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On 22nd / 23rd July 2007, it was Ireland's turn to host the Junior Euronations archery competition in Gormanston College, Co Meath. This was a developmental competition for archers who showed skill, and needed experience at international events before making it to European or World events. The competition was attended by teams from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales & England.

As national team manager I was delighted to have the DIT Archery Club under the watchful eye of Coach Martin Cunningham helping to run the event. Having just returned from the World Championship in Germany a few days beforehand I was, like everyone else speechless at the efficiency, courtesy and hard work of the DIT archers. As preparation is the key to running an event such as this, the work party was asked if they could be in attendance at seven o'clock on Saturday morning to have the range ready for a nine o'clock start. However as the teams arrived for breakfast at eight o'clock the work party also arrived for breakfast having finished setting up the range following their extra early start at 6.30am. Throughout the day they continued to work hard with good humour and endless patience, always pre-empting any request to do anything as they had already thought of our every need. Their work did not end there, as they volunteered to patrol the corridors and supervise the sleeping areas to ensure that the junior competitors were safe, and that their youthful exuberance did not result in any sort of mishap.

On Sunday evening as the event drew to a close, perhaps the ultimate accolade was paid to the work team as the managers of the visiting teams were asking if they could have our work crew to bring home as they were second to none.

On behalf of the IAAA, and the organising committee of the Junior Euronations Championship. I wish to thank sincerely all those in the work crew, and in particular Martin Cunningham as foreman for your unstinting generosity, your time and your incredible work. You truly have represented your college and your clubs in a manner that we are all proud and honoured to be associated with.

Yours in Archery,

Gerry Deegan
National team manager