



## UPCOMING EVENTS



Some of the dates below are unconfirmed, and will remain so until the entry forms come in.

### 2002

#### May

- 5<sup>th</sup> York/Her'd, Kilwinning
- 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Area Champs, Bannockburn
- 19<sup>th</sup> FITA, Ayr
- 25-26<sup>th</sup> Dbl FITA Star, Linwood
- 26<sup>th</sup> FITA, Glamis

#### June

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Albion, Lasswade
- 8<sup>th</sup> FITA, Banchory
- 9<sup>th</sup> York/Her'd, Banchory (Nothern Area Champs)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> York/Her'd, Newton Mearns (West. Champs)
- 29<sup>th</sup> FITA, Penicuik
- 30<sup>th</sup> Masters, Penicuik

#### July

- 2-6<sup>th</sup> Skye week
- 13-14<sup>th</sup> FITA Star, Banchory

#### August

- 3-4<sup>th</sup> FITA Star, Glasgow (SAA Champs)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Papingo, Kilwinning
- 17<sup>th</sup> Scan.FITA, Glasgow
- 18<sup>th</sup> York/Hereford, Glasgow
- 25<sup>th</sup> SAA Junior Champs

#### September

- 1<sup>st</sup> FITA (h/cap), Harlaw
- 7<sup>th</sup> FITA Star, Penicuik
- 8<sup>th</sup> FITA Star, Penicuik (Inter-area champs)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Clout, Castle Fraser

More to follow...

## Workshop success

Having attended the eastern area workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, I felt it may be useful to those who didn't make it, to write up a short report.

The event was well attended with 50-60 paying archers turning up to subject themselves to intensive scrutiny (well, as intensive as they wanted it to be). It was nice to see so many new faces who don't normally attend shoots, including a good helping of juniors.

The assembled knowledge of archery was impressive with Simon and Lana Needham, Pete Willerton, Moira Taylor, Muriel Kirkwood, Joe Cowan, Tim Goodwin, Alistair Whittingham and OTHERS! Heading up the coaching and "expert" staff.

Tina, Yvonne, Elaine, Norrie and others also helped out

with the other organizational tasks including supplying lots of tasty bacon rolls, muffins, stovies, coffee, tea, juice, etc. etc. etc throughout the day.

The main hall was devoted to shooting, tuning and coaching. Talks by Simon (on just about everything) and Michael Mather (on the SAA) took place in other parts of the building.

Willie ran a video-your-form session in the back room where there was also an arrow speed meter and arrow cutters for those of a more technical bent.

Joe spent HOURS making strings for anyone who asked, and everyone seemed to have a good time generally socializing, shooting and learning.

I went home tired out from another successful workshop, and I'd recommend the next one to anyone who is interested in the sport and wishes to improve.

## Junior Awards Scheme (JAWS)

Subsequent to the last issue and came up with the following information (courtesy of the Junior Archery website [www.aasinfo.demon.co.uk](http://www.aasinfo.demon.co.uk)).

This is a free scheme run by GNAS for all juniors in the sport, whether shooting field, target or a combination of both and whatever bow type.

During the year an archer keeps a record of all the shoots he or she enters, along with the scores, the final position in the tournament and other details (did you set a new record etc.). These will be used to work out points gained.

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## JAWS [continued]

Points can also be gained by entering the July postals, the November Challenge, entering AAS shoots, gaining AAS achievement badges and so on.

At the end of the year (December) these details are entered into a book provided by GNAS and the book sent in.

These points are then totalled up and a rank order produced, the top 100 archers get special badges.

At the start of the next year you get another book and the whole process starts over again.

The entry form can be found at this web address:

[www.aasinfo.demon.co.uk/jawsform.html](http://www.aasinfo.demon.co.uk/jawsform.html)

AAS stands for The **Association for Archery in Schools** and they run a number of tournaments for all GNAS juniors throughout the year.

The AAS also runs summer and winter postal leagues and the badge scheme. With GNAS they also run a November Challenge and the July Nationals (this year being held in Skelmersdale). If you are interested in getting more information, feel free to ask!

## Competition Entries

Just a wee reminder to anyone who feels the urge to join us on the field of an organised shoot – please see Willie (Grange members) or Paul (Balbardie members) **WELL IN ADVANCE** if you are interested in taking part in any competitions to register your interest, or simply to find out more...

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## New Area Squad Organiser!

