

**In this edition, we eagerly await this weekend's National champs and I include some statistics from past champs. There is also a recap on Irish archers successful involvement in Hungary at the European Field Archery Champs.**

## **NATIONAL CHAMPS JUST DAYS AWAY...**

With the country experiencing high temperatures and glorious sunshine, the Irish Archery club (IAC) are all set to host the 2013 Champs, now just days away. It is hoped a large crowd of archers will descend on the woods for this annual IFAF showcase event which will be great for the tournament as well as for the campers.

The woods are looking very well according to the IAC gang, and "The Glade" location with the old church and its surroundings will add to the overall ambience and atmosphere.

Eric would like you to contact him if you are competing and wish to remain on for the FREE barbeque and craic in the woods after day one on Saturday night. Please contact him to book a burger or two on 086 6696754.

As IFAF P.R.O, I would like to take this opportunity to wish IAC and all archers who will attend at the weekend the very best of luck, especially those who will be participating in their first nationals.

Again I urge as many as possible to attend even if it is for one of the two days.

Don't forget the sun screen, and sprays for any unwelcome winged guests which this great weather brings. And don't forget to stay hydrated in the woods.

Andrew Wayland.

## **CHAMPS STATS - ATTENDANCES 2006-2012...**

<b>2012 NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>DUNBRODY ARCHERS</b>	<b>96 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2011 NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>IAC</b>	<b>81 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2010 NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>BLACKDOG</b>	<b>74 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2009 NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>IAC</b>	<b>76 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2008 NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>BLACKDOG</b>	<b>39 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2007 3D NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>BLUE ARROWS</b>	<b>47 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2007 BOWHUNTER CHAMPS</b>	<b>LIMERICK YEOMEN</b>	<b>38+ ARCHERS. (total number not recorded)</b>
<b>2006 3D NATIONAL CHAMPS</b>	<b>LOUGHCREW</b>	<b>63 ARCHERS.</b>
<b>2006 BOWHUNTER CHAMPS</b>	<b>DUNBRODY ARCHERS</b>	<b>36 ARCHERS</b>

## **THE 30 2012 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS.**

**ANDY VAGG  
ELAINE FORAN  
JAMES GAYNOR  
ADAM TWOMEY  
ANTHONY McDERMOT  
MARJAN BOERS  
ALANNAH VAGG  
MICHAEL HAMBLY  
GER SWAYNE  
JOHN HEWER  
SAM TWOMEY  
MARK DALY  
DIANE CUMMINS  
SHANE RYDING  
KEVIN POWER  
SHANNON MERNAGH  
SEAN CROWE  
HELEN O' CONNELL  
STEVEN RYDING  
EVAN CUMMINS  
ANWYN BREEN  
PAT GAYNOR  
WIKTOR MAZUR  
DAVID NOLAN  
JOHN ORR  
EIMHIN GAYNOR  
THOMAS CROWE  
WILLIAM O' LEARY  
SARAH DUNNE  
KIERAN MULHOLLAND**

*All statistics courtesy of Dunbrody Archers regular club Newsletter "Target in View" with IFAF shoot records going back to 2005.*

## 2013 EUROPEAN FIELD ARCHERY CHAMPS – HUNGARY.

Well done to all who competed at last week's Championships held in

Sopron Hungary. John Shiel reported back with a run down of the event.

The weather was very hot and the ground bone dry. Some of the courses were very challenging and steep while the other courses were relatively good. The woodlands were fabulous with a mixture of trees varieties.



As for the results John himself did very well in the Veteran Longbow section where he finished in a very credible fourth place overall ahead of a strong Finnish archer. However John was the worthy winner of the B class finishing over 400 points ahead of his nearest rival from France. Incidentally John shot the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Hunter round score in Veteran Longbow.

As for the other archers from Ireland below who shot under the Archery Association of Europe (AAE) banner, many did very well indeed. Several medals came home afterwards. Congrats to all.

Lynn Ellingworth did exceptionally well and once again dominated the Ladies Bowhunter Recurve section throughout. She was the class B winner as well as overall winner in this class.

Lynn's club mate Sarah Twomey did very well to win the C class and finish third overall.

Nerissa Stones finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the C class and was a very credible 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

Gavin Blanchfield continued his blistering form and shot incredibly well throughout to win the Cub Barebow Compound class.

James Gaynor was B class winner in Mens Historical class and 9<sup>th</sup> overall while his club mate David Harris finished in 11<sup>th</sup> and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in C class.

James Waters finished 5<sup>th</sup> in Mens Bowhunter Compound category.

Adrian Twomey finished 14<sup>th</sup> in the Bowhunter Recurve class with Tony Gaynor just three places behind.

And last but by no means least, Samuel Twomey did very well to finish as C class winner and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Cub Longbow class whilst his sister Rebecca finished with a fine score in Cub Barebow Recurve to match Samuel with a C class medal and a 3<sup>rd</sup> overall placing. And to keep up the family medal tally, Adam Twomey also finished as a C class winner and was 5<sup>th</sup> overall in Cub Barebow Recurve class.

Well done to all. The event culminated with an awards ceremony on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Full scores and overall results can be found on the IFAA website.

[http://www.ifaa-archery.org/index.php?option=com\\_phocadownload&view=file&id=58:efac13&Itemid=388](http://www.ifaa-archery.org/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=file&id=58:efac13&Itemid=388)

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