

INTRODUCING NEW IFAF CLUB - WEXFORD ARCHERS

FOUNDED: NOV 2013
FOUNDER: EDDIE RYAN

**LOGO: ARCHER TAKING AIM GRAPHIC- IN THE
CO. WEXFORD COLOURS.**
VENUE: WOODVILLE, OUTSKIRTS OF NEW ROSS



Eddie Ryan is a very well known archer who has been an IFAF archer since 2006. He was instrumental in the early development of Dunbrody Archers, as chief course layer and grafter. It is no surprise to see that he has now founded a club of his own. Wexford Archers came about following the eventful summer that we have experienced. Eddie, a Dunbrody archer wished to remain with IFAF following Dunbrody's move to SIFA.

It is impressive to see how fast he got the new club up and running. Set in beautiful surroundings in land owned by the Roche family, 18 targets are set in the woodland and also out in the open fields. Eddie's experience and course laying expertise resulted in a top class compact course, and he has big ideas for the future. He even has a new logo designed.



The inaugural shoot took place on Sunday November 17th and 45 archers took part in very favourable weather. No backstops in sight unless you count three foot wide tree trunks. The woodland with mature trees were golden and rustic brown and very eye catching. A lovely vista indeed.

The new course is a testing one with natural obstacles, old railway lines, and hills, some quite steep. There are ponds, home to many ducks, and more water treats still to be discovered according to Eddie. Those present were very impressed with the venue. Feedback following the event was very positive.

He also revealed that there are Pine martins and Red Squirrels in the woods, not sure if they appeared to anyone during the shoot though. The woods apparently change significantly in appearance through the seasons.

Eddie with some help had set the course and dug in steps in a very short space of time. The 3D's he had borrowed until he can build his own collection. He had hoped for a good attendance and the IFAF archers turned up in force. The enthusiastic owner Gerard was present throughout and was very interested in watching the proceedings and in looking for wayward arrows.



So what's next for Wexford Archers?, a clout shoot around the new year perhaps (29th Dec tbc), and several calendared shoots throughout 2014. No doubt Wexford Archers will host one of the IFAF championship events next year too. There will be new members coming on board and it will be interesting to see how the club will develop over the coming months.



Eddie would like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank all who attended the shoot, son Niall for his assistance, Samantha for her support, and also to NLD for the kind use of the 3D's. Thanks also to Nicky and Elaine for their assistance with registration and to David Sinnott for providing toilet facilities.





Stay tuned to the IFAF website for further updates on Wexford Archers.

By Andrew Wayland (IFAF P.R. Officer) Nov 2013

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