

## **Director of Development Report**

## November 2018

I joined the board at the end of November 2017. The following year has been very busy but very productive. Despite the heavy workload this year I have enjoyed my time on the board and look forward to a productive 2019.

One of the biggest objectives to meet has been the Development Plan. This process is almost complete. Throughout the year we have consulted clubs and members. We then carried out a survey. This formed the basis of our Development Plan, which was then put out to for consultation and has now been completed. Once we have fleshed out our main strategic points the Plan will be ready for publication, hopefully in early 2019.

Throughout the year Hazel and myself have been visiting the Archery NI clubs around the country. Each club was contacted for a suitable date and off we went. A couple of clubs have been emailed twice but we have had no reply, we will not be visiting these clubs. Clubs visited to date are:

- Lisburn City AC on 25/1/18
- Banbridge AC on 31/1/18
- City of Belfast on 17/4/18
- Lough Cuan Bowmen on 27/4/18
- River Oak on 10/5/18
- Civil Service AC on 28/5/18
- Seven Towers were contacted but at the time they only had 1 ANI member so we communicated via email.

We hope to visit the remaining clubs as soon as we can.

This past year saw ANI hold 5 championship shoots:

- Senior Indoor held by City of Belfast
- Junior Indoors held by Ballyvally Archers
- Combined Target and Field held by City of Belfast
- Outdoor Target held by Lisburn City AC
- Field Championships held by Lough Cuan Bowmen

LCAC also hosted the Inter club Championships, which is designed as a fun competition for beginners. I would like to thank each of these clubs and their volunteers for an excellent job hosting these championships. We also held a secretaries and tournament organisers meeting in August. Thanks to the seven clubs that attended, this allowed us to plan for 2019 in good time.

2018 also saw the sad loss of our friend and judge Ciaran Campbell. The combined target and field became the Ciaran Campbell Memorial Weekend in his memory. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this shoot, especially to CoB for hosting it.

Judges are very important to our shoots, without them they wouldn't run. So we have been happy to help out our judges financially so they can maintain their judging qualifications. We have also aided in advertising for new judges, of which there are now four. A special mention needs to go to John Kane for gaining his National Judge qualification and Shannon Russell-Cowan for gaining her International Youth Judge qualification.

We have had incredible difficulty in tracking down the ANI perpetual trophies. Only a handful of people replied saying they held trophies. Following discussions with ANI members at the members meeting it has been decide that where the perpetual trophies have been returned they will be given out. We have also secured smaller trophies from Ironside Trophies. These trophies will be given out at all ANI Championship shoots and winners will be allowed to keep them. Once the current stock of medals has been depleted new medals will be sourced.

## In 2018 we sent NI teams to:

- All British Field Championships
- Junior and Senior Commonwealth Cup
- Senior British Outdoor Championships
- Junior and Senior British Indoor Championships

Teams were selected based on scores. Hazel and myself took on the task of calculating the selection criteria based on the previous year's results. This is usually the job of the Performance Director, since the resignation of John Kane we have volunteered to carry this job out until a new director is appointed.

I wish to thank everyone on the board and our other volunteers for all the help they've provided me with this year. I believe we are making good steps in the right direction; hopefully 2019 will be as productive.

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