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FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Sixteenth edition of the DCAS Newsletter. Don't forget we are always after your input, so send us your news items, wants & sales, articles etc.

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEWS

Congratulations to Frank and Phyllis Griffiths of Rydon Rinklies who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December.

At the AGM in November, Gwen Skipper presented a silver claret jug in memory of her husband Roy to Ann and Colin Holmes for all their work in organising the County Tournaments. It is intended that this trophy will be awarded each year to a Tournament Organiser. See later on for details.

Many thanks to Wendy Wheeler for all her hard work over the last 13 years as County Coaching Organiser (Not forgetting Eddy for all his input). Wendy and Eddy helped many of us get on the first step of the Coaching ladder. Wendy has also looked after the County Records for several years.

As a result, at the AGM, Jan Martin took on the mantel of County Coaching Organiser and Tim Pratt has taken on the role of Records Officer. Chris Vitali has become our County Team Manager.

Newquay Bowmen held their 3rd Annual Junior Shoot on Monday 19th January. 19 Archers were present and they all enjoyed themselves. Competition was close at the end of the evening as after the first round the Archers were given a handicap rating. Thanks to the Club members who arranged the evening and refreshments for the Children.

At the GWAS Indoor Champs earlier this month at Hutton Moor several DCAS Archers won awards...

Maureen Gibson (Lizard Peninsular)	1 st Ladies Longbow.
Dennis Gibson (Lizard Peninsular)	2 nd Gents Longbow.
Emma-Jayne Young (Archers of the West)	2 nd Ladies Recurve.
Gill Bedford (Brixham)	2 nd Ladies Compound.
Bob Griffiths-Bird (Yelverton)	2 nd Gents Compound.
Richard Hawkesford (Torquay)	1 st Junior Boy Compound.
Scott Kinsey (Archers of the West)	3 rd Junior Boy Recurve.

Well done to you all.

If you have any news please send it either to me, covering Cornwall, or Bob Griffith-Bird covering Devon.
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COUNTY RECORDS

At the AGM I was voted in as your new Records Officer, as Wendy Wheeler, the previous postholder wished to give the job up. I hope you will all join me in thanking Wendy for all the hard work she has done. This seems like a good time to remind you all about how the records are held, how to claim etc.

DCAS Records

In order to make a successful claim; the following guidelines should be followed. Claims may be made by any member of Devon and Cornwall Archery Society. You may claim a record at any open tournament held anywhere, including abroad. The claim must be submitted to the Records Officer on the appropriate form within 4 weeks of the shoot. If the score was shot out-of-county, a copy of the results sheet must accompany the form. Once the claim is ratified a certificate will be issued at the next County Shoot. Rounds within rounds may not be claimed. Claim forms are available from the DCAS website, me or the County Tournament Organiser (If it's a County Shoot)

The latest DCAS records can be obtained from the DCAS website in PDF format, or inspected at any County Shoot. Club Secretaries will receive a paper copy of the records at the beginning of each calendar year (Sorry, I haven't got round to this yet !). The County does not currently recognise Junior age groups within the records. The age listed in the records define the age a junior may be to claim a record on that round.

GWAS Records

Don't forget that you can also claim GWAS records. Claims for GWAS records should be sent via me to be checked and passed on to the regions Records Officer. Remember, with the exception of some Junior records, a GWAS record will also imply a DCAS record. The DCAS record claim form has been modified to include a tick box if you wish to claim a GWAS record also. If claiming a Junior record, please fill in the age group box also.

The latest GWAS records can be viewed or downloaded from the GWAS website. This is updated quarterly.

Senior County Team Selection

The other job that the Records Officer post entails is that of County Team selection. In order to qualify for selection, you must shoot a minimum of five 12 dozen rounds appropriate to your gender. The Team will then be picked based upon the handicaps obtained for those rounds. The County Records Officer and County Coaching Organiser will be responsible for this process. Should a conflict occur, the County Vice Chairman will have the final decision.

The procedure for submitting scores will change slightly this year...

For Current County Squad members:

The Records Officer will monitor all scores shot within Devon and Cornwall by squad members (Club Tournament Organisers, please see the note below), automatically picking the 5 best score handicaps at the end of the season. It will be the Archers responsibility to forward scores shot outside our borders to the Records Officer for inclusion. These must be substantiated by a results sheet. It will not be necessary to submit your best 5 scores and handicaps at the end of the season, unless you want to be sure my records tally with yours. Please ensure you do this before the cut off date.

For Archers not in the County Squad:

If you are not a current Squad member but would like to be considered for selection, please let me know early in the year, and I will actively monitor your scores as detailed above. Again, if you want to be sure my records tally with yours at the end of the season, submit your 5 best scores and their handicaps before the cut of date.

