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Society Of Irish Field Archers

NEWSLETTER

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In issue 2... A new year of archery

Jim Boyle R.I.P - a true gentleman archer



Loughcrew is first shoot up on 2017 calendar

Hi everyone. This is our 2nd issue and I hope you enjoyed our first installment. It is my aim to improve and develop with each issue. Hope you also enjoy our trivia and fun sections. I really would appreciate your feedback and suggestions. Photos are also welcome too, especially something a little different and... er not too controversial. Thanks. Andrew. (SIFA P.R.O)

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SIFA...

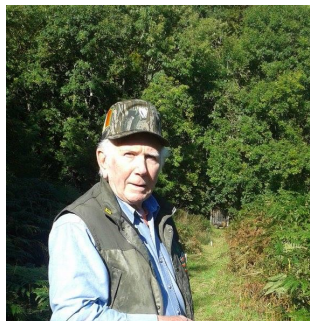
As the new year is now well underway, we in SIFA look forward to the first of the 2017 shoots. First up will be Loughcrew on 12th Feb. SIFA is actively seeking new clubs to join the association. Pat (SIFA Secretary) and of Three Counties Archers is working hard to promote archery nationally and is targeting non archery regions including North Tipperary. There has even been newspaper articles and SIFA promotional adverts featured in regional papers such as the Tipperary Guardian.

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.

RIP JAMES BOYLE

We remember with fondness the gentleman archer James (Jim) Boyle who passed away in December. He was buried in Rathmullen cemetery Donegal on December 15th. Those of us shooting arrows a while will have come across Jim. His good humour, smiles and engaging conversations we will remember. Sadly missed by all the gang at Jims club -Donegal Archers. (see page 2)



FAVOURITE MOVIES FEATURING ARCHERY...

Do you have a favourite archery related movie / a movie that depicts archery to some degree? Some movies show archery skills in a stylish, appealing and accurate light, then there are the others where you would wonder how the actor or actress didn't manage to kill themselves with a bow or arrow... There are many notable archery movies... The Lord of the Rings, The Hunger Games, Kingdom of Heaven, Troy, Brave, Avatar, Braveheart, 300, Rambo, to name but a few...

Why not tell us your favourite and why.... email me and we may be able to compile a list of peoples favourites, could be interesting. Email andcalum@googlemail.com

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ARCHERY - ARCHERY EXCUSES - PART 2

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 was in issue 1)

- 11. What muppet set out this course- it's dangerous, - it's a disaster!**
- 12. Got a puncture on the way here this morn.**
- 13. Would you believe I put my limbs on upside down today...**
- 14. Those target distances were all wrong out there.**
- 15. Arrow rest broke!**
- 16. My wife was taunting me all day... and then to top it all -she beat me!**
- 17. My arrows skimmed off most of the 3d's today!**
- 18. Didn't wear my lucky undies...**
- 19. Had to drag my kid around the woods all day- enough said!**
- 20. Cannot concentrate, Car's in for it's nct test today.**

Your contributions are welcomed

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SIFA ARCHERS IN ACTION AT WEXFORD ARCHERY IFAF SHOOT - 29TH JAN.

Although it was a wet dreary day almost 80 archers took part (79 total from 23 different clubs) including several SIFA, SIFA / IFAF dual association archers as follows... (David & Aaron Mc Dermott - Aos Dana, Andy White, Ivan, Evan & Robert Cummins, Andrew & Calum Wayland - Ashgrove Archers, Tina Rawson - Mayo Archery club / (SIFA registered - Loughcrew), David Leigh - Dunbrody / (SIFA registered - 3 Counties), Adrian & Liam Ryan - 3 Counties, Tony Eady & Bryan Rentes - Dunbrody / (SIFA registered - IAC) and Csaba Balazs - IAC. The competition was a 28 target Unmarked animal round. Not everyone of the 79 attendees completed the full day due to the adverse weather. Well done to all, as to take part and even finish was an achievement in itself *(apologies for any unintended name omissions)*

SIFA DELEGATES MEETING TOOK PLACE ON SUN 29TH JAN

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See your Club delegates for info.

Jim Boyle RIP 2016



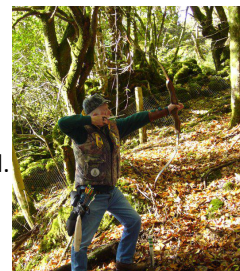
PHOTO REWIND... (New regular feature) Karen Cullen at IAC SIFA SBG -March 2015



Fiona Smith in IMM (round 2) action in New Ross on 5th Feb.

JIM BOYLE- RIP (continued from page 1.)

Donegal Archers lost a true legend in December as well known Jim Boyle sadly passed away. He was a founding father of field archery in Ireland and was a wonderful character. We were privileged to know him. Jim born in USA was an avid bow hunter for many years & he was a fine shot too. When younger he was in the U.S Airforce where he was stationed in Germany amongst other places. During his life he was very well travelled. He loved to tell a funny story, and no doubt he would have encountered many stories and tales during his years in the airforce and on his travels. Donal from Donegal Archers said he is sorely missed. Jim is survived by his wife, two daughters & their families.



WORLD INTERNATIONAL MAIL MATCH

2017 There are some SIFA archers participating in this years WIMM around the country. This is a worldwide mail entry tournament (open to archers from all associations) where participants shoot 3 rounds of 60 arrows over 3 dates this winter and spring. On each date there are 12 rounds of 5 arrows. These dates can be arranged by the host venue any time ahead of deadline dates . The targets are special dark blue roundals with white centre.. The rounds are held indoors with an official adjudicator - an official nominated to keep everything above board. Countries from as far away as Brazil and Australia take part and shooting categories are in line with IFAA styles. Ireland have had lots of success in this in past years. So good luck to those taking part this time round.

ARCHERY RELATED QUIZ (answers next week)

1. What actress stars as Katniss Everdeen in The Hunger Games
2. Where are the 2017 World Bowhunter Championships (WBHC) taking place?
3. Does the back of the bow face towards or away from the archer during drawing?
4. In field archery what does double scoring mean?



NORTH TIPP SIFA CLUB It now seems likely that a new club will be set up in North Tipperary around Thurles which will be great news for our association. Watch this space.

NEXT ISSUE - LOUGHCREW 12TH FEB VALENTINES SHOOT RECAP