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FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the nineteenth 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 Spring issue (to be distributed at the DCAS Indoor Championships at Plymouth) should be sent to one of the Editorial Team by 1st February 2005, please:

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Recent Achievements and News

Congratulations go to Richard Hawkesford from Torquay who was recently selected to join the Great Britain Junior Squad.

Congratulations should also go to our County Team for their performance at the Intercounties in September. As a county we came second, beaten by Somerset by only 84 points. Our Longbow team, however, successfully came first beating Dorset and Wilts by 202 points. The team for 2004 consisted of Gary Wilde, Tim Pratt, Allan Temple, Bob Young, Paul Phillips, Glenn Wilde, Chris Kellaway, Caroline Perry, Estelle Edwick, Charlotte Brown, Emma-Jayne Young and Cilla Bragg (Recurve). Kevin Chidgey, Richard Hawkesford, Bob Griffith-Bird, Gary Hedgecox, Keith Hawkesford, Marj Smith, Barbara Finney and Wendy Medhurst (Compound). Kevin Balding, Peter Earle, Penny Crane and Margaret Byrnes (Longbow). Unfortunately Chris and Gillian Bedford were unable to shoot due to their daughter Rebecca having a major operation that week. Thanks go to Richard and Marj for shooting in their place. Despite the seriousness of Rebecca's operation Chris and Gillian dropped in to see the team shooting and rally them on. Rebecca's operation was a great success and she is well on the road to recovery.



The 2004 County Team at Exeter

For Sale

JVD double-sided lockable box for Recurve bow. Replaceable foam inserts, storage for arrows, Long Rod, Quiver, Bow Stand and other smaller items. Used once. Cost new £150 will accept £70.

Hoyt Gold Medalist Recurve Riser with Samwick limbs. 68 ins. Excellent condition Accept £130

Contact Ian White on 01803 554664

Kingsbridge Archers

When I moved from Exeter to Kingsbridge a couple of years ago I discovered that there wasn't an Archery Club in the Kingsbridge area so I continued shooting with Exeter Co of Archers. One evening whilst I was chatting with Ann Holmes she told me that there used to be a club in Kingsbridge some years ago and suggested that I should try to start it up again. After I had got over the initial shock, I decided to try and find out if there was any interest in Archery in Kingsbridge and to my surprise received an enthusiastic response, after a few meetings and a bit of luck with finding somewhere to shoot, we held a Beginner's Course for 11 people during April & May 2003. Mollie Wix, Rob Hobley & Phil Rees gave up their Saturday afternoons to come over to Kingsbridge, bringing all the necessary equipment with them and did such a successful job that at the end of the course 10 of them joined the newly formed Kingsbridge Archers. We were loaned some bows by Colin & Ann Holmes and also by the Exeter co of Archers to help the new beginners get started until they were able to kit themselves out. During the next few months another 5 experienced Archers came along and joined the Club and after 2 more beginner's courses, using Exeter's Coaches and Equipment, we now have an enthusiastic membership of 30. Earlier this year we received a Grant of over £4000 from Awards for All to buy equipment for Beginners and Juniors to use, we have now set up a Junior Club and hope to work with Kingsbridge Community College to encourage young people to take up Archery as a sport. Some of our members are also hoping to do the training and become Coaches soon.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us to get started, and offer a great big 'Thank You' to Colin & Ann, Exeter Co. of Archers and especially to Mollie, Rob & Phil for all their help over the past 18 months.

Brenda Parker



Some of Kingsbridge Archers after an enjoyable evening shooting

St Austell Bay Archers

St Austell have changed the location of their website. Could anyone with links to St Austell's website check that they have the current web address which is www.bayarchery.freesevers.com.

You can contact their new Club Secretary, Jenny Allen:

- by telephone on ☎ 01726-68918, or
- by e-mail on ✉ allenjenc@aol.com, or
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Grand Western Archery Week



I'm sure many of you will recognize the "Yarn Market" from Dunster village and quite a lot of you will recognize it as the symbol of "Dunster Archery Week". This year the festival of archery took place from Sunday 13th June 2004 (which is Somerset County Championships and strictly not part of Dunster Week) to Sunday 20th June 2004 – eight days of shooting! It generally takes place in the third week of June each year.

The origins of Dunster Week go back to 1861; on 13th May of that year a Public Meeting was held at Taunton and money was raised – including £150 for prize money - to hold a shoot

on 7th and 8th August. The rounds shot were York (Gentlemen) and National (Ladies); 53 Ladies and 42 Gentlemen took part in this first Grand Western Annual Meeting (GWAM). The winners were Miss A Turner from South Devon and the Rev H B Hare from West Somerset.

