



Junior National Championships - '97

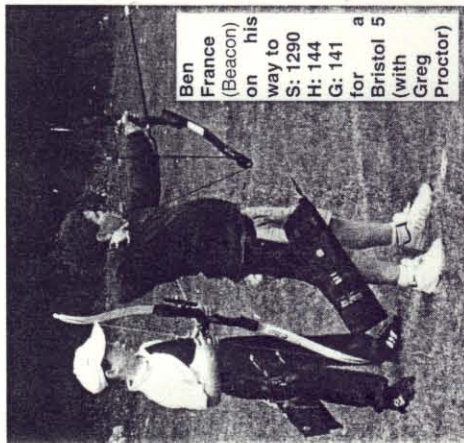
After another good day's shoot, the 4 National Champions were:
Nathan Bell (Olympic - 1075 for the York)
Michael Wheeler (Compound - 1140 for the York)
Lorna Eley (Olympic - 1105 for the Hereford)
Hazel Greeves (Compound - 1152 for the Hereford)

Again there was some very good shooting in all the rounds, the most notable being **Justin Gibbs** (1260, Bristol 3, Olympic); **Amy Cooke** (1246, Bristol 4, Olympic); **Ben Wills** (1258, Bristol 3, Compound). However, the greatest achievement had to be that of **Ben France** (Beacon Junior Archers) who, shooting a Bristol 5 with a Compound Bow, had 141 golds in a total score of 1290 (max 1296)!

As always, there was a Home International event, and it was good to see all 4 Home Nations making the effort and sending a team to contest the Championship and "The Glade" trophy. The result was a tie between England and Scotland (results are based on Handicaps).

The whole weekend went by very quickly, and from my perspective seemed to be enjoyed by all, particularly when the Ice Cream van turned up

on the field each day! The Juniors were a credit to their parents, and I was very proud to be involved with such an event, in which we had received much help from many people, not least Quicks Archery who sponsored the event this year.



Andover, over the weekend of July 5/6 was "invaded" by young archers eager to take part in the National Junior Championships and FITA Star and Metric rounds at the ground of Andover & Old Basing Archers who, as the host club, had put on their usual good show, even providing excellent weather for the whole weekend!

There were some 180 Juniors shooting the FITA Star and Metric Rounds on Saturday, and some excellent scores were recorded, with a few National Records being claimed as well. The shoot was also used as the Selection Shoot for the Cadet Team to go to Germany (ages 16 and under), and there was intense competition on the Young Ladies' line. The eventual team selected was **Naomi Folkard, Katie Gulliver and Salli Warnes** with **Andrew Stones** (who scored 1267), **Alan Wills** and **Karl Watson** being selected for the Young Gents.

In the FITA event, top honours in the Young Gentlemen went to **Nathan Bell**, who posted a score of 1202, while **Lorna Eley** was top Young Lady with 1195. In the compound event, **Michael Wheeler** top scored with 1236; **Hazel Greeves** topped the Young Ladies with 1177. There was good shooting throughout all the rounds, but particularly in the Metric 4, where **Amy Cooke** was leader with 1298, which included 27 consecutive "Tens"! (Olympic Bow).

Sunday was "Championships Day," and saw the advent of a new trophy "The Margaret Lewis Trophy," in memory of the work Margaret had done for Juniors. The trophy is a "footed" wooden arrow, footed with 4 different woods, and in a splendid presentation case.

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