

SAA News & Articles 2009

23rd December - A fun arty Christmas at Banockburn

Bannockburn Bowmen held their Christmas fun night on Friday 18th December. The evening was organised by George Matthews, and with lots of chocolates and sweets up for grabs, competition was fierce among those taking part! The Fancy Dress competition was won by Fiona Laing who came along as a very convincing snowman, and still managed to shoot! All members had to shoot using varying weight jelly bows and club arrows, so everyone had the same dis-advantages! There were even some very special Christmas target faces supplied by club member and talented artist Jonathan Howlett.



14th December - Impressive Fundraising for Children in Need



The junior section of Bannockburn Bowmen held a sponsored shoot in aid of Children in Need and raised an impressive £550. Event organiser Brenda Williams praised the juniors for their efforts, especially as the majority of them had only been shooting for 3 weeks when the sponsored shoot took place. Not only did they have to concentrate on their shooting, but they also ran a raffle, and many games for the adults to take part in. Douglas Blyth (the "senior" junior) did a great job with keeping everything running smoothly and ensuring all the jobs were done. Thanks too to all the club members who provided raffle prizes for the event. The attached photo shows some members of the junior section who took part in the Children in Need evening.

7th December - David Christie Memorial Shield Awarded



At the SAA AGM Ciaran Murphy from Bannockburn Bowmen was awarded the David Christie Memorial Shield. The trophy to commemorate David Christie's life is awarded each year to the member of the Association who has made, the greatest contribution to their club or to the Association, not necessarily in terms of score or individual achievement, but by their commitment to the good of the club or the Association, by assisting or coaching others to shoot, their help in fund raising, motivating colleagues or team mates, enabling others to participate, or by acting in an administrative or organisational capacity. This perfectly sums up this year's recipient. Ciaran has been a figurehead in the Bannockburn Club for many years and has cheerfully run many shoots for his Club, the County and the Region. Almost every archer within his Club has been assisted by Ciaran at some time through his patience and wealth of experience. He was awarded life Honorary membership of Bannockburn Bowmen in March 2008 in recognition of his achievements for the Club on the shooting field and off.

2nd November - Two new National Judges for Scotland

Congratulations are due to Norrie McLean and Bob Provan who, after the rigorous process of several tournament practicals and a written exam, have both graduated as National Judges

4th October - Bronze for Jenny

At the National Series Grand Final on Sunday Jenny won the Bronze medal in a shoot off against GB Team member and Olympian Alison Williamson in the Ladies Recurve. Charlotte Burgess beat GB team mate Naomi Folkard to the Gold

Full results are available on [National Series website](#)

28th September - 1306 for Jenny and National Series Grand Finalist



Well done to Jenny Jeppsson of Edinburgh University archery club for shooting 1306 at the Telford Double FITA Star held at Lilleshall on 27th September. Jenny is the first member of the SAA to shoot a 1300 in the women's recurve division having started her archery as a novice in Scotland.

Since starting archery at Edinburgh University Jenny has shot for Scotland and Sweden in a career whose highlights include; 7 British University titles, 2 times top qualifier at the British indoors and Swedish Indoor champion.

Jenny also reached the final of Archery GB National Series Grand Final. View the [National Series website](#)

21st September - 2 Bronze, 3 Silver for 2010 Squad in Asian Grand Prix



Bronze for Mark Forrester in the men's recurve individual
Bronze for men's recurve team.
Silver for men's compound team.
Silver for Tracy McGowan in the ladies compound individual
Silver for ladies compound team

Well done to everyone! Results and photos can be found here: <http://www.indianarchery.info/htdocs/2009/agp409.htm> (link opens in a new window)



25th August - Team Silver for John Murray

The GB trio of John Stubbs, John Murray and Fred Stevens won the Silver medal with 212 points to Korea's 215 after beating eventual bronze medalists Germany earlier in the day to reach the final of the World Championship team tournament, in Nymburk, Czech Republic. Earlier, the GB women's compound team won the gold medal in their event. Individual medals were won when GB Compound ladies Danni Brown and Mel Clark secured the Gold and Silver in a match against each other and Fred Steven took Bronze in his match.

