

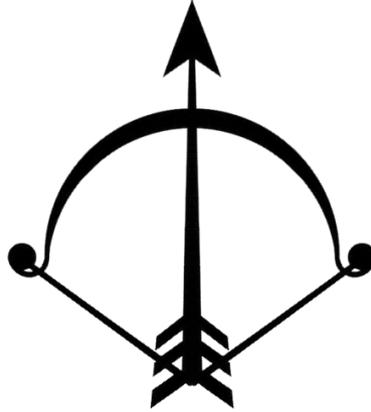
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Silver Arrow Competition

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UK RECORD STATUS

OPEN MEETING | ST GEORGE & ALBION

Sunday 16th April, 2017
Sports Centre, St Leonard's Road
St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DY

HOSTED BY

The University of St Andrews Archery Club
in association with The Kate Kennedy Club



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DIRECTIONS TO ST ANDREWS

From Glasgow & Edinburgh (M8):

1. Exit M8 at Junction 1 onto A720 (Northbound) Edinburgh City Bypass
2. Turn right at roundabout onto A8 Glasgow Rd.
3. Exit at junction for A902 Maybury Rd. and follow for full length.
4. Exit left onto A90 Queensferry Rd.
5. Follow signs for the Forth Road Bridge and M90.
6. Exit M90 at Junction 2A, signposted for A92.
7. Remain on A92 through Glenrothes.
8. Exit A92 at roundabout after Ladybank; turn right onto A91 following signs for Cupar and St Andrews.
9. Follow A91 passing through Cupar and Guardbridge and continue until reaching St Andrews.

HISTORY OF THE SILVER ARROW ARCHERY COMPETITION

The Silver Arrow is Scotland's most prestigious and ancient archery competition with a history stretching back over 400 years. The competition has a long and distinguished history; an early legend purports that the Marquis of Montrose, while an undergraduate at St. Andrews, sent an arrow flying over St. Salvator's Tower to land on the Dean of Arts. This mild oversight was, however, more than compensated for by his winning the Silver Arrow in 1628. The competition has had many distinguished winners over the centuries, including Robert son of Struan (1687), Tullibardine (1706), Dempster of Dunnichen (1750) and the grandson of Archbishop Shairp (1710-1714). The oldest medal in the University dates from 1618.

In 1318 King Robert the Bruce ordered that every man who possessed goods equal to the value of a cow should own a spear or 'a gud bow with a schaft of arrows'. The statute of 1457 banned football and golf and decreed that every parish should have a bowman, and that 'wappennshaws' were to be held four times a year, which came to be looked upon as recreational and social occasions. The growing popularity of archery as a recreational sport towards the end of the sixteenth century resulted in the introduction of the Silver Arrow Competition in St Andrews.

The earliest known references are from the diaries of James Melville, but the first detailed description comes from Mackay's 'Journey through Scotland' of 1723: "in St Leonard's is kept a silver arrow that is shot for by the students every year to keep up that noble and ancient exercise of archery, and he that wins it appends to it his coat of arms on a silver plate. This was brought to such a height by the emulation of scholars that some plates are as large as platters, which discouraging the poorer sort, who although good archers, durst not shoot their best for fear of winning and so exposing their poverty, the University suppressed this ponderous arrow and set up another rule that no plate appended to it should exceed an ounce".

The competition, which was held under the auspices of the Faculty of Arts in June of each year, seems to have been open to all students of the university, and the winner had the privilege of presenting a silver medal to be hung upon the Arrow. The contest normally took place at the Bow Butts on the edge of the links, though both St Salvator's and St Leonard's Colleges had butts in their own grounds. The relics of the competition consist of three arrows and seventy medals. The oldest arrow covered the period until the Civil War, the second from the Restoration to 1703; the third from 1704 to 1754. The second and third arrows have each twelve rings for suspending the medals. The second arrow bears an inscription along its length: "Ter praemia primus Accipiet, flavaque caput necteur Olivia," and this is repeated (with a slight variation) on its successor. The third arrow alone is dated (1704). The



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medals, while varying considerably in size and shape, follow a fairly standard design, the obverse generally bearing the coat of arms of the winner, and the reverse a figure of an archer. Most of them were made either at Edinburgh or Dundee.

