

DCAS NEWSLETTER Summer 2004

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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EDITORIAL

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

Copy for the Autumn issue (to be distributed at the DCAS Autumn Gold shoot in Plymouth) should be sent to one of the Editorial Team by 31st August 2004, please:

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEWS

At the Grand Western Dunster Archery Week this year several DCAS members won awards.

They were:

GWAS Lady Recurve Champion
GWAS Lady Recurve 3rd Place
GWAS Gents Longbow 2nd Place
Gents Recurve Victor Ludorum
Albion Round Gents Recurve 1st Place
Gents FITA 3rd Class award
Ladies Clout Recurve 2nd Place
Western Round Ladies Recurve 1st Place

Caroline Perry (Tors)
Charlotte Brown (Yelverton)
Kevin Balding (Exeter)
Gary Wilde (Paignton)
Tim Pratt (Exmouth)
John Russell (Exmouth)
Cilla Bragg (Newquay)
Caroline Perry (Tors)

And the following week at the Grand National Archery Meeting (GNAM) at Lilleshall:

Double Hereford Ladies Recurve 2nd Place
Ladies Compound 60Y Distance Award
Gents Compound 80Y Distance Award
Highest Unrewarded score for the Double Hereford
Best Gold (shared between 3 this year!)
Best 80 Yards Score
Best gold during the Double National
Most Hits in the Double Round (Not the winner)
Lady Paramount's Prize

Charlotte Brown (Yelverton)
Gillian Bedford (Brixham)
Bob Griffith-Bird (Yelverton)
Charlotte Brown (Yelverton)
Jan Martin (Archers of the West)
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Charlotte Brown (Yelverton)
Chris Bedford (Brixham Archers)



Tim Pratt, Jan Martin, Bob Griffith-Bird, Gillian and Chris Bedford and Charlotte Brown at the GNAM

And at the GNAS Head to Head tournament following the GNAM, Chris Bedford along with his two other team members won the Compound Head to Head, and Tim Pratt, along with his two other team members came second, being beaten only by the GB Olympic (Ladies) Team. (Report in the next newsletter)



Well done to all of you, particularly Caroline for becoming the GWAS Lady Champion. It's good to see that DCAS are being well represented outside of our County. Also some of our members are well on their way to gaining Master Bowmen for the year.

Bob Griffith-Bird
PRO

SENIOR COUNTY TEAM FOR 2004 AND COUNTY SQUAD FOR 2005

As a reminder, the last date for applicable scores is the 8th August (Exmouth Shoot in Devon and Cornwall). Don't forget to send me any scores shot out of County that you want counted. See previous newsletters or the DCAS website for further information

Timothy Pratt
Records Officer.

DCAS TOURNAMENT TROPHIES

Did you know that if you win a DCAS trophy, and it needs to be engraved, that you can claim back the cost of the engraving from the County Treasurer? All you need to do is submit a written receipt from the engravers. It would be appreciated if you could ask your engravers not to stick any kind of trade plates or advertisements on the trophies.

DOUBLE SIX-GOLD END

A unique double was achieved at Kyrton Archers Open Shoot on the 9th May 2004. Father and son Keith and Richard Hawkesford both shot a 6-Gold End in the last dozen arrows of the morning. Keith at 100 Yards and Richard at 80 Yards.

Over 45 Archers took part in the Western rounds. The weather was dull and drizzly to start but improved by the end of shooting. Pictured is Judge Di Harris shaking hands with Keith.



Jeann Carter
Kyrton Archers

WE WANT YOUR VIEWS

Exmouth Archers are intending to hold a Head to Head tournament next year and would like your views. This will be a first for our county, and as such want the event to be a success, hopefully bringing archers from other parts of the country.

The format of the event has not been decided yet, but it could be:

- a FITA 70m ranking round on the Saturday followed by an individual head-to-head, and
- on Sunday another FITA 70m ranking round followed by a team head-to-head.

Initial discussions have been held with GNAS and the event will be granted World Record Status. It has also been hinted that GNAS would be willing to turn it into a Premier Event.

The date and details will be finalised in the next couple of weeks, so if you have any views on the format, or indeed any aspect please let Tim Pratt know ASAP.

Timothy Pratt
Exmouth Archers

BOWMEN OF THE TORS REPEL THE ENEMY

Once again the longbow men of the Tors defeated an attack by enemy troops. The bodies of the enemy knights were strewn on the field of the battle of Notre Dame as the Bowmen of the Tors successfully defended their ground from an invading army in their annual Agincourt Trophy Shoot. From the evil crossbow men behind their shields to the fully armoured knights on horseback, all succumbed to the accurate shooting of the humble archers.



Even the enemy king had several horses shot from under him before he was finally brought down despite trying to remain out of arrow range at the back of the enemy lines. The most successful archer of the day was declared to be Philip de Hale of Plymstock, who was presented with a trophy by the King's Herald Sir Davyth ap Richard at the conclusion of the battle. Standing shoulder to shoulder with the men of the Tors were Lady Penelope de Hendra Pons and Lady Margaret de Maldenian who between them did prodigious damage to enemy invaders. After several hours of heated battle the enemy fled leaving the victorious bowmen in possession of the field. When fallen were counted it was established that the Bowmen of the Tors had suffered no losses. No prisoners were taken.

Margaret Byrnes
Bowmen of the Tors

FOR SALE

Left Handed Hoyt Havoctec, Flame Red, 30 to 40 lbs, 23" to 26" draw length. £275 ONO. Contact Barbara Finney of Exmouth Archers on 01404 812175

Hoyt Radian 23" riser and 32 lbs@28" Carbon Plus limbs. Overall 64" bow. £200. Contact Jimmy or Sally Sandoe on 01209 231242

External Zoom V34 FaxModem £15. Contact Tim Pratt