

## YAA Junior squad training and successes

Our junior archers are a credit to their clubs and their county. In August 2015 eight were selected for the Archery GB Northern Academy - out of a total of 17 places there.

They are:

Catherine Dales, Joe Fairburn, Luke Stocks, Ben Daniel, Megan Tinker, Sophie Joyce, Niamh Titchener, joined in January by Lewis Slater.

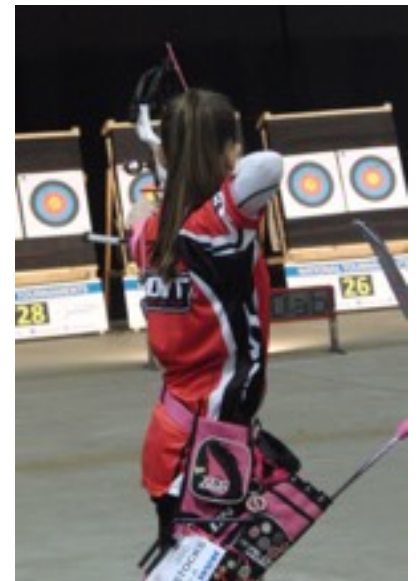
Our past junior squad members also show great promise as they move into their senior careers - Jessie Slater 15th in the national series last year, Tom Mowforth featuring in university archery, Blain Nicholson winning the YAA Gents outdoor recurve champion. We have 2 national field champions in Joe Fairburn and Megan Tinker. Joe and Catherine have also qualified for the Archery GB team selection shoot in June, and Izzy and Adam Carpenter have both represented GB at international level.



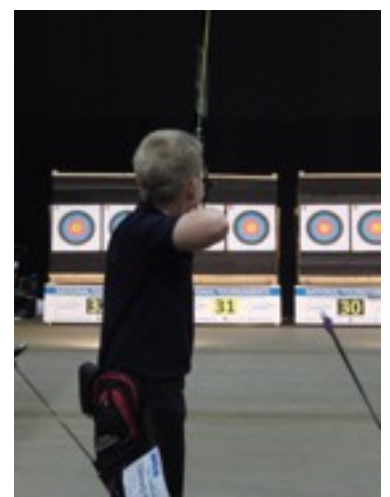
Junior archers on the road to success: Top row - Megan Tinker, Catherine Dales, Blain Nicholson; middle row - Tom Mowforth, Jessie Slater; bottom row - Joe Fairburn, Niamh Titchener, Sophie Joyce.



Brother and sister combos seem to be increasing in Yorkshire. Following in the footsteps of successful compound duo Izzy and Adam Carpenter, from Danum we have Academy recurve archer Luke Stocks and sister Hannah, who chose the compound route, coached by Mick Fitzpatrick. Jessica and Dan Hall from AOER are both YAA squad archers and shaping up very nicely under the watchful eye of Andy Howe. Elizabeth, Lauren, and Niamh below all developing into the next generation of successful juniors



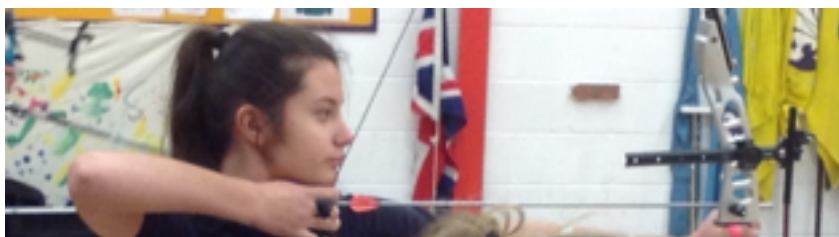
St Georges archer Ben Daniel (right & below) was on the national Talent programme for two years as a young archer and now aged 14 he is part of the Archery GB Northern Academy showing that commitment and persistence does pay off.



Tom Boot, a very promising junior compound archer, enjoying the Christmas squad fun shoot in December last year. Tom follows in his dad Chris' footsteps, as he was also a YAA junior squad member, and his dad Robin Boot trained as Coach at Barnsley with Kath & Mick. That's 3 generations of Boots!



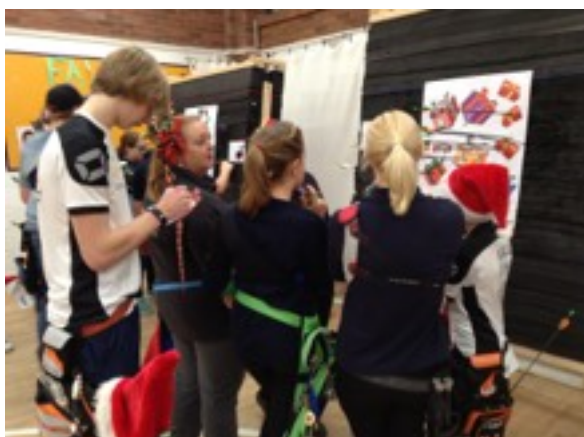
New recurve girl Alyssa Barraclough (right) was spotted by clubmate at DVAC Megan Tinker, brought to YAA squad where she left with a whole new shooting kit! from there she was fast tracked by Kath Fitzpatrick into the national Talent programme attending Lilleshall for the first time last month - a totally new world and she looked quite at home there very quickly. Abi Fowler, Adam Eagle and Luca Jacques also joined the squad over the winter and settled in really well.



The future seems bright - but I'm sure there are many more juniors out there we haven't yet seen! Newcomers to the squad are compound archers Brad Fenton and Tom Boot, already showing great promise.



The squad Christmas fun shoot always provides some light entertainment - here are a few photos from the event held in 2015 - some of which show that sometimes coaches get to shoot for fun too! This year I even joined in barebow with a Genesis bow! Santa appears to have left something behind though....



Fun, food and friends - what more could you ask for!





Many of our juniors had wins and successes this year; Hannah and Catherine both winners at the YAA junior Championships - and seem to be competing for the shortest shorts (Catherine won!)

Congrats to all winners.

Blain and Tom, both AOER, show the form that gave them honours in the individual and team Gents events this year.



Joe became a bit of a media star this year with an interview for the BBC Look North programme (featuring yours truly as his coach too!) off he went to the USA Junior champs and took individual Gold in the Cub division.



This was followed by a World title at the IFAA World Bowhunter championships in Hungary, and a GB Field team selection where he placed 7th in the U18 class at the European Field Championships in Poland. Plus a national title too, and umpteen national records.

Not to leave the ladies out - Megan Tinker also won national field titles this year showing great form in both target and field.

