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Civil Service Archery Association Newsletter



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Editors note

Well, its feast or famine! After the paucity of the last edition, this will be a bumper one. Sit back, put your feet up and read on...

2011 National Championships

The Championships took place on September 9th at the grounds of Crystal Palace Bowmen at Old Dunstonians RFC, on what was a beautiful late summers day. The sun shone and the wind didn't blow too much, which for me at least was a very pleasant change from the rest of this year's tournaments.

We were graced with the presence of the Mayor of Beckenham who stayed for the morning, chatting to various people and watching the proceedings. Our President, Sir Anthony Battishill and his wife Lady Heather were however not present as the event clashed with their 50th wedding anniversary celebrations. Our newest Vice President Graham Plumb took on the top job, and Cherry, his wife was Lady Paramount.



As usual the AGM took place at lunchtime. The committee were all re-elected, with a change in Treasurer from Robin Jarvis to Mike Regan, but Robin has stayed on as an Ordinary member. He was also awarded the Les Higgins Trophy, for services to the Association. As is the custom, the venue for next years Championships was announced as Stirling, on September 14th. Abridged results included in this edition, full results on the website, or by request.



Civil Service Awards

Recurve Competition

H M Turner Arrows

	<u>Dept / Region / Area</u>	<u>Hits</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Gold</u>	<u>Gold</u>
Lady Champion	Lorraine Burrow	DWP/NW/Preston	143	929	41
2nd Lady	Anita Baily	DWP/London/London	140	900	20
3rd Lady	Michelle Adderley	DBIS/SW/Cheltenham	140	866	33

E A Mahoney Arrows

Gentleman Champion	Ed Moss	MOD/Midlands/Telford	144	1030	53
2nd Gentleman	Dave Scobie	BT/Scotland/Falkirk	141	979	45
3rd Gentleman	Mike Regan	GCHQ/SW/Cheltenham	142	966	44
3rd Gentleman	David Long	Eastern/Cambridge	140	966	46

Compound Competition

NICSSA Neptune Chalice

1st Lady	Patricia Spragg	HMT/London/London	143	1195	102
2nd Lady	Sarah Trout	MOD/Midlands/Birmingham	144	1152	80
3rd Lady	Helen Darby-Smythe	MOD/Eastern/Huntingdon	144	1146	82

NICSSA Trophy

1st Gentleman	Robin Jarvis	MOD/SW/Bristol	144	1192	98
2nd Gentleman	Martin Knowles	HMRC/Midlands/Telford	144	1174	88
3rd Gentleman	Mike Hesketh-Roberts	DCMS/SW/Swindon	144	1138	88

Longbow Competition

Hatfield Dish

1st Lady	Gerry Gilmour	MOD/SW/Swindon	104	490	8
2nd Lady	Wendy King	MOD/SW/Salisbury	60	240	4
3rd Lady	Katherine Hammond	CSSC	55	211	0

Hertford Tankard

1st Gentleman	Chris Quinn	Met Office/SW/Exeter	102	436	7
2nd Gentleman	Ron Simpson	BT/SE/Chatham	73	273	2
3rd Gentleman	Len Furbank	DCMS/SW/Swindon	71	259	3

Barebow Competition

1st Lady	Jacqui Gould	RBLI/SE/Maidstone	136	778	21
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Associate Awards

Recurve Awards

		<u>Hits</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Gold</u>
1st Lady Associate	Stella Wilson	144	1040	54
1st Gentleman Associate	Paul Smith	130	660	12

Compound Awards

No entries

Longbow Awards

1st Lady Associate	Kathryn Lester	98	410	9
1st Gentleman Associate	Steve Spragg	49	197	2

National Recurve Team Trophies

1st National Team	DWP	3655	George Groom Trophy
2nd National Team	MOD	3336	Swakeleys Shield

Regional Recurve Team Trophy

1st Regional Team	SW	3620	Salver and Goblets
2nd Regional Team	London	3205	

Regional Compound Team Trophy

1st Regional Team	Eastern	3255	
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Area Team Trophy

1st Area Team	Bristol	2980	
2nd Area Team	Preston & Chorley	2959	
3rd Area Team	London	2929	

Winter Pairs 2011/2012

Steve D-S is the new winter pairs organiser, as well as Webmaster, and he is now taking entries for this years Winter leagues. Entry forms are available from the website or from me directly on request. Trophies shown are for the highest individual scores.



