

# Lincolnshire Senior County Team Information 2011

## How to apply for the Lincolnshire Senior County Team

Team application is open to any archer who is a member of the Lincolnshire County Archery Society (LCAS). All you need to do is submit scores to me at the following email address: [gjcrampin@googlemail.com](mailto:gjcrampin@googlemail.com). **I much prefer to use email - please do things this way if at all possible**, but I can also be reached via telephone on 01472 877050 if necessary, and you can post results to me at 68 Park Avenue, GRIMSBY DN32 0BZ.

I will be pleased to answer any queries you might have, and will try to answer any messages promptly. **Junior archers are very welcome to apply for all the senior team events** - two of our juniors shot very successfully at the Senior Intercounties Tournament last year. Please note that there is now an **EMAS Intercounties Clout Tournament** - see details for event 5) further on.

When you send me scores, please include the following information:

- 1) **Round(s) shot and score(s) gained**, plus the **date(s)** and **venue(s)** where you shot them
- 2) You **bow style**
- 3) The **match(es) you are available for**
- 4) Your own **contact details and GNAS number**.

I am principally interested in **verifiable scores shot at tournaments** (although they do not have to be record status events) - if the results are published on the web that is fine, but if not please keep your score card and/or results sheet from the event (I may ask to see this). I will also look at scores shot on club days (though I give these less weight) but you must be shooting with at least one other archer and have a counter-signed scorecard which I may ask to see. If there are bad weather conditions on any day you shoot, you can let me know, and I will try to make some allowance, but I do have to ere on the cautious side when doing so.

For the **Gentlemen**, I need scores from the following rounds: **York, Gents FITA, Gents Long Metric, St George, New Western, New National**

For the **Ladies**, I need scores from the following rounds: **Hereford, Ladies FITA, Ladies Long Metric, Albion, Long Western, Long National**

## How I select for events

I select a fresh team for each event, based on the scores I have received up to that point. I convert all scores to their handicap ratings in order to compare different rounds. I am interested in what you can do at your very best and I will generally rank people in terms of their best single score. In the event of a tie, I will give preference to the archer who has shot at more events during the year, and so has more recent tournament experience. If things are still undecided, I will look at the best 2 or 3 scores from each archer, and I still disregard any unusually low ones. The idea behind this approach is to be aspirational and positive, and that you really have nothing to lose by sending in lots of scores. You can send me your first scores from the season, knowing that if you improve, I will look at the newer, better scores and disregard the earlier ones! Finally, I always give preference to archers who have submitted scores, and only contact other archers (however good they are) to shoot, if I have places unfilled (this was not necessary last year). All submitted scores will be treated in the strictest confidence.

It is a bit hard to say what level of score will be needed for selection (I often get asked this) as this does tend to vary from year to year. However, I would say that anyone shooting at 1st Class or higher absolutely should send me their scores, and there is no harm in applying even if you haven't quite reached this level - you never know! Archers sometimes have to drop out of an event at short

notice, and it is nice for me if I can then give a reserve a chance to shoot. I can't make any promises of course, but if you don't try you will never know what might have been!

## Events for 2011

### **1) Match against Norfolk: Pilgrim Bowmen in Boston, 12th June, York/Hereford (Rose Award and Record Status)**

This is to be held at the Lincolnshire County Championships. We will be competing alongside the county junior squad, with the overall totals determining the final result. I'm not entirely sure of the numbers I will need, but something like 16 senior archers in total, including recurve and compound. Longbows may also be included if Norfolk are able to bring any - I'm hoping so but cannot guarantee this.

Since the event is in our own county, **you will have to put in (and pay for!) your own entry independently** in the usual way. But do note **that you will not be automatically considered for the team** just by doing this - **you must contact me and submit some scores, to reach me on or before the closing date of Tuesday the 7th of June**. I have tried to set this date as late as possible as the shoot is quite early in the season, and I want people to have as many opportunities to get scores as possible. If you are planning to apply though, **I would appreciate it if you could contact me as early in the season as you can**, even if only to let me know that you intend to apply. This makes it easier for me to get a team ready in the week or two prior to the event, and to match our team numbers to Norfolk's. I will probably be at Friskney's York/Hereford the weekend before - if so you can always talk to me then, and hand in any last minute scores. **Pilgrim Bowmen would be grateful for any selected team archers shooting to help with the setting up and taking down of the range, since they are a small club, and there is appreciable extra work involved in hosting a county match.**