12th August - Scots off to Czech Republic

The Para Archery World Championships are taking place in Nymburk, Czech Republic from 14-22 August. John Murray(Loreburn) and Kate Murray(Eastcote) are part of the GB Team for this event. The team manager is Hazel Elliot from Balbardie. Look out for the Murray Elliot assisted results on the Championship website - <http://www.paraarchery09.cz>

10th August - Congratulations to our British Champion

The British Target Championships took place this weekend, 8th and 9th August at Lilleshall. Congratulations to Emma Downie(EUAAC) who is the new British Ladies Recurve Champion.

The Eastern Area won the Ladies Recurve County Team - Emma Downie(EUAAC) Naomi Jones(EUAC) and Tina James(Penicuik).

For the Compounds, Tracy McGowan(Balbardie) was 3rd and took the Double 80 Yards trophy while the Scottish Team of Tracy Mcowan(Balbarie), Tim Keppie(EUAAC), Kyle Dodd(OSF) and Susan Maitland(Penicuik) won the Home Nations Team event. The Recurve team of Emma Downie(EUAAC), Mark Forester(Clyde), Naomi Jones(EUAC) and Malcolm Alexander(Grampian) were 2nd to England.

2nd August - Congratulations to our Scottish Champions

The Scottish Target Championships took place on the weekend of 1st and 2nd August and hosted by Glasgow Archers for the SAA. Champions are Recurve Gent - Simon Needham (Links Archers); Recurve Lady - Kyshiea Steele (Edinburgh University); Compound Gent - Andy Ward (Edinburgh University Alumni); Compound Lady - Claudine Jennings (Edinburgh University Alumni). Brenda Williams (Bannockburn) lifted the Wilkinson Sword Handicap Trophy. Simon Needham claimed 4 European Masters Records for the FITA, 90m 50m and 30m. Full results will be available soon.

26th July - Junior Euronations Report

Friday and the junior euronations was upon us. It seemed only a couple of weeks since we were zooming down to Lilleshall for the junior home nations (Dur - it was only 2 weeks ago). Weather not good, with rain forecast all weekend, the teams set out for a wet practice session followed by the welcome buffet and team managers meeting. It was then back to the hotel to dry off.

Saturday morning 8am and still light rain falling as we left the hotel but as we approached Banchory the sky lightened and although threatening the rain stayed away for most of the day. Scotland got off to a flying start leading the rest after the first dozen in both recurve and compound by 6 points. At the end of 60m they still held on to an 8 point lead in recurve and only 2 points behind the English compounds. After the change of distance England upped their pace and took the lead with Scotland trailing at lunch by 57 and 23 points respectively. After lunch the English team continued to pull away finishing strongly on 4662 and 1694 to Scotland's second place 4564 and 1664.

The day went so smoothly that with over an hour before the bus was due we decided to introduce the archers to the famous "Skye Perfect End" competition. This is a one arrow knock out competition with the judges eliminating the worst arrows at each end until there are only 2 or 3 archers left. At this point the archers shoot 1 arrow head to head on a 10 second crowd countdown starting with the arrow in the quiver. Sounds easy they thought until we pointed out that the shooting line moves randomly before each end so they had to guess a new sight mark for each shot.

It was then back to the hotel to unwind before an evenings entertainment at Codona's funfair on Aberdeen beach.

Sunday morning (is it that time already) and a fine day with just the occasional shower for the individual competition. The Scottish team all did well again with 2nd places for Hannah, Emily and Alex. Over the weekend there were also 9 Scottish records broken.

