

## SAA News & Articles 2012

### 16 December 2012 - AGM Honours



At the AGM in December Louise Milne was awarded the David Christie Shield for her contribution to Lochside Bowmen. Louise has cheerfully been coaching and helping at the club for many years. Also honoured were Nancy Downy, Colin Downie - both Ayr Archery Club - and Kathleen Male - Lochside Bowmen - who were all awarded Life Membership of Scottish Archery in recognition of many years of service to archery and the SAA.

At the AGM Lana Needham was ratified as Director of Performance to the Scottish Archery Board to serve for three years and Muriel Kirkwood, was re-elected as Director – Scotland on the Archery GB Board to serve for three years from April 2013

### 4 December 2012 - Scottish Archery Academy Update

The National Archery Academy was created in July 2012 to form a recognised 'Pathway to Performance' for our junior members who have aspirations to compete at national and international level. An invitation was issued to all clubs and participants were welcomed at a selection day where Lana Needham, Performance Director was on hand to explain what was expected of performance archers, regardless of age. 25 members joined the Academy, ages ranging from 8 to 21 and all were issued with training logs (just like the Seniors) where they record the number of arrows shot each day in addition to keeping a note of theraband practice, bungee pulls and lots more besides!

On the 15th December, the Academy will meet for their last training day of 2012 having had two previous training days in St. Andrews and Largs. Those students who have embraced the challenges of training and fitness have seen remarkable improvement in their scoring at competitions and with their general fitness levels. Scottish Archery is incredibly proud of the next generation of archers who have shown a level of commitment which belies their tender years. Watch out for some photos in the galleries soon.

There will be a further intake into the Academy in 2013 so keep an eye out on the website for further information.

### 2 December 2012 - National Indoors individual finals



Congratulations to Stuart Barby on his Gold medal in gents recurve - British Indoor Champion 2012, Great shooting to Margaux Mesle on her Bronze and Naomi Jones placed 4th after a tense shoot-off Well done to everyone!

Other results included:

- 1st FITA18 Ladies Compound - Naomi Jones
- 1st Mixed team recurve - Edin Uni (Margaux Mesle, Erik Rowbotham, Mat Nowicki, Douglas Jardine)
- 2nd Mixed team recurve County - Eastern Area
- 2nd Mixed team recurve Home Nations - Scotland
- 2nd Mixed team compound County - Eastern Area
- 2nd Mixed team compound Home Nations - Scotland

Full results are now available from the [ArcheryGB website here](#) (link opens in a new window)

### 1 December 2012 - FACE2FACE then BACK2BACK



Naomi Jones from Edinburgh University has done the double winning the UK BACK2BACK at the Richo Arena in Coventry this Saturday. [Read more>>>](#) on the Archery GB website.

The Scottish Junior Team took 2nd place in the Home Nations Match at the Junior Indoor Champs. The Senior Champs takes place on Sunday so more news on Sunday

### 18 November 2012 - Naomi wins FACE2FACE in Amsterdam



Naomi Jones from Edinburgh University has won the Ladies Compound Division of the FACE2FACE. This three day prestigious event is entered by many top international archers and now alternates between its originators the Nederlandse Handboog Bond at Amsterdam and Archery GB as part of the British Indoor Championships weekend. Naomi is the reigning British Indoor Champion and will defend her title on December 2nd. Read more about the story [here](#) - Full results can be found here on the [FACE2FACE](#) site.

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## 18 October - Midlothian Recognition for Richard



Richard Vallis has won Midlothian Council's volunteer of the year for all of the work that he does in archery, both able bodied and disabled. The presentation is in Dalkeith on Friday night. Ricgard runs midweek archery sessions in East and West Lothian so disabled archers can enjoy the sport. The archers often need one-to-one help, and Richard has a host of helpers that enable many disabled people who would not otherwise be able to shoot

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## 20-August 2012 - Congratulations to our Scottish Outdoor Champions

At the Scottish Champs hosted by Glasgow Archers on 4 & 5 August Claudine Jennings(EUAC) - Ladies Compound, remained undefeated, claiming her seventh outdoor title in eight years. Compound Gent Champion for the fifth time, was Alistair Whittingham(EUAC). Ladies Recurve was won by Migle Petruskeviciute(EUAC) with the Gents title going to Erik Rowbotham(EUAC).