For the first period (1618-1642), there are eleven medals. All are comparatively small, the commonest size being about a half by a quarter inches. The series includes the medals of Argyll (1623), David Leslie (1626) and Montrose (1628). For the second period (1675-1703), there are twenty-four medals of very much larger dimensions and more elaborate design. A favourite size is 5 1/2 by 4 1/4 inches, but Lord Leslie's medal for 1694 attains the monstrous proportions of 8 by 5 7/8 inches. Among the winners, the best known name is that of Alexander Robertson of Struan (1687). For the third period (1704-1754) there are thirty-five medals. Until 1707 these were still very large, but hereafter restrictions were imposed on this extravagance by the University authorities, and from 1710 few medals are larger than some 3 1/2 by 3 inches, and all are of a simple oval design.

The competition ceased in the mid-eighteenth century, and was not revived until 1970 by the Kate Kennedy Club. The competition was then taken over soon after by the St Andrews University Archery Club and it has been the designation of the President every year to run the competition with support from the Kate Kennedy Club up until the present day.



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Organised by: Amy Cooper (President: Saints Archery) & Alison Ross (Mentor) & Leo Clayton (Kate Kennedy Club)

Judged by: TBC

Dates	Sunday 16 th April 2017
Venue	Sports Centre, St Leonard's Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DY
Entry Fee	One Day: Seniors £12; Juniors £10 Juniors who choose to shoot the senior round for senior prizes must pay full adult fee. Children MUST be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS ARCHERY CLUB
Closing Date	Friday 24 th March 2017
Rounds	St George (Gents) and Albion (Ladies) and appropriate Junior rounds
Scoring	Double scoring
Sighters	After inspection there will be one end of 6 sighters starting at 10:00
Start of competition	Competition will start after conclusion of sighters
Archery GB rules	There will be four archers per boss 5 zone scoring applies - i.e. 9, 7, 5, 3, 1 on 122cm face St George Round consists of 3 dozen arrows each at 100, 80 & 60 yards Albion Round consists of 3 dozen arrows each at 80, 60 & 50 yards Junior Rounds 3 dozen arrows each at distances per required age group
Awards	Medals will be awarded subject to the minimum entry of: 1-2 Gold, 3 Gold and Silver, 4 + Gold, Silver and Bronze Recurve: Ladies and Gents, Juniors (by age category) Compound: Ladies and Gents, Juniors (by age category) Longbow: Ladies and Gents, Juniors (by age category) The Ladies and Gents Silver Arrow trophies will also be awarded to the Gold medalist of the Recurve categories.
Drug Testing	Archers at this tournament will be liable for drug testing and competitors approached to give samples must comply. Refusal will be treated as a positive result. Junior entries must be signed by a parent or guardian, giving consent for a drug tested to be permitted, if sought.
Judges	TBC
Lady Paramount/Lord Patron	TBC
Raffle and BBQ	A raffle will be held before the awards, and a BBQ will be running during the event.

All archers are requested to aid with setting out the field, moving targets between distances and helping to clear the field at the end of the shoot.

All Archery GB cards will be inspected. Archers who cannot show a card or receipt will NOT BE PERMITTED TO SHOOT.



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Record status shoots may be subject to drug testing. Archers asked to provide a sample must comply: a refusal will be deemed a positive result.

Name	M/F	Archery GB Number	Round: Ladies/Gents /Junior Windsor	Recurve, Compound, Longbow	Novice: Y/N	Age (if Junior)	Parent/Guardian signature	Disability/ Wheelchair

Total fee

*Insert appropriate initial to indicate which event (s) entered e.g. 'G' Gents, 'L' Ladies OR "JW" Junior Windsor

Cheques made payable to UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS ARCHERY CLUB. **Adult** - £12. **Junior** - £10.
Entries and fees to be returned to: **Saints Archery, Sports Centre, St Leonard's Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DY**

Telephone: **07806989385**
Email: archery@saints-sport.com

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNLESS ACCOMPANIED WITH THE APPROPRIATE PAYMENT.

Parents or legal guardians are asked to give their consent for testing their children by adding their signature in the appropriate column.

Closing date for receipt of entries: **Friday 24th March 2017.**



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