

To all DCAS Club Secretaries

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DCAS Committee Meeting

The DCAS Committee met on 2 March 2013. On the whole the meeting covered only routine matters, including the Level 1 Coaching Course and the Junior Squad, both covered in separate notes below. The only exceptional item was agreement to make a loan to Exmouth Archers of £5,000 repayable over 3 years to assist Exmouth in construction of an Indoor Archery Centre on their existing field. The loan was made under our Development Loan Scheme (see below).

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Level 1 Coaching Course in North Devon

DCAS is intending to organise a Level 1 coaching course in North Devon. The dates and the venue are not yet decided. If your Club has anybody interested in becoming a Level 1 coach please contact Phill Carder (ccodcaspc@gmail.com) as soon as possible to register your interest. Phill will be able to advise on the funding towards the cost of the course that might be available from GWAS and DCAS.

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County Junior Coaching

The County Junior Coaching sessions which have been running in Tavistock over the winter months have attracted around 15 active participants (although obviously not all have been able to make every session). The regular participants range from County record holders to juniors shooting for less than a year, and all of them have benefited from the sessions.

Because of the interest shown, DCAS have now agreed to continue to run and to subsidise the coaching sessions over the summer months - they will run monthly, all year round, not just in the winter. We now have spaces to take on some additional participants. There is no 'entry requirement' in terms of experience or scores to join the sessions - coaching is available to all DCAS juniors up to the age of 18 and at any level of experience. The only requirement is that the archer wants to improve, and is prepared to put a bit of effort into improving - and has a parent able to get him/her to Tavistock on one Saturday a month.

If your Club has juniors who are interested in joining the County Junior Coaching sessions then please contact me and I will provide details.

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Development Loan Scheme

Can I remind you of our Development Loan Scheme? We have recently made development loans to Barnstaple and now to Exmouth, and we would like the opportunity to help other clubs with their ambitions.

DCAS will consider making a discretionary loan to Clubs to finance improvements in equipment or facilities, when the Club itself has insufficient capital. The loan can be for any amount from a few hundred pounds up to a maximum of £5,000 and can be repaid over a period to be agreed but not more than 3 years. The Club will need to demonstrate that it has the income, or will have the income after the investment, to repay the loan. The improvement in facilities that the loan is given for can be anything, although we'd prefer to see projects that result in an increased

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income to the Club, to help in repaying the loan! Purchase of equipment to allow have-a-go sessions to be offered, for example; buying video equipment to be paid back by charging users for coaching sessions; improvement of ground or clubhouse facilities; your idea!

If you have an idea that you'd like to fund you're welcome to get in touch for a preliminary discussion: we may even be able to help you make a good case, or point you towards appropriate grant funding sources.

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Junior Free Passes

Club Secretaries should have received, in February, passes for Juniors in their Club to enter one DCAS tournament this year free of charge. If you have Juniors and have not received the passes please let me know. The passes are named, and there should have been a pass for each Junior archer affiliated through your Club. If I've missed anybody please let me know. If you have a new Junior join during the year who is interested in entering tournaments please let me know and I'll issue another pass.

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Auction at Devon and Cornwall Auctions

And finally, if you have a few thousand pounds to spare, I have received the following from Devon and Cornwall Auctions:

"I am writing to inform your society of two very interesting artefacts that we have in our next sale on April 27th.

"The first lot is an extremely rare silver George III circular archery competition presentation medal London 1810 possibly by S. Hennell (makers mark slightly rubbed) (54g) 6.75 cms diam., engraved with the victors' names, dates and scores radiating from the centre from 1810 - 1812. Est. £1000-£1500

"The second an extremely rare George III silver archery arrow (shaft and flight feathers - no arrowhead) London 1796 by Phipps and Robinson with presentation inscription - won by Mr Shepheard 23rd August 1796 (295g) 69 cms long, together with the original hand written score sheet page documenting the competition awards. Est £1000-£1500.

"If you or any of your members would like further information about our sale, terms and conditions or how to place a bid via the internet please visit our website or contact us by telephone. Details for both are given below.

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Best regards

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cc All Committee Members