

Sherwood
vs
Nottingham



1956 - 2006
50th Anniversary
July 15th & 16th
Sherwood Elks



Thank You
to
Sherwood
Robin Hood
Festival



Thank you also to
Sylvan Archers,
Sandy Wallace,
Allen Stover,
Bob Huser,
Clarence Fisk,
Keith and Vonda Kemmerer,
Mike Wichser,
The Nottinghamshire Archery Society
for never letting this
tournament die
and for all of their hard work
over the years.



History of the Archery Match

February 1956: The President of the Robin Hood Festival Association of Sherwood, Oregon issued a challenge to the yeomen of Nottingham, England. The archers would come from the entire Northwestern part of the United States.

In order to cement their bond with the people of Nottingham, England, Sherwood sent 50 redwood oak trees as a living memorial.

March 1956: England accepts the challenge and immediately starts working out the details. The rounds they will shoot are a double American 810. Each round will be 90 arrows at the distance of 60, 50 and 40 yards, and will follow the F.I.T.A. equipment rules.

July 1956: A picture of the silver Tiffany bowl trophy, which the Robin Hood Festival Association donated to the International Robin Hood Match, was sent to Nottingham, England, along with rules on how they were going to communicate during the shoot. Both competitions happened on the same day, but due to time differences, England was shooting eight hours later in the day than we were. This was the first competition. The Mayor of Sherwood has sent a challenge every year since.

The Tiffany bowl was engraved by Mr. Stefans Bercs', a master Engraver. Mr. Bercs' reputation is worldwide. He is known for engraving for the Court of the Czar of Russia and other notables.

1960s: Sherwood had to limit shooters to Vancouver, WA and Oregon because we had more archers than room for them to shoot.

1980s: We had to open it up again to all of Washington and Oregon because we didn't have enough competitors.

Nottingham asked us to have a four women team. We complied but there wasn't enough interest to continue. Sherwood won but we didn't do it again.

Changing with the times:

- ➔ to a double 900 round a perfect Score 1800.
- ➔ the four person Compound team was started.

1990s: The compound team was changed to an eight person team. The four person Longbow team was also started. We are having trouble keeping with England's equipment rules for longbows. There was also a renewed interest in the Junior four-person team.

Individual archers on all teams receive a medallion from both Sherwood and Nottingham.



History of the Sherwood Festival

The Heritage: Just after World War II, a group of friends got together in the name of fun and high jinx. This club became known as Robin Hood and His Merry Men. They began to show up throughout the state at festivals and parades.

In 1954, the Chamber of Commerce and Robin Hood and His Merry Men banded together to form the first Robin Hood Festival Association. In July of that year the annual festival officially became known as The Robin Hood Festival.

In 1956, the archery competition between Sherwood, Oregon and Nottingham, England was inaugurated. Even in the early days, competition was intense between the sister cities.

The festival today is held annually on the third weekend in July. The festivities include a parade, Knighting ceremony, food, games, renaissance groups, flower show, castle building contest, live bands, craft vendors and of course, the archery competition with Nottingham, England.

The Robin Hood Festival Association is dedicated to encouraging merry making among all the loyal citizens of Sherwood. The mission is to promote and foster the feeling of community and citizenship. We also strive to share the riches in life that we all sometimes take for granted and share them with the people of Sherwood.

The Association is made up entirely of volunteers and is non-profit. All proceeds go back to the community in many different ways. Every year a scholarship is awarded to a graduating Sherwood High School senior.

Maid Marian and her Court are official Sherwood Ambassadors, representing Sherwood throughout the year at various events. Maid Marian and her Court are selected from the high school. The mini maids are selected from the grade school.



Nottinghamshire Archery Society History



The Nottinghamshire County Archery Society was formed in 1948 with four affiliated clubs: The Nottingham Archers, Redford (Retford) Archers, Royal Ordinance Factory (Nottingham), and Simm's Son and Cooke (Nottingham).

Historical county records indicate the Royal Sherwood Archers held a meeting at Southwell in 1837. The Robin Hood Archery Club is recorded shooting at Worksop Manor in 1875.

In 1949 there were eighteen affiliated clubs in the society. Over the years other clubs formed and some disbanded. At present the following clubs are affiliated with a total of approximately 360 members.