Elaine Gordon was our lady patron for a very emotional awards ceremony which was preceded by one minute silence in memory of Jim Gordon who was still organising up to his operation. After the traditional letting off steam the teams departed looking forward to next year in Lisburn, Northern Ireland

On behalf of all the teams I would like to thank Elaine, our judges, the field and catering parties for the tremendous work put in before and during the weekend.

Alan Wood
Junior team manager

14th July - Junior Home Nations and UK Champs

A depleted team of 5 juniors set out on Friday 3rd July for the junior Home Nations and junior GB championship weekend. Missing was the whole junior ladies recurve team with Hannah Stewart at the senior Euronations and no one else with sufficient qualifying scores. After the usual problematic journey south (heavy rain and traffic jams around Manchester) we arrived in Lilleshall at 5pm in time for tent rigging and practice. The Blake family joined us just before the end of practice and the first rain of the weekend.

Home Nations day was blustery but fine until the last distance change when the heavens opened and shooting delayed for 15 minutes so the archers could dig out their waterproofs. This meant a delayed prize giving and no time to get changed before dinner. Although there was no chance of a decent team score the team did very well individually M3 2nd place for Fankie Keenan,
M2 3rd place for Alex Blake
M2 4th place for Emily Blake
M1 3rd place for Jamie Paton and 7th for Brendan Butler

Sunday GB championships day and again we had a blustery wind and rain showers later in the day however the shoot went very smoothly allowing us to stay for the prize giving and still be on the road by 6PM. Emily Blake picked up 2nd place in the Bristol 2 compound ladies division and her brother Alex came 3rd in the Bristol 2 gents section.

As stand in team manager I was most impressed with the enthusiasm of both the archers and officials, especially the impromptu line dancing at lunch each day.(must get Chris' video before I am embarrassed on U-tube)

After such a weekend the whole team was saddened to here of Jim Gordon's death 2 days later. We look forward to making the Junior Euronations a fitting tribute to his

memory.

Alan Wood

9th July - With Regret - Jim Gordon

It is with regret and deep sadness that I inform you all of the sudden death of Jim Gordon. Jim was the junior team manager and a member of the selection committee. He dedicated many years to managing the junior team, organising the Junior Euronations and raising funds for the juniors. He will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences go to Elaine and his family.
Tina James, President

Jim's funeral was on Thursday 16th in Aberdeen.

8th July - Senior Euronations Report

The Euronations 2009 competition, held within the Edinburgh University Playing Fields at Peffermill, Edinburgh was, this year a very close competition between the Scottish and English teams. My thanks go to our team, who despite the tricky weather conditions put on a great performance. In particular I would like to congratulate Simon Needham on his achievement of setting a new European record, subject to ratification, in the Masters recurve division.

As ever the weather featured, whilst we had, for the majority of the weekend, sunshine, there was a tricky breeze in action on the field and the torrential downpour during one end on the Sunday certainly impacted on those archers who were on the shooting line at that time.

Two team trophies were won by Scotland. The Scottish recurve gents took the honours with a score of 3756 against the 3647 achieved by England and when combined with the ladies score the combined recurve team score of 7249 for Scotland beat the English total by 89 points. However, the other categories were won by the English teams including the overall honour of the combined team in which Scotland was 2nd narrowly missing out to England by 13 points – a very close competition.

Although outwith the Euronations competition, congratulations go again to Simon and also to Tracy (Ladies compound) for winning the Head to Head competition in their respective disciplines

Full results from the weekend should shortly be available to view on the www.euronations2009.co.uk web site.