Rep Matches (Mike H-R)

The first of these took place on Sunday 14th August this year. Unfortunately, due to a double booking at RAF Cranwell the original Friday date was unavailable which meant the CSAA team was not one of the strongest we could have put out. The rounds were York/Herefords with the weather conditions being quite benign for Cranwell, a strong tailwind but the day remained dry and fairly pleasant.

The match combined two separate competitions. CSAA v PAAS and CSAA v BPA.

Our team comprised of –

Compound Gentlemen: Martin Knowles, Mike Hesketh-Roberts

Lady: Sarah Trout

Recurve – Gentlemen: Alan Banks, Tim Croot, Mark Renouf and Keith Adams

Ladies: Anita Baily and Jane Burnham

Longbow – Gentlemen:

Chris Quinn and Len Furbank

Lady: Wendy King

Given the difficulties also faced by the BPA and PAAS in recruiting team members, I agreed with Maurice Clarke (BPA) and Steve Wildman (PAAS) that we would match our bow types and numbers with theirs.

This resulted in a victory for both matches with combined scores of CSAA 4286 BPA 3877 and CSAA 7924 PAAS 7373.

Congratulations to all of our team members and my thanks to both Steve for providing the venue and Maurice (and his wife Christine) who once again supplied the excellent buffet lunch.



Chris Quinn relaxing between ends



Steve and Maurice contemplating the results



UK Championships Lilleshall 13th-14th August 2011

Kathryn Lester CSAA Midlands Region decided to make the short trip to Lilleshall, chasing a UK title along with two of her clubmates. Joining her was Chris Bell who was hoping to take his form from the Bristol national series round 4 into the event to try and challenge his future GBR teammates for his first UK Title. However it was not to be as minor changes to his equipment did not pay off over the two days for Chris.

Ray Crich was another hoping his recent form would continue as he chased his MB in the men's recurve. A veteran of many such events he was on hand to give Kathryn advice as she made her debut.

Kathryn was in the Ladies Longbow up against 2 seasoned archers including her recent National series rival, UK No 1 Amanda Slack. With only one score to her name over 300 in her career it was always going to be a tall order for her to take the title at her first attempt.

Day 1 saw her shoot a PB of 367, club and county records, but still lie in third place well back on second place and over 125 points behind first place. Undaunted she was determined to take the fight to her opponents on the second day.

Day 2 saw her attack from the outset taking the battle to her rivals as she shot a 426 and took first place on the second day, with a number of club and County records to claim.

Even the arrival of the mayor from her hometown of Bewdley to watch her was not enough to put her off. (well her mother turned up to watch her and she holds that position) Despite her efforts she failed to pull enough points back to take the title and finished third overall.

However in one of the most thrilling longbow competitions in recent times where the title wasn't decided until the last three arrows at 30m it was acknowledged by her rivals they had been nervous as she stormed back at them in the closing stages. All 3 stated that it was the friendliest but most competitive longbow competition they had taken part in, as despite what was at stake they had all encouraged and supported each other over the two days.

Battle to be resumed at Telford in December, at the UK Indoors.

Steve and Kathryn Lester CSSC Midlands

National Series 2011 a journey

The National series is now in its third year and having been to both the previous two finals as a spectator and with her club mate Jon Knott extolling the virtues of his baby both verbally and in print, Kathryn decided in early 2011 to give it a go. With no prospect of making the finals as Longbow dose not feature in the franchise it was very much a case of getting some good competition and qualifying scores for UK ranking scores

Looking at the five rounds Kathryn decided to opt out of Rounds 2 & 3 due to distance and she didn't want to dress as a smurf at Lilleshall.

Therefore we were left with trips to Evesham Rd 1, Bristol Rd 4 and York Rd 5.

This is a brief reprise on her experiences at the events she attended. (*Ed's note- I'm not sure that Steve understands the meaning of "brief", I have edited his article but not shortened it*)

National Series Round 1 Evesham 22/05/2011

Kathryn joined five of her club mates (National Series Ladies Recurve Champion 2010 Naomi Folkard (shooting for RLSAS), Jon Nott and Chris Bell in the Mens Compound, Czech archer Petr Sedlacek and junior Luke Bow in the mens recurve Kathryn was up

against the UK number 1 Amanda Slack.

