

SAA News & Articles 2008

16th Dec - Bill and Iain collect new honours

Last weekend (13th December 2008) at Lilleshall, Bill Mackay and Iain Wilson were presented with their Level 3 Certificate in Tutoring in Sport.

Of the 7 currently qualified Coach Educators in GNAS, 2 of them are in Scotland. Well done to both of them!

8th Dec - New logo for the SAA

The SAA now has a new look with Logo number 12 being the majority vote at the AGM. Murray Elliot is the winning designer so well done Murray.

I would like to thank all who put in the time and effort to submit the wonderful designs that gave us all an extensive choice for the new face of the Scottish Archery Association.

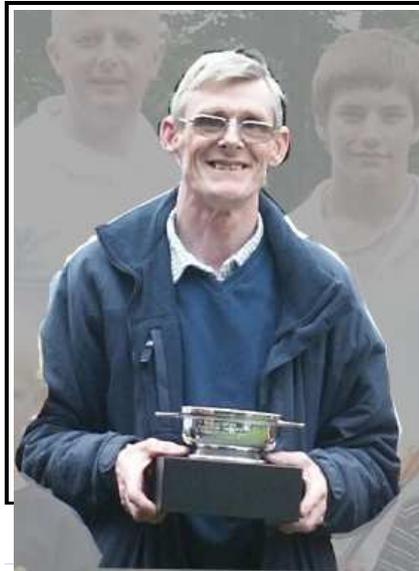
Tina James
President

4th Dec - Junior Team for Home Nations Indoor

The Junior National Indoor takes place over this coming weekend 6-7 December at Lilleshall. Congratulations to recurves Hannah Stewart, Heather Gordon, Jamie Paton and Calum Lennon and compounders Alex & Emily Blake who are shooting for Scotland in the Home Nations match.

We wish them all good luck.

Obituary - Ray McClung



We regret to inform the archery community of the death of Raymond McClung of Banchory Archers.

Raymond, who was 64, was the mainstay of Banchory Archery club for many years, turning up to open the hall, even in the depths of winter, just in case someone felt like shooting a few arrows. He was also instrumental in obtaining the local field for hosting two of the most popular shoots on the SAA calendar.

Latterly, Raymond was involved more with coaching the youngsters who came along to the club and freely gave his time and advice to help other archers in the area, who often came along to benefit from his experience. He was given a Life membership to Banchory Archers in June of 2005 for his dedication to the club and juniors over many years. His last visit to the club was in September when Jay Barrs was over from the States and came to talk to our members - even then Raymond was getting involved with the 'first time' youngsters.

Although he had not shot for some time due to injury, Raymond was well known on the competition circuit for many years, as he travelled up and down the country with his friend, the late Syd Strachan. He usually had a tale to tell of some of the fun they had on their travels.

Even now, when someone hears that we come from Banchory club, they ask about Raymond and very often go on to tell us of times they shared with him and Syd.

Raymond will be missed by his family and friends.

His funeral will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm at Aberdeen Crematorium.

27th Nov - Hannah off to Oz

The BOA are taking a Team to attend the Australian Youth Olympic Festival on 14th - 19th January. The Festival is held every two years to enable athletes 18 and under to gain Olympic experience and enhance their understanding of High Performance Sport for the future. With archery included in the 2009 Festival. Archery GB have had 6 young archers, including Hannah Stewart from the Links Archery Club, selected to go.

Archery is among the sports taking advantage of utilising a Holding Camp in Australia the week prior to the event so the Team will travel out to Brisbane on January 4th to spend a week acclimatising and make final preparations before travelling to Sydney on 13th January to join the rest of Team GB. There is a busy period of preparation between now and the end of the year with a series of Training Camps at Lilleshall. Look out for further information in the ArcheryGB website.

Hannah's achievements this year have already included becoming British Girl Recurve Champion and shooting for TeamGB at the Youth World Championships in Turkey in June.

