



## Lincolnshire Junior Archery

TO ALL ARCHERY CLUBS IN LINCOLNSHIRE

**The purpose of this Newsletter is simple, I need your help!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

2009 has been an interesting experience for me, it's the first year of being the Junior County team manager, and I hope that I have done a good job. We have set up squad get together days through the year and participated in several intercounties competitions, the best being when we took on the mighty Yorkshire and won.

But in 2010 I would like to improve things regarding the size of the junior squad. This is where you the clubs come in.

1. Each winter Lincolnshire nominates 5 juniors to go to the EMAS coaching squad; this consists of 5 training/ coaching days, normally 1 per month from November thro to March. But what about the juniors left behind? I am planning to hold Lincolnshire junior days at Friskney village hall starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> December and then once a month through to the start of outdoor season. The idea of the sessions is to build up a team spirit, gently encourage novices into competition archery and to carry out some workshops in basic bow maintenance and above all have fun. It will be aimed at all juniors, from the novice through to the more experienced. I have some willing volunteers but could do with some more, especially COMPOUNDERS. So if you have some free time on the 13<sup>th</sup> Dec between 1.00pm and 5.00pm your help would be appreciated.
2. The step up from shooting at your local club to the Representing the county can seem daunting to some juniors, and I think that is why few put themselves forward to shoot for the county. So I would like to ask you the clubs, what would be your thoughts on setting up a Lincolnshire club league.
  - 2.1 Each club to put together a junior team, and nominate a junior team manager.
  - 2.2 If possible a team should consist of compounders and recurve archers.
  - 2.3 Then during nominated shoots in the county during the year, we could run the inter club shoots in tandem. ( the following are only suggestions) Friskney shoot in April, Silverspoon shoot in May, Pilgrim shoot in June, Lincoln shoot in June, Louth shoot in July, Pilgrim shoot in August and Finishing with the Friskney shoot in September. Each team to consist of min 1 compounder and min 3 recurves, your team could include more than this but only the best compound score and 3 best recurve scores to count. At the end of the year the team with the highest score would win. Logistically teams will not be able to make every shoot, so the end total could be the best 5 shoot scores during the year. Also we could do an individual archer competition for the year in both recurve and compound. Due to limited numbers in some clubs, it might require some clubs joining together to form a team.
3. For any of this to take off, I really do need your support, hopefully during the next few months I will be going round each club, introducing myself to the juniors, and explain what the plans are for the Lincolnshire junior team.

Lastly I would like to hear your views on the ideas I have mentioned, if you have any ideas of your own on how we can encourage and improve our junior archers then please share them with me.

Regards

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