Surprise, surprise, you guessed it, it was windy again. How windy? well a dog ran across the field Kathryn was heard to utter “we aren’t in Kansas anymore Toto” clicked the heels of her ruby red heeled slippers and sent her arrows down the yellow brick road... And a tent landed on the Wicked Witch of the east! I think you get the picture.

Suffice to say with arrows breaking up and down the line the competition format was changed and reduced to a 3 round qualifying competition. The two Lady Longbowers were disappointed as they wanted to shoot on as they would still have finished in the same order but it was not to be.

Kathryn won the competition and was seeded into the ladies recurve division.

Mens Recurve

Petr Sedlacek seeded 74
Luke Bow Retired at practice.

Mens Compound

Jon Nott seeded 11th
Chris Bell seeded 24th

Ladies Recurve

Naomi Folkard seeded 03
Kathryn Lester seeded 32

Kathryn was in a head to head with Amanda Slack, the winner to face Alison Williamson. Kathryn started well in a repeat of the Ladies Longbow 2010 UK Indoor Final taking a 2-0 lead. Amanda then won the next 2 sets to make it 4-2. After the next end, Steve thought Amanda had won and started packing Kathryn’s stuff away, despite clubmate Petr telling him Kathryn had won and he had to be chased down the line by Kathryn to retrieve her bow as she had indeed levelled the score at 4-4. Amanda then held her nerve to beat Kathryn, as Kathryn tried to shoot in between gusts but on came the amber light forcing her to shoot and miss, so for the second time in a major tournament Kathryn lost, this time 4-6. Amanda then fell to the eventual winner of the Ladies Recurve Alison Williamson but highlight of the day was Amanda getting a couple of arrows on and Kathryn shouting “Amanda, she’s looking worried now” much to the amusement of the judges!

Kathryn settled down to watch her remaining clubmates in action and to watch Evesham (and CSAA) archer Sarah Trout trying not to take off as she rushed around the field as a member of the local field party (when she wasn’t sitting down with a burger in her hand -cue MOD archers nodding in agreement)

Naomi progressed through the rounds with her usual efficiency but having made the quarter finals came up against Sam Meadows (who eventually finished 2nd). However Naomi is still handily placed to retain her title in 2011.

In the Mens Compound Jon progressed through the rounds to the quarter finals where he lost to Stuart Taylor (who eventually finished 4th). Jon like Naomi is handily placed to make progress as the later rounds progress.

Chris also progressed losing to quarter finalist Colin Greeves despite being heard to utter that “he had no plan for shooting in this wind” Perhaps a letter to the Hooter Shooter Doctor at Bow magazine may be appropriate. (for those of you who don’t know that *is* Chris) No top prizes this time for our archers but with four rounds to go it is all to play for. Kathryn was pleased to have been involved in her first outdoor H2H but was disappointed that she had not got a 70M score in for her ranking so it was straight home to book into another WRS70m.

National Series Round 4 Cleve Archers. Yate. Bristol 23.07-24.07.11.

Kathryn joined 3 other club members on the shooting line for Round 4. Two of them Jon Nott and Naomi Folkard (shooting for RLSAS) were shooting for places in the finals in September with Chris Bell looking to put himself in the top 5 compounders in the UK and Kathryn again looking for UK ranking points in the Ladies Longbow.

We arrived for the 2 day event with our new overnight tent but were greeted by rain and a sea of tents already on the tent line. After putting up our wet tent in record time we ventured over to the deserted tent line to put up our shooting tent. As we stood on the shooting line with no one else about with the target flags fluttering in the breeze it was a very lovely moment.

Day 1 dawned with the field quickly filling up with day archers so after a quick breakfast we headed over to registration and day tent. Whereas we had left our tent at the rear of the tent line the night before, we now had to find our way through the streets of the little tent city that had grown up that morning. A National series event without wind would be an unusual event and we were not to be disappointed.

Mens Compound Day 1 Fita 70m and H2H

Fine performances from the boys saw Chris seeded 12th for the H2H with a score of 685 and Jon seeded 16th with a score of 679. Jon was not pleased with his result as much as Chris was pleased with his. The winner Liam Grimwood shot a new World record. In the H2H they both progressed through the early round but Jon came up against the inform Liam G and lost 5-1. Chris lost 4-2 to Adam Shaw. Both were placed 9th overall.