- Burton Joyce Archers
- Bingham Leisure Centre Archery Club
- Bassetlaw Archers
- Beeston Rylands Archery Club
- City & Sherwood Archery Club
- Kingsmill Archers
- Panthers/Longbows
- Rolls Royce Bowmen of Sherwood
- Sherwood Archers
- Wilford Bowmen Archery Club
- Welbeck Archers

A society president is elected every two years and other officers are elected annually. County shoots and other club events are held throughout the year.

The first weekend in June finds the society hosting two major shoots. The Sheriff of Nottingham's Golden Arrow Tournament is held on Saturday. On Sunday, The Lord Mayor of Nottingham's Oregon Challenge is held between Nottingham, England and Sherwood, Oregon. Only those members of the Nottinghamshire County Archery Society qualify for team awards for the Oregon Challenge.



History of the Sylvan Archers

Sylvan Archers is the oldest archery club in Oregon.

In 1933, a group of doctors and attorneys from Portland, Oregon started a club called ***Sylvan Archery, Golf and Hunt Club of Portland, Oregon***, to promote and educate people on the sport of archery.

In 1936, the group grew in membership and decided to become incorporated and organized. The club borrowed and rented land to put up a few targets to shoot. However, their goal was to buy land so they would have a place for many archers to shoot for years to come. Bake sales, rummage sales and raffles were organized to raise money for the land. Their hard work raised over \$2,000.

In 1951, two big things happened; the club bought land in Sherwood, Oregon and shortened their name to “Sylvan Archers, Inc.”.

This club was for all archers – young and old, rich or poor, bow hunters and target shooters. The Sylvan emblem was developed for all to see what we stood for:

- the multi – color target was for target archers;
- the field point was the field shooters;
- the broadhead was for hunters;
- and the shield pulls us all together.

With the hard work of many members over the years, “Sylvan Archers, Inc.” now has 33 acres of land to shoot on.

Some of services we provide that we’re proud of are:

- introduce archery to many at the Sportsmen show every year;
- have a permanent practice range for all ages to shoot;
- have a roving, unmarked animal course for hunters to practice on;
- host many events to promote all styles of archery;
- have been the hosting club for the Sherwood - Nottingham shoot for the last 50 years;
- host the annual Broadhead league for competition for hunters and for them to hone their skills before going out hunting;
- have 3-D animal shoots, one and two day events and have field shoots ranging from 10-80 yards.



Those who were Knighted

1988 Lady Sandy Wallace

For her years of service to The Sherwood Robin Hood Festival; past Festival President; liaison person between the Sherwood and Nottingham Archers.

1988 Lady Matilda “Babe” Bitzenburger

Resident of Sherwood since 1965 and many of those years were devoted to the sport of archery; National Champion four years in a row from 1946 through 1949; was an archery coach for universal studies and is listed in the Archery Hall of Fame.

1989 Lady Carolyn Phillips

Recognized for her many years of involvement and public relations of archery.

1989 Sir Clarence Fisk

For not only participating in and making the team since 1963, but also being field captain and his diligence for never letting this shoot die.

1989 Lady Vonda Kemmerer

For her love, dedication and leadership of the Sylvan Archers. For her participation, repeatedly making the recurve team and being one of the spokespersons for the archers.

1992 Sir Mike Wichser

For his continued support of this tournament, for his encouragement of the “TEAM”, his enthusiasm and dedication of instruction for the junior team.

1992 Sir Bob Brenner

For spreading the word about the international archery match through publicity.

1994 Sir Keith Kemmerer

For his long-time participation in archery, making the recurve team, for his endless hours of work running the archery shoot and never letting this tradition die.

1997 Sir Jerry Killian

For his unwavering support of the archers including development of archery equipment for the betterment of archers and for his participation in the shoot.

1997 Sir Cliff Hoff

For his renewed interest in the tournament, and encouragement to the compound team and Sylvans.

1998 Sir David Wichser

For his work and encouragement of the youth team and his participation on the adult recurve team.

1999 Sir Gene Cowan

For his long time participation of the sport of archery, his dedication and promotion of the shoot; making both the recurve and compound teams. Even when he wasn't shooting he came out to support his fellow archers.

1999 Sir Bryan Rowland

A long time supporter and participant on the recurve team.