The last date for scores that can be considered is Sunday August 8th. (For Devon and Cornwall this will be Exmouth's Open Shoot). The final cut of date for submitting your scores will be Sunday 15th August. Anything received after this date **will** be ignored.

A form for submitting your scores can be found on the DCAS website.

Club Tournament Organisers

Just a quick reminder that Club Tournament Organisers should send a copy of their results to the County Records Officer as soon as possible.

1. So that the scores can be used for County Team selection, where applicable.
2. For the Counties records and information.

I am happy to receive results either by hand, post or email.

DCAS Rose and FITA Star awards

Don't forget that you can claim for these awards at any Rose or FITA Star event within DCAS. Juniors can claim the badges for free. Seniors pay £1.50. Claim forms and required scores can be found on the DCAS website or from the DCAS Tournament Organisers.

If you have any queries please let me know. I will be at most tournaments during the year.

Tim Pratt
County Records Officer

REDRUTH ARCHERS HAVE BEEN BUSY

Redruth Archers are celebrating after receiving a grant of £4930 from the National Lottery's Awards for All scheme.

This will be used to set up a partnership with Penryn Sports College, developing Archery in schools and colleges. Some of the money will be used for the training of Coaches to level 1. Equipment purchased includes bosses and backstop netting. Monday 2nd February sees the start of the first eight week course. Already the pupils have shown a lot of interest. Many Thanks to John Willson for all his help and especially Paul Callaway for his hard work in getting this scheme underway.



Redruth at work at Penryn Sports College

The 1st January saw seven brave Longbow Archers arrive at Redruth for their annual Clout. The venue was transferred from Newquay due to the cost of the field hire.

The day was windy and mutterings were heard among the ranks that the flag had been moved as the arrows were flying high and wide of the target. Mike Robinson from Redruth was victorious shooting the highest overall score.

Next New Years Day, if we hold the Clout on our field, we would be happy to see more than the three ladies and four men enjoying themselves.

Margaret Simpson - Redruth Archers.

GWAS AGM

The GWAS AGM will be held on 28 March 2004 at Courtfields School, Wellington. Please try and attend or send a representative from your Club. Decisions are made there which affect us all. It's no good moaning afterwards if you don't like the outcomes !

COACHING NEWS

At the coaching course held at Puriton, by Jan Martin and Richard Jones, 3 assistant coaches from Devon and Cornwall successfully upgraded their status to Coach. They were Mollie Wix and Rob Hobley from Exeter Company of Archers, and Dennis Couling from Kyrton. The other 5 candidates from other areas of GWAS also passed. Well done !

COUNTY SQUAD

Following the Intercounties in September, our County Squad of 43 Archers has been busy improving their performance ready for the coming year. 4 Squad Training sessions have taken place at Exmouth, with another 2 before we start back outdoors. These sessions, primarily organised by our Squad Manager, Jan Martin, have been well received by the Archers who attended. Topics covered include Equipment Maintenance, Coaching assisted by video to improve style and technique, Talks on what we should eat, and fitness for Archery, a talk by Roy Bishop about concentration and focusing. At the session held in November the Archers spent the afternoon doing Team Head to Head, where they were split into teams of 4, and all had to shoot 3 arrows in 1 minute each.



WHAT A YEAR FOR A TORQUAY ARCHER

David Schofield from Torquay started the year off by winning the b2/3 national indoor champs at Lilleshall. Then received an invite from the Royal Tox to attend their disability shoot for the third time. On the previous two visits coming second and third, this year went one better and came first. Next came the National Outdoor Champs at Lilleshall where again winning and retaining the b2/3 national champs. The scores put in during the 2002 season were good enough to qualify for the IPC invitational European Shoot. This was held in the Czech Republic at Nova Mesto sports ground. In the three individual rounds the international VI round, the Olympic round and head to head knockout round winning all three and including a personal best in the Olympic round making him the b2/3 European champion. At the end of the week three archers from British Blind Archery took on the Turkish wheelchair archers. David said, "We gave them a scare as we went ahead with six arrows to go but they came back strong to beat us. It was great for us to have a go and the Turkish were impressed with how well we shot".

BRING ON 2004!!

ROY SKIPPER "BEST TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS" TROPHY

As mentioned earlier Gwen Skipper has donated a trophy in memory of her husband Roy, to be awarded annually at the AGM to the Best Tournament Organiser for the year. This year it goes to Colin and Ann Holmes for all the excellent work they do on behalf of the County.

To qualify for the trophy for next year, all you budding Tournament Organisers need to obtain a form from either the DCAS Website or Colin. You then nominate one of your tournaments to be judged, and on the day hand the form to the Judge in charge. He or She will then score you on each of the items listed. The form should be returned to the Committee ready for the AGM in November. More information can be found on the form. As Colin said at the AGM, he wants to see other Tournament Organisers winning the trophy, so Good Luck !