

The National Inter-Counties Team Tournament, 2017

Once again L&RCAA sent teams to Lilleshall to compete in the National Inter-Counties Team Tournament held in June each year. The event takes place over two days so many of our archers arrived on Friday night and stayed for the whole weekend.



Lilleshall is the home of Archery GB (Formerly The Grand National Archery Society... but what's in a name?) and hosts this competition across one of the biggest fields many archers ever see.

The shoot begins early on Saturday morning with a 72 arrow ranking round; 70 metres for recurves, 50 metres for compounds. This WA720 allows archers to be sorted as teams (not individuals) and matched against opponents in a knockout competition which takes place during the afternoon.

Unfortunately two of our teams were each a man short; one through injury (gents recurve A) and one through a car breakdown (gents compound B). This didn't stop the teams for shooting in the afternoon, however. It simply meant that their chances of beating any opposition were severely limited!

Shropshire is noted as being one of, if not THE, coldest Counties in the country, so it was a pleasure to turn up on Saturday morning to a mild day with almost no wind. This continued for almost the entire day, though the vagaries of the Lilleshall field meant that for some archers gentle breezes appeared out of nowhere to move arrows about the target.

Once the 720 ranking round was finished teams were sorted into the first knockout round. Head to head competition is something that many Counties practise regularly so neither of the gents compound teams went through, nor did the two man gents recurve team. L&RCAA gents recurve A team went through in some style watched by the other County archers.

Sunday began in the same way - a very gentle breeze and mild though with a hint of rain in the air. By mid-day it was no longer a hint but a steady, soft drizzle with a temperature, though warm to begin with, rapidly dropping as the rain increased. This became almost a battle of attrition with shooters simply gritting their teeth and pushing themselves on through 50 and 30 metres.

At the end of the shoot all the archers admitted they'd had two good days shooting and were pleased with their individual performances; remembering, of course, that the other competitors were the best each County could provide.







The Team Captain offers a great big "Thank you" to all the shooters who volunteered, practised, funded their own trip to the wilds of Shropshire and got drenched in the process.

The scores opposite are extracted from the more detailed ranking 720, team head to head and individual 1440 scores which can be found by following the links on the AGB website. For more information on what the team head to head involves contact the County Team Captain (email on the County web site) or chat to a member of the County Team from your club.

Thanks also to Claire Colledge for her invaluable help in taking photographs on the day.

SCORES FOR THE WA1440 Sunday

Ladies recurve

Anne Smith	1206
Kim Copson	1041
Gill Brown	999

Gents recurve

Arthur Coveney	1239
Jason Jibrail	1180
Keith Johnson	1119
Oliver Stevenson	1072
Johnathan Borrill	1050

Gents Compound

Neill Brown	1347
Bill Chapman	1330
Alan Tonge	1316
Andrew Varnam	1291
Steve Colledge	1189

Gents barebow

Ollie Hartfield	818
William Croyden	705
Alex Brown	605

More detailed results showing placings for individuals and teams can be found on the AGB website.