

# S.I.F.A.

Society Of Irish Field Archers

## NEWSLETTER

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**Progress with new Tipp club**



**Aos Dana SGB shoot report -12<sup>th</sup> Mar**

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Hello everyone. With a new club developing in north Co. Tipperary things are looking very positive. It is great to see efforts from SIFA members who are assisting with their progress. Well done to them. It is also great to see new members joining the other clubs around the country. Aos Dana's shoot at their new venue was successful, lots of fun, a great shoot, with no shortage of challenges. Andrew (SIFA P.R.O)

### **AOS DÁNA SHOOT REPORT 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (IN NEW WOODS)**

A New woods and a new adventure for this south west Wexford club over the coming years. Well done Aos Dana on hosting a great inaugural shoot in new terrain. Their woods are lovely and not far from seaside Duncannon and close to the old Aos Dana woods too. Lots of sweat was lost and efforts made in order to ready the woods in time for the event and hats off to the dedicated club members involved.



This shoot comprised of 18 3D's shot twice with a half time peg change. The new woods are spacious and Liam, Michael and gang have big plans to put in 40 lanes or more to give lots of variety for future shoots. On Sunday over 30 archers turned up to shoot. The lads may have been a bit disappointed with the turn out but were aware that Dunbrody had a 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the IMM taking place in their hall too. (continued on page 2)

### **UPCOMING SIFA SHOOT**

**IAC - 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Limerick - 9<sup>th</sup> April**

### **SIFA MISSION (from the SIFA Website home page)**

SIFA welcomes all field archers who love pleasurable and friendly rivalry in a relaxed and sociable atmosphere. With an ever growing number of members we have clubs in all corners of the country. If you are living in Ireland and interested in trying field archery, visiting the SIFA website will be a good start. If you have already found a few like-minded fellow archers and would like to form a club and join our organisation, we suggest to contact the SIFA club closest to you, they will be able to answer all of your questions on how to go about it.

### **THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ARCHERY - ARCHERY EXCUSES PART 4.**

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 3)

- 31. Tripped on a root and bust me knee...**
- 32. Someone messed with my bow sights!**
- 33. Whoever set this course obviously never shot a longbow!**
- 34. Tooooo coooo-co -ooold t-to-to-today.**
- 35. Was fearful my string was going to snap...**
- 36. Had I not worked very late last night I would have easily won today!**
- 37. His bow is surely illegal!**
- 38. Broke or lost 11 arrows out there today, had to finish with just 1 arrow!**
- 39. Too long driving to get here...**
- 40. Arrows broke, bow bent, stupid back quiver, wrong glove, no armguard...**

### **ARCHERY MOVIES**

Recent or present movies with archery in the cinemas include...

**THE GREAT WALL** fantasy historical epic starring Matt Damon- lots of arrows!

**THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE** There is a cameo appearance by lego Hawkeye in this.

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**SIFA CHAMPS 2017** Don't forget the SIFA Champs are on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. So keep your diaries free. (More details later)

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## PHOTO REWIND...

*Fred with his medal at Loughcrew- 2016*



## PHOTO REWIND 2...

*David - Carrowmore in action on home turf - 2011*



## NEW CLUB IN TIPPERARY UPDATE...

Great progress is being made in Littleton near Thurles as lots of eager archers are turning up each week where a new SIFA club will be formed.



Items for this Newsletter should be sent to Andrew at [andcalum@googlemail.com](mailto:andcalum@googlemail.com) or contact **087 6758087**

## MORE ARCHERY SAYINGS...

**GIVE THE TWO FINGERS TO...** (The two fingered salute) One of the most famous sayings is based on when the French captured English archers around Crecy & Agincourt battles (1400's), they cut off the first two fingers of their right hand, to prevent them being able to shoot another arrow. therefore in defiance the uncaptured English archers would give a two fingered jeering gesture towards their enemies using these fingers. Nowadays it is used for other reasons!!

## ST PATRICKS DAY

Any clubs running events around this time or were participating in parades please send me pics and news as we would be delighted to feature them in the next issue

## IMM ROUND 2

Results were uploaded to IFAA website -Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

## THANKS

Thanks everyone for the kind words and messages of sympathy on the recent passing of my mother Julia. Your support and kindness is very much appreciated (Andrew)

## AOS DÁNA GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH...

As SIFA P.R.O, I would just like to commend Aos Dána Archers who have made great progress generally in recent years and have shown vision and determination to gain a new improved woods and greatly promote field Archery. Their numbers are set to increase in the years ahead too. Keep it up gang, WELL DONE!

## AOS DÁNA REPORT (from page 1)



Nevertheless those who attended this shoot enjoyed the day and there was lots of reports of very fine shooting. Unfortunately a wet week in the lead up to the shoot meant their planned mud clearance along the road by digger didn't take place so there was more grime than expected. The weather on the day itself was pleasant.



Liam asked me to thank everyone who helped to ready the course and who assisted with the running of the shoot, - safety, food, admin, results etc, including Stephen who carried out the necessary course inspection. Well done all who did well on the day, those who won medals, achieved their personal goals or reached gains.



## AOS DANA RESULTS

### Historical

- G Mark O'Connor IAC 412  
 G Eric Kelly IAC 382  
 JB Conor Chapman Aos Dána 366

### AmFlatBow

- G Colm Murphy IAC 522  
 G Alexander Jude IAC 374  
 G Antony Fitzgerald 3 Co. 356  
 L Gabi Goretzka IAC 276  
 L Jane Murphy 3 Counties 186

### Trad

- CB Antony Fitzgerald 3 Co 480  
 CG Willow Hodman Aos Dána 396  
 CG Anastacia Fitzgerald 3 Co 344

### Bowhunter Recurve

- G Andrew Smith IAC 493  
 G Liam Ryan 3 Counties 484  
 G Peter Nolan 3 Counties 446  
 G Ivan Cummins Ashgrove 412  
 G Adrian Ryan 3 Counties 410  
 G Felim Canty 3 Counties 376  
 G Robert Reid 3 Counties 360  
 G Michael Hodman Aos Dána 342  
 L Shannon Mernagh Ashgrove 368  
 L Ruth Knox 3 Counties 352  
 JB Dylan Hodman Aos Dána 564  
 CB Aaron McDermott Aos Dána 534  
 CB Aaron Nolan 3 Counties 412  
 CG Aoibhinn McDonald Aos Dána 406  
 CG Kirsty O'Connor IAC 346  
 CG Mia Knox 3 Counties 324

### Bowhunter (Com)

- G Pat McNamara 3 Counties 518

### Freestyle UnLtd (COMP)

- G Daniel Cummins Ashgrove 670  
 JB Evan Cummins Ashgrove 444

### Barebow Recurve

- G Dave McDermott Aos Dána 438

### Barebow COMP

- G Jerome Doran Aos Dána 540

## AOS DANA PHOTO SPECIAL 12/03/17

