

# DCAS NEWSLETTER Spring 2000

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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## EDITORIAL

This is a new feature brought to you by the DCAS Committee to help keep all of our archers in touch with things going on in our Counties and further afield.

This initial issue has been prepared by members of the DCAS Committee to get things off the ground, but it is hoped that, in the future, contributions will come from you, the archers in this area – so that the content reflects what you want to read and is relevant to all readers. We hope to issue 3 or 4 such newsletters each year, so your contributions are essential.

Copy for the next issue for Summer 2000 should be sent to one of the Editorial Team: Marion Hutter, Marj Smith or Paul Callaway by 9 July 2000 (Details of contact addresses below)

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Feel free to contact on any relevant archery matter. We are here to help sort out any problems in the Counties.

## Feature Article

### **GNAS AGM**

I attended the AGM on Saturday 29 April 2000 at Lilleshall (which is to be the new HQ for GNAS in the next few weeks) on behalf of my club, as proxy for a number of other clubs and as Chairman of Devon & Cornwall. Good-byes were said to the retiring Chief Executive, John Middleton and several of the office staff from Stoneleigh (who will not be moving to the new venue). Hellos were said to the new Chief Executive, David Sherratt and new GNAS Admin staff. *(As nearly all of the admin staff are brand new to the job with only a few weeks overlap with former admin staff, please be patient with them as they "learn the ropes" - Ed)*

The main order of the day at the EGM (which followed the AGM) was the proposal by National Council to adopt new Articles of Association. The meeting was addressed by Peter Greaves (describing himself as the new Director for England if the proposals were implemented) who proceeded to give a history of the development of GNAS to demonstrate how archaic its structure is. You may have seen his article in the Spring Edition of Archery UK on these important changes to the Society and some may have seen his briefing paper issued to Club Secretaries with the AGM notice about a month ago. He described the National Council's approval of the Review Committee's suggestions as "the turkey's voting for Christmas" as the majority would be out of a job if the proposals were approved. Decision-making would be reduced from a Council of 23 members to a Board of Directors of 9 members, but this level of consideration would only be needed for deciding the direction of the company's business. More importantly, archery-related decisions could be made by the Operations Committee, which will be empowered with full autonomy on such matters. This should seriously speed things up. Little was said to expand on those points, but he did emphasize the Centre's intention to get closer to the grass roots archer and address the Society's responsibilities to those archers more directly.

Much (often fierce) debate ensued - especially the hot potato of collecting subscriptions from each archer directly by the Centre (NO decision has been taken on that yet - but John Alcock, as the new Director of Finance designate, did allude to this being "attractive" in view of the flexible ways in which it could be arranged: direct debit, etc.). It is fair to say that most of the speakers, including myself, were cautiously in favour of the new improved structure, but critical of the seeming rush at the 11" hour (from a Committee who have been considering these issues since 1997!) when so many questions about how the new structure will operate and fit in with existing structures (Operational Committees, Judging & Coaching, Regional & County Societies, etc) have still not been spelt out clearly.

The Presidents address at the AGM (read out in his absence by Nick Nicholson as Vice President) had talked about "a leap of faith" when the Society moved out of domestic quarters to Stoneleigh many years ago and concluded with the advice regarding the change: "We can, we will, we must".

The issue went to a ballot vote with 554 votes for the motion to change and 145 against (ie over 3/4 majority in favour). Accordingly, the new Articles were adopted (and the consequences which go with them - whatever they are).

This ushers in an era of change, from the Centre, through the Regions to the Counties and right down to the archer, which we should face squarely and positively.

If you would like any further information about this or any other issue arising at the GNAS AGM, please do not hesitate to telephone me.