Norrie McLean
SAA Senior Team Manager

2nd July - More medal successes in Island Games



Congratulations to the Orkney Gents Compound Team of Stewart Stanger, Ian Kennedy and Alan Bowmer who won Gold in the Team Head to Heads and to the Shetland team of Billy Finnie, Ryan Leith and Martin Krusche who took the Bronze. <http://www.natwestislandgames2009.ax>

30th June - Senior Euronation in Edinburgh

The 2009 Senior Euronation Event is being held at the University of Edinburgh, this coming weekend 3rd to 5th of July. So this year most of the team doesn't have far to travel. Perhaps if you are in the area you can come and spectate at the Peffermill Playing Fields

Congratulations to Simon Needham, James Laing, Mark Forester and Matt Nowicki, Andrew Ward, Alistair Whittingham, Kyle Dodds and Tim Keppie who comprise the gents teams, and to Emma Downie, Hannah Stewart (JL), Kysheia Steele and Cherry Lynne, Susan Maitland, Claudine Jennings, Tracey McGowan and Elayne McLean who form the ladies teams. Norrie McLean is Team Manager.

30th June - Medal successes in Natwest Island Games



The Island Games are currently taking place on The Åland Islands and there is very strong archery contingent from the Scottish Islands. Results to date show that Billie Finnie from Shetland has won Gold in the Compound Gents Individual Fita with Stewart Stranger from Orkney taking the Bronze. Sara Leith also from Shetland won Bronze in the Ladies Compound Individual Fita. Individual Head to Heads and Team rounds have still to take place. <http://www.natwestislandgames2009.ax>

29th June - Five New Scottish Records at Clyde Rose

5 New Scottish Records at Clyde Arrows Rose Status Open

The day started dull and overcast with light winds and pretty much ended in the same manner, however that isn't the story of the day!

The tournament kicked off with everyone in good spirits and with the judging team having decided that inspection would take place through the day rather than with the normal queues at the shooting line.

With a small entry the shoot was conducted in a single wave but this was not rushed and was in fact fairly leisurely with an hour break for lunch and 45 minutes between distances.

As the day progressed it became more apparent that there were some good scores being shot and it wasn't till the end of the day when the scores were finalised that it was realised just how good they were! The first realisation was when there was an enormous "YESSS!!!!!" from Derek McAulay of Glasgow Archers as he realised that he had raised his Gents Compound U/L record for the York by 18 points to a staggering 1266 having dropped out of the gold only 15 times over the day. Then it was the turn of one of Clyde's Juniors, Douglas Cameron to realise that he had managed to just clinch the U16 Boys Recurve Bristol II record by just one point.

As the final results were collated it became apparent that there had in fact been a further three records shot over the day

Eileidh Gregory raised the Recurve U16 Girls Bristol II record from 884 to 1059.

Brenda Williams shot a new Ladies Bare Bow Hereford record of 320

And finally Ted Hughes took the Gents Compound U/L record for the Long National from Clyde club mate Eddie Williams with a score of 572

We are now hoping for a similar result at the Western Area Double FITA being hosted by Clyde Arrows on the 18th & 19th July 2009

The organiser would like to extend a special thanks to the Judges (Bob and Alistair) and field party who helped made the day run smoothly and whom the organiser forgot to thank at the presentation ceremony.

20th June - Inter-area Shoot Results

This 2009 Inter-area competition, hosted by the Eastern Area, was held today 20 June at the Penicuik shoot. The Eastern Area Team won overall with the Northern Area just pipping the West for 2nd place. Well done to all the archers who represented their Areas.

Eastern Area - David Herd, Ken Myles, Leigh Christie; Murray Elliot, Erik Rowbottom, Graham Mitchell; Kyshiea Steele and Moira Taylor - 9267

Northern Area - Alasdair Hamilton, Bob Proven, Jacqui Alexander; Mike Alexander, Keith Lobban, Paul McGregor; Frankie Keenan(JG) and Jamie Paton(JG) - 8773

Western Area - Frank Maguire, Fiona Quayle, Mark Lyon; Sandy Gregory, Brendan Butler(JG), Bill Murray; Ann Ward and Cherry Lynn - 8770

9th June - Success for John and Kate

Congratulations to John Murray who along with John Stubbs and Fred Stevens has won Gold in the Mixed Compound Team event at the IPC World Invitational Shoot at Stoke Mandeville this week. Congratulations also to Kate Murray won an individual Bronze medal. Murray Elliot and Sandy Gregory were also competing for the GB Team at this event.

