

UKIFAC 2018

EVENT REPORT

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The UK and Ireland Field Archery Championships (UKIFAC) is an annual two-day completion, usually held on the first weekend of July. This year, it was Scotland's turn to host the event. Inverness Field Archery Club (IFAC), on behalf of the Scottish Field Archery Association (SFAA), opened their shoot grounds, located close to the village of Nairn, to competitors from the five member nations.

From the moment of entering the gate to the grounds, it was apparent IFAC were a very well-organised and well-established club.

Big-ticket items like the permanent catering hut-cum-admin base, practice bosses with dedicated shooting lanes and courses that meandered through beautiful woodland with targets linked by mown grass pathways were testament to the work put into the venue by the club. Small touches, such as benches with padded seating to watch/spot arrows from, bow stands and wonderful hand-made target signs bought finesse to the course.

Shoot administration was ran like a well-oiled machine by a small but efficient group who organized everything from parking through to scorecard issuing – a nice touch was colour-coding scorecards to match course colour – to the returning completed Classification cards at the end of the tournament.

Last, but by no means least, was catering. The team worked for the whole weekend to provide food, drinks and snacks from breakfast time to late afternoon. Everything was meticulously prepared and cooked to perfection and very reasonably priced. Good on-site catering makes life away from home very easy by not having to worry about packing lunches or preparing food.



This year 25 members of IFAF competed at UKIFAC out of a field of 151, 10 of whom shot 'Pro'. IFAF's representation was very respectable considering the cost-time-distance involved coupled with the fact that a lot of those who normally attend had been at EBHC three weeks prior.

As usual, day one of the Championship started with the Field round. The Field round, shot on the white face, has longer distances on average but has more static shots, with all four arrows usually being shot from a single peg.



Saturday was fabulous in terms of weather; bright sun and gorgeous blue skies. Temperatures, surpassing 25 degrees in the afternoon, proved perfect shooting weather and appeared to keep the midges at bay – thankfully! Also greatly appreciated was the SFAA's provision of free water.



Sunday saw a slight dip in temperatures – but not spirits – for the Hunter round. The Hunter round, shot on a black face has slightly shorter distances on average due to the majority of shots being walk-ups or fan shots (one distance shot from four separate pegs).

What you gain on a Field round by being able to maintain a shot (or adjust to get it right) you may lose on a Hunter by having to reevaluate your shot on each peg. For many, the Hunter round is the more difficult of the two rounds to master.

The second day also saw archers go head-to-head in target groups of the same style, versus mixed-style groups on day one. Head-to-head shooting can bring on its own mental challenge in terms of 'points watching' as you compare your performance to that of your nearest rivals.





As the competition drew to a close the rain came. Everyone huddled-in under one of several marquees and enjoyed a well-earned rest whilst the results were calculated.

The camaraderie between those in attendance over the weekend was wonderful to see and experience. It did not apply to just those within their national group but extended across all nations. Sometimes, attending a tournament like this is the only opportunity people have to meet and reconnect with each other.

When it was time for the results to be announced everyone gathered around podium area. Every champion archer, medalist and class medalist received a round of applause from the crowd for their achievements. There was genuine good will to all those who had performed well.

IFAC were the perfect hosts and did a fine job hosting UKIFAC. The club have set the bar high for Championships to come. If ever you are in the area take the opportunity to contact IFAC and ask to shoot their grounds; you will not be disappointed by their courses or the welcome you receive!