Morag Douglas(AUAC) and Robert Campbell (Glasgow) took the Barebow Trophies, while Randal Hutton(Penicuik) secured the Compound Senior Trophy as well as second place.

The Champion archers from Edinburgh University also took the Team Trophy which along with placings gave the Club a total of 8 awards at the event.

Full Results are now available on the [Outdoor 2012 calendar](#)

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## 14 August 2012 - Home Nations Archery - Recurve Win

Home Nations Match at British Target Championships at Lilleshall-Compounds: England 1, Scotland 2 - Recurves: Scotland 1, England 2.

Compounds: Alistair Whittingham(EUAC) and Mike Alexander(Moray), Claudine Jennings and Naomi Jones(EUAC). Recurves: Erik Rowbotham(EUAC) and Stuart Barby(Penicuik), Margaux Mesle(EUACS) and Lizzie Bell(EUAC), represented Scotland at the Home Nations Match this weekend in Lilleshall.

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## 13 August 2012 - Junior Euronation Report

This weekend, 11-12 August, the junior Scottish archery team had a highly successful weekend in Athboy, Ireland for the 2012 Junior Euronations. The weather was fine and sunny with occasional short showers on Sunday but a very challenging gusty head wind made shot judgement difficult.

On Saturday the team did Scotland proud, Eugenia D'Arcy and Amber Smith won silver in the ladies recurve, Eugenia D'Arcy and Frankie Keenan won silver in the mixed recurve team and Ross Blackwell and Emily Blake also won silver in the mixed compound team. Overall Scotland came second.

Sunday saw another day of tough competition and ultimately a successful day of shooting. Eugenia won silver, Ross won gold and Emily won gold in their individual head-to-head matches. Gareth Fleming won the Jim Gordon memorial trophy, this is awarded to the most successful archer who was not awarded in their category, and celebrates up-and-coming archers.

Overall the Scottish juniors had another enjoyable and very successful Euronations, and we owe a big thank you to Alan, Isabel and Scott for taking the time to travel with us and make sure we all shot well and enjoyed our weekend away. - Emily Blake, Team Captain

Results -

Day 1: <http://ianseo.net/Details.php?told=294>

Day 2 <http://ianseo.net/Details.php?told=295>

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## 31 July - Senior Euronations 2012 Report

Scotland fielded a full team of 16 archers to compete at Port Soif, Guernsey. The ground is on the coast and is vulnerable to changeable wind conditions. In contrast to the horrible weather experienced by our archers prior to the competition, Guernsey provided warm pleasant weather with a light to moderate wind which changed in direction throughout the two days.

On Saturday the Fita competition although not providing any exceptional scores, there was a reasonably close competition between the teams. England who fielded an extremely strong team were overall winners with Scotland in 2nd place, 526 points behind.

Scotland came a commendable 2nd in the Gents and Ladies Compound with only 78 and 73 points separating them from England. The ladies recurve team also were 2nd, unfortunately the Gents recurve team were pushed into 3rd place by Northern Ireland who pipped us by the narrow margin of two points.

Despite some disappointment being expressed by archers, all members gave their best for the team and for those who were representing Scotland for the first time benefited from the tough competition.

Sunday was the individual 720 round with recurve shooting on the full face at 70metres and the compounds at 50metres on the six scoring zone (80cm) face. All of the team benefitted from competing in this event and enjoyed the experience.