Ladies Recurve Day 1 Fita70m&H2H

In the Ladies recurve Naomi finished 2nd seed with a score of 619 behind World Championship bronze medallist Amy Oliver thus avoiding a 1st round clash with clubmate Kathryn. Kathryn up against her nemesis the UK NO 1 Amanda Slack and finished 2nd in the Ladies Longbow competition with her fifth consecutive bowmen score at this distance and was seeded 32 This bought Kathryn up against Amy. Now anyone that knows Kathryn knows she just wants to beat everyone she faces and she is no respecter of reputations as she was about to demonstrate. In practice for the Head to head match, there happened one of those moments that you had to be there to see. Amy was not taking the fact she was up against Kathryn that seriously, why would she at her level and it was only a longbow archer, so she was chatting to her mum and dad with her back to the target. Kathryn then put her first arrow in the X ring which struck Amy's parents dumb. Amy turned round looked through her scope and saw what Kathryn had done shot 3 arrows but couldn't match that one. Unfortunately that was the end of it for Kathryn as she was unable to repeat her shot and went out 4-0

However waiting further down the track was Saints teammate Naomi Folkard who coasted through to the final where she despatched Amy 6-0!!! .Watching in the

background with a grin on her face supporting Naomi was Kathryn. The grin was immortalised on film by Jon Nott and is currently on display on the AGB website.

Day 1 saw Naomi placed 1st and Kathryn 17TH

That evening we slept or tried to sleep as the noise of the railway track a few hundred yards away carried on all night. At least if you needed to leave the tent you didn't need a torch as the whole area was floodlit by the railway company. Very handy in the Portaloos....

Day 2 dawned with the wind still a factor and lots of dust blowing in from the railway plus a lot of noise. Before the action started the Red Arrows flew over the shoot and shot off a bit of smoke. This appeared to lift everyone and what made it an even greater coincidence is that Kathryn knew that the Red Arrows were on their way to her home town of Bewdley as they had been booked to fly over the Bewdley regatta so were flying up the Severn Valley to be waved at by the crowds and Kathryn's mother (the mayor we met earlier). A fact she told everyone who wanted to listen or not as the case may be.

Day 2 Ladies and Gents FITA

Day 2 saw Chris Bell in superb form as he had the opportunity after 3 distances to enter that elite group of archers who have broken the 1400 barrier. In the end nerves took their toll and he could only shoot 356 for 30m, lower than his PB and leaving him agonisingly short by 2 points. On the plus side this was a new Senior club record.

Jon had another indifferent day compared to his great form of late and finished with 1352 as he saw his chances of reaching the finals seemingly slip out of his grasp.

So team mates Chris finished 9th overall with Jon in 13th.

In the Ladies recurve Naomi's dominant form from Day 1 continued and she just carried on from where she left off finishing 1st and taking 1st place overall, qualifying for the finals in Liverpool, with the last round at York still to go.

Day 2 for Kathryn was just a Longbow affair. She was sandwiched as she had been on day 1 between GBR Compound internationals Andrea Gales and Nicola Simpson. Although not shooting at her best in the windy conditions she just fell short of 300 on 297 but for the first time she beat the UK number 1 into second place which was a great performance particularly as she was lying second for most of the day until she managed to outscore her rival in the last end.

Again no prizes for Kathryn but she was happy that she had been able to win a very tight longbow competition

National Series Rd 5 –York Double FITA incorporating EAF on Day 1

Weather conditions were poor over both days (again). Being on holiday in the area meant we had called in on the Friday to the competition field in heavy rain and a member of the field party advised that the tournament had been called off in 2010 due to the wind but they were hopeful it would just rain. Little did they know.

Day 1 saw Naomi Folkard (shooting for RLSAS) in the ladies recurve, with Kathryn Lester ladies Longbow and Chris Bell and Jon Nott Men's compound. Day 1 was also the EAF Championships.

As the only longbow archer present Kathryn attracted much attention from the male members of the York field party who came over to admire her longbow and examine her arrows. (Well I presume that was what they were doing.) Throughout the day they were encouraging her as she battled against the weather which was really great to see and on her return journey home on day 3 of the tournament (she was only shooting the first 2) she made a detour to thank the club for their support. One male longbow archer there is a civil servant and didn't know about the CSAA so she did a quick recruitment seminar and hopefully he will join. (Ed- Excellent!)

Rain and wind was a continuous spectre over day 1 and scoring was difficult especially for the single longbow in the whole tournament as her arrows got wetter and wetter and she got colder and colder but she battled on bravely to the end wearing her CSAA polo shirt with pride as and when the weather allowed her to take off her raingear.

