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The L&R against Lincolnshire match this year was combined with the County Championships and hosted by Ivanhoe Archers in Ashby.

Ivanhoe is a long established club shooting on a school sports field which is sheltered to the rear by a bank and on all sides by trees. This gives the field a pleasant, secluded feel and led to a very relaxed shoot.

Because of the timing of the event (holiday season) the Lincs team was severely limited to the extent that they could only find one junior who then elected not to attend and as a result only seniors competed.

The day began with warmth and sunshine but with a very gentle breeze which just pushed arrows here and there at random. Some archers seem to be more affected by this kind of wind than others and though the arrows are not pushed very far it is usually enough to drop a few points off a score. The weather was kind for virtually all the day; only breaking into rain after the shoot was over (first class timing!). Before the shoot Radio Leicester put in an appearance to chat to organisers and bring the club, event and sport a little extra publicity. Sadly this may well have backfired because within twenty-four hours one of the club's containers was broken into, bows stolen and the remaining contents set on fire.

Thanks to some quick thinking by the club Chairman, Steve Colledge, appeals were sent out via social media, etc. and enough money and equipment was donated to ensure the club's continued survival. Wanton destruction of a club's equipment like this can often be the death knell of a small club but Ivanhoe is a close knit group and really pulled together to keep the club afloat.

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Money was donated from a surprising number of places - from as far afield as Denmark and America as well as from around the UK.

L&R was lucky enough to have Lizzie Warner in the Team lineup for this shoot. As a young GB archer she put in a predictably excellent score of 1170 - almost 100 points ahead of her nearest rival. She was accompanied by two other County stalwarts, Anne Smith and Kim Copson, to produce a winning team score of 3300. The gents recurve team of Tom Cram and Paul Smith also put in a winning score of 2045 but it was a much closer match with just over 30 points separating them from their Lincolnshire opponents.

Four archers represented L&R against four from Lincs and L&R's strength in depth meant another team win. Oliver Clayton-Smith, Neil Laszkowicz, Neill Brown and Peter Fox all compete on a regular basis and this showed in the final result.

The only other bow classification Lincs could bring was Longbow. Since L&R have no gents willing to compete (at least until Paul Agar gets his new bow up and running) and Lincs could not provide any ladies it was agreed that it would be a straight competition between the girls of L&R and the gents of Lincolnshire. Fortunately L&R has Catriona Charters, a Grand Master Bowman, in its team which meant a decisive win at the end of the day.

Overall L&R won by a margin of 980 points... well done and congratulations to the team.





Photos courtesy of David Bach
of Ivanhoe Archers.

Alan Tonge Secretary L&RCAA



L&R

Ladies Recurve

Lizzie Warner	1170
Anne Smith	1080
Kim Copson	1050

Gents Recurve

Thomas Cram	1071
Paul Taylor	974

Gents Compound

Oliver Clayton-Smith	1246
Neil Laszkowicz	1194
Neill Brown	1180
Peter Fox	1176

Adult Longbow

Catriona Charters	416
Gillian Brown	375

Combined score 10932

Lincolnshire

Ladies Recurve

Helen Faulkner	1090
Nikki Cade	1005
Natasha Evans	929

Gents Recurve

Martin Wolstenholme	1051
Geoff Evans	967

Gents Compound

Graham Crampin	1172
Alex Taylor	1164
Daniel Severn	1132
Ged Goulsbra	1098

Adult Longbow

Roger Sale	176
Mick Helliwell	168

Combined score 9952