Claudine Jennings came out on top in the ladies compound division with a personal best of 684, with Naomi Jones 4th with a commendable 662. It is my understanding that both these scores meet the qualifying standard for the British team. - Norrie Mclean SAA Senior Team Manager

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## 01 July - Junior Home Nations Team for AGB Junior Championships

Many congratulations to the following young archers, who have worked so hard and have been selected to represent Scotland at the British Nationals on 7/8 July at Lilleshall, they are, in no particular order:

Recurve: Gareth Flemming, Frankie Keenan, Fraser McPhie.  
Eugenia- Helen D'Arcy, Amber Smith, Emma McLachlan,  
Compound: Ross Blackwell, Amy Wakefield.  
Good Luck Everyone!

Postnote - this event was unfortunately cancelled due to the heavy rain in the preceding week

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## 29 June - Silver for Murray, Silver & Bronze for Kate

On a very blustery final day of competition at the Stoke Mandeville Invitational tournament - Scottish archers Murray Elliot took Individual Silver and Kate Murray got a Team Silver and an Individual Bronze. [Story on AGB website](#) This is a great result for both archers who will soon be competing at the Paralympics.

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## 22 June - EA Recurvers Pentangle Winners



Eastern Area Recurve archers took all wins at the Pentangle held in Cumbria on 19 June. The Gents were top Gents, the Ladies were top Ladies and they also took the combined. Photo shows (left to right) Stuart Barby, Gilbert Jamieson, Erik Rowbotham, Cumbria organiser Chris Battersby, Margaux Mesle, Victoria Barby and Lizzie Bell. AAI these archers show they are on top form for the Euronations next month. DNAA got the Compound honours and overall County win. Full Results when we have them

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## 16 June - Longbow and Barebow Champions

At Bannockburn on 10 June - The SAA Barebow, Longbow and Flatbow Championships were held. Congratulations to the Champions who were - **Gents Barebow:** Robert Campbell - Glasgow Archers; **Ladies Barebow:** Morag Douglas - Aberdeen University; **Junior Boys Barebow:** Ben Kirk - Bannockburn Bowmen; **Junior Girls Barebow:** Ruth Porter - Bannockburn Bowmen; **Ladies Longbow:** Karen Gold - Neptune AC; **Gents Longbow:** Alan Walker - Penicuik Archers; **Gents Flatbow:** Ed Kiernan - Napier University.

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## 10 June - Kyle carried the Olympic Flame



Scottish archer Kyle Dodds from Oban carried the Olympic Torch through Spean Bridge in the Western Highlands on 9 June. [As you can read](#), Kyle was nominated for the work he does in the community helping people with their archery.

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## 07 June - Congratulations to the new Scottish Level 1 Coaches



Congratulations to the nine candidates who have successfully completed the recent Level 1 Coaching course held in the West at Milngavie and Bearsden Sports Club. The candidates came from the length and breadth of Scotland; from Glenlivet in the North to Stranraer in the South. A special congratulations should go to Kyle Kennedy of Clyde Arrows who at 16 was our youngest candidate, he becomes the youngest Level 1 Coach in Scotland. The successful candidates were: \* Dennis Cooper \* Ian Cooper \* Alan Gold \* Fiona Minshall \* Andrew Minshall \* Kyle Kennedy \* Craig Ballantyne \* William Roney \* Robert Downie We wish the new Level 1 coaches all the best as they start their



coaching careers.

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## 06 June - Archers off to Euronations

The following SAA members have been selected to represent the Scottish Archery Senior Team at the Euronations event which is part of the 2012 European Commonwealth Championships to be held in Guernsey on 21 – 22 July, 2012.

### Gents Recurve

Stuart Barby  
Erik Rowbotham  
Mark Forrester  
Gilbert Jamieson

### Ladies Recurve

Lizzie Bell  
Margaux Mesle  
Victoria Barby  
Migle Petruskeviciute

### Gents Compound

Alistair Whittingham  
Derek McAulay  
Mike Alexander  
Frank Maguire

### Ladies Compound

Naomi Jones  
Claudine Jennings  
Susan Maitland  
Jacqui Alexander

In the interest of transparency, rankings and scores were collated by Tina James.