30th Oct - Montrose - Janet and Jay Barrs Seminar "a breath of fresh air"

The Third Montrose Archery Seminar, organised by Lana Needham, took place in October 2008 with guest speakers, Jay Barrs(USA), American and Olympic Champion and World Field Champion and Janet Barrs(USA), Eight times USA National Field Champion and World Bronze Medalist.

The weekend was composed of several talks and also coaching sessions assisted by Lana and Simon Needham and Jim Buchanan.

By accounts it was a thoroughly enjoyable and educational weekend with Jays and Janet's input being "a breath of fresh air."

"Jay has a great easy going approach to speaking and came across really well and we learned lots."

"I just wanted to write to express my thanks... Both of us gained greatly from attending and particularly appreciated the hospitality afforded to us by one and all."

"Jay's humorous and thought provoking style incited lots of discussion and turned on its head some coach perceptions."

Jay was delighted to get much positive feedback from the weekend saying "We had as much fun as they did. It was a great group of people and that makes our job much easier!!"



A special thanks goes to those who supported the event financially and also to Les McPherson at Quicks who supplied goody bags and discount vouchers for everyone who attended, and gave very generously to the raffle; and to Cavalier who also donated generously to the raffle in aid of the 2010 Squad.

Quicks



13th October - No headsets allowed in front of the waiting line

During the SAA Judges Seminar recently, a decision was made to enforce the ruling given in GNAS Rules of Shooting 303(h) and FITA Rule 7.3.4.1 that no electronic communications devices and headsets shall be worn in front of the waiting line. This requirement is on safety grounds. This decision will also cover iPod, MP3 players and any other devices which may distract or interfere with the hearing of an athlete and prevent him/her from hearing a safety command or whistle. - Alistair Paton, SAA Judge Liaison Officer

10th September - Scotland celebrates Olympic success

Scotland celebrates Olympic success

Scotland's First Minister, Alex Salmond, hosted a reception on Friday 5th September in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle. Scottish Archery was amongst a gathering of representatives of Olympic sports, IOC members and other sporting organisations.

The First Minister was introduced by Louise Martin, and then went on to congratulate Scotland's of GB's athletes on their performance. He spoke of the need to build upon this success and to use budget wisely, to expand access to and the number of facilities and to provide world class coaching both in the UK and within Scotland's borders. He added the need to focus on the events of the years ahead in 2010 in Delhi, 2012 in London and 2104 in Glasgow – and to work to ensure that sporting events left a lasting legacy for their communities.

During the event, there were a number of musical interludes. First, the Edinburgh Youth Choir sang "The higher you build your barriers ...". There followed a number of pieces from the Mains of Fintry pipe band, who had played during the opening in Beijing – probably the first time that a pipe band had an audience of 4 billion!

Many of Scotland's medal winners were present, and those who were away competing were represented by family members. They all portrayed young people dedicated to their sports and having a true humility in spite of their great success.

The evening ended with the First Minister leading a tour of honours of Scotland – the country's crown jewels – of crown, sword, sceptre and the stone of destiny as a knowledgeable dialogue between himself and the senior curator.

He said that there should be a space cleared for a fifth honour – that being Chris Hoy's bike which was on display throughout the evening. The bike was, of course, a very high tech machine of carbon fibre and specialised components. But it was the one used to win the medal, unpolished and showing the signs of real usage in polished and worn saddle and well used pedals.



22nd August - British Champs - Team Manger's Report

A full team of archers (4 compound and 4 recurve) competed for Scotland against England and Wales in the Home Nations component (Saturday) of the British Championships which is shot over two days of competition shooting the York and Hereford rounds.

During the Home Nations team competition the weather conditions were extremely testing, with even the most experienced archers of the team having to fight exceptionally hard against the wind and rain. The wind although predominantly blowing from the shooting line to the target had a cross wind approximately 60 yards down the field which did not assist in producing high scores.

Despite these difficulties, all teams battled courageously and all completed the competition when a number of other individual archers called it a day.