### **2) Match against Leicestershire and Rutland (details to be confirmed): Possible date and venue: Phoenix Archers (Smeeton Westerby, near Kibworth in Leicestershire), 7th August, York/Hereford round (probably Rose Award and Record Status).**

Leicestershire and Rutland are still to confirm things, but I will put out an update as soon as I can. Again, we will be shooting alongside the Lincolnshire junior squad. We will need recurve and compound archers, and hopefully some longbows also. Assuming the match is on the 7th August, I will set a **closing date for scores to reach me by Tuesday the 26th July**. I will announce the team shortly after this date.

### **3) Match against Cambridgeshire: Silverspoon Bowmen in Spalding, 28th August, York/Hereford (Rose Award and Record Status).**

Our juniors will be shooting with us also. Total senior numbers will be around 14 to 16. Norfolk intend to bring some longbow archers, so I will need some of our own longbows to apply. They would also like to include at least one **barebow** archer, so please, any barebow archers in Lincolnshire get in touch! Recurve and compound archers will also be required as usual.

I know this event clashes with the Norfolk FITA weekend, which may mean some Lincolnshire archers will be away. I'm sorry, but it is hard to find suitable match venues, and I feel this match may give some opportunity for promising newer archers to represent the county and gain match experience. **The closing date for scores to reach me is Tuesday the 16th of August**. Since the match is in Lincolnshire, **you will have to enter (and pay for your entry) individually**, but again note that you **must still send me some scores to be considered for the team - you will not be considered automatically just by being there on the day**.

#### **4) EMAS Inter-counties Team Tournament: Sunday, 4th September, Lincoln Archers, Washingborough, York/Hereford (Rose Award and Record Status).**

We will be competing against the other 4 counties in the East Midlands region (Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Northamptonshire, and Nottinghamshire). Team numbers are:

Recurve: 6 Ladies (best 4 scores to count) and 8 Gentlemen (best 6 scores to count)

Compound: 3 Ladies (best 2 scores to count) and 4 Gentlemen (best 3 scores to count)

Longbow: 2 Ladies (best score to count) and 3 Gentlemen (best 2 scores to count)

There are team trophies for each bowstyle, as well as individual medals for the highest scoring archers on the day. It always seems to be a terrific day, and I am very optimistic that we can send some strong squads this year. Last year, our recurve squad was quite narrowly pipped for first place, so if we can send a good team, I am optimistic we might win it! **The county will pay for and enter you for this shoot if you are successful in being selected** - you will just have to get there in good time on the day. **The closing date for scores to reach me is Tuesday the 16th of August.**

#### **5) EMAS Intercounties Clout Tournament: March 2012, Kettering Northamptonshire, Double one-way FITA Clout round (exact details to be confirmed)**

Again, we are shooting against the other 4 counties in the East Midlands. I will definitely need the following archers:

Recurve: 3 archers (either gender)

Barebow: 3 archers (either gender)

Longbow: 3 archers (either gender)

And also probably 3 Compounds (again, either gender).

There are medals for the highest scoring individual archers, plus team trophies, for each bowstyle. If you shoot any clout scores during 2011/early 2012, please send them to me, ideally before March 2012. If you haven't tried clout before, have a go! - it is fantastic fun and highly recommended!

### **Other Information**

**Ladies and Longbows!:** Overall, there is a bit of a shortage of lady archers in Lincolnshire, and also not too many competitive longbowers. So please can I encourage all our ladies and longbow archers of the county to send me their scores - we really need you!

**Team Badges/Year Bars:** First time team members receive a County Team broach/badge. In any year where you represent the county at an event, you will also be given a year bar which can be attached to the badge.

**Sweatshirts/Polo Shirts:** Everyone who represents the county for the first time will (eventually!) receive a free dark green Lincolnshire County team sweatshirt, plus you can order a white county team polo shirt with your name added (although you do have to pay for these, sorry!) through me. I would sincerely apologise to those of you who still haven't got your sweatshirts/polo shirts from last year - I should have received these very soon, and will be able to get them to you in the near future (promise!).

Again, can I wish the best of luck to everyone for good shooting in 2011!

Graham Crampin, Lincolnshire Senior County Team Manager