**Hot off the press**

The Eastern Area has a new squad organizer for the upcoming season... none other than our own Hazel Scott (that'll teach her for going along to Eastern Area Meetings).

Squad entry qualifications, schedule, etc. to be identified in the not too distant future.

## Wet start to the season

The traditionally poor weather which heralds the start of the outdoor season didn't disappoint those who went along to St. Andrews for the annual Silver Arrow shoot (Murray, Willie, and Ralph among the throng). The day started promisingly enough with

the smell of bacon butties wafting through the cold, stiff breeze but by the end of the first dozen scoring arrows the heavens opened, rapidly merging into a torrent of hailstones at which point the shoot was postponed for 10 minutes [continued...]



## TIPS FROM THE COACH



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#### Getting to know your Equipment.

Do you know what length your arrows are? What the weight of you bow is? Do you know what you draw length is?

To help you out when you are tuning your bow, going to buy some new equipment or just generally to help you try and resolve a problem you should have an equipment record / checklist.

Why not fill out the equipment checklist attached to this news letter and see how much you really know about your equipment.

If there are any questions on the checklist you don't understand then why not check out the archer's reference guide, ask the coach or an experienced archer.

## Wet start to the season [cont]

Ten minutes up and the judge announced "it's not getting any better" and promptly announced a two minute warning to resumption of shooting!

The author braved his last three arrows and retired, soaked, cold and miserable (only the second time I've

ever retired).

I can honestly say it DOES get better during the season, so please don't let this put you off coming along to competitions in the near future!

Results to follow soon...

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## Congrats...

Congrats to Willie on equaling the clubs Portsmouth record (575). Took you long enough! (ha ha)

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## New website

I've given my website a bit of a facelift – new design, new edition of the archer's reference. Same old site.

The club pages are accessible under the links pages until such times as we can organize a proper site for the club information to reside.

I'm planning (sometime in the future) to have a website where you will be able to login and manage your own scores and see (automagically!) what your handicaps and classifications are.

But that's a job for later in the year. Meantime, enjoy the site and give me your feedback!



## New toys!

Several new toys have hit the market recently... Win & Win have recently announced a new riser called the "Infinite". This riser is novel in that it combines aluminium with a layer of bonded carbon around the hand grip. This new riser is joined by the equally novel new "Synergy" limbs which are curved both along the length AND width... and incorporate Titanium in the layers.

Gimmicks? Only time will tell!



Samick have also introduced three new risers to their lineup. The Master, The Mizar and the low-cost Lavita (a direct competitor to the Win & Win Trigger. True to form they have also introduced the new "Master HM" (High modulus) carbon limbs.

Hoyt's latest riser products, the AeroTec and the Axis have been getting rave reviews (particularly the AeroTec as it is much lighter than it's predecessor and has "standard" limb fittings). The suite is completed with several new limbs: The FX, Vector, Kinetic and Edge (in order of cost).

*More info on these products can be found in the latest Quicks catalogue, just out.*



AeroTec Axis

Unless you are experienced, please do NOT go out and buy equipment without first seeking advice from the club members!

## INTERNET LINKS



When entering the text below into your web browser, type the whole text as one line.

### Club webpages

- [www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/balbardie.html](http://www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/balbardie.html)
- [www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/grange.html](http://www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/grange.html)

### Other Scottish Clubs

- [www.linksarchers.ndirect.co.uk](http://www.linksarchers.ndirect.co.uk)
- [www.lasswadearchers.co.uk](http://www.lasswadearchers.co.uk)
- [beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/grampianbowmen](http://beehive.thisisnorthscotland.co.uk/grampianbowmen)
- [www.archers.20m.com](http://www.archers.20m.com)
- [web.ukonline.co.uk/falkirkcomp/anyofarchers](http://web.ukonline.co.uk/falkirkcomp/anyofarchers)
- [members.tripod.com/david\\_arc/index.html](http://members.tripod.com/david_arc/index.html)
- [www.bichardelectrical.com/Archery](http://www.bichardelectrical.com/Archery)
- [www.bannockburn-bowmen.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.bannockburn-bowmen.fsnet.co.uk)
- [www.carman-stables.co.uk/Archery/ArcheryIndex.htm](http://www.carman-stables.co.uk/Archery/ArcheryIndex.htm)
- [www.alumni.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk](http://www.alumni.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk)
- [www.penicuikarchers.org.uk](http://www.penicuikarchers.org.uk)

