

S.I.F.A.

Society Of Irish Field Archers

NEWSLETTER

Issue 3. Late Feb 2017

Editor: Andrew Wayland

In this issue... Loughcrew open the SIFA shoot calendar with a valentines shoot.



Next SIFA shoot - Aos Dána 12th Mar

Hi all, another issue and now the SIFA competitive year is up and underway. We hope it will be a great season especially with new clubs coming on board in 2017. For this newsletter to work I do need your contributions however so please contact me with your club or individual archer news, pics, trivia, event info etc.

Regards Andrew (SIFA P.R.O)

LOUGHCREW VALENTINE SHOOT RECAP...

On 12th Feb Loughcrew hosted the first SIFA shoot of the year. Close to 50 archers took part which was a good turn out, obviously everyone was eagerly awaiting a return to competitive action. The weather was cold but not as bad as feared. There were many unusual targets to shoot. The hosts incorporated a reduced shooting style system. The event was enjoyed by all in attendance. Well done Loughcrew. Results on page 2...

Loughcrew pics



SHOOT CHANGE - AOS DANA SHOOT 27TH FEB WAS POSTPONED / RESCHEDULED... **NEW DATE 12TH MARCH**

AOS DANA SWOP DATES WITH IAC

Aos Dana have not managed to sort their new woodlands for their calendared shoot set for 27th Feb so IAC kindly offered to give them their date - 12th March. Check Web and text updates for further info. **Stop press...** Just before printing we learned that Aos Dana have indeed secured their 1st choice woods. Roll on 12th March!

Loughcrew pics



THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ARCHERY - ARCHERY EXCUSES **PART 3.**

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... (continued from issue 2)

- 21. He spent more time on the phone than he did shooting!**
- 22. I only wanted to shoot for fun today anyway...**
- 23. Should have went golfing with the gang today instead.**
- 24. Had one too many last night!**
- 25. Rugby training and field archery just don't mix!**
- 26. My score card got destroyed in the wet... pity, coz I had a super score.**
- 27. Hessian targets - cannot stand them!**
- 28. Put myself under way too much pressure trying to get my gold gain.**
- 29. Forgot to bring lunch today.**
- 30. Felt dehydrated out there, must drink more fluids...**

Items for the Newsletter should be sent to Andrew at andcalum@googlemail.com or contact **087 6758087**

DON B'S EXCUSES...

Don Bradley reminded me recently that he had originally compiled a list of 50 top archery excuses some years back which started a trend that I had added on. Therefore Don will have a few interesting excuses to add over the coming issues.



PAGE 2

LOUGHCREW SBG RESULTS 12TH FEB THE MEDALLISTS

WELL DONE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

FOR FULL RESULTS SEE SIFA WEBSITE

LONGBOW /HISTORICAL*****

LIAM MCDONALD GENTS 1ST (AOS DANA)

ERIC KELLY GENTS 2ND (IAC)

RICHARD RYDING GENTS 3RD (LOUGHCREW)

AM FLATBOW*****

COLM MURPHY GENTS 1ST (IAC)

ANTHONY FITZGERALD GENTS 2ND (3 COUNTIES)

JANE MURPHY LADIES 1ST (3 COUNTIES)

TRAD RECURVE*****

MARK DILLON CUB BOY 1ST (IAC)

ANTONY FITZGERALD CUB BOY 2ND (3 COUNTIES)

ANASTASIA FITZGERALD CUB GIRL 1ST (3 COUNTIES)

BHR*****

FRED PACKENHAM GENTS 1ST (LOUGHCREW)

JEFF CURTIS GENTS 2ND (LOUGHCREW)

STEPHEN BRAY GENTS 3RD (LOUGHCREW)

GERALDINE RELPH LADIES 1ST (LOUGHCREW)

DYLAN HODMAN JUNIOR BOY 1ST (AOS DANA)

BRIAN BRAY JUNIOR BOY 2ND (LOUGHCREW)

NIAMH RELPH JUNIOR LADIES 1ST (LOUGHCREW)

AARON McDERMOTT CUB BOY 1ST (AOS DANA)

DAMIEN BRAY CUB BOY 2ND (LOUGHCREW)

HELENA O' CONNOR CUB GIRL 1ST (IAC)

AOIBHINN MCDONALD CUB GIRL 2ND (AOS DANA)

KIRSTY O' CONNOR CUB GIRL 3RD (IAC)

BOWHUNTER COMPOUND*****

GAVIN CANTY CUB BOY 1ST (3 COUNTIES)

BOWHUNTER UNLIMITED COMPOUND*****

TAMAS SZEGO GENTS 1ST (CARROWMORE)

MAREK PODSIADLY GENTS 2ND (LOUGHCREW)

MICHAEL MASSEY GENTS 3RD (LOUGHCREW)

FREESTYLE RECURVE LTD*****

DAVID McDERMOTT GENTS 1ST (AOS DANA)

Due to space restrictions we are unable to include the full 45 results so instead this list features those placed in the medals. See SIFA website for full results. Well done everyone.

QUIZ ANSWERS FROM ISSUE 2

1. Jennifer Lawrence.
2. Florence Italy.
3. Away from the archer during drawing.
4. Two people in the group record the group scores for clarification, fairness and accuracy.

PHOTO REWIND

Liam and Aoibhinn of Aos Dana at Three Counties SBG August 2015



GREAT NEWS - BIG PROGRESS MADE ON NEW TIPPERARY CLUB.

On (17th Feb) Pat McNamara, Antony Fitzgerald and Stephen Clarke attended an initial training session at Littelton near Thurles to be greeted by 35 potential archers from around Tipperary. The

venue was ideal and the session went very well with 55 names now down on paper so things are looking very bright towards the establishment of a new SIFA club. There were lots of excitement and some impressive shooting as the three lads put the newbies through their paces. A very big thanks to Carrowmore Archery club for their extremely kind donation of training bows etc.

WORLD INDOOR MAILMATCH (WIAMM)

UPDATE Round 1 results are now up on the IFAA website since Feb 17th. Lots of Irish and Northern Irish taking part this year, - 64 people representing Northern Ireland and 44 representing the Republic. Many are positioned high up in their shooting category after this first round. Several SIFA archers are taking part. In addition to Irelands entries, hundreds of other archers are taking part from all around the world... Brazil, Scotland, Germany, Australia, USA, England, Switzerland, South Africa, Sweden, Germany, Argentina, Wales, Austria, & Leichtenstein, Keep up the good shooting everyone.

WELL KNOWN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SAYINGS AND THEIR ARCHERY ORIGINS

Sayings such as **Brace yourself, get to the point**, may or may not be sayings linked to archery but here are a few dead certainties...

Another feather in your hat = (another achievement) but has obvious archery connotations.

Let loose = (to be released upon) the shooting of an arrow.

A bolt out of the blue = (An unexpected occurrence) originally associated with a crossbow where a crossbow arrow (called a bolt) suddenly comes out of the sky (blue).

Keeping it under your hat = (to keep a secret) keeping a spare string under a hat to keep it dry before wax on strings was common practice...

He/she has a lot of clout = referring to the sport of clout archery which can require strength to shoot an arrow over a distance.

To make a cock up of something = (to make a mess of something)- comes from the cock feather of an arrow incorrectly set or positioned.

Please e-mail me any other sayings you might come up with. We'd love to feature them.

NEXT SIFA SHOOTS

AOS DANA 12TH MARCH

LIMERICK 26TH MARCH