

## Nationals and Junior Nationals 2018

What a success the 2018 Indoor Nationals has been for BCAA archers! We had 5 junior archers attend the Junior Nationals on Saturday 1st Dec. Compound,



recurve and barebow archers were represented and represent they did!

All shot really well and showed their passion and determination off superbly!



Abbie D came away with a bronze in the U18 barebow, at her FIRST ever competition, while Hayden L also gained recurve U18 bronze, he also gained a gold within the SCAS regional team event. Lots of PB's and other great goals achieved.



All 5 archers are part of the BCAA squad, representing Clophill AC and Eagles, but the event is a great event for ALL juniors! A well worth while event!

Sunday saw the turn of the seniors, oh and Hayden who decided to start his senior career a year early!



Great performances in the morning ranking rounds which resulted in Sarah R, Hayden L and Ben L all progressing through to the knockout rounds and the madness that this involves!

Hayden drew Keith Harding of Clickers AC in the 1/32 round and showed a composure beyond his



years - YouthFest exposure definitely showing its worth. He took Keith to a deciding set and produced a score of 29, forcing Keith to pull a 30 to win. Hats off to Keith as he produced the goods, but that takes nothing from Hayden's performance and a great start in the senior league.



Sarah ranked 17th and drew against Kayleigh Bayliss from Llantarnam AC. It was a great match, switching lead on each set, unfortunately falling to Kayleigh in the 5th set. Good, consistent shooting from our lass.



Ben and the longbow division are another thing entirely! The division is a fraction of the compound/ recurves so they set off directly into the 1/8 round.



A straight 6-0 win against Paul Grosvenor, Archeryfit put him against Ian Stowell in the quarter finals. Not as

lean cut, with Ian showing the skills we all know him to possess, giving Ben the win 6 - 4. This brought a replay of last years Semi final against Luke Hagon of Leaves Green BM and also Rob Twigg drawing Alex Newnes completing the 2017 rematches!



Luke threw an uncustomary miss gifting Ben 1 set, which finally left Ben with the win 7 - 1, despite the judge kicking his floor marker...



AGAIN!  
Alex beat Rob 7 - 3 in a great battle, which gave us more rematches, but this year the medals up for contention were reversed and Alex and Ben were going for Gold!

Ben took Alex to a 4 - 0 lead and we all thought he had taken it to a 6 - 0 win, but Alex snuck a cheeky line cutter to try a set and from there Alex too the reigns and took it home to a tie break, 1 arrow shoot off. Ben shot a 7, but Alex closed the match with a 9. A great Gold medal match!  
Luke completed the medal deciders, taking the bronze medal 6-2 against Rob.



Congrats to Caroline D, Caroline T, Eleanor W, Hayden L, Abbie D, Ben L, Peter J, Alex B, Paul F, Carl T, Helen H, Jonathon H and Sarah R for stepping up to the Nationals challenge...who's playing next year???

*(Sorry Sarah, your good at hiding from the camera!)*