2002 Sir Brian Funston

For his support of the archers, being on both youth and adult teams. Has not missed a year since 1993.

2002 Sir Don Kudlacek

His continued support of the recurve and compound teams; plus his ongoing research and development of archery equipment.



Nottingham – Sherwood Match

RECURVE TEAM									
Year	Sherwood	*	margin	Nottingham	Year	Sherwood	*	margin	Nottingham
1956	9528	*	81	9447	1981	10723	*	1282	12005
1957	10418	*	697	9721	1982	11311	*	524	11835
1958	10112	*	113	9999	1983	11445	*	399	11844
1959	9153	*	822	9975	1984	11417	*	450	11867
1960	10363	*	178	10185	1985	12324	*	207	12531
1961	9596	*	1213	10809	1986	12264	*	401	12665
1962	10150	*	164	10314	1987	12339	*	418	12757
1963	10617	*	122	10739	1988	12408	*	214	12194
1964	11398	*	911	10487	1989	12525	*	18	12507
1965	11092	*	324	10768	1990	12470	*	228	12698
1966	10871	*	42	10829	1991	12732	*	173	12559
1967	11581	*	719	10862	1992	12581	*	270	12311
1968	5808	*	247	5561	1993	13080	*	816	12264
1969	11670	*	285	11385	1994	12876	*	68	12808
1970	11569	*	397	11172	1995	12855	*	112	12743
1971	10888	*	265	11153	1996	13212	*	526	12686
1972	11381	*	323	11058	1997	13259	*	1652	11607
1973	11644	*	293	11351	1998	13386	*	1207	12179
1974	11520	*	96	11424	1999	13105	*	674	12431
1975	11704	*	355	11349	2000	13002	*	538	12464
1976	11276	*	362	11638	2001	13172	*	1347	11825
1977	11410	*	254	11664	2002	13236	*	1453	11783
1978	11285	*	532	11817	2003	13191	*	992	12199
1979	10869	*	1101	11970	2004	13177	*	836	12341
1980	11412	*	586	11998	2005	12777	*	798	11979

* Denotes Winner

1956 - 1984 - 810 American round / perfect score 1620

1985 - 2005 - 900 Round / perfect score 1800

1968 - One round only due to rain and lightning

F.I.T.A. equipment guide lines: no mirror or magnified sights, no levels or peep sights, kisser button limited to 1 cm, releasing device limited to tabs and/or gloves.



Nottingham – Robin Hood Match

Compound team challenge started in 1985 / 4 person team

We were to believe that the challenge was for fingers only

We discovered in 1989 that the Nottingham shooters were using release aids

Due to this change, more Compound shooters were participating so the team was changed from a four person team to a six person team in 1994. In 1995, it was decided that both Recurve and Compound teams be eight persons.

COMPOUND TEAM					
Year	Sherwood		margin		Nottingham
1985	3750		2498	*	6248
1986	6028		624	*	6652
1987	6209		370	*	6579
1988	5930		526	*	6456
1989	6738	*	101		6637
1990	6876	*	289		6587
1991	6941	*	296		6645
1992	6846	*	346		6500
1993	6969	*	451		6518
1994	10211	*	445		9766
1995	13174	*	523		12651
1996	13803	*	983		12820
1997	13613	*	1018		12595
1998	13935	*	740		13195
1999	13668	*	243		13425
2000	13572	*	20		13552
2001	13950	*	793		13157
2002	13720	*	866		12854
2003	13327		172	*	13499
2004	13247		270	*	13517
2005	13503	*	2245		11258

* Denotes Winner

1985 - 2005 - 900 Round / perfect score 1800



Nottingham – Robin Hood Match

For several years the longbow archers have tried to join this challenge. In 1989, Sherwood had a team but Nottingham failed because of the requirements that the longbow team requested. In 1994, Nottingham tried again to establish a team. Sherwood could not get a team together.

In 1996, we could only encourage 3 archers to compete and in 1997 we had 2 shooters. In 1998, two of our Recurve shooters picked up a longbow (that they shared) and were joined by two other longbow shooters which made a 4 person team. Sherwood took the challenge that year and have continued to win the match ever since.

