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Society Of Irish Field Archers

NEWSLETTER

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In this issue... Three Counties shoot recap.

As weather improves and evenings become longer, clubs take to their woods for practice.

Hi there. Summer time has almost arrived. Three Counties held a well attended shoot and Carrowmore are next up on the calendar. (Three all action pages in this issue.) It is great to see more and more kids coming on board with some as young as 4 and 5 giving it a go in the woods. Things are looking good in SIFA. A reminder that I am still seeking contributions on an ongoing basis (Andrew SIFA P.R.O)

THREE COUNTIES 18X 2 SBG SHOOT SEES ALMOST 60 ATTEND.

What an interesting shoot was held recently at Three Counties scenic course outside Clonmel. We discovered what a devious mind Antony Fitz has when it comes to target and peg placement. We were left frustrated with tree and branches a big factor in whether you hit the 3D targets or not. Still it was what we need, a challenge and this shoot may have separated the men from the boys so to speak. Antony would be the first to acknowledge that there were comments made on how difficult some shots were for some but isn't it good to have something to test us. The kids all did terrifically well including some of the youngest archers that we have had in action to date for SIFA. There were some Littleton archers in attendance being signed off by 3 counties coaches.



Great banter and atmosphere was the order of the day. It was nice and fine throughout with no trace of rain. Some campers had arrived the night before and definitely had a fun time. Lovely soup, rolls, rice krispy buns, and biscuits were enjoyed at lunch. Jane and Nikki did a great job with admin. (continued on page 2)

NEXT SIFA SHOOTS

CARROWMORE 7th MAY

ASHGROVE 21ST MAY

QUOTES OF THE DAY AT THREE COUNTIES

"Eric (Kelly) Forgot his bow... three times - in a row" -from Anastasia

"I think I've got equilibrium issues today" - Antony snr (surely this is a worthy addition to the next issues top archery excuses!)

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ARCHERY - ARCHERY EXCUSES **PART 7.**

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 7)

61. *Too many trees!!!*
62. *Not enough trees!*
63. *My button fell off the bow and I couldn't find it.*
64. *I slipped into the stream when crossing the bridge at target 16.*
65. *My peep sight kept getting wet, so I just couldn't aim!*
66. *Brought the wrong arrows!*
67. *This bow that he sold me is not the poundage advertised!*
68. *Think the limbs are twisted!*
69. *Too much power tool work last week, fingers are numb today.*
70. *Baby had me up all night!*



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FACEBOOK PICS

Great to see SIFA archers photographed out practising in their club woods recently. These pics were some that were posted on Facebook...

The Eady's out in their club woods and with Bryan at the Rentes family run garden centre. Below right - Aos Dána evening get together in their new woods



PHOTO REWIND...

Don P

Early 2016

Loughcrew shoot pictured during the awards presentation.



THREE COUNTIES SHOOT (CONTINUED)

With 59 archers taking part, this was one of the best attended SIFA shoots in a while. Notable shots of the day included the long standing bear, the frustrating small badger, the squirrel on the hill top, the long bedded stag on target 1, the croc, aaargh, sure they were all notable for different reasons as it was the peg placement that totally provided the challenge that was.

Lovely gold, silver and bronze pins were awarded to those in the medals with other medals going to all young competitors outside the top placings. There were lots of great raffle prizes although some people may have thought that the pink tickets were absent from the box with all the orange ones that were called out. So to sum up, great atmosphere, great woods, great scenery, great banter, and great hosts... Well done to all involved from 3 Counties who showed off their new hut and toilet system. Moments of note... Young Charlies beaming smile at receiving his first archery award- aged 4, a passing hyper pug and a larger dog - scared to pass us archer folk during the presentations, smiles from the Littleton novices especially the novice kids who did so well,

(For results see SIFA website.)

Thanks to those who took all the pics.. more on the website.

So to sum up -probably one of the toughest shoots we will experience this year. Well done everybody on a terrific day. Looking forward to the next Three Counties event already.(and Antony maybe go easier on us next time!)

