



# Irish Amateur Archery Association



## Dates to remember in 2009

Please check our website for more details & dates for the list below. [www.archery.ie](http://www.archery.ie)

### April

- 4th-UL Intervarsity
- 11th-National Coach session
- 12th-National Training
- 13th-Belfast Shoot
- 18th-Leixlip 2x70m FITA  
+ FITA 900
- Junior Euronations Qualifier
- 19th-Leixlip 2x70m FITA
- 25th-Dolmen Full FITA  
+ FITA 900
- Junior Euronations Qualifier
- 26th-Dolmen Full FITA

### May

- 9th/10th-Irish Open Field Championships
- 16th-Cork City Full FITA  
+ FITA 900
- Junior Euronations Qualifier
- 23rd-Cork City Full FITA
- 30th/31st-Summerhill  
Charity Shoot

### June

- 7th- IWA Championships
- 13th/14th-Dublin Archers  
Full FITA
- 21st-Sportlink Full FITA
- 27th/28th-Galway Full FITA

Please note that details may be subject to change and you should always check the Association website or contact the organizers to confirm the event

## National Coach

The Executive are very proud to announce the appointment of Vittorio Frangilli as our new National Coach.



Vittorio, seen here with his son Michele, joins us from northern Italy and is a coach of international renown with extensive experience in training archers to World and Olympic standards. The following is a list of Michele Frangilli's accomplishments with Vittorio as his personal coach: **Silver 2000 Sydney Team**, **Bronze 1996 Atlanta Team** World Championships, **Gold 1999 Riom Team**, **Gold 2003 New York City Individual**, **Silver 1995 Jakarta Team**, **Silver 2001 Beijing Team**, **Bronze 2003 New York City Team** **European Championships**, **Gold 1996 Boe Team**, **Gold 2002 Oulu Individual**, **Silver 1996 Kranska Gora Team**, **Bronze 2002 Oulu Team**, **Bronze 2006 Athens Team**, Current World Record Holder for 25 metre 60 arrows, 598,18 metre 60 arrows, 597 and also 36 arrow final round, 358.

Vittorio intends to combine his coaching duties with mentoring of our national tutors to raise the standards of coaching in Ireland. It is also his intention to put a greater focus on cadet and junior development in conjunction with the Women In Sport programme and hopefully to send a full team to the 2012 London Olympic Games.

We wish to thank the Irish Sports Council and the Olympic Council of Ireland for their support in this matter.

## Judging

Following a recent informative seminar and demanding exam conducted by Morten Wilmann, chairman of the FITA judges committee, it is with pleasure that we announce the promotion of Gerry Deegan and Dave Reynolds to the positions of National and Regional Judge respectively. The following 6 individuals were also promoted to the rank of Trainee Judge after successfully completing the exam: Pat Lyons, Alistair Martin, Ciara Costelloe, Robert Clarke, Cian O'Sullivan and Rory Thornburg.

## National Training

Easter weekend is set to be a busy one with Vittorio Frangilli meeting with coaches in Sport HQ on the Saturday, observing current and potential squad members in training at Summerhill on the Sunday and travelling to watch Irish archers in competition in the North on Easter Monday. Full details can be found on the IAAA calendar pages of the website.

## Membership Cards



This week saw the long awaited issue of the IAAA photo ID membership cards to members who had submitted photographs with their forms. All members who have still to send in their pictures are asked to do so as soon as possible so that they can be included in the next print run.

## First Aid

The Association are in the process of purchasing 3 defibrillators and first-aid bags to accompany judges and coaches at competitions or training events. Derek Fox, the IAAA Medical Officer will be running training in the use of both of these items in the near future. Clubs will also soon be able to purchase these fully stocked first-aid bags from the IAAA E-shop at a very reasonable price.



## World No. 1

Niamh Bhreathnach, from NUI Galway Archery Club shot a very impressive 501 at the Irish Barebow Championships in Galway to rank her first in the World in the Ladies category. This was after stiff competition in the previous 3 events held in Ireland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales. I am sure you join with us in wishing Niamh continued competition success as she represents the country at International level.

