

Lincolnshire Senior County Team 2010

How to qualify for the team: Team application is open to any archer who is a member of Lincolnshire County Archery Society (LCAS). Basically, you just have to send me some scores, and if they are high enough, you will be selected! The gentlemen shoot a York round, and the Ladies a Hereford, so you must be able to shoot for a full day (12 dozen arrows plus sighters) and at the maximum distances involved, i.e. 100 yards for the gents, and 80 yards for the ladies. For that reason, I prefer to be sent scores from rounds which include these distances, or their nearest metric equivalent (90 metres for gents, 70 metres for ladies). Also I prefer submitted scores to have been shot at tournaments, so they can be easily verified. This also demonstrates that you have some tournament experience and can perform under competition conditions. The best and easiest way (from my point of view) to submit scores, and communicate with me in general, is by email - please use this method if you can. My email address is: gjcrampin@googlemail.com

However I can also be reached on the phone: (Home: 01472 877050, Mobile: 07746451672) or by traditional post at: Graham Crampin, 68 Park Avenue, GRIMSBY, N E Lincolnshire, DN32 0BZ.

Please include the following information with your application:

1. Which county team shoot(s) you are available for.
2. Bow type, round(s) you have shot, when and where you shot them, and the score(s) you achieved.
3. Your own contact details and your GNAS membership number.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon!

Events: There are 2 match events during the year, and if you aren't available for one of the dates, you can still try for the other one (you will not be at any disadvantage compared to archers who are available for both shoots). The dates and other details are:

1. The Lincolnshire vs. Leicestershire and Rutland match.

Date: Sunday, 13th June, 2010 (note: not the 12th as wrongly stated elsewhere)
Venue: Pilgrim Bowmen club ground, Rosebery Avenue, Boston
Rounds: York (gents), Hereford (ladies), both record status and Rose Award

This is to be held in Lincolnshire this year and is incorporated into our own county championships. For this reason, you will still have to enter and pay for your own entry independently - the county will not pay for your place! Please note also that you will not automatically be considered for the team just by entering the shoot and turning up on the day - you must notify me of your wish to be in the team, by the closing date of 25 May 2010. I do reserve the right to persuade other archers into the squad if I absolutely have to, but people who apply themselves will always be given first preference! We will be shooting alongside the Lincolnshire Junior team, and the combined totals for juniors and seniors will decide the result.

I am only asking for a minimum of one score to be submitted (although two or three is better), since the date is quite early in the season, and I realise that you may not have had much chance to attend many tournaments. I don't yet know the exact numbers I need, but I will require recurves and compounds, and can almost certainly find places for longbows if I have anyone wanting to shoot.

2. The EMAS Senior Inter-Counties Tournament

Date: Sunday, 5th September 2010
Venue: Northamptonshire (to be confirmed - I will post details as soon as I know them!)
Rounds: York (gents), Hereford (ladies), both record status and Rose Award

If you succeed in qualifying for this event, the county will pay for your entry fee! Please send me as many scores as you can (3 or more is ideal, however, if you have only got one then still send it!) by the closing date: 10th August 2010. Again I do reserve the right to ask other archers to shoot, but only if I don't have sufficient numbers. Those who apply themselves will be first on my list!

We will be shooting against the other four counties in the EMAS region. There are three separate competitions/trophies for compounds, longbows and recurves, as well as medals awarded to the top individual archers. It is usually a great event, and well worth attending. The normal team numbers are:

Compound: 4 Gentlemen, 3 Ladies

Longbow: 3 Gentlemen, 2 Ladies

Recurve: 8 Gentlemen, 6 Ladies

A Plea to all Longbow and Lady Archers - your county needs you! For several years we have not been able to field a longbow team, which I think is really a shame. For that reason, I am waving any strict entry requirements for longbow archers this year. All I require is that you can shoot at the maximum distances involved (100 yards for gents, 80 yards for ladies), and you really don't have to be able to hit with every arrow (or even most of them!) given the nature of longbow shooting. If you are prepared to have a go, and would like to do it, then that is good enough for me - just notify me of your availability by the closing date, or before if possible! I will only ask for further information regarding scores or whatever, in the very unlikely event that there are more applicants than team places (no one applied at all last year!). Have a go and let's get something happening for the longbows!

Last year, I was very short of numbers for lady archers. We were able to field a team for lady recurve (just about), but ended up without a full team for compounds at the inter-counties (and no longbows at all). So please ladies, whatever style of bow you shoot, and whatever your own views about your shooting standard, send me some scores! Just have a go - there is a very good chance you will be selected, and I will be delighted to include you if I possibly can.

Other General Information: Any archer shooting for the county who has not done so before will receive a lovely dark green, embroidered county team V-neck sweatshirt - yours to keep! and a county team broach also. All archers in the team receive a year bar to hang on their broach. It is usually possible to take orders for those who would like white county team polo shirts as well, though you do have to pay for these yourself - I will give details to those making the squad.

Any archer who can shoot the required rounds of York (gents) or Hereford (ladies) can apply for the senior team including juniors. If you are good enough, you will get a place I promise. The standard is not at all sky high, so have a go! You will never know what might have been if you don't try. When looking at scores, I have a positive outlook, and am generally interested in what you can do at your best, not in your less good days. That means that you have nothing to lose by sending in some early scores, even if you do better later in the season. Just send them all in whenever you can, and I will look at the best ones as an indication of what you are capable of.

Please! It is nice for me if you don't wait until the last possible moment to send some scores. That way I will be aware of you as a potential team member earlier, and can start to make tentative plans for the events, and see what sort of numbers might be available. In general, I am more than happy to help with any query at all regarding the county team, and promise to answer you promptly. So please make contact early if you can, even if only to signal your intent to apply - I will be very grateful. I wish you all the very best of luck, and good shooting in 2010.

Graham Crampin, Lincolnshire Senior County Team Manager