

# S.I.F.A.

Society Of Irish Field Archers

## NEWSLETTER

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### In this first issue...

**Shoot with S.E.R.T.**

**Dunbrody Archers decide not to rejoin SIFA.**

**3 Counties hold training for coaches.**

Hi everyone. There has been a need for some time for an information source for SIFA members that would run in conjunction with the existing SIFA website and Facebook page. Therefore I have decided to run a frequent newsletter which will feature items from the clubs & the individual members as well as other outside news that looks relevant & interesting. Hope ye like what I will do. Cheers. Andrew

### €3,425.10 MADE FOR S.E.R.T.

Well done to all involved in the recent charity shoot held at Dunbrody Archers woods at Tinnicarrig. The shoot was an open one and several SIFA archers attended to show their support. Those who couldn't make it raised money in advance of the shoot and SIFA clubs and the SIFA association itself contributed generously. Jerome Doran who was the brainchild behind the event was clearly delighted with what was raised. Jerome himself is undergoing cancer treatment. We all hope he continues to improve and return to full fitness. There were 28 targets in total set up, two of which were very interesting-challenging moving targets, one being the pop up little owl, the other a red kite on a zip line. Jerome had designed these very popular targets. The Dunbrody members had offered Jerome use of the woods for the competition and the club helped run the day. Lots of prizes were donated for the raffle which was also well supported. Jerome and SERT would like to sincerely thank all who contributed in any way.

### SHOOT CALENDAR 2017

Clubs should be working on their events & dates for 2017. Lets get a packed calendar going for the new year.

### TRAINING IN CLONMEL...

3 Counties have had Eric Kelly in for level 1 training of coaches and by all accounts it went very well with lots of encouraging reviews.

### CALLING SIFA CLUBS...

Andrew is the new SIFA P.R.O and wishes that all SIFA clubs will send on any news, photos and contributions from events that they hold or are involved in... ie shoots, fun events, social activities, presentations etc.

### DUNBRODY ARCHERS DECIDE NOT TO JOIN SIFA.

It was decided within this south east club that they would not join up with SIFA for 2016/2017. Dunbrody were one of the founding SIFA clubs but they will now shoot under IFAF instead.

**LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW  
SIFA HANDBOOK FOR 2017...**

### THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ARCHERY - ARCHERY EXCUSES

Each issue I will publish a selection of archery excuses and you may smile over as you recall having said it in the past. This was suggested due to a list of 100 top excuses that I compiled some years ago... **(Part 1)**

- 1. Forgot my good arrows today!**
- 2. Stupid dog had me up half the night!**
- 3. Didn't have time for breakfast this morning...**
- 4. Bow is too weak for me now!**
- 5. The guy in my group kept talking as I went to shoot.**
- 6. Think I should be shooting left handed!**
- 7. Moan, moan, moan that's all he does out there!**
- 8. Had the kids shooting with me today...**
- 9. Should have wore my hat, sun was blinding me all day.**
- 10. Can't shoot this course - uphill, downhill, uphill, downhill...**

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We would like to get to know our newest SIFA members from Marble Archers. Perhaps a special newsletter piece might work soon so stay tuned. Welcome to SIFA.



Áction at the last Aos Dana shoot which took place in a field near Ramsgrange. Although interesting and fun, it also was a tough shoot in muddy- non ideal conditions. All who attended will probably put it in a "one to remember" category.

## SIFA DELEGATES MEETING

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2017

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## NEXT SHOOT

At time of printing the first shoot lined up for 2017 will be Loughcrew on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. No further details yet. Next after that will be Aos Dána on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb next.

## SIFA CLUB LOCATIONS...

IAC CO. OFFALY

3 COUNTIES CO. TIPPERARY

CARROWMORE CO. SLIGO

LOUGHCREW CAVAN / MEATH BORDER

AOS DANÁ SOUTH WEST WEXFORD LIMERICK

YEOMEN SOUTH LIMERICK

ASHGROVE SOUTH KILKENNY

MARBLE ARCHERS CO. FERMANAGH

DONEGAL ARCHERS CO. DONEGAL *tbc - No present venue*

**AOS DÁNA WOODS** AOs Dana are working on acquiring a new woods. They have identified some suitable venues near their old woods in the Ramsgrange area. Good luck gang. We look forward to seeing the new set up.



Members of Three Counties Archers undergoing level 1 coaching course... Robert Grant, Shane Reid, Martin McGrath, Peter Nolan, ( kneeling ) Kuth Knox, Eric Kelly ( SIFA national coach ) , Owen Lanigan, Pat McNamara ( kneeling ) Antony Fitzgerald, Robert Reid, Jane Murphy, Tara Sweetman Ray O Leary.

## MOMENTS IN 2016



Photos of a successful 2016 SIFA Champs held jointly by Ashgrove and 3 Counties.

*A happy Christmas and peaceful new year to all in SIFA and our archery friends in Ireland and beyond.*