At the end of the Home Nations Championships the Scotland recurve team (3928) of Simon Needham, James Laing, Lorna Provan and Cherry Lynne were victorious, pushing England (3835) into second place with Wales (3828) finishing third but not too far behind.

In the Compound division, Scotland (4506) comprising of Derek MacAulay, Kyle Dodds, Susan Maitland and Muriel Kirkwood were third, Wales (4570) second with England (4678) the victors.

Norrie McLean
SAA Senior Team Manager

11th August - Simon is British Champion

Simon Needham won the men's recurve tournament at the British Target Championships this weekend, with fellow Links Club member Lorna Provan taking third place in the Ladies Competition. The Links Club team of Simon Needham, Lorna Provan, James Laing and Alan Wood also took the GNAS Club Team Recurve Trophy. The County Mixed Team Compound trophy the Hoyt Challenge Cup was claimed for the Eastern Area by Elayne McLean, Susan Maitland, Muriel Kirkwood and David Herd.

In the Home Nations match the Scottish Team of Simon Needham, Lorna Provan James Laing and Cherry Lyne won the Recurve match.

11th August - Emma back, Kate to fly out

Olympic Reserve Emma Downie has flown back after spending two weeks training at the holding camp in China. As you are all probably aware by now all the British Team stayed in rude health so our GB reserves flew home. Emma says its was a great experience and she is finding the temperature here a bit chilly!

On the other hand, Kate Murray who was first reserve for the Paralympic team has been called up as one of the original team has had to pull out on medical advice.

Kate won an individual bronze medal and team silver at last year's world championships in Korea, so is no stranger to performing on the International stage.



14th July - Senior Euronations - Belfast 2008

5-6 July 2008

Team Managers Report.

This year the Selection Committee sent a team of 15 Archers to represent Scotland at the Senior Euronations weekend competitions which was to be hosted by Northern Ireland Archery Society at the Greenmount Agricultural College, a venue just outside Belfast,

The designated practise field was available to all teams during the Friday afternoon. It gives the competitors a change to shoot some arrows, check the bows and equipment after being dealt with by aircraft baggage handlers, meet old and new friends and generally get into competition mode. The sun was splitting the sky and it relatively calm. Was this weather to lull the teams into a false sense of security - most definitely yes!

The Euronations event, a FITA round, takes place on the first day of competition. Saturday dawned with a strong gusty cross wind and during the day some occasional showers just for good measure. Despite the less than ideal, challenging shooting conditions all the Scottish team members gave their best efforts with good individual performances from Andy Ward and Simon Needham, both of whom won their individual disciplines. Andy's performance together with the other members of the Gents Compound team ensured that Scotland's Gents Compound team won their team trophy and then together with the Scottish Ladies also took home the combined team compound trophy.

The second day of the Euronations weekend consists of individual 720 round followed by a head to head tournament. At the conclusion of the 720 round Simon topped the recurve gents discipline with Andy Ward sitting in third place in the gents compound. In the head to head competition, Scotland faired extremely well with Simon, Andy and Lorna Provan taking top honours. Susan Maitland just missed bronze by one point. Again the weather impacted on the scores and performances as it was yet another challenging shooting day. As ever the Scottish archers selected to take part in the tournament put in yet another solid, sterling performance.



Photos from left to right - Andy Ward receiving his first place medal from the Councillor for County Antrim; The Compound Gents Team of Billie Finnie, Tim Keppie, Andrew Ward and Andrew O'Connor receiving their team trophy and medals; Lorna Provan receiving her first place Head to Head medal from Lynne Evan Chair of GNAS Board of Director and Lady Patron for the weekend.

7th July - Edinburgh to host 2010 World Cup Finals



Edinburgh has been chosen as the host for the Archery World Cup Finals in 2010.

The event, which will see the best archers in the world competing for the biggest prize money in the sport, can be broadcast to up to 250 million viewers via TV and internet and offers a great opportunity to showcase both the city of Edinburgh and Scotland.

