

archery

# Annall fires his way to claim 3D Champs

**Bath Archer's James Annall has reached the heights in national archery competitions over the past couple of months.**

Annall, who represented Great Britain at the World Field Archery Championships in Yankton, USA, last October, took part in a week-end of world-class shooting at the Archery GB British Field Championships at the end of May at Avalon Archers' field course in Bedfordshire.

He broke the national record on the first day for the single mixed field round, with a score of 357 (ten points above his personal best). He was also 22 points above his personal best for the double round on

day two, falling short of the record by a couple of points.

Annall was also crowned British Barebow Champion at the British 3D Championships, hosted by Ballands Bowmen near Wincanton on June 10-11, and was in the England Home Nations team which won the team event.

Sixty-nine archers took part in the demanding two-day competition on what was described by Archery GB as a thrilling course with 24 three-dimensional targets.

Steve Walker, Bath Archers press officer, said: "Field archery, including 3D archery, is becoming an increasingly popular sport and can be great fun, particularly when

shooting at unusual targets.

"But some of these targets are very, very demanding, and shooting conditions can be really tricky.

"The course terrain can make shooting technically challenging, with uphill and downhill shots requiring a different skill-set to shooting on level ground, but that's all part of the fun.

"A huge amount of preparation and skill is required to get to national champion level, as James has done.

"It's all down to practice. James puts in hours of practice down at Bath Archers' ground in Batheaston, and we are all really proud of his achievements."



James Annall, centre, on the rostrum with fellow competitors at the British 3D Championships

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