

# EBHC 2018

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## EVENT REPORT

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EBHC 2018 was based in Oberwiesenthal, a small village on the German-Czech board, 140 km from Dresden. Due to the size of this years' EBHC – over 2000 competitors! – additional ranges were set-up in Bozi Dar, in the Czech Republic, approximately 4 km away.

This year saw great interest in the event by IFAF members with 36 archers competing at EBHC.

The travelling party was supplemented with family members; parents, partners and siblings, making a grand total of 46 people from Ireland in attendance.



All IFAA Championships are opened with a 'Parade of Nations' whereby all competitors march through the host town to cheers and warm welcomes from the local residents. Ireland's green really stood out amongst the other nations and we generated a lot of interest – and considerable envy – in our new 'light weight' shirts (many shirt-swaps were conducted at the end of the week).



The Parade terminated at the EBHC venue, a marque in this case, and that is where the opening ceremony commenced. Speeches and welcomes from local and national dignitaries along with representatives of the hosting IFAA organization (DFVB) and the IFAA Executive Committee.



Once the event was officially declared “Open” by the Vice President of the IFAA, Steve Kendrick, everyone relaxed into party-mode, and soaked up the energetic atmosphere that was a combination of anticipation about the week ahead, reconnecting with friends from past bow-hunter events, making new acquaintances and generally enjoying the craic with ‘Team IFAF’.



The first day of the competition brought bright blue skies and temperatures akin to what we had left at home (a first time for everything!). With the practice range opening from 6am there's no lie-in for the determined archer... or for those catching the transfer bus to Bozi Dar, with buses leaving from 7am each morning!



However, for some members of IFAF there was time for a moment of rest and reflection in preparation for the day ahead.

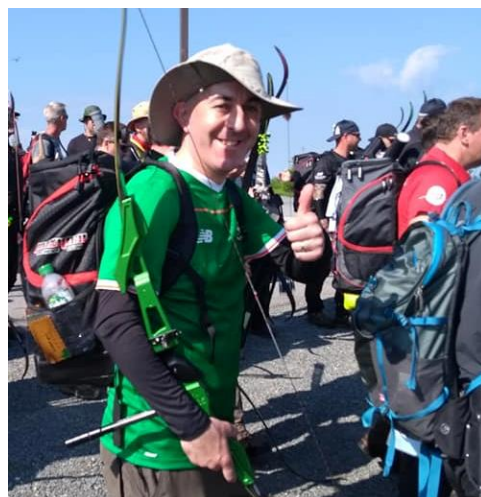
A few minutes spent 'chewing the rag' and watching the world go by does wonders for clearing the mind ready for shooting, apparently.

It seemed to work well for these two archers who know about these kind of things...



The call to muster sees archers line-up behind their range placard and wait for their turn to be lead-out to a bus, or cable car, which transfers them to (and from) their course. This is the moment when the tournament really begins; it's game on!





For four out of the five days of EBHC everyone made those early starts – some earlier than others – and slogged it out on the course for long days – some longer than others! Those competing did their best and battled not just with archers in their division but also the terrain and the heat until the final day when mountainous German weather (horizontal rain, sleet and/or drizzle) arrived.



After the final day of shooting was complete, people could take stock of their week in Germany. Team IFAF came together for a dinner at a local hotel called 'Schwarzes Ross' where the landlord, Mike, the chef and the bar-lady made us welcome and looked after our group fabulously.

The night was very special. It was filled with camaraderie, conversation and craic. The IFAA speaks of 'The Family of Archers' and that night we were the embodiment of that ethos.

Our 'family' ranged from youngsters, those too young to shoot [EBHC!], to grandparents competing in the Veteran category, through to non-archers attending as part of a family holiday.

There is a saying that 'Everyone loves the Irish' and it was certainly true at EBHC 2018.



Team IFAF did themselves proud at the tournament. Everybody represented themselves and their country extremely well. Those competing showed determination and strength of character in their shooting. Archers exemplified good sportsmanship to their counterparts in their shooting groups. Medalists demonstrated that a champion archer is serious about their sport but is fun to be with and shoot alongside. Congratulations to the six medalists! They have set a new benchmark for IFAF and shown all nations present what talent we have in our ranks!



Oisín Smith (JMFS-R) / GOLD



Diane Cummins (AFBH-C) / SILVER



Gerard Eady (JMBS-R) / BRONZE



Olivia Eady (JMBS-R) / BRONZE




Shannon Mernagh (YAFBH-R) / BRONZE



Karl Curtis (YAMBU) / BRONZE

The table shows the full list of competitors and their final place. Amazingly, even when the numbers get high there are still more archers in those categories. EBHC 2018 really was massive!