Clubmate Naomi Folkard made light of the conditions to finish first and take the EAF Ladies recurve title .

Kathryn took first place in the Ladies Longbow but the EAF does not present a trophy or medal for Longbow. Clubmates Chris Bell finished 10th and Jon Nott took 12th place.

Day 2 was very, very windy. Kathryn withdrew after practice as the conditions were not suitable for Longbow shooting and she likes her arrows in one piece, having had some shattered in similar conditions in RD 1 at Evesham. When GBR compounders are struggling to get them in the target and recurve arrows are being blown off their rests it was not a good day for shooting any discipline..

Two dozen arrows later the shoot was cancelled due to the weather conditions .

Her clubmates Final positions:-

Ladies Recurve-Naomi Folkard-1st

Ladies Longbow-Kathryn Lester-1st

Men's Compound-Chris Bell-10th

Jon Nott-12th

So ended Kathryn's National Series Journey. She had gained some experience but again was frustrated by the lack of competition and the H2H's being against recurve archers but she is determined to improve and having seen a male long bower knock out a recurve archer in the H2H in Evesham do the same at some stage.

So she will wait for the 2012 dates to come out and she may be shooting at an event near you , so be warned.

Steve and Kathryn Lester Midlands
CSSC



Kathryn in action, wearing her McKenzie Clan kilt, in honour of her ancestors. Steve tells me that she plans to wear it at next years Championships in Stirling. Better not be windy!

And a wee addendum to the above, Kathryn has finished the season as the 3rd ranked Lady Longbow in the country. Well done!

Notes from the Membership Secretary

Anita has asked me to take this opportunity to remind the membership about their payment to the Association. Yearly fees , currently £5 are due on July 1st each year, and should be paid preferably by Standing Order. Alternatively, a cheque can be sent to Anita, address overleaf. Please avoid giving her cash when you see her, as its quite difficult to pay cash into a postal account!

Another point that's worth making is about the difference between Standing Orders and Direct Debits. We, the CSAA, cannot change the amount you pay us via a SO, nor any other details. And if you should change your bank account to another provider, SOs do not automatically transfer in the same way that Direct Debits do, so you may find that your fees may not be paid. As already said, we cannot do anything about that, other than realise that the fee isn't paid. YOU are responsible for ensuring that fees are paid on time, especially if you are attending an event, and are expecting to be eligible to claim expenses.

Indoor Championships 2012

This is just a quick note for your diaries that the Indoor Championships next year will be held at RAF Cranwell on Saturday March 24th. More details will be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

50th Wedding Anniversary

As mentioned earlier, Sir Anthony and Lady Heather Battishill did not attend this years National Championships, as the date coincided with their 50th wedding anniversary. The committee decided that it was only right that we, as an Association, should commemorate this event, and after much deliberation, decided to ask Maurice Clarke to make a suitable gift for them. As you can see from the attached photographs, I think you'll agree that he came up trumps. And special thanks to Anita Baily, who organised its safe delivery.



The statuette depicts Sir Anthony holding a bow, and Lady Heather with the arrows. On the base is a monogram, incorporating their initials and the number 50, picked out in gold.

Clouting Summer

There aren't many clout competitions held in Scotland, but this year my club decided to remedy that situation. We ran a Day of Clout in July, with a Double one way GNAS round in the morning, followed by a Double one way FITA round in the afternoon. I had a very good day, and decided that I would try to get enough scores for a British ranking, and enter the National championships at Bradford, (organised by a CSAA member Andrew Neal).

So it was that after covering 2,500 miles in 5 weeks in September/October I found myself in Bradford on a glorious late summer day, with 123 like minded archers. It's the biggest field I've ever been part of, a fantastic competition with National records been broken, but all standards being represented. I'd urge all archers to give it a go, at least once.

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Archery Injury

I had an email from Wendy King (SW) a few days after the National Championships, with a photo attached. It detailed an injury to her hand caused when one of her wooden arrows broke on release, and passed through the back of her hand.. To the relief of many, Wendy included, I WON'T be including the picture here. She thought that a plaster would be enough, but the local A&E department didn't agree! She is well on the mend, and will no doubt be flaunting her scar to all and sundry when back on the shooting line. Best wishes Wendy!



Wendy in action at the National Championships in London