The selection was made using the ranking list as at 30 May 2012 by Norrie McLean, Senior Team Manager and Tracy McGarry, Acting Performance Director using the selection criteria published on the website.

### Tracy

Tracy McGarry

Acting Performance Director

1 June 2012

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## 06 June - Inverclyde get Mars Money

The Inverclyde Archers Club, from Inverclyde is celebrating after receiving a £250 donation from the MARS Refuel Drink Fund.

The Inverclyde Archers has been in existence for around 35 years and its main aim is to encourage people into the sport of archery. To support this, the club has invested in training coaches, of varying different levels. This enables the archery club to coach members from beginners right through to competition level.

Pauline Ramsay, treasurer of the Inverclyde Archers, says: "Archery can be an expensive sport. This can put off young people and students from continuing, when they reach the stage of needing to purchase their own equipment.

"With this donation from the MARS Refuel Drink Fund we can purchase more archery kit for the club, which will help to encourage the younger members to continue with the sport and play for longer."

A recent survey conducted by chocolate milk drink, MARS Refuel, revealed that the main barriers preventing people from taking part in sport are a lack of motivation and cost.

But with the incredible summer of sport that lies ahead, there should be plenty to motivate people to get active.

The MARS Refuel Drink Fund was set up to help individuals and clubs play their chosen sport for longer. Applicants for support such as equipment, coaching, pitch time and travel expenses can be made online at [www.marsrefuel.com](http://www.marsrefuel.com).

The MARS Refuel Drink Fund, which runs until September 30 2012, has one Gold (£1000), four Silver (£500) and eight Bronze (£250) awards to donate each month.

The fund is open to residents of, and clubs and organisations based in the UK and Republic of Ireland only. Applicants must be 13 years or over and only one application will be accepted per person, club or organisation.

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## 06 June - 5th Place for Alistair in Cyprus



At the recent European Grand Prix (1st leg), Alistair Whittingham represented GB (his first time shooting compound for GB), qualifying in 4th and finishing 5th. Alistair was narrowly defeated in the quarter finals by Rubben Guillaume of France by 2 points.

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## 24 May - Two Scottish archers to represent Great Britain at the Paralympic Games, 2012, London.

The Scottish Archery Association are proud to announce, two of Scotland's, home grown, hardworking and dedicated archers, Murray Elliot and Kate Murray have been selected in the squad of thirteen archers. Unfortunately, Alasdair Hamilton and David Gardner missed final selection, but recognition of their achievements should not go unnoticed.

Chair of Scottish Archery, Tracy McGarry said "the progress made by our athletes in the past few years have been astounding, it has been a long and exhausting journey for everyone involved, including all the support staff. Congratulations to both Kate and Murray. Their dream of selection for the Paralympic Team has been realised and it could

not have happened to two more genuinely nice individuals".

"I hope this amazing news will finally get Scottish Archery recognised fully in Scotland as a strong player in the world of Scottish Governing Bodies and get the support and investment needed to continue providing quality athletes on the world stage".

The full squad was announced at the Manchester World Cup today at 12 noon.

They are: 1. John Stubbs 2. Richard Hannahane 3. Danielle Brown 4. Mel Clarke 5. Pippa Britton 6. Phil Bottomley 7. Kenny Allen 8. Murray Elliot 9. Paul Browne 10. Sharon Vennard 11. Leigh Warmesley 12. John Cavanagh 13. Kate Murray

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## 22 May 2012 - Euronations Information

The Euronations programme shown below was received from the Bowmen of Guernsey, the hosts of this year's Euronations competition. Archers who intend to make themselves available for selection will be informed of selection as soon after the final selection date as possible. To allow the successful team members to make their travel arrangements. There may be the opportunity to have access to cut price fares if a minimum of 9 archers apply as a block through a particular company. This would involve direct rail travel from Edinburgh to Manchester airport and thereafter flights to Guernsey. If archers are interested in using this facility if selected, should contact Norrie Mclean to register such interest.