The Archery World Cup consists of four group stages held in venues around the world. This year's World Cup Final will be held in September in the Olympic capital, Lausanne, Switzerland, following qualifying events in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic), Porec (Croatia), Antalya (Turkey) and Boe (France).. [Full story](#) from GNAS site.

24th June - Hannah and Fraser selected for Youth World Championship

Congratulation to Hannah Stewart from Links and Fraser Young from Eastcote. Both will be flying out to Turkey in October to shoot for Team GB in the Youth World Championships. [Full story](#) from GNAS site.

24th June - Euronations 2008 in Northern Ireland

This year the Euronations Tournament takes place from the the 4-6th July in Northern Ireland where it celebrates its 25th Anniversary, so we are all sure of some excellent hospitality from our Northern Irish hosts and the Northern Ireland Sports Minister will be visiting the event. Congratulations to those selected.

The teams are :-

Gents Recurve Simon Needham(Links), James Laing(Links), Malcolm Alexander(Grampian) and Alan Wood(Links),

Gents Compound Andrew Ward (EUAAC), Tim Keppie(EUAAC), Billie Finnie(Shetland), Andy O'Connor (EUAC)

Ladies Recurve Lorna Provan (Links), Tina James (Penicuik), Cherry Lyne (Neptune)

Ladies Compound Claudine Jennings (EUAAC), Elayne McLean (Penicuik), Susan Maitland (Penicuik), Muriel Kirkwood (Pentland)

24th June - Emma Olympic reserve

After an extensive series of shoot off events held at Lilleshall. Emma Downie of EUAAC made it to the final four of the Ladies Recurves and is now the reserve for the Olympic Team. Emma is currently competing along with the team members at the 4th Stage of the FITA World Cup in Bow in France. [GNAS News](#) and [Archery World Cup](#).

17th May - Hannah places 6th in Spain

Hannah placed 6th in cadet recurve. After qualifying 15th in the metric 2 in very windy conditions (nothing new there for an east coaster) Hannah went into the head to head yesterday morning in relative calm. She won her first round match comfortably and then met the No 2 seed in the 1/8 round. Being outside the compound I had to wait nervously for the thumbs up to confirm her second win after her opponent shot a blue. In the quarter final she was gutted to lose by one point (103-104) after leading through the first 3 ends.

Well done Hannah!

(report from Alan Wood)

14th May - Hannah flies high

Hannah Stewart will be flying out to Spain on Sunday to compete for Team GB in the first leg of the Junior Europa Cup. It was originally thought that she would have to decline the invitation as she has two standard grade exams the same week but Alan Wood's wife Jess stepped in to act as invigilator so Hannah can take the exams in Spain.

We all wish Hannah good luck in both her shooting and exams

7th May - Honorary Life Membership of GNAS for Derek



Derek Sangster became the 1st Scot to be awarded a Honorary Life Membership of GNAS at the Society's AGM last month at Lilleshall. As GNAS only allow a maximum of twelve of these to exist at one time this is a rare honour and given in recognition of many years of selfless service to archery. Derek started archery in 1977 and since then has held many roles and served on many committees at Club, Regional and National level including as a County Coach spending 15 years as a Leader Trainer, and serving for six years as GNAS Director for Scotland. He is perhaps best know to many of us as a well respected National Judge. Typically when I caught up with Derek he was helping his Club, Lasswade Archers, mark out their field for the summer.



30th April - A sunny day for Clyde Arrows Albion & BBQ



Clyde Arrows hosted their 4th annual Albion and BBQ on Sunday 27th April. The shoot is gained popularity over the years and has progressed from the humble beginnings of only having 4 local clubs represented to having 10 clubs attending this year.

As one of the first outdoor shoots of the Scottish calendar it is considered by some as a good warm up round for the season proper and as such the weather couldn't have been kinder with bright sunshine and almost no wind. We started the round at 11am prompt after a lot of sun screen had been applied.

There was some stiff competition for the first awards of the day, best gold was won by one of Clyde's own juniors Jonathon Jarrett and the worst white by another of our members Pat McLaughlin.