9th June - Success in Gold for Edward

Congratulations to Eddie Stanley, Fellowship of the Bow, who has won the Compound Limited title for the second year running at the All British and Open Field Championships held on 23/24 May 2009. Results are available from the [GNAS Field Website](#).

19th May - Team brings home medals from South Africa

Saturday FITA round:

Andy Ward - Silver (1376). Simon Needham - Silver (1257). James Laing - Bronze (1256). Tracy McGowan - Silver (1348)

70m/H2hs:

Andy Ward - Gold. Simon Needham - Gold. James Laing - Silver. Tracy McGowan - Silver

16th April - A Bronze for Murray

Congratulations to Murray Elliot who along with his GB Paralympian team mates took Bronze at the Arizona Cup. Full story on the [GNAS news](#)

28th March - Fields in Trust Youth Sport Awards

National charity awards for young sports participants

At the recent Fields In Trust award ceremony Alex Blake received an award for Endeavour and Hannah Stewart received an award for Achievement. The awards were presented by the Lord Provost of Dundee, John Letford.



fit Fields in Trust (FIT) Scotland, formerly the National Playing Fields Association, is the nation's only charity dedicated to protecting and improving outdoor spaces for sport, recreation and play, held their national young Scots sports awards ceremony in Dundee City Chambers yesterday evening. The event is designed to encourage young Scots to participate in sport and to recognise endeavour and achievement. Twenty three young Scots from 14 different sports received awards at this year's event. The event was hosted by the Lord Provost of Dundee, John Letford

Each year a Scottish 'sports personality of the year' is also chosen and this year's award went to cyclist and triple Olympian Sir Chris Hoy.

Peter Cabrelli, FIT Scotland Chairman said:

'All too often society portrays young people in a negative fashion; this event demonstrates that portrayal to be misleading. Many of the young winners are already competing at international level and are very positive role models for their peers.'

Lord Provost John Letford said:

'For many of our young people who have a talent in sport, the ability to get out and do what they love is a vital part of their training and development, not just as athletes but as productive members of society.'

'The facilities we have here in Dundee go some way towards helping to create the young winners honoured here tonight, but the wider work of Fields in Trust in Scotland makes a massive and often unseen contribution to protecting and preserving areas for sport and play across the country'

9th March - Four new County Coaches for Scotland

Please join me in congratulating 4 new County Coaches for Scotland

Tom Clint
David Hutton
Andrew Kelly
Brian Kupris

The assessment was held at the Scottish National Sports Centre in Largs over the 7th and 8th March 2009.

Assessors were Tony Gray and Helen George. To whom thanks are due for the way they conducted the assessment.

Iain Wilson

23rd Feb - Mixed fortunes at National Indoor

Compound Day - In the Home Nations The Scottish Trophy was won by England 2307, with Scotland 2nd on 2272, Wales 3rd 2243 and N. Ireland 2201

The Mixed Teams Club Merlin Bows Trophy went to Edinburgh Univ Alumni 2291, 2nd was Clophill AC on 2283

County Merlin Bows Trophy - In a close contest this was won by Worcestershire on 2293. Eastern Area was 3rd on tens to Cheshire 135/132 both on 2291.

Recurve Day - In the Home Nations The Easton Cup was won by England 2176, with Scotland a very close 2nd on 2170, Wales 3rd 2144 and N. Ireland 2133

The Mixed Teams Club Bowlyne Trophy was won by Bowmen of Bruntwood 2254 with Edinburgh Univ Alumni 2nd on 2184

In the qualifying FITA 18 Round the Marlbrook UK Trophy for 1st went to Lady Jenny Jeppsson Edinburgh UAC who had to concede final victory for 1st place in the Head to Head final to Olympian Charlotte Burgess in a one arrow shoot off after they had tied at 112-112.

