

EMAS's Regional 720 & H2H



The EMAS Region ran its very first WA720 and Head-to-Head match on Sunday 23rd July. Archers from each of the five Counties' teams took part in the event which proved an outstanding success. Contrary to all expectations the weather was very kind... mostly. The venue for the shoot, Sherwood Archers ground at Southwell, is a dedicated field which is always well maintained and sheltered by trees on all sides.

Shooting began with barely a breath of wind. Recurves, barebow and longbow archers shoot at 70 metres while compounders shoot at 50 metres but on the centre of an 80cm face. This is the ranking stage of the shoot and determines archers' positions in the Head-to-Head knockout shoot in the afternoon.

After a lunch break and the Sherwood Archers obligatory visit from the ice cream van the 720 team awards took place in the club's new clubhouse. This was followed immediately by the practise for the knockout rounds. Computer software determines who faces who based on each archer's position in the ranking 720. The knockout scoring differs between compound and recurve. For the compound each archer shoots five ends of three arrows and the winner of the match is decided by the total score. Recurvers etc shoot for Set Points - so for each end of three arrows the archer is awarded 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw or 0 for a lose. The overall winner of the match is the first archer to reach 6 match points. If there is no clear winner for recurve or compound then the tie break is a single arrow shoot off in which each archer shoots one arrow and the winner is the archer with an arrow closest to the centre of the target.



L&R fielded a good team but, unfortunately, we were still two archers short. We needed one lady barebow shooter and one lady compound shooter. This had a real effect on the results. In the compound match, for instance, our compounders performed well and consistently; the gents compounders taking

4th, 5th, 6th and 8th places. Lacking one team member, however, meant that the compound team (which included both gents and ladies scores) couldn't match Nottinghamshire's full team.

The only upset to the day happened at the start of the H2H when the field was hit by a torrential downpour driven by sudden gusts of wind. This lasted all of 30 minutes and then a flat calm returned leaving archers and their equipment steaming gently in the warmth.



Awards for L&R in the H2H:

Ladies recurve	
Anne Smith	Bronze
Gents barebow	
Will Croydon	Gold
Gents compound	
Chris Czerniak	Silver
Alan Tonge	Bronze

The Head-to-Head was a hard fought event for many. Steve Copson (Gents recurve) lost his one arrow shoot off by the narrowest of margins (half an inch at 70 metres). Kim Copson lost to Anne Smith in the Bronze medal match while Christian Czerniak and Alan Tonge took Silver and Bronze respectively. Will Croydon, after arguing quite convincingly that he was having a bad shoot, took the gold in Gents barebow.

Here is a list of L&R's placings in the WA 720 match:

Gents Recurve		Gents Compound	
Steve Copson	5th	Alan Tonge	4th
Paul Taylor	12th	Neill Brown	5th
Keith Johnson	13th	Pete Fox	6th
		Chris Czerniak	8th
Ladies Recurve		Ladies compound	
Anne Smith	3rd	Carol Smith	5th
Kim Copson	5th	Caroline Prime	9th
Gill Brown	12th		
Gents Barebow			
Will Croydon	2nd		
Chris Flint	3rd		