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Society Of Irish Field Archers

Special NEWSLETTER

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Special issue... Special Fun edition... What Field archery could be like in Ireland in 2027

Hi everyone. This newsletter is a little bit different... just for fun...
Imagine it is 10 years in the future as you read the following articles.
Enjoy...

(Fictitious Issue 563 May 2027)

LOTTO WIN FOR IAC CLUB BRINGS GREAT RESULTS FOR FIELD ARCHERY IN IRELAND...

We are all still on a high since the IAC club won the Lotto totalling 48.9 million punts. (yes we have reverted to our old currency since leaving the EU along with Britain, Independent Scotland, The Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal). Since the Offaly clubs big windfall seven months ago, the IAC club members quickly put plans in place to build a futuristic archery range in Edenderry at a total cost of 7.3 million. Already this development has commenced as planning permission was fast tracked thanks to the assistance from Tanaiste Andrew Smith who is also a long serving member of the club. A forty target moving 3d zone and a monster roller coaster archery challenge are two of the activities that have been approved. In addition, the sky trail built on the top of the trees in Rahin woods will be 5 & 3/4 miles long (yes back to imperial) and work already has started on this aspect of the development. Foundations for the massive three acre indoor range will commence next week. The club had quickly purchased Rahin woods following the win for an undisclosed fee estimated to be in the region of 5 million. All 124 members of the club support the plans and are excited with the speedy progress. Club chairman Alexander Jude and president Eric Kelly will reveal more of their plans over the coming weeks so stay tuned for more exciting updates.

CARROWMORE BREAK

RECORD. At the recent Loughcrew Supersized SBG 3D shoot in March 2027, Carrowmore broke the Irish record for the largest travelling contingent from any one club to an event as 116 of their members turned up.. on two luxury coaches no less. Since the new scheme of SIFA part funding archer transport costs, archer numbers have increased hugely at shoots. Loughcrew had the 2nd highest ever attendance in Ireland as 462 archers took part on their newly extended course. Of course Three Counties still hold the record with 509 archers attending last Octobers ever popular Blindfolded SBG Challenge. (These numbers are for regular calendared events, not Championships or Europeans where attendance numbers were obviously much higher. (see over)

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF ARCHERY - ARCHERY EXCUSES 8.

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...

71. *That bow is surely shooting more than 300 feet per second*
72. *Yap yap yap all day, that's all they did...*
73. *He deliberately stepped on three of my arrows today!*
74. *I've got equilibrium issues today! (Antony Fitz)*
75. *Lost my button out there early on...*
76. *My peep sight was too fogged up with the rain, couldn't focus on the targets.*
77. *Too serious out there today, sure it's meant to be fun!*
78. *Cannot shoot in a group with kids... they put me off!*
79. *Shut the car door on my arrows at lunchtime!*
80. *Bow is too heavy, have to buy a lighter one...*

CALLING SIFA CLUBS...

Andrew - still the SIFA P.R.O (since 2016) requests that all 38 SIFA clubs only send relevant material for the newsletter as there is far too much contributions being sent in each week. Our last newsletter had 89 pages. We just cannot feature everything submitted.

SIFA DELEGATES MEETING

Took place Sun Feb 2027 Mullingar - 87 delegates were in attendance.

NEXT SHOOT- 3 COUNTIES 150 3D CHAMPS

SPONSORSHIP DEALS Well done to Colm Murphy (IAC archer) who opened his 19th nationwide newsagents / convenience store last week. Colm recently sponsored the SIFA champs trophies.

Items for this Newsletter if you really really need to should be sent to Andrew at andcalum@googlemail.com Or contact **087 6758087**

2nd ANNUAL SIFA 200 YARD

CHALLENGE 2027 This event will take place over Easter at Aos Dána 's venue. Last year class winners in Bandon included Felim Canty, Aaron Mc Dermott, Fiona Smith, Karl Curtis, Pat McNamara, Oisin Smith, Cormac Smith, Helena O' Connor, and Antony Fitzgerald jr. The overall winner last year was Mark O' Connor.

SHOOT ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO DATE to 2027

Red = championship year **bold** = total archers shooting

REGULAR CALENDARED SHOOT...

SIFA	IFAF	COMBINED SIFA / IFAF EVENTS
3 Counties 509	Salthill archers 489	Littlewood / Killygarry 471
Loughcrew 462	Wexford 453	Ashgrove / Dunbrody 452

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SIFA	IFAF	COMBINED SIFA / IFAF CHAMPS
Littleton 2026 722	Wexford 2025 726	Aos Dána / Wexford 2026 735
Marble 2025 703	Ashgrove 2026 702	Carlow/ Na Laoch Dall 2024 711

IRELANDS HOSTING OF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SIFA	IFAF	COMBINED SIFA / IFAF EUROS
IAC 2022 1192	Wexford 2020 1229	Donegal / Mayo 2025 1310

ARCHERY LEGEND DON PRIESTLY

releases his new autobiography "A Field Archery Battle - Action in and out of the woodland course" on Friday. He has three electronic downloads to give away to the three people who guesses nearest to the correct answer. **How many field archery shoots has Don taken part in during his long archery career?**

WELL DONE TO LIMERICK YEOMEN

on winning best overall float at the Dublin city St Patricks day parade this year.

THREE ROBIN HOODS IN ONE DAY

Gerard Eady managed to Robin Hood three arrows at the recent Eagle Eye shoot in Clare. Two were his own arrows and one was Willie Carrs. All three arrows were damaged beyond use. Now despite the arrow losses that is impressive. Doc Smith managed to Robin hood two arrows at lasts years SIFA Champs in Littleton.

ROLLER COASTER SHOOTING

IAC'S new development is a roller coaster where you have to shoot a range of targets whilst travelling at very high speeds. (just don't drop your bow!)

THIS MONTH IN BRIEF

Shannon Mernagh got married while Fred Pakenham won 100,000 in the prizebonds

LOUGHCREW TO HOST THE 3rd ANNUAL VIRTUAL ARCHERY TARGET SHOOT

where archers shoot at the now highly popular hologram 3d's. This will take place in May

STEPHEN Clarke

sets new Irish record shooting continuously (outdoors) for 13 hours 46 minutes. It is estimated he shot an average of 4 arrows per minute (240 per hour) totalling 3,300 arrows. He raised 3,000 for a local charity. He had to then get treatment for a frozen shoulder and numb fingers.

38 SIFA CLUBS 2027

AOS DANA	NEWPARK
ACU	LAYTOWN
ASHGROVE	LETTERKENNY
ATHLONE	LEITRIM
BANDON	LIMERICK
CARROWMORE	LITTLETON
CARLOW	LITTLEWOOD
CASTLEBRIDGE	MARBLE
CITY	MOAT
CLANE	MULLINGAR
CLAREMORRIS	OLDFIELD
CLARA	PORTERSTOWN
DONEGAL	RCSI
DUBLIN COUNTY	SCREEN
DRUIDS	ST KIERANS
EAGLE EYE	THREE COUNTIES
FOXFORD	TUAM
IAC	UL
KENMARE	WARRIORS

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