<div>    <div> UKIFAC 2018 SFAA ~ INVERNESS 7th & 8th JULY 2018 FINAL RESULTS </div>    </div>									
ARCHER'S DETAILS						SCORES & RESULT			
ARCHER No	SURNAME	FIRST NAME	ASSOCIATION	STYLE	CLASS	FIELD SCORE	HUNTER SCORE	TOTAL	FINAL RESULT
Cub Male Barebow Recurve									
110	KEHOE	DARRAGH	IFAF	CMBB(R)	N/A	134	87	221	Gold & UKIFAC Champion
Junior Female Barebow Recurve									
97	EADY	OLIVIA	IFAF	JFBB(R)	C	168	170	338	Gold & UKIFAC Champion
Young Adult Male Barebow Recurve									
95	EADY	GERARD	IFAF	YAMBB(R)	C	161	212	373	Silver
Adult Female Barebow Recurve									
93	EADY	SHARON	IFAF	AFBB(R)	C	184	201	385	Silver
Veteran Male Barebow Recurve									
71	BRADLEY	DON	IFAF	VMBB(R)	N/A	276	302	578	Mention (Failed to break threshold)
Junior Female Bowhunter Recurve									
109	KEHOE	AMY	IFAF	JFBH(R)	C	119	131	250	Silver
106	ANTON	MAYA	IFAF	JFBH(R)	U	79	92	171	Bronze
Junior Male Bowhunter Recurve									
96	EADY	COREY	IFAF	JMBH(R)	C	90	72	162	Silver
Young Adult Female Bowhunter Recurve									
150	MURPHY	REYONA	IFAF	YAFBH(R)	A	95	89	184	Mention (Failed to break threshold)
Young Adult Male Bowhunter Recurve									
131	POWER	KEVIN	IFAF	YAMBH(R)	B	227	216	443	Gold & UKIFAC Champion
107	KEHOE	CIAN	IFAF	YAMBH(R)	C	217	212	429	Silver
Adult Female Bowhunter Recurve									
17	ELLINIGWORTH	LYNN	IFAF	AFBH(R)	B*	330	283	613	Gold & UKIFAC Champion
66	KAVANAGH	HELEN	IFAF	AFBH(R)	U	269	244	513	Silver
130	POWER	CATHERINE	IFAF	AFBH(R)	B	228	250	478	Bronze
117	NOLAN	CLODAGH	IFAF	AFBH(R)	U	171	207	378	
118	NOLAN	SARAH	IFAF	AFBH(R)	U	50	92	142	
Adult Male Bowhunter Recurve									
119	DALY	MARK	IFAF	AMBH(R)	B*	298	318	616	Gold & UKIFAC Champion
94	EADY	TONY	IFAF	AMBH(R)	B*	269	284	553	Silver
108	KEHOE	EDWARD	IFAF	AMBH(R)	C	172	188	360	"C Class" Medal
Junior Male Longbow									
170	ANTON	MURDO	IFAF	JMLB	C	51	58	109	Gold & UKIFAC Champion
65	BANNON	LUKE	IFAF	JMLB	B	111		111	RETIRED
Adult Male Longbow									
64	BANNON	NOEL	IFAF	AMLB	U	146	167	313	Bronze
Veteran Male Longbow									
139	SHIEL	JOHN	IFAF	VMLB	N/A	144	140	284	Silver
Adult Male Traditional Recurve									
46	ANTON	NICK	IFAF	AMTR	C	124	106	230	"C Class" Medal
Adult Male Freestyle Unlimited									
116	MOYLAN	MARTIN	IFAF	AMFU	B	471	498	969	

The results table shows how well IFAF did considering 'spots' aren't shot very often domestically!

The Team Results also show IFAF did reasonably well considering there were no archers in attendance shooting the Bowhunter Unlimited or Freestyle (Recurve/Compound) styles.

As per the UKIFAC Agreement, where there is no one available to shoot a particular style an archer can be moved up to a higher class (but not down).

There is also a Longbow/Historical bow category within the team. This year, to make the teams equal, because one nation did not have anyone shooting that style, the category was dropped from the team make-up.

UK & IRELAND FIELD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP 2018										
TEAM RESULTS										
TEAM	England		Ireland		Northern Ireland		Wales		Scotland	
FU	Daniel Roe	1082	Martin Moylan	966	Rob Hall	1079	Rob Guy	1040	Martin Krushe	1252
BU	David Hill	0	Tony Eady (BHR)	553	George Heath	976	Shane Thomas	958	Brad Howe	1008
FSR	Lisa Cooper	976	Mark Daly (BHR)	616	David Uprichard	888	Teresa Goodwin	939	James Laing	947
BBR	Laurent Duverge	0	Don Bradley	578	Adrian Chadwick	479	Iuan Graham	631	Stephen Havranek	924
BHR	John Thomas	620	Lynn Elinworth	613	Makenna Chadwick	512	Sandra Anderson	288	Isabella Fraser	474
	Totals	2678	Totals	3329	Totals	3934	Totals	3856	Totals	4481
					SILVER		BRONZE		GOLD	

In 2019, it will be the turn of the Welsh Field Archery Association (WFAA) to host UKIFAC. Having the Championship in Wales is a boon for us; travelling is easier with just a single ferry crossing.

Wales will provide a great challenge as the terrain adds an extra dimension to the competition.

In preparation for Wales next year, and Ireland in 2020 when it is IFAF's turn to host UKIFAC, get practicing! As noted previously, if we can do as well as we do with little to no practice just think how strong we would be with a bit of work put in!