LONGBOW TEAM					
Year	Sherwood		Margin		Nottingham
1989	1834	*	1834		-
1990	2457	*	2457		-
1991	-		-		-
1992	-		-		-
1993	-		-		-
1994	-		3462	*	3462
1995	-		2960	*	2960
1996	1794	*	1457		3251
1997	1290	*	1376		2666
1998	3745	*	876		2869
1999	3266	*	317		2949
2000	3839	*	720		3119
2001	4057	*	1390		2667
2002	3625	*	493		3132
2003	4253	*	594		3659
2004	4364	*	1164		3200
2005	4150	*	999		3151

* Denotes Winner

1985 - 2005 - 900 Round / perfect score 1800

Equipment: Long bow with no Recurve, Wood arrows, releasing device limited to tabs and/or gloves, no aiming devices



Nottingham – Robin Hood Match

The Junior team challenge started in 1975, however Sherwood did not have a team until 1992. Most all of the Junior team are from the Ed Eliason J.O.A.D. club in Seattle, Washington.

JUNIORS TEAM (shooting adult distances but 17 years old and under)					
<i>**Juniors team are recurve shooters only**</i>					
Year	Sherwood		Margin		Nottingham
1992	3945		1575	*	5520
1993	5283	*	368		4915
1994	5927	*	858		5069
1995	6023	*	440		5583
1996	5973	*	1108		4865
1997	5802	*	708		5094
1998	6337	*	769		5568
1999	5298	*	566		4732
2000	5066	*	9		5075
2001	5309	*	1935		3374
2002	5409	*	5409		-
2003	5934	*	2595		3339
2004	6008	*	902		5106
2005	4875		330	*	5205

* Denotes Winner

1985 - 2005 - 900 Round / perfect score 1800

Equipment: Refer to Recurve rules



Archers who have made the teams the most

Name	YEAR on the team																				
Recurve	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	
#Vonda Kemmerer																R		R	R	R	R
Clarence Fisk	R	R		R				R	R		R	R	R	R			R	R	R	R	R
*Mike Wichser																					
Bob Huser					R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
#David Wichser																					
#Bryan Rowland																					
#Keith Kemmerer																R	R		R	R	R
#Wyndell Wilhelm																					
#Brian Funston																					
Gene Cowan		R	R	R	R	R			R	R		R	R	R							
Jerry Killian								R	R	R	R	R	R					R			
#Larry Andersen																					
# tried out for the Olympic team	*Mike Wichser has made the team every year he's shot the match (since 1988).																				
Compound																					
Jack Pennant																					
Jim Thurlow																					
Don Kudlacek										R	R	R	R								
Gene Cowan																					
Chris Robert-Olson																					
Cliff Hoff																					
JD Pigg																					
Mike Stobbe																					
Long Bow																					
Tom Carter																					
Chris Richards																					
Tony Furnace																					
Roger Carter																					
Juniors age 17 & under																					
Jennifer Dinsmore																					
Erin Mickleberry																					
Julie Dinsmore																					
Julie Pennant																					
Brian Funston																					
Kelly Hills																					
Kim Behrends																					

Some archers have made more than one team



YEAR on the team																				total of times				
83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05		
R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R		R	R	R		L	R							R	20
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				R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	19
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R	R	R	R	R	R								R											12
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									J	J	J	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	10
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										C			C		C		C	C					6	
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											C		C		C								4	
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How to score the shoot

The tournament consists of 180 arrows shot over a two-day period.

- 90 arrows per day
- 30 arrows per distance; 60, 50, 40 yards
- 6 arrows at a time at 60 & 50 yards
- 3 arrows at a time at 40 yards to protect the arrows from damage

There are 10 rings to the 122 cm multi-color target that is used. The 10 ring (or center) of the gold is 5 inches in diameter and scores 10 points. Each ring proceeding outward from the center loses one point each consecutively. The outside white ring is worth 1 point (see diagram below).

The perfect score is 900 points per day, with a total of 1800 points for the rounds.

The shoot has a total of four teams. Each team has both male and female competitors which consists of the top eight recurve scores, top eight compound scores, the top four longbow scores, and the top four junior scores (ages 17 and under).

England shoots their tournament in June and sends their scores to Oregon before the Sherwood shoot. At the completion after verifying and posting our scores, England's scores are read and the winners announced.

