Ross	Hereford	CUL	1178	1218
27/09/08	N Folkard	Gents FITA	LR	-	1276
27/09/08	N Folkard	Gents FITA Double	LR	-	2523
01/06/08	W Baird	D Hereford	RLVet	-	1997
05/10/08	W Baird	Windsor	RLVet	-	862
28/09/08	W Baird	Double FITA	RLVet	-	2285
27/09/08	W Baird	70m	RLVet	-	263
28/09/08	W Baird	60m	RLVet	-	306
28/09/08	W Baird	50m	RLVet	-	266
27/09/08	W Baird	30m	RLVet	-	323
03/08/08	W Baird	Double FITA 720	RLVet	-	1055
14/09/08	W Baird	FITA 720	RLVet	-	556
01/09/08	W Baird	FITA 720 12 Arrow	RLVet	-	95
16/02/08	W Baird	FITA 18	RLVet	-	517
16/02/08	W Baird	FITA 18 12 Arrow	RLVet	-	107
11/02/08	W Baird	Combined FITA	RLVet	-	980
05/10/08	M Alley	Windsor	LbG	266	532
14/09/08	A Corrie	Double 1 way Clout	RL	-	184
21/09/08	J Vick	Long Met 3	RJG	-	601
21/09/08	J Vick	40m Distance	RJG	303	310
05/10/08	J Vick	Short Windsor	RJG	808	882

14/12/08	J Ross	Double Portsmouth	CUL	1122	1125
14/12/08	J Ross	Portsmouth	CUL	558	564
04/01/09	J Ross	FITA 25	CUL	-	548

## **APPENDIX 3: TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT to AGM 26.03.09**

### **1. Team and Individual results sheets are in the appendix to this report.**

### **2. Pre Season FITA, Meriden 13th April 2008**

The tournament was hosted professionally by Meriden Archery Club as always with some very good scores recorded. A few new faces to the county squad who later in the year contributed to teams that won matches. Attended by 34 Archers in total, slightly up on 2007 broken down as follows: 3 Junior Archers; 8 Ladies Recurve; 2 Ladies Compound; 17 Gents Recurve; and 4 Gents Compound  
6 CWAA Clubs were represented: Meriden – 14 Archers; RLSAS – 9 Archers; Rugby – 6 Archers; Coventry – 2 Archers; Sutton Coldfield – 2 Archers; and Bowflights – 1 Archer

### **3. Warwickshire / Lancashire/Cheshire –Meriden 18th May 2008**

A fine day for shooting though I had to improvise a scoring system on my laptop as the shoot took place so I saw little of the action. Lancashire with Simon Terry shooting for them took back the recurve trophy with 8455 to Warwickshire's 8036 and Cheshire on 7737. Warwickshire did win the compound with 6606 to Lancashire's 6568 and Cheshire's 6456.

### **4. Leicestershire - RLSAS, 1st June 2008**

The annual match against Leicester as part of the Leamington and Midland Counties proved to be very successful. Warwickshire retained the Senior Trophy by 15175 to Leicestershire's 14075. In a match again limited to 5 archers (that being the total number of Leicestershire Juniors) It was for the first time in a very long time though that Warwickshire Junior's beat Leicestershire. Warwickshire Juniors scored scoring 5519 to Leicestershire's 5406.

### **5. Warwickshire/Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire – Burton on Trent, 3rd August 2008**

I was unable to attend the match at Burton on Trent, hosted by Derbyshire, so was very grateful that James Scott acted as Team Captain for the day. I understand the shooting conditions were very tricky with a variable hurricane sweeping down the target range. Nevertheless it was another successful day with Warwickshire winning the Recurve match by a wide margin and the Compound match by just 3 points. Warwickshire Recurve Team scored 11212 to Derbyshire's 11046 and Nottinghamshire's 10879. The Compound Scores were Warwickshire 3981, Derbyshire 3978 and Nottinghamshire 3805. I could not find any Warwickshire Longbow Archers prepared to shoot so we had no entry in the match that Derbyshire won.

### **6. Junior Nationals**

As part of the Junior FITA Star competition on the Saturday of the Junior Outdoor weekend at Lilleshall two Warwickshire Juniors, Bethany Roberts(1184) and Caitlín McCarthy (1223) were part of the WMAS team that won the regional Junior Ladies Recurve team. Warwickshire's Junior Gents Henry Scott (1092) and Jacob Vick (1194) similarly represented WMAS coming fourth in their section. Henry Scott was also the only Warwickshire archer to make the mixed regional recurve team that came third on the Sunday. Henry, Jacob and Bethany were joined by Jack Brookes in the County Mixed Recurve Teams and came 11th out of the 25 counties represented.

### **7. Regional Inter-Counties , Lilleshall 12 October 2008**

The final match was hosted by Shropshire and had not been granted record status which affected the team we were able to field. We had also agreed to shoot single detail, as requested by Shropshire, however this resulted in three archers to a boss in lanes normally only wide enough for two. This was not satisfactory and caused difficulties not least of which was finding room for scopes on the line.

Despite this Warwickshire retained the Recurve trophy scoring 9334 with a margin of 313 over second placed Worcestershire. It was suggested that Warwickshire were "cheating" had an extra person shooting in that Leah Innocent was very pregnant at the time of the match and we had requested dispensation for rule 307 on that basis. That said Leah's score was 60 up on her pre-season FITA total from April !  
Worcestershire again won the Compound Trophy scoring 4039 with Warwickshire only 86

behind to claim second place on 3953.

I was delighted that Warwickshire were able to “field” the Mother and Son team and Ruth and Graham Field in the Longbow section coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall with 499.

## **8. Junior Inter County Match – Long Mynd, September 2008 –Cancelled due to flooding**

### **9. County Badges, Ribbons and Bars.**

A total of 33 Archers shot for the county and the breakdown of awards is in the appendix. In summary:

6 Archers made a winning team whilst shooting for the county for the first time

2 Archers who have already shot made a winning team for the first time

4 other Archers shot for the county for the first time but were not part of a winning team

All Archers will receive their year bars.

### **10. Squad Days**

There were only two squad days this winter season at both hosted at RLSAS to whom I am grateful, especially as it was decided not to charge CWAA for use of the facilities. An arrangement had been made to make use of Warwick University Game hall for the second of these days but given the low numbers (and therefore high cost per archer) and the fine weather, I decided to switch back outside. Carol Bye and Denis Folkard provided great support for both days to the archers who attended for which they have my thanks.

In future, the University will be happy to accept bookings outside of term times and in coordination with the University Archery club, who own the equipment. The University charges a reasonable amount per hour for the hire of the Games Hall and the archery club would want to charge £2 per archer for use of the equipment.

### **11. Conclusion**

In conclusion, a successful year for the teams and an educational one for me so I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to me climbing that steep learning curve this year. I am indebted to Denis for his ongoing support during the year for me and the archers in the team.

I want to particularly thank Meriden and RLSAS for their support with access to facilities and hosting events for the County. On behalf of the county I would especially like to thank all the archers (and their families) who put in the time to support the matches and deliver the performances they did throughout the season.

NB Appendices to this report available on request.