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FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the DCAS Newsletter. Remember that we are always after your contributions, no matter how small. This newsletter is in danger of being severely curtailed if contributions are not forthcoming, so please help us out!

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jan Martin shot for England in the Euronations tournament held at Lilleshall in August, the team where the winners. The British Masters was also included in the shoot and Jan was 7th overall. Congratulations once again Jan.

Paddy Johnson was not so successful this year shooting at Rugby, but did get past the first head to head shoot off. Paddy would like to hear from anyone if they are interested in shooting at any venues for the disabled to get in touch. His number is 01872 863483.

Shooting at the Royal Tox. Tournament, Sally Sandoe was placed second. Congratulations Sally.

Good luck to all our younger members who are off to University or beginning their new careers in the near future. Hopefully they will all still be able to carry on with their shooting..

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DCAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget that the DCAS AGM will be on Sunday 25th November at the Memorial Hall, Yelverton, starting at 2pm. Please try and attend.

EXMOUTH ARCHERS LUNARTIC SHOOT

Exmouth Archers are considering re-instating their Lunartic Shoot next year. For those who don't remember or who are not familiar with this event, it was held on a Saturday night in July. The evening started with a BBQ, followed by National rounds shot under floodlight continuing into the early hours of Sunday morning. Fancy Dress was the order of the day. The event concluded with an awards ceremony, where 'moon' trophies were awarded.

If you would like to register your interest for such a shoot in 2003 please contact Tim Pratt.

EXETER COMPANY OF ARCHERS 50th ANNIVERSARY SHOOT

On Saturday 17th August 2002 Exeter Company of Archers celebrated their 50th Anniversary by holding a tournament consisting of the various Western Rounds, followed by an 'ISCA Volley'†, BBQ and Have-A-Go. With permission these words have been reproduced from the recent Exeter Company of Archers Newsletter.

This day must go down as the highlight of the year for the Club. Following months of meetings, preparation and anxiety; the time arrived. Friday saw a flurry of activity on the field and in the pavilion as the field was laid, kitchen and displays prepared.

Saturday morning dawned, and started with the Gazebo construction challenge, with Exmouth Archers showing us how big theirs is!! (*Hour and a half to construct, Instructions left at Exmouth! - Ed.*) The Archers arrived, the line soon full of bivvys, chairs, bow stands and spotting scopes.

A speech by Dave Scull to open the occasion, a raised glass (or 2 by some..) to the Club, the Lord Paramount John Knowles announced the start of the competition. The Gods must have been smiling on us that day, excellent weather, good shooting and a party atmosphere was evident. Twenty-One club members shot this day. The Finale of the shooting being the ISCA Volley. †

Whilst our records team battled with the results, the BBQ was started, and proved to be a great success. The Have A Go session proved to be very popular especially with previous members, some of whom even brought bows and arrows they shot with in the past.

The display in the pavilion was a success and thanks to past members we can now put names to people in many of the photographs. Finally the raffle, and presentation of awards, and medals being made by John Clayton, a past member from 1952, a National Champion in 1957.

The Winners were Jan Martin (Ladies Recurve), Judith Martin (Ladies Compound), Penny Crane (Ladies Longbow), Dave Sheppard (Gents Recurve), James Hardy (Gents Compound), Phile Hale (Gents Longbow)
Andy Tan won the Senior ISCA Volley and Peter Trueman the Junior.

Went the day well ?? I think that the way to judge this is by the comments of the visitors, and past members. *"Thank you for organising such a good, enjoyable day...can you do it again next year please???"*

Our thanks to the Judges, DiHarris and Mike Byrnes. To our Lords Paramount Roy Knowles and John Clayton. But mostly thanks to the members and Non members of the club who put in a great deal of time, effort and support both before, during and after the event. Without this team effort none of this would have occurred. Thank you one and all.

Paul Leyland, Exeter Company of Archers.

We wish Exeter another 50 Glorious years and many more besides. If you would like to see Exeter host another shoot let one of their members know!

† The ISCA Volley involves all archers standing on a shooting line at the same time, and shooting one arrow at a picture of the Exeter Company of Archers castle, which is placed at a random distance. Juniors shoot at a balloon at a shorter distance.



Western Shooting Line and Group Photo of Exeter Co of Archers plus a few friends



ISCA Volley Shooting Line and Andy Tan, Winner of the Senior ISCA Volley



THE COUNTY TEAM FOR 2002

This year the following team has been selected for the Annual InterCounty Tournament to be held at Exeter School and hosted by the Exeter Company of Archers on Sunday 15th September 2002.

