

The Regional Inter-County Senior Team Tournament



2017 Thoresby Trophy

A brief history of the Thoresby Trophy.

The THORESBY TROPHY Tournament was started at the request of Countess Manvers, the owner of Thoresby Hall. The trophy was commissioned by the Countess herself the mould for which was sculpted by an archer and cast by Vaughtons of Birmingham. The early years saw the tournament take place in the grounds of Thoresby Hall, initially on the cricket pitch, later on the grassed car park. At some point the Hall was sold and management of it taken over by an hotel chain. As is ever the case the lack of profit in hosting archery competitions led to the hotel chain asking EMAS to hold the shoot elsewhere and so began the tradition of moving the tournament around the counties.

A more detailed history can be found on the EMAS website written by David Clarke.





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This year the EMAS Team Inter-Counties Tournament was hosted by Bramcote. Bramcote's field is big enough to host clout competitions but unfortunately is situated on top of a hill; meaning that cross winds can sometimes be ferocious. As it was the day was as near to a flat calm that most competitors have ever experienced at Bramcote (12 mph gusts!).

Putting a team together for this year's Thoresby was very difficult because it clashed with another record status shoot at Meriden.





It would be good to give a full account of the results but, unfortunately, these have not been released yet by the organisers (as at 26th September). All we know for certain is that Jim Young was the highest scoring Gents Recurve on the day and that L&R did not win back the Thoresby Trophy. Following an admin error on the part of the Tournament organisers and a lack of communication from them a

barebow team from L&R never got entered. As a general rule L&R have quite a strong barebow team so it's very disappointing that they never got the chance to compete. As and when the results are published we will try and get them onto the County website.

The fact that such efforts needed to be made to put a team together is also disappointing - it needs more archers at club level to be encouraged to take part in competitions and then enter the selection shoots. The County really needs a team 'in depth' so any encouragement of developing archers would be very much appreciated.



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