23rd Feb - Archery Sport Team Leader for Delhi

Following the Commonwealth Games Council Scotland (CGCS) advertising this voluntary post, the SAA is pleased to announce that CGS have selected Bob Provan to be the Sport Team Leader for Archery in the 2010 Commonwealth games.

19th Feb - New Performance Director for Archery GB

Former Olympic cyclist Sara Symington will lead Great Britain's bid for archery medals at London 2012 after being named as performance director. The 39-year-old, who competed in Sydney and Athens in 2000 and 2004, will take up her new role next month.

See [BBC Sport](#) for more details

16th Feb - Commonwealth Games team staff announced for Delhi

With only 596 days until the start of the next Commonwealth Games in Delhi in October 2010, Commonwealth Games Scotland (CGS) announced today the people appointed to form the general team management. This group of key individuals, supported by the CGS Board, will lead the planning and preparation of the team and will be joined by other staff over the next 20 months.

See [Sportscotland press release](#) for more details

13th Feb - Senior Team for Home Nations Indoor

The British Indoor Championships takes place at Lilleshall over the weekend of 21-22 February, and incorporates the Home Nations Team Competition with Compounders competing on Saturday and Recurve on Sunday. The Compound Team team is Andy Ward, Alistair Whittingham, Claudine Jennings and Tracey McGowan. The Recurve Team is James Laing, Malcolm Alexander, Emma Downie and Cherry Lyne. Congratulations to them all and good luck.

9th February - Congratulations to the Vegas Stars

A very very big competition with a prize pot of \$165,000.00 has just finished in Vegas. Its so big I'm not even going to try and count the number of competitors, but there were 34 pages of registered archers and 48 divisions.

Congratulations to James Laing and Bob Provan (Links) who were both 3rd in their divisions or "Flights" as they are called, and to Simon Needham for coming 12th in the Classic Limited Male Championships

All the archers have to complete three 3spot 18m Vegas rounds, so this is a very challenging international event where the standard is incredibly high and their performances must be real confidence boosters for James and Simon who are training for the 2010 Commonwealth Games

Full [Results for the NFAA World Archery Festival](#) - VEGAS 2009

8th February - Scottish Indoor Champions

The Scottish Indoor Championships were held on Sunday at Lasswade. Congratulations to our Champions

Gents Recurve - Malcolm Alexander (Grampian) **Ladies Recurve** - Jenny Jeppson (EUAC)
Gents Compound - Alistair Whittingham (EUACA) and **Ladies Compound** - Claudine Jennings (EUACA)
[Full Results.](#)

27th Jan - Congratulations Malcolm

Results from Nimes

Congratulations to Malcolm Alexander, who finished 10th from 355 recurve gents in Nimes European Archery Tournament 2009.

Andy Ward & Alistair Whittingham, unfortunately did not make the cut for first 32, but have one of two qualifying scores for the next indoor selection shoot off for Archery GB team.

We wish them all the best.

Lana Needham (SAA HPC) and the 2010 Squad and Staff

[Pictures can be found here](#) (external website - opens in new window)

- Malcolm Alexander ranked 20 scoring 575. Through 1/16 scoting 114 vs106
- David Lange ranked 190 scoring 528
- Andy Ward ranked 44 scoring 580
- Alastair Whittingham ranked 46 scoring 580
- Jenny Jepson ranked 13 scoring 568. Lost in 1/16 scoting 112/9 vs 112/10
- Malcolm Alexander Lost in 1/8 scoting 115/9 vs 115/10 against Simon Terry

16th Jan - Team Bronze for Hannah

Team Bronze for Hannah. Congratulations! The British girls have picked up a team bronze. The boys won individual gold and bronze and a team bronze . Results are on the [Official Website](#) and some of the youngsters including Hannah have been blogging so read Hannah's [pre match report](#) and catch up on what's happening at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival 2009.



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