



## News Release

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### **First Taste of International Archery for Colchester's Junior Archer, Ed Kears.**

Ed Kears, from Colchester and District Archery Club, took part in his first international Archery competition organised by the Archery Association of Malta last weekend.

Ed with two other Essex Junior Archers took part in the 39<sup>th</sup> Malta international FITA Competition held at the Marsa Sports Complex. The Rounds shot was the FITA Cadet round, 36 arrows at 70metres, 36 arrows at 60metre, both on a 122cm target face shooting six arrows within 4 minutes. Plus 36 arrows at 50metre and 36 arrows at 30metres on an 80cm target face, but only shooting three arrows per end in two minutes per end. Both target faces have a maximum of 10 points per arrow, the highest possible score of 1440.

On arriving on the island on the Thursday, it was like the UK but slightly warmer! The wind was blowing a gale and the rain was lashing down. Come the Friday the weather had changed, the rain was down to isolated small showers but the wind was still very strong. Not ideal practise conditions.

The Practise season got underway on the Friday afternoon, the weather played it part, changing some of Ed sight marks; it was good experience to shoot in the strong wind. During this practise season the official equipment checks were carried out, as per the FITA international rules of archery.

Day one of the shoot, the weather conditions have changed yet again, it was very warm, 18°C at 9 a.m. with a slight breeze. During the day the temperature rose to 22°C and the wind was very strong. Ed's final score for the first day was 1058, a new personal best.

Day two, was very different, as rain during the night had left the range grass on the range very wet, during the day this did burn off, as the temperature rose to 21°C, the sun did not seem as hot as there was a lot of cloud cover. Ed's final score for the second day was 1134, yet again a new personal best. This score was sufficient to place Ed in third place overall with his two combined scores.

After a very pleasant awards ceremony the president of the Malta Archery Association present the award winners with there trophies. (See attached far right). Hopefully this is the first of many international trips for Ed, as his archery career goes from strength to strength.

