

# County Of Warwick Archery Association Annual General Meeting

held at  
Old Leamingtonians RFC  
Bericote Road, Leamington Spa  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Present:** Karen Atkins, Angela Cave, Mark Cowburn, Denis Folkard, James Folkard, Kathy Folkard, Colin Geenes, Peter Hunnisett, Pete James, Gordon Jones, Derek Kelly, Mary Kelly, Keith Knight, Pete Lowe, Philippa Lowe, Jon Nixon, Margaret Nixon, Verity Pursgrove, Adam Ravenscroft, Jon Richmond, John Robbins, Janette Ross, Stan Ross, Gavin Shaw, James Scott, John Taylor (MBE), Brian Tustin, Katherine Vick, Robert Watson, Chris Wells and Roger Wyton. (Clubs represented: Bowflights, Coventry, Leamington, Meriden, Quantum, and Sutton Coldfield)

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Before the commencement of the meeting John Taylor reported the recent deaths of Mick Friend, Harry Moreland and Denis Trusslove. A short silence was observed as a mark of respect for these former archery stalwarts.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies were received from Martyn Ellis, Naomi Folkard, Michael Hoffman, Leah Innocent, Tony Luff, Phil Ravenscroft, Dave Redding and Mike Vick.

## **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

2.1 The minutes of the AGM held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were agreed.

## **3. MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

## **4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

4.1 Denis Folkard presented his report (Appendix 1).

4.2 He was thanked by John Taylor for his work over the year.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

5.1 Roger Wyton presented the receipts and payments, and trading accounts, together with a balance sheet for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. A trading profit of £683.14, a closing cash balance of £10,892.18 and total assets to the value of £16,226.65 were shown.

5.2 A detailed account for the 2009 CWAA Indoor Championships indicated a small profit.

5.2 The accounts were accepted and Roger, John Taylor and Keith Knight were thanked for their excellent work.

## **6. RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT**

6.1 James Folkard presented a report, which showed that during the year fifty three record claims had been ratified. These involved nine archers; various bow types; target and field; and both juniors and seniors. (Appendix 2)

6.2 James's work on the records was commended.

## **7. COUNTY TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT**

7.1 James Scott presented a very detailed report.

7.2 He referred to the results of county matches in which a total of 44 archers took part. He said that despite good individual performances, there were obvious weaknesses and problem areas, and in an effort to resolve this, he had (i) arranged a series of winter squads, (ii) secured the services of 'top archers', (iii) tried to build consistency with a core team, into which he would bring, in rotation, those in the development/reserve pool and (iv) tried to develop strength in the ladies' recurve team via squads and recruitment.

- 7.3 He gave the details for matches arranged for 2010. He explained that he had managed to ensure that all the matches would be of national record status, while, as far as possible, avoiding clashes with major events, so encouraging the best county archers to take part. Although Leicestershire withdrew from the longstanding match against Warwickshire, to be held in conjunction with the Meriden FITA Star on 31<sup>st</sup> May, Worcestershire have accepted an invitation for a replacement match at this event.
- 7.2 James was thanked for his hard work over the year.

## **8. COUNTY COACHING ORGANISER'S REPORT**

- 8.1 A report was submitted by Dave Redding as Acting County Coaching Officer. He outlined the Coaching Group activities during the year, and said that coaching courses had produced one new county and one new level 1 coach for Warwickshire. A level 2 course currently running in conjunction with Worcestershire was likely to produce a small number of level 2 coaches for the county.

## **9. AFFILIATION FEES**

- 9.1 John Taylor explained that the committee proposed a 100% increase in all county membership fees, because of declining income, rising costs and a desire to do more to promote archery in the county.
- 9.2 Keith Knight referred to accounts over the last few years and suggested that the county had sufficient funds and therefore no need to raise fees. He asked that the proposal be withdrawn.
- 9.2.1 Roger Wyton pointed out that the accounts previously discussed were for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, that the full cost of winter squad training is not shown and that this will be a significant amount. Roger further pointed that there are other increasing costs and that there has been no increase in fees since 2003, with the result that CWAA's good financial position is now weakening.
- 9.3 John Taylor confirmed that the proposal still stood.
- 9.4 Keith Knight said that no explanation for the proposal had been given to members prior to the meeting and, because of this, he again requested that it should be withdrawn. However, it was pointed out that reasons for a proposed increase have not been given previously prior to an AGM, and that the increase in real terms is relatively small.
- 9.5 Keith Knight said that, because county squad members were to be major beneficiaries they had been encouraged to come to the meeting in order to support the proposal. This he considered was out of order.
- 9.6 There was considerable discussion, in which it was pointed out that:
- All archers in the county could potentially benefit from the kind of training programme which the squad had just had.
  - The increase is also required to fund significant other rising costs.
  - Archers attending indoor squads themselves make a substantial contribution to the cost.
  - All archers wanting to improve (not just county team members) are encouraged to come to coaching sessions at the beginning of the 'coaching season'.
  - Training coaches is now very expensive and the county is trying to encourage more coaches (to the benefit of all members) by giving financial assistance.
  - Members are now being reimbursed at a reasonable level for travelling expenses when on county business.
  - The cost of county matches is escalating – record status, good quality bosses, team medals, catering etc.
  - The cost of county championship events is escalating – as for county matches, plus medals, venue hire etc.
  - Income has fallen with a drop in membership for 2 consecutive years.
  - Income from bank interest has plummeted.
  - It is understood that there will be no increase in WMAS or GNAS fees this year.

