



## Scottish Archery Tour D'Ecosse 2010

### Problem:

It is clear from the discussion boards there are a couple of problems facing the Scottish Archery Community at present namely:

**Apathy** – people just can't get energised to go to a shoot outside their own club resulting in cancellations.

**Cost** – many people find shooting competitions to be too expensive.

**Novices** – a lack of new blood coming through as competitive archers.

**Team Spirit** – the majority of clubs are unable to regularly sport a team at a competition.

**Head to Heads** – attendance at these is usually poor.

**Intimidation** – there are a number of good novice archers out there who are simply just put off by competitions which are 'a little bit scary'.

After a discussion in the pub (where all good club business is achieved) here is my attempt to address the above problems. I propose a new format....

### **The Tour D'Ecosse.**

#### Objective:

To compliment the existing SAA Tournament Calendar at all times.

To encourage more people to shoot in competitions.

To encourage people to travel to other clubs to get out their 'comfort zone'

To re-energize Scottish archers and break down apathy.

To encourage a team attitude, people will want to shoot for their club, and if they progress then to shoot for their Area and who knows even the National Squad.

#### Method:

A Tour will be set up of various shoots known as Grand Prix, each of which to be hosted by a participating club on a club shooting day/evening. The Tour will comprise say 5 events across the Summer and all SAA clubs will be invited to enter a team to the Tour. The teams will comprise 4 archers and should include novices and new competitors (points will be awarded to encourage this). The final position of the club

team is what matters not the individual, therefore the Tour is designed to encourage clubs to bring new archers to each Grand Prix and NOT to field the same four archers each time. To encourage team spirit and FRIENDLY rivalry, clubs are asked to name their team with something suitably interesting and catchy so rather than Balbardie Archers we could have Balbardie Bears, other ideas could be Lasswade Lions, Glasgow Giants etc. Appropriate Club Mascots in the form of cuddly toys are very much encouraged.

Round to be shot at each Grand Prix is a National so that all archers can take part. To be followed by Seeded Head to Heads

Points to be awarded as follows for each Grand Prix.

Team Aggregate Score for the National:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 10 pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 6 pts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 5 pts
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place 4pts
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place 3 pts
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place 2 pts
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place 1 point

Best single end from one Archer at 60 yards                      2points

Best placed Team member in the Head to Head (NB you can only win one of the below)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 5pts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 3pts
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 2pts
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place 1pt

Every archer attending a Grand Prix for the first time                      1point

Each Novice attending a Grand Prix                      1point

A Leaderboard will be maintained on the SAA website showing progress. To keep the Tour interesting a self regulating 'Handicap' will be imposed which is the equivalent of:

whoever is leading the Tour has to start at the back of the grid for the next Grand Prix.

This will work by penalizing those teams in the top three positions at the top of the Leaderboard for the next subsequent event as follows:

- Current Leaders                      minus 200 to the aggregate score for the next National
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place                                  minus 150 to the aggregate score for the next National
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place                                  minus 100 to the aggregate score for the next National

Logistics:

The Tour is designed to compliment the SAA calendar and so must not interfere with official shoots.

Costs for a visiting archer should be negligible: i.e. petrol and a £1 Target fee to the host club.

Shoots will be only be judged if a friendly judge or volunteer is available, otherwise all disputes to be judged by the field captain.

These are friendly shoots so dress regs won't apply however teams are encouraged to shoot wearing club shirts (and bring those mascots) to really drive forward the team ethos and make the photographs more interesting.

The Tour has been proposed to Tina & Muriel of the SAA who are supportive and have suggested that the official SAA U21 & Novice Championships forms one of the events. To encourage as many entrants as possible into that event a system will be developed whereby the championships gives double points for any attending member of a team on the Tour. This will be done after the event to ensure no interference with the official Championships.

All clubs are invited, **if you want to take part please register your interest on the site using the attached button**. If sufficient interest is established over the next two weeks the Tour Calendar can be finalized and the first Grand Prix started.

Come on guys let's bust that apathy wide open – anyone for some team shooting fun?

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