### Timetable:

Fri 20th July Arrival of Teams, Practice, Vin D'Honneur

Sat 21st July FITA round, Presentation Banquet

Sun 22nd July Optional FITA 70m and 50m, Departure

### Status

World Record Status has been obtained.

We are planning to use individual faces at 50m and 30m, with scoring zones 10-6. If there are issues with this, please let me know and we will revert to normal 80cm faces for the short metric.

The long metric will be shot as 6 arrows in 4 minutes, the short metric as 6 arrows in 4 minutes on individual 10-6 faces, 2 details per target. The longest distance will be shot first.

The shoot will be held at Rovers AC, Port Soif. This is on the North west coast of Guernsey and there are good facilities on site.

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## 10 Apr 2012 - Edin Uni Archer spread her wings again

Claudine Jennings of Edinburgh university archery club is competing in Shanghai at a world cup vent for great Britain this week. She is part of the ladies compound team including Danni and Georgie Brown - [see ArcheryGB website](#) and added 14 April - Ladies Team Compound bow out in quarter finals [see ArcheryGB website](#)

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## 11 Feb 2012 - Naomi has medalled again



Following on from the World Indoor, and also in Las Vegas, the Indoor Archery World Cup Stage 3 and Final took place this weekend and Naomi Jones has won an individual Bronze Medal. Naomi ranked 12th in the qualifier took on Inge Van Caspel of The Netherlands, Buden of Croatia then lost out to Vandionant of France for a place in the Gold medal match but went on to take the Bronze against Soemond of Denmark in a one arrow shoot off. Photo is courtesy of Dean Alberga and copyright World Archery

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## 9 Feb 2012 - Team Triumph for Naomi

The Archery GB Compound Ladies and Gents teams have both won Bronze medals at the World archery Indoor Championships in Las Vegas. The GB women's trio of Andrea Gales, Naomi Jones and Nichola Simpson took on Italy's Katia D Agostino, Laura Longo and Marcella Tonioli for the team bronze winning 227 to 224. What a fantastic result and experience for Edinburgh University archer Naomi.

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## 8 Feb 2012 - Well Done Naomi

Well done to Naomi Jones (EUAC) currently in Las Vegas competing for Archery GB at the World Indoor Championships. Naomi qualified joint 20th (21st on coin toss) in the ranking round and took her opponent Russian Albina Loginova to a shoot off in the 1/16th. Of all the compound archers at the event only Nicola Simpson has made it through to the next round but the three GB women compounders - Nichola, Andrea and National Indoor Champion Naomi Jones - go through to their team event in second place, with only the USA trio bettering their combined score.

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## 5 Feb 2012 - Congratulations to our Scottish Indoor Champions



The Scottish Indoor Championships took place at Lasswade today. Top places were :

**Ladies Recurve** Lizzie Bell(Edin Uni), 2nd Norma Smith(Lochside), 3rd Margaux Mesle(Edin Uni)

**Gents Recurve** Erik Rowbotham(Edin Uni), 2nd Murray Elliot(Balbardie), 3rd Stewart Barby(Penicuik)

**Ladies Compound** Susan Maitland(Penicuik), 2nd Muriel Kirkwood(Pentland), 3rd Elayne McLean(Penicuik)

**Gents Compound** Ranauld Hutton(Penicuik), 2nd Alex Lamb(Balbardie), 3rd Edward Stanley(FOTB), James Buchanan(Monklands) and Mike Alexander(Moray)

**Barebow** Alex Gilliland(Edin Uni Students); **Longbow** Ivor Welsh-Nelson(Kirkpatrick)

**Highest Scoring Juniors** Recurve - Gareth Flemming(Penicuik); Compound (The Scot Mould Trophy) - Ross Blackwell(Ayr)

**The President's Prize** Mike Alexander(Moray). [Full results.](#)

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## 20th January - New Commonwealth Championships

Guernsey Archers will be hosting this year's Senior Euronations tournament, which will also incorporate the first European Commonwealth Regional Archery Championship. The weekend of this event has been confirmed as 20th-22nd July. News [on Archery GB website](#)



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