



# IFAF NEWS

## Irish Field Archery Federation Newsletter #1

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### Scorton Silver Arrow

John Shiel, in his 6th year of attendance, recruited 'new bloods' Adrian Simms and Jason Cullen along with Andy Vagg, who returned for his 4th outing, to **The Antient Scorton Silver Arrow**. This 100 yard shoot is the oldest recorded competitive event in the world having begun in 1673.

The trip proved a huge success with the tradition of the competition making quite an impression. Watch this space to see more dapper dress in 2017...

### Valley Bowmen's farewell shoot

Valley Bowmen, and IFAF, said "slán" to one of the best known characters in field archery within Ireland; Mr. Andy Vagg.

Andy is well known to many from his time in **Blue Arrows** and more recently as a founding member of **Valley Bowman**. Andy also served a term as the **IFAF President** in 2013-14 and has been a stalwart of Irish archery for over 10 years.

His leaving, whilst tinged with sadness at our collective loss, was marked by the club holding their "archery extravaganza" on the May Bank Holiday weekend. The fun, good humour and friendship at the shoot perfectly mirrored the man many turned up in force to say farewell to.



*A new batch of IFAF shirts was ordered in June. The latest shock has been flying off the shelf with just a few sizes remaining.*

*Check with the IFAF PRO rep for details on the sizes currently available.*



Andy with his 'farewell plaque' from IFAF

*April and May saw the return of **Dunbrody Archers** and **South Cork Field Archers**, respectively, to the IFAF Calendar.*

*Both clubs last held an IFAF shoot in 2013. It was great to see the clubs, along with the shoot grounds, back on the IFAF circuit.*

### EBHC 2016: 27th June - 1st July

17 members of IFAF travelled to Austria to compete at EBHC 2016. The contingent covered all age groups from Veteran to Cubs and all bow-styles; traditional, recurve and compound.

They survived not only four days of shooting but also Austria's [in]famous mountain ranges, on which the courses were set, to complete the event. Congratulations to you all and "thank you" for representing Ireland so well!



Some IFAF Members pictured before the Opening Parade at EBHC 2016