LADIES OLYMPIC

Caroline Perry
Charlotte Brown
Sally Sandoe
Cilla Bragg
Salli Lummis

LADIES COMPOUND

Barbara Finney
Marj Smith
Trish Hiscox

LADIES LONGBOW

Jeanette Wear
Margaret Byrnes

GENTS' OLYMPIC

Andrew Callaway
Gary Wilde
Bob Young
Allan Temple
Tim Pratt
David Sheppard
Peter Smith
Richard Spain

GENTS' COMPOUND

Bob Griffith-Bird
James Hardy
Mark Callaway
Mike Brown

GENTS' LONGBOW

John Sperling
Peter Earle

Both Wendy Wheeler [your County Coaching Organiser] and myself- Mike Byrnes [County Team Manager] thank all archers for their efforts to be selected for the Team for this year . We wish success to those that have been chosen and commiserations to those that tried but weren't selected and say "better luck next year.

"COME ON TEAM- HIT THOSE GOLDS"

Best Wishes for September 15th

Mike Byrnes
DCAS Senior Team Captain

GWAS DUNSTER WEEK

Why not try something new next year?

Every year Grand Western Archery Society (the Regional Society to which DCAS archers belong) put on a week's worth of tournaments at Dunster, near Minehead in Somerset. This takes place in the third week in June. It really is a most enjoyable week, in the idyllic setting of the Old Park at the foot of Dunster Castle.

The week starts off on the Sunday with the Somerset Championships, usually a Record Status York/Hereford with Rose Awards available.

Monday starts off the week proper with a Domestic FITA, shot to GNAS rules: so is very relaxed.

Tuesday is the field shoot day. This year a new Field course has been set out at Coombe Sydenham Country Park, located at Monksilver, just 8 miles from Dunster (although an Albion is also shot in the Old Park for those who only do targets!). The new venue is a splendid setting right next to the old house once lived in by Elizabeth Sydenham, one of the wealthiest heiresses in England and who was Sir Francis Drake's second wife. Our very own Tony Collins won the gold medal for the Gents Freestyle Recurve and Andy Oakes came third in the Gents Traditional. By all accounts, a good time was had by all, with everyone being impressed with the new venue. The amusement doesn't end there: Tuesday night hosts a Pub Quiz and Supper in the Marquee on the grounds.

Wednesday is Longbow Day, shooting a two-way Western Round. This must be one of the biggest longbow tournaments in the world with over 200 entries. This year Russell French (holder of many/most of the UK Gents longbow records) was to be presented with the "Archer of the Year" Trophy from GNAS at the very start of the tournament. Russell was unaware of this and during the course of assembly, as the Field Captain was beginning the announcement, he realised that he had left his bracer in his car. He was making off to get it just as the announcement was reaching its climax. It looked as though he was overcome with modesty and was running away. Anyone who knows him will realise how preposterous that would have been!

On Thursday a Double Two-way Clout is shot: not very frequently shot in DCAS. This year Cilla Bragg (Newquay) came second in the Ladies Recurve and Ken Osborn (Archers of the West) came third in the Gents Longbow. I am told that there was an errant wind (*Probably just a light breeze! – Ed*) that accounted for lower scores this year (*I've heard them all!! – Ed*).

Thursday night saw a Golden Jubilee Street Party in the Marquee. Next year the plan is for a "Cockney Knee's Up"...the mind boggles!

Friday is a Western Round. This year Sally and Jimmy Sandoe won the GWAS Jack & Jill Married Couples Trophy, Bob Griffith-Bird came second in the Gents compound, Tim Pratt came third Gents Recurve, Charlotte Brown second in the Ladies Recurve, closely followed by Sally Sandoe in third place.

Saturday and Sunday are the Grand Western Championship days, shooting a Double York/Hereford to National Record Status with Rose Awards available. Bob Griffith-Bird did us proud again winning the Gents Compound Trophy, so can now call himself Grand Western Compound Champion!

The whole week is rounded off with a superb presentation of prizes from a top table groaning with the most intricately worked silverware you have ever seen. The prizes are presented by Lady Hermione Luttrell and winners of the major cups have opportunity for a photocall (the wonderful jugs and vases are then returned to the Castle for safe-keeping).

Why not give it a try next year! Book up accommodation and make a week of it, or just enter one or two days and have a bit of a holiday! You could do with the break.