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 7 May DCAS Grand Day at Exeter  
14 May Redruth Double American  
Kyrton Westerns  
Torquay Millennium Disability Shoot:  
(Metriccs 3 & 5 and Short Metric 5)  
21 May Bowmen of the Tors: York, Hereford,  
Bristols & Nationals  
28 May Brixham Archers: York, Hereford,  
Bristols & Nationals  
3/4 Jun DCAS/ Exmouth Double FITA Star:  
Ladies & Gents FITA, Metrics &  
Short Metrics  
11 Jun Truro: Double National  
12 Jun GWAS Dunster Week: FITAS, Field,  
Longbow, Clout & Westerns  
17/18 Jun GWAS Championships at Dunster:  
Double York & Hereford  
24 Jun GWAS Junior Champs & Intercounties  
24 Jun Mounts Bay 2-way Western Longbow  
25 Jun Newquay Bowmen: York, Hereford,  
Bristols & Nationals  
1/2 Jul GNAS Junior National Championships  
at Swindon  
2 Jul Yelverton Bowmen: York, Hereford,  
Bristols & Nationals  
9 Jul Bowmen of Wadebridge: York,  
Hereford & Nationals  
23 Jul DCAS Senior & Junior County  
Championships at Newquay: York,  
Hereford, Bristols 1-5 and Nationals  
30 Jul Redruth FITA Star.

See your Club Secretary for entry forms, if available.

**OR**

Contact Colin & Ann Holmes for details of DCAS organized events

**OR**

Contact individual Club Secretaries for details of their Tournament Organiser for entry forms.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- We have a new candidate Judge in our area who will be going around the circuit this summer: Roy Smith of St Austell By Archers. Be Kind to Him, like all the Judges he is only there to help.
- New FITA Rule book has now been produced (all in one volume). Orders can be placed with Marion Hutter. The issue of such books to Judges in this area will take place shortly.

Marion Hutter - Judging  
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## JUNIOR NEWS

- On Saturday 24 June 2000, the Grand Western Regional Junior Championships will be held at Puriton Gold Sports Ground (off J23 on the M5). This event is combined with the Junior Intercounties Competition. The DCAS Junior County Team will be selected at this shoot. An entry form for each Junior is being sent to each Club Secretary - so be sure you have entered in time.
- The UK Junior Championships this year will be held at Supermarine Sports & Social club in Swindon. Entry forms can be obtained by sending a SAE to:

Mark Davis  
44 Brainerton Road  
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## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The following shot in the Junior National Championships at Coventry last December. They were well placed in all disciplines:

Boys U-18 Compound	James May (Wadebridge)	4 <sup>th</sup> place	60	560	22
Boys U-16 Compound	Mark Callaway (St Michaels)	4 <sup>th</sup> place	59	541	16
Boys U-16 Recurve	Andrew Callaway (St Michaels)	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	60	572	37
	Neil Hallett (Tors)	4 <sup>th</sup> place	60	561	31
Girls U-16 Recurve	Clare Hallett (Tors)	17 <sup>th</sup> place	60	448	5
Boys U-14 Recurve	Tristan Weedon (St Michaels)	5 <sup>th</sup> place	60	552	15
	Peran Williams (St Michaels)	10 <sup>th</sup> place	60	415	3

- Congratulations to all the young archers and a big thanks to all the people who transported them to the venue.
- Good shooting was seen at the “Clipper” Tournament held by Brixham Archers in February, comprising a Record Status Double Portsmouth qualifying round followed by an Olympic-style shoot-off for the top 8 Senior scorers in the recurve and compound disciplines.
- Good results were also obtained at the Grand Western Regional Indoor Championships at Weston-super-Mare in February. It was so cold (Hutton Moor Leisure Centre heating not working again) that inclement weather was declared indoors!
- Jan Martin (Redruth) shot for England in March at the National Indoor Championships and the England team beat the other Home Nations. Jan was placed 4th in the National Individual Champs and missed third spot by only 4 points. Jan has also been shortlisted to shoot in the Euro-Nations Tournament in June on Jersey. Congratulations and good luck for the future.
- A welcome change of distances and rounds was seen in the Combined FITA round shot at St Austell Bay Archers in March. This comprised 5 dozen each at 25 m and 18 m indoors (*Why not give it a try next year!! -Ed*)
- Andrew Callaway has been training at Lilleshall with the UK Junior Squad, so again congratulations and good luck.
- DCAS Clout Championships at Newquay on Sunday 23d April 2000: despite the hail and numerous rain showers, the attendance was very good, especially the longbow archers.

Winners were.

Lady Longbow	Sue Robinson (Truro)
Gents Longbow	Alan Lamb (Mounts Bay)
Lady Recurve	Ann Holmes (Exeter)
Gents Recurve	Tony Collins (Redruth)
Lady Compound	Wendy Wheeler (Newquay)
Gents Compound	Roy Smith (St Austell)

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