The first time the GWAM was held at Dunster was in 1955 – and the first time it lasted for a week; prior to that it moved around the Region (which up to 1950 did not include Gloucestershire). Since 1955 – except 1957 when only a two day shoot was held at Taunton due to a fuel crisis – the GWAM has been held at Dunster.

Over the years little things have changed: in 1956 there was a "Veterans Match" where the over 60's shot a Long Western against the over 70's shooting a Short Western, and a "Golf Match" against the local golf club. 1958 saw a move from the Polo Ground to the Old Park at the foot of the castle - where we still are today. In 1960 the FITA round became part of the proceedings. The Centenary year (1961) saw the introduction of a "two-way" longbow shoot and in 1966 a "Popinjay" shoot was held. 1973 saw the "Field Shoot" move to a separate venue (not shot in 1991 due to the foot and mouth outbreak); presently at Combe Sydenham Country Park. The Field shoot was so popular that the Albion round was introduced in 1991 at the Old Park to ease the pressure and the Western round was introduced on the Friday, giving us the format that we have today.

The final two days are the Grand Western Championships (a Double York/ Hereford) and the finale is the presentation on Sunday evening of all the trophies for the week (except the field trophies) – an amazing collection of silverware (I know because I have cleaned most of it!), mostly kept in Dunster Castle, that takes an hour or more for our Lady Paramount – Lady Hermione Luttrell – to hand out. If you've never been to the festival, you really ought to sample it, if only to feel the atmosphere of camaraderie.

Paul Callaway
Retired Grand Western Chairman



Exmouth Archers 720, Head to Head and Single FITA

An update... In October GNAS granted record status to the event, which will be held on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August 2005. Saturday will consist of a FITA 720 followed by an individual Head to Head. Sunday will consist of a Single FITA Star. Unfortunately GNAS did not grant the tournament 'Premier Status', but have said that they will consider it for the following year depending on how good a job we make of it. It's expected that this will be a big tournament, so we will be shooting on the Football pitches behind our grounds, with camping and practice on our normal grounds. Keep an eye open for the entry forms early in the New Year. To assist with the organisation of this event I would be grateful if you could enter early! If you have any questions give me a shout.

Tim Pratt
Exmouth Archers

Ruby Wedding



30th October 2004 and a Level 1 Coaching Course. What a way to celebrate 40 Years together! A more traditional celebration took place the following week at Lyne Akres. Congratulations to Sally and Jimmy Sandoe.

More For Sale

Heavy Duty Compound Bowlockers **BRAND NEW**
Dimensions: 53" x 23" x 6" (takes 48" bow easily).

Arrow storage in lid. Padded foam lining for protection and straps for securing the bow.

Lockable with 4 secure catches. Hunting scene embossed on front of case. 5 year Manufacturers' Limited Guarantee.

Normally retail for £50, Selling at only £25!!!!

Tel: Ron Bunyon of Redruth Archers on ☎ 01209-860811.

Obituary

Mr. Frank Griffiths of Holsworthy, a former Secretary of DCAS, has died at the age of 84 after a long illness. He leaves his wife, Phyllis, and five children. Frank and Phyllis formed Rydon Archers. He received a Millennium Award in 1999 for the formation of the Fun Club in Holsworthy, "Rydon Rinklies" – a sports club for the over 60's. His greatest achievement was a third in the European Popinjay Tournament in Belgium in 2003, shooting in the Longbow.

He was involved in the D-Day invasion and occupation of Belgium, where he formed a strong friendship with the Belgian family with whom he was billeted.

Since moving to Devon, Frank dedicated his time to serving the local community, in Holsworthy. He was Town Clerk for 10 years from 1980, served on the Town Council from 1991 to 1995 and Devon County Council from 1993 to 1997. He was recently awarded a Distinguished Service Award from the Institute of Maintenance & Building Management as one of its longest serving members. Frank was also Chairman of Holsworthy Town Band.

Frank and Phyllis committed a great deal of time and effort to support local charities and causes. He will be greatly missed.

DCAS Junior Squad

Saturday 13th November saw the return of the Junior Squad. 18 of our Juniors attended the session at Exmouth Community College which was organised by Brian Hardy and Jan Martin. The session primarily focused on technique and equipment maintenance. Brian and Jan were assisted by Sally and Jimmy Sandoe, Tim Pratt and Scott Kinsey. During the day all the Juniors had the opportunity to be filmed whilst shooting. Many of the Juniors had not seen themselves shooting before. At the end of the day it could be seen that the Juniors had really enjoyed the day, finding very beneficial. Many said that they could not wait until the next session!

Intercounties 2004

Looks like some of team were more interested in raiding the skip, rather than concentrating on their shooting !