Start #	Last Name	First Name	Counry 	Association	Style	Division	Final Result
440	Smith	Oisin	Ireland	IFAF	FS-R	JM	<b>1</b>
1253	Cummins	Diane	Ireland	IFAF	BH-C	AF	<b>2</b>
409	Eady	Gerard	Ireland	IFAF	BB-R	JM	<b>3</b>
428	Curtis	Karl	Ireland	IFAF	BU	YAM	<b>3</b>
419	Eady	Olivia	Ireland	IFAF	BB-R	JF	<b>3</b>
1541	Mernagh	Shannon	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	YAF	<b>3</b>
495	O Connor	Kirsty	Ireland	IFAF	BB-R	CF	4
826	Crowe	Sean	Ireland	IFAF	BB-C	AM	4
1256	Cummins	Robert	Ireland	IFAF	TR	CM	6
1266	Cummins	Evan	Ireland	IFAF	FU	YAM	7
494	O Connor	Helena	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	JF	9
438	Smith	Cormac	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	JM	12
892	Moore	Colleen	Ireland	IFAF	LB	VF	14
2168	kavanagh	helen	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	VF	14
405	Eady	Sharon	Ireland	IFAF	BB-R	AF	16
416	Eady	Corey	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	JM	17
262	rentes	bryan	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	21
1566	Ellingworth	Lynn	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AF	22
437	Smith	Fiona	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AF	30
2318	McDermott	Anthony	Ireland	IFAF	LB	VM	35
855	Moloney	James	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	39
436	Smith	Terence	Ireland	IFAF	TR	VM	40
832	Crowe	Ben	Ireland	IFAF	FU	AM	44
2058	Boers	Marjan	Ireland	IFAF	TR	AF	58
1785	Shields	George	Ireland	IFAF	BU	AM	74
852	McCabe	Martin	Ireland	IFAF	LB	AM	78
1116	Gaynor	Pat	Ireland	IFAF	FU	AM	81
1274	Power	Brian	Ireland	IFAF	FU	AM	89
399	Eady	Tony	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	97
492	O Connor	Mark	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	111
1469	Harris	David	Ireland	IFAF	HB	AM	117
1112	Pakenham	Fred	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	121
442	Curtis	Jeff	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	127
1250	Murray	Willy	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	138
567	Rochford	Pat	Ireland	IFAF	TR	AM	180
1255	cummins	ivan	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	Did Not Shoot
1559	Smith	Alan	Ireland	IFAF	BH-R	AM	DNA

This year, because there was such a large contingent, IFAF were able to enter five Style Teams. A style team comprises of three archers, plus one reserve archer if available, shooting Adult distances (Young Adult, Adult and/or Veteran). Style Teams can be single gender/age category or mixed gender and/or age divisions. These are the teams and their final position:

14	Ireland		Freestyle Unlimited		5851
StartNo	Name	Firstname	Ass.	Style	Score
832	Crowe	Ben	IFAF	AMFU	2053
1116	Gaynor	Pat	IFAF	AMFU	1932
1274	Power	Brian	IFAF	AMFU	1866
13	Ireland		Bowhunter Recurve		3551
StartNo	Name	Firstname	Ass.	Style	Score
437	Smith	Fiona	IFAF	AFBH-R	1124
1566	Ellingworth	Lynn	IFAF	AFBH-R	1286
2168	kavanagh	helen	IFAF	VFBH-R	1141
11	Ireland II		Bowhunter Recurve		4629
StartNo	Name	Firstname	Ass.	Style	Score
262	Rentes	Bryan	IFAF	AMBH-R	1676
855	Moloney	James	IFAF	AMBH-R	1573
399	Tony	Eady	IFAF	AMBH-R	1380
9	Ireland		Traditional Recurve		3476
StartNo	Name	Firstname	Ass.	Style	Score
567	Rochford	Pat	IFAF	AMTR	1073
2058	Boers	Marjan	IFAF	AFTR	1039
436	Smith	Terence	IFAF	VMTR	1364
15	Ireland		Longbow		3207
StartNo	Name	Firstname	Ass.	Style	Score
2318	McDermott	Anthony	IFAF	VMLB	1232
892	Moore	Colleen	IFAF	VFLB	726
852	McCabe	Martin	IFAF	AMLB	1249

The 'Champion of Nations' team results were Germany 1<sup>st</sup>, Switzerland 2<sup>nd</sup> and Austria 3<sup>rd</sup>

# Photo Gallery

Photos from the EBHC Facebook album, Lynn Ellingworth, James Moloney, Martin McCabe, Mary Nolan, Karl Kurtis and Steve Kendrick.

































