



Irish Field Archery Federation

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ANOTHER YEAR...

Happy new year to all in the IFAF.

Well it's that time of year again, a time to locate the gators and that second hiking boot that somehow went missing in the garage, then realize that the socks had been left inside the footwear since mid December (so that's what the pong in the garage was and the poor pet cat had got the blame!) Time to set up the new Christmas archery pressies, or dust off proven equipment and look at getting back out to the woods or to the club hall.

2013 was a turbulent year to say the least but now with new clubs in the fold, it is apt to look at the new calendar of events for the year ahead.

Best wishes to all IFAF archers, clubs and supporters for 2014.

It should be a very enjoyable year with each club committing to hosting a number of shoots. There will be SEFAC and SEBHC again of course as well as individual National Championships. This year for each IFAA recognized round, IFAF will hold a national Champs event. There will also be the annual two day IFAF champs. NLD will again host the Passberger cup and the All- Ireland Indoor Champs. There is also the possibility of new clubs joining IFAF. Moves are already underway in this regard.

SIFA clubs will hold open shoots and with our greater links with the NIFAA now, we will be traveling up north more often. There is a positive relationship built up between ourselves and Archery Ireland too so that will open up new avenues in the year ahead.

UKIFAC will take place once again, this year (July) in Wales.

The EBHC takes place in Confolens- France in June and this will be what many archers are setting their sights on.

IFAF archers will compete in NFAS events across the pond too including the Scottish Champs, 3D Champs, and National Champs. There is also the ancient Scorton Arrow tournament in England which some of our members have traveled to for several years. The South West Challenge will be another draw. There are also European Indoor Champs in San Marino.

How about World Field Archery Champs in Yankton U.S.A? So these along with other events will give plenty of choice at home and abroad.

(see the IFAF website calendar for further details/ dates.)

So an interesting year ahead and hopefully one that will be lacking issues, tensions and political upheaval. Lets continue to move forward and focus on the good things, the friendships, the camaraderie, the scenery, and most importantly the archery itself.

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