The rest of the shoot went smoothly until the last end when there was a strange sound from the target of Chris Sainsbury of Edinburgh University Alumni, when we got to the targets we discovered every archers dream achievement a Robin Hood!

We would like to extend congratulations to all our winners David Lange gents recurve, Kerstin Elmendorff ladies recurve, Brendan Butler U18 recurve, Derek McAulay gents compound (dropping only 14 points), Fiona Quayle ladies compound, Andrew Ho U18 Compound, Douglas Blyth short Windsor and Rhianna Scott junior Windsor. We would also like to extend our thanks to all that

helped run the shoot but especially to Joanne and Cary Hendricks for the BBQ

We are now looking forward to hosting our first Rose status York and Hereford shoot on the 29th June and hope that the weather is as kind then.

25th March Edinburgh University kick off outdoors indoors

At the indoor FITA in Libramont in Belgium Edinburgh University archers faired well. Claudine Jennings won the ladies compound with 1366 and 1348, Alistair Whittingham was 3rd gents compound with 1369 and 1367. Andrew O'connor shot two 1315's at this his first ever 90m event and Alex Lamb made 2413 with a 293 90m which bodes well for the outdoor season.

18th March - Team Bronze for Emma in Torino

I'm a bit late with the news, but those of you who were watching the Torino results will know that Great Britain clinched 2 Team Bronze Medals and an Individual Bronze. One of the Team Medals and the Individual Bronze went to the Compound Ladies and the other Team Bronze to the Ladies Recurve Team of Naomi Folkard, Charlotte Burgess and Emma Downie.

Its good to see all Emma's hard work paying off - Congratulations!

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3rd March - Scots in Torino

The XI European and Mediterranean Indoor Archery Championships takes place from March 3 - 8 in Turin (Italy). Simon Needham, Emma Downie and Hannah Stewart are all on the GB team.

Here is the link to watch http://www.torino2008.eu/english/en_index.php

3rd March - British Transplant Games 2007

Norrie and Frank were asked to represent the Scottish Archery Association, to be the judges for the Archery section, at the British Transplant Games held in Edinburgh, from 26 - 29 July last year.

The British Transplant Games are organised on behalf of the Transplant Sport UK (TSUK). The games were inaugurated in 1978 in Portsmouth by Maurice Slapak, who at the time was a Consultant Transplant Surgeon. Approximately 100 participants took part in the first Games in a one day event. Over the past 20 years, the British Transplant Games has grown to a four day annual event for over 500 competitors, aged from 4 - 80, and nearly 1000 supporters.

The aim of the Games is to encourage transplant patients to regain fitness and to promote friendship and cooperation between individuals concerned with transplantation, whilst increasing public awareness of the value of organ donation.

Frank says "It was a great experience especially when you consider that approximately 1/3 of all the archers in the competition had not used a bow before or had used it only once. This resulted in a special setup, whereby those archers had to be trained / coached in how to handle a Bow and Arrow in two quick sessions before the actual competition. However, they all had fun and enjoyed the competition."

The archery event took place at the University of Edinburgh's sports complex in The Pleasance and was hosted by Edinburgh University Archery Club who provided the initial training to the participants and then acted as field party. It was an intensive few days for the Club but very rewarding.

For further information, see http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/edinburgh_and_east/6916581.stm

18th February - Recurves are winners at British Champs

The Scottish Team of James Laing(Links), Emma Downie(EUAAC), Lorna Provan(Links) and Malcolm Alexander(Grampian) were first in the Home Nation match against England, Wales and Northern Ireland on Saturday. Scotland scored 2223 in total to put the English Team on 2203 into 2nd place.

To top off the day, James Laing took Silver in the overall competition having managed to go forward in the 1/4 final in a one arrow shoot off. Jenny Jeppsson(EUAC) and Emma Downie(EUAAC) came Head to Head in the Bronze Ladies match with Jenny Jeppsson taking the Bronze and Emma 4th.

