





66 archers attended Bangor and District's annual Easter Monday Shoot which for the second year has been held at the Boucher Road playing fields. Good weather resulted in the best turnout for many a year with archers coming from all corners of Ireland including a large contingent of Irish Amateur Archery Association members along with their new coach Vittorio Frangilli. The only downside was the low cloud cover which kept the temperatures low and the gusty winds that made conditions tricky in the morning for the longer distances.

As the opening event to the outdoor target season scoring is usually difficult but some excellent scores were posted in the junior categories with Stuart Patton (U16) of Muckamore Company of Archers coming first in Metric II (60,50,40 & 30 metres) with 1175. Laura Beattie (U18) of David Lloyd Bowmen competing in her first outdoor target shoot coming first in Metric IV and overall in Girls Freestyle (40,30,20 & 10 metres) with a score of 1089.

Archers competing in the Longbow and Traditional styles were shooting a Western round (60 & 50 yards) with Charlie Harvey coming first in Longbow for the third year running and Andy Haggan of Lough Cuan Bowmen coming first in Traditional.

In the senior categories success for Bangor and District in Metric III (50,40,30 & 20 metres) with Ian Schofield and John Ming coming first and second with scores of 1128 and 950. Audrey Needham took first place for Lough Cuan Bowmen in the Ladies Barebow with 1018.

In the Ladies FITA round (70,60,50 & 30 metres) first place in the Recurve Freestyle went to Sinead Cuthbert of Dublin with 1209, second place to Maeve Reidy of Leixlip with 1151 and third to Amanda Mayne of Lisburn City Archery Club with 1092.

Lesley McCoombe was first in the Ladies Compound Unlimited with 1209.

In the Gents FITA round (90,70,50 & 30 metres) first place in the Recurve Freestyle went to Karl Watson of Kilmore Archery Club with 1258, second Emmanuel O'Dea of Galway 1204 and third to Martin Cunningham of Dublin with 1173. In Compound Unlimited first place went to Andrew Napier of Kilmore Archery Club with 1309, second to Darrell Wilson of Bangor and District with 1279 and third to Eamonn Rodgers of Cuchulainn with 1250.

Our thanks to City of Belfast Archery Club for the loan of targets and setting out the field.

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