SIFA GAINS CHART (current edition)

Style	Star	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Longbow	490	442	390	304
Flatbow	520	452	400	314
Trad	540	462	410	324
Bowhunter Rec	580	480	426	340
Bowhunter Com	600	550	530	438
Barebow Rec	610	560	530	438
Barebow Com	630	570	540	448
Bowhunter Ltd c	650	600	540	448
Bowhunter UnLtd c	660	610	550	456
Freestyle Ltd Rec	660	610	550	456
Freestyle Ltd Com	670	620	560	466
Freestyle UnLtd c	680	630	570	476

SIFA GAINS CHART EXPLAINED... Bronze, Silver and Gold Arrows are an award scheme for those competing at an SIFA Standard Big Game (SBG) event, but is not based on how you ranked at the event but how well you scored as individuals. There are 3 levels of Rating Award - Bronze Arrow, Silver Arrow and Gold Arrow, each represented by a modest pin badge. At a SBG shoot, and only at a SBG, you can go for a rating Gain In whichever shooting style you compete in. You need 2 gains to get each type of arrow pin. The chart above shows what score you require in each shooting style. Star awards are for those who achieve a very high score. Hotshot patches are awarded when you achieve your fourth Gold pin in any one shooting style. See SIFA website for more detail about gains...

NEXT ISSUE SPECIAL FUN (SPOOF) ISSUE...

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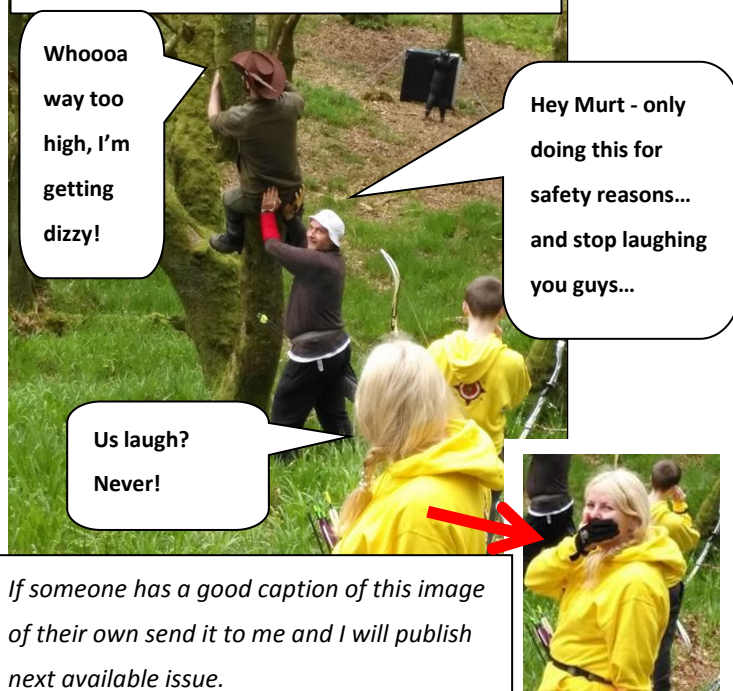
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BELOW - PICS
FROM 3
COUNTIES
SHOOT



OMG PIC OF THE WEEK.... *This just needs a caption... mine is...*



If someone has a good caption of this image of their own send it to me and I will publish next available issue.

WORLD INTERNATIONAL MAIL MATCH 2017 - FINAL SCORES INVOLVING SIFA ARCHERS

Sharon Eady AFBHR	9 TH	221PTS (3X)	(shot 2 of 3 rds)
Fiona Smith AFBHR	10 TH of 14	438PTS (4X)	
Doc Smith AMBHR	14 TH of 39	685PTS (18X)	
Tony Eady AMBHR	34 TH of 39	415PTS (1X)	(shot 2 Of 3 rds)
Andrew Wayland AMLB	10 TH of 18	521PTS (4X)	
David Leigh AMFU	41 ST of 55	775PTS (35X)	
Olivia Eady CFBHR	2 ND of 3	646PTS (5X)	
Corey Eady CMBBR	3 RD of 9	677PTS (11X)	
Gerard Eady JMBHR	3 RD of 4	370PTS (1X)	
Oisin Smith JMBHR	3 RD of 9	463PTS (2X)	
Cormac Smith JMBHR	5 TH of 9	343PTS (5X)	

Well done everybody concerned. And special mention to IFAF and Northern Ireland archers who also did very well most notably Waterford archer Cian Kehoe who won JMBHR class in fine style.

MAILMATCH 2017 STATISTICS -

450 ARCHERS

63 SHOOTING CATEGORIES

15 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING

CATEGORY WINNERS FROM COUNTRIES BELOW...

IRE =1 (Cian) AUS =10 SCO =4 NI =7 GER =3
ENG =5 USA =7 RSA =4 WAL =4 SWI =7
ARG =1 BRA =6 LIE =1 SWE =3 AUT =0

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THANKS ANDREW