- 9.7 A proposal by Keith Knight, seconded by Gordon Jones, that subscriptions should be unchanged for 2010-11, was heavily defeated, and the original proposal by the committee to increase fees was agreed.
- 9.8 In the course of discussion it was clear that there was discontent with the support which the GNAS is giving to its members, particularly with regard to coaching. It was appreciated that it is difficult to influence GNAS decisions and policies, or even get a response to queries, comments etc. It was suggested that clubs should ensure that they are represented at the GNAS AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## **10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- 10.1 The following members were elected to serve on the committee for 2010/11

President	John Taylor (MBE)
Chairman	Denis Folkard
Vice-Chairman	Derek Kelly
Secretary	Kathy Folkard
Treasurer	Roger Wyton
Records Officer	Kath Vick
Team Manager	James Scott
Tournaments Officer	Jon Richmond
PR Officer	Colin Geenes
Membership Secretary	Brian Tustin
Child & Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer	Kath Vick
Webmaster	Pete Hunnisett
Committee Members	Robert Watson Philippa Lowe

## **11. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

- 11.1 It was agreed that John Taylor and Keith Knight be appointed as auditors for 2010/11.

## **12. COUNTY BADGE AND YEAR BAR AWARDS**

- 12.1 It was reported that awards would be available for presentation at the Pre-Season FITA.

## **13. 'COMPLEAT' ARCHER AWARDS**

- 13.1 The 'Compleat' Archer Awards were as follows:
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| Recurve:  | Brian Tustin and Angela Cave |
| Compound: | Tony Davis and Janette Ross  |

## **14. CWAA SUMMER LEAGUE**

- 14.1 The trophies for both the Made Score Team and the Handicap Adjusted Team Competitions were awarded to Leamington.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 15.1 Kath Vick requested that consideration should be given to awarding **county badges etc to juniors** shooting for the county. It was agreed that this should be considered by the committee.
- 15.2 Colin Geenes pointed out that Sainsbury's sports equipment vouchers can be used by clubs with 'Clubmark' accreditation.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (CWAA President)

## **APPENDIX 1: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT to AGM 25.03.10**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Memberships across the county have gone down for the second year running. I don't have precise figures, but I believe it is relatively small, and should not cause us alarm.

### **NEW CLUB**

We acquired a new club during the year. It is called Andalus Archers, and it is based in Alum Rock in Birmingham. We look forward to seeing how it develops.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Leamington ran the senior outdoor target championships for the second time on our own field. We always recognised that this was just a stopgap until a more satisfactory solution was found, and Quantum have agreed to run it this year, following their successful organisation of a Windsor shoot last summer. The date is 19<sup>th</sup> September, the round will be a FITA, and it will have record status.

The indoor championships took place at the Harry Mitchell Centre as usual at the end of January. It was Jon Richmond's first major shoot as County Tournaments Organiser, and he made a superb job of it, so thank you Jon, it was a great effort.

Close on the heels of the Indoor Champs came the Field Champs at Meriden at the end of February, and that also went very well. It was our first field champs since the Oaklands became unavailable, and we were all very grateful to Meriden for agreeing to host it, and doing a superb job of setting up the field.

The Clout Champs were combined with Bowflights' annual clout shoot in September, and I believe were well attended, and the junior outdoor target champs were combined with the Midland Counties at Leamington at the end of May. They also were well enough attended, given the small number of active juniors which we have in the county at the moment.

### **COUNTY SQUAD**

James I am sure has a lot to tell us about the squad's year, but I want to mention just one thing – the autumn and winter training that he put together was superb, and the squad looks in better shape than it has for some years, and we owe him a big thank you for the time, effort and imagination that he has put into it.