Standard 122 cm target face

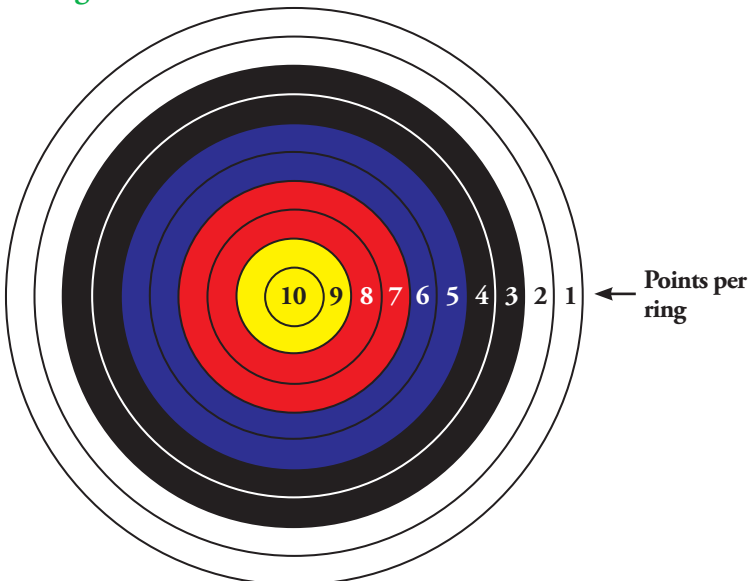


Photo Album



1987 – Maid Marian shooting the first arrow of the match



First Match 1956 (England)



2003 – Keith Kenmerer with a group of youth team

Sandy Wallace





Photo Album

1977 Recurve Team



1977 Women's Team



Jerry Killian being Knighted 1997



*1994 Recurve Team
(camera shy Jerry Killian)*



Photo Album



*Clarence Fisk Showing
His Stuff*



Bob Huser, 1987

Clarence Fisk and Maid Marian (Jenny Gould) 1990

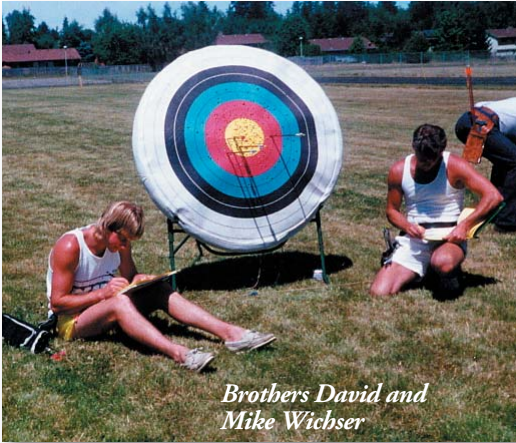


Compound Team, 1994





Photo Album



Brothers David and Mike Wichser



2003 - A group of Long bow shooters



Young Brian Funston



Shooting Line at the Sherwood Elks 2003



Sylvan Archers Member Benefits

Sylvan Archers' (owned and paid for) property in Sherwood, Oregon includes a NFAA 5 Star Rated Range. Amenities are:

- Site-in range from 10-100 yards
- (2) 28 target field rounds
- An unmarked roving 3-D course
- Broadhead pits 20, 40, 60 yards
- New! Club house with indoor picnic area

The range is available to members every day of the year, with gated entry. Families can camp (no hookups) on the grounds anytime. (Please check shoot calendar for camping conflicts.)

Cost:	Family	\$85.00
	Single	\$55.00
	Senior (62 and over)	\$25.00
	Junior (18 under)	\$25.00

New members and delinquent members please include an additional \$10.00 Initiation Fee.

Obtain an application off of our website: www.sylvanarchers.org

Or write to: **Tanya Richards**
 147 S.W. Poplar Court
 McMinnville, OR 97128



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In Fond Memory...

Ed Bain

Keith Barbee

Nell Barbee

Babe Bitzenburger

Bob Brenan

Herb Dahlke

Walt Hill

L.D. Hunter

Bob Huser

Frank Karnes

Midge Killiam

Bob LaFountain

Bud Mitchell

Stan Roberson

Gail Weber



Until next year...

*Thank you, Kellie Wichser,
for the layout and designing of this booklet.*