



The National Crossbow Federation of Great Britain regrets to announce the death at 01:00h 30th January 2019 of Edward (Ted) Hayward following a short illness.



Ted was a founder member of the National Field Crossbow Federation of Great Britain, later to become the National Crossbow Federation (NCF). Ted was President for many years and was involved, with Chris Aston, in Home Office discussion that eventually laid down the UK laws governing Crossbow Shooting. Tony Bradbury took over as President in 1990s, but when Tony died Ted once again took up the reins and served as President until he found the work too much and did not stand for re-election.

Ted was also a active member of the Wolverhampton Sports Council. The Wolverhampton Association for Disabled Sport (WADS) was formed in 1981 by Alastair West. As the name suggests WADS is an organisation that promotes sport for people with disability. Later Ted became their chairman, and was chairman until his death. He will be greatly missed.

Ted organised many shoots for both NCF and WADS, and in particular organised shoots that brought Archers and Crossbow Shooters, both able bodied and disabled together. The Christmas Pudding Shoot was particularly memorable. It started as the Christmas Shoot but there tended to be a number of Christmas



puddings among the awards. Over a number of years it came to be that the awards were all Christmas puddings, and so it was referred to as the “Pud”

shoot, and became to be advertised as such.

Ted was a gentleman in both senses of the term and was known to many of us as “Sir” Ted.

In the last few years Ted has only shot the shorter range competitions. He was having difficulty walking the 50 and 65 metre distances. He also had a neck problem and as a result had to use a light prod on his Spirit Target bow. In 2017 he still managed a William Tell at 25 metres.

It is difficult to realise that he will not be there at the next shoot. He was always there, never changed. He will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and best wishes go to his wife “Lady” Pat and to his family.