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

In May or June the GNAS issued to every club, county and region, the new child protection policy and guidelines. They run to over ninety pages and it took Jon Richmond, our County CPO, a little while to wade through it all. At our summer meeting he alerted us to his view that it was horrific in terms of some of the procedures that all of us in the sport were going to have to live with. At that point I read the document and saw what he meant. We put together a letter to our governing body giving our views, and Jon did a fine job of liaising with other counties which had similar views. WMAS took a little while to wake up to the issue, but when they did they also sent a very critical letter. In the face of all this criticism the GNAS has been totally silent. We have, however, heard that they are revisiting their handiwork and that we will hear from them at some point. In the meantime we have done nothing to adopt the policy or the guidelines, but we cannot speak for the clubs.

**APPENDIX 2: RECORDS OFFICER'S REPORT to AGM 25.03.10**

The following 53 claims submitted over the year have been ratified by the committee.

DATE	CLAIMANT	ROUND	CATEGORY	PREVIOUS RECORD	SCORE
13.09.09	S Tongue	York	Gents Longbow	200	217
20.09.09	L Williams	FITA 720	Rec Gents	634	644
20.09.09	L Williams	12 arrow pass	Rec Gents	109	110
27.09.09	L Williams	3 doz @ 90m	Rec Gents	-	302
27.09.09	L Williams	Short Metric	Rec Gents	669	673
25.10.09	J Brookes	Combined FITA	Rec JG	857	1041
04.07.09	J Brookes	3 doz @ 60m	Rec JG	263	287
13.12.09	J Vick	Double Worcester	Rec JG	502	553
14.12.08	Jack Brookes	Double Worcester	Junior Rec Gent	497	502
14.12.08	Stuart Tongue	Double Portsmouth	Gent Longbow	-	572
04.04.09	Naomi Folkard	2x24 FITA Mixed Field	Rec Lady	678	696
04.04.09	Naomi Folkard	24 FITA Mixed Field	Rec Lady	341	360
19.04.09	Janette Ross	American	LCU	786	792
31.05.09	Janette Ross	Hereford	LCU	1218	1230
05.04.09	Janette Ross	Ladies FITA	LCU	1273	1306
05.04.09	Janette Ross	30 metres	LCU	-	347
25.05.09	Janette Ross	30 metres	LCU	347	349
25.05.09	Janette Ross	Ladies FITA	LCU	1306	1308
31.05.09	B. Roberts	Double Bristol 3	JLR	-	2120
31.05.09	Jack Brookes	Double Bristol 2	JGR	-	2010
25.05.09	Lee Williams	50 metres	GR	-	323
25.05.09	Lee Williams	30 metres	GR	-	346
25.05.09	Lee Williams	Short metric	GR	-	669
04.05.09	Lee Williams	FITA 720	GR	-	634
24.05.09	Lee Williams	12 arrow pass 70m	GR	-	109
04.05.09	Lee Williams	Double FITA 720	GR	-	1265
31.05.09	Jacob Vick	Double Bristol 3	JGR	2202	2296
25.05.09	Jacob Vick	30 metres	JGR	-	332
03.05.09	Henry Scott	Metric 3	JGR	1209	1239
26.04.09	Henry Scott	Short Metric 3	JGR	-	636
03.05.09	Henry Scott	Long Metric 3	JGR	601	603
14.12.08	Stuart Tongue	Portsmouth	G Longbow	-	331
26.04.09	J Vick	3doz @ 40m	Rec JB	-	267
25.05.09	J Vick	3doz @ 70m	Rec JB	-	224
25.05.09	J Vick	3doz @ 60m	Rec JB	-	263
25.05.09	J Vick	3doz @ 50m	Rec JB	-	227
21.06.09	J Brookes	Western	Rec JB	-	716
05.07.09	J Vick	Bristol 3	Rec JB	1166	1170
18/19.07.09	J Vick	Double Metric 3	Rec JB	-	2493
19.07.09	J Vick	Metric 3	Rec JB	1239	1256
19.07.09	J Vick	3 doz @ 50m	Rec JB	292	302
19.07.09	J Vick	3 doz @ 40m	Rec JB	310	319
19.07.09	J Vick	3 doz @ 20m	Rec JB	322	335
25.07.09	L Williams	3 doz @ 50m	Rec Gent	323	325
25.07.09	J Vick	Mixed Field 1x24 Blue	Rec JB	-	237
25.07.09	J Vick	Mixed Field 2x24 Blue	Rec JB	-	443
02.08.09	J Vick	Bristol 3	Rec JB	1170	1188

16.08.09	J Vick	FITA 720	Rec JB	-	527
16.08.09	J Vick	Double FITA 720	Rec JB	-	1020
05/06.09.09	J Vick	Double Metric 1	Rec JB	-	2268
06.09.09	L Williams	FITA Long Metric	Rec Gent	-	617
06.09.09	L Williams	3 doz @ 30m	Rec Gent	346	349
06.09.09	L Williams	3 doz @ 70m	Rec Gent	-	320