Other results, and based on the Fita 18 qualifying score, saw the Club Trophy for Mixed Teams Recurve Bows go to the Edinburgh University team of Jenny Jeppsson, Alexander Lamb, Greg Schnuer and Denis Johnstone and the County Trophy for Mixed Teams go to the Eastern Area team of Jenny Jeppsson(EUAC), Emma Downie(EUAAC), Alexander Lamb(EUAC) and Matt Nowicki(EUAAC)

On the Sunday the Compound Home Nation Team of Ranauld Hutton, Derek McAulay, Ali Sewell and Elayne McLean had a less triumphant experience despite some steady shooting, managing to score 2239 against the English 2287 to put them into second place above Wales.

The Club Trophy for Mixed Teams Compound bows was lifted for Edinburgh University Alumni by Alistair Whittingham, Chris Sainsbury, Claudine Jennings and Tim Keppie.

Full results can be found on the GNAS website

30th January - PB's for Andy in OZ

Canberra's Australia Day Archery Tournament, lays claim to being the biggest shoot in Australian bar Nationals. A few big names were missing from the compound line but 8 out of 10 the top archers from the Australian ranking were present. With yours truly holding the current No.2 spot.

An early but slow start to the first day saw the sun shining but with an unpredictable light breeze, the day gently warmed to the mid 30s. Lunch break before 30m kept us out of the sun at midday. The breeze picked up for 30m but most archers still posted good scores. After Day 1 Pat Coghlan was on 1381, with myself just behind on 1377 and Zoran Singerov on 1371

The shoot got off to a flying start on Day 2, still conditions leading to some big scores, quite whispers start that Pat was on for 14. 70m again quite still, my score after the long metric being decisively average for the day, but Pat in a very comfy place for a big score. 50m I drilled the gold for a 352, taking Coghlan back by a few points. After lunch 30m, breeze up again but left a number of archers with PB for the full FITA and after dropping one 9 Pat sat on 1404, myself on a PB of 1388

1 Pat Coghlan	333 348 343 357 1381	345 351 349 359 1404	2785
2 Andy Ward	329 346 345 357 1377	333 345 352 358 1388	2765
3 Paul Malynn	328 340 345 355 1368	336 347 346 357 1386	2754
4 Dennis Carson	334 340 337 353 1364	335 345 343 358 1381	2745

PBs for me in the Double, Single, Short Metric and 50m

Good luck to everone shooting the Scottish Indoors this weekend. Andy

29th January - just a picture from the weekend



I can't find the results for this shoot anywhere yet but the guy in the middle is called Pat Coghlan, he's an Australian and he shot a 1404 on Sunday. The guy on his left is Andy so he must have done alright. More news when I get it. Yes other photographs testify that it is gloriously sunny and hot over there. Photo courtesy of Diamond Valley Archers.

15th January - Andy gets Gold in NZ

This New Year Andy headed out to New Zealand For the Continental Qualifier in what the locals call "windy Wellington" and has sent in a report, if you want to see where he was shooting visit [Archery New Zealand](#)

Happy New Year to everyone

The weather of the target days resembled a day in Glasgow, moderate winds and constant rain. Last years British summer turned out to be useful training; leaving me on top in the Gents FITA and 70m. Weather warmed up for match play, but the wind kept up. Settling old scores in the semi-finals with Steve Clifton:gold medalist in the commonwealth cup, 115-114. The Final was another rematch this time against Shaun Teasdale, a xx10 to start finished at 113-106.

The event was a pleasure to attend, and special thanks to Robert Sue of London Archers for his hospitality.

Will be back in time for the first events of the session

14th January - Great start to 2008

Sunday 13th January 2008 saw the Indoor Selection Shoot at Lilleshall for those archers with qualifying scores. Scotland was well represented with Simon Needham (Links), Emma Downie (EUAAC) and Hannah Stewart (Links) all making their teams to shoot for GB at the European Indoor Championships - Torino Italy - March 2nd- 9th



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