

# DCAS NEWSLETTER Summer 2000

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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## EDITORIAL

Here we are again, some 3 months having sped by since the last issue in the Spring. We have had quite a flow of articles for this issue, but mainly from members of the DCAS Committee: so come on archers, send in your contributions. They don't all have to be serious...how about a poem, for sale notices, club achievements?

We are pleased to welcome Tim Pratt on board as our Information Technology advisor. He has set up a web page for DCAS!! Find us at [www.dcasociety.free-online.co.uk](http://www.dcasociety.free-online.co.uk). This opens up all sorts of opportunities for accessing information like contact lists, past articles, even downloading entry forms off the net.

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## RECENT EVENTS

Congratulations to Jan Martin, who when shooting for England at the Euronations Tournament in Jersey came second on the first day of the competition and was first in the Double Ladies FITA. The England Team won all twelve trophies!!!

Andrew Callaway shot for the winning England Junior Team at the Junior National Championships held at Swindon and has also been selected for the Great Britain Junior Squad to shoot in the World Junior Championships in France in July and in the Junior Europa Cup in the Czech Republic in August. Andrew has trained very hard to gain his selection. Also revision for his GCSE's has not hampered his progress. Good luck to Andrew and the rest of the Team.

At the Grand Western Regional Junior Championships held at Puriton, the Devon & Cornwall Junior team won the Margaret Lewis Trophy for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running. The team consisted of Andrew and Mark Callaway, Tristan Weedon (St Michaels), Neil and Clare Hallett (Tors) and Gemma and Michael Wilde (Paignton). Please take the time to have a look at the trophy, which will be displayed in Colin and Ann's caravan at County shoots.

At the Junior National Championships at Swindon, Mark Callaway came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Saturday's Metrics and 1<sup>st</sup> on Sunday, becoming UK under 16 Compound Champion. Andrew Callaway was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> on both days, whilst Tristan Weedon came 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Sunday. James May came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Saturday's FITA and 4<sup>th</sup> in Sunday's York.

Many thanks must go to parents as, without their support, our juniors would not be able to attend these National and Regional events.

Phyllis Griffiths has been presented with an award, which covers the South West, for Services to the Community. Tony Blair presented the certificate at the ceremony at 10, Downing Street. Phyllis runs a club for Senior Citizens on Friday afternoon at Lyne Akers. About 20 people attend, between 8 and 10 shoot. If you are ever in the area on a Friday, call in and see how much everyone is enjoying themselves.

Congratulations to all those archers from DCAS who shot at the GWAS Dunster Week and gained places in the first three, in various disciplines on different days:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place GWAS: A Hibbert (Braunton), B Tregellas (Kenwith), A Hearson (Braunton), M Brown (Kenwith), Mrs B Finney (Exmouth), K Stephenson (Tavistock), J Sperling (Tavistock), K Osborn (Redruth) and Mrs S Sandoe (Redruth)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place GWAS: Mrs S Sandoe, K Osborn, C Holmes (Exeter), T Collins (Redruth), K Stephenson, M Curtis (Yelverton) and Mrs P Hiscox (Yelverton)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place GWAS: Gary Wilde (Paignton), N Isaac (Exmoor), T Pratt (Exmouth), B Tregellas, Mrs G Neale (Exmoor), Mrs S Sandoe and K Osborn.

Marj Smith – PRO

*(Sorry for the mistakes made in the first version of this Summer Newsletter in relation to this last paragraph – I mistakenly listed the names of the first 3 on the results list from Dunster, not realising that all discipline and genders were mixed together!! I have never seen a results list done like that before. I trust I did not cause offence to anyone as none was intended. Paul Callaway – Ed)*

## FEATURE ARTICLE

*This article about the **English Archery Federation (EAF)** has been written for us by Chris Vitali, retiring Secretary to the EAF.*

Many of you will have seen, in the last DCAS Newsletter, Mrs Jan Martin's selection for ENGLAND, both for the Home Nations International, held concurrently with the GNAS National Indoor Championships and her subsequent selection for the winning ENGLAND Team, chosen to defend the Senior Euronations Trophy in Jersey this Summer. You may wish to know a little more about the EAF and how individual archers and archery teams are selected to represent ENGLAND.

Firstly, a little background: in 1982, the Commonwealth Games were held in Brisbane and all the Home Nations formed national committees to select their best archers for the Games. England, in fact, still has the reigning Commonwealth Champion, Mark Blenkarne – because that was the last occasion on which Archery was included in the Games. Subsequently England's committee was placed into "suspended animation" until such time as archery should, once again, be included in the Games programme. Alas! Archery will not be included in the Manchester (2002) or Melbourne (2006) Games although it remains on the list of accredited sports for the Games. The other Home Nations kept their organizing committees in being and this enabled them to co-ordinate the selection of teams for matches within the United Kingdom.

In the late "Eighties" as a result of several "nonsenses" at GNAS National Championships, when ad hoc England teams were badly organized and performed poorly, the need for an organization – any organization – to select and organize teams, to represent ENGLAND, became so apparent that, in 1991, a move was made, by some leading lights in the English archery world, to reform the EAF.

At the inaugural meeting, Stan Patterson (Chairman of the original committee) and David Lane (the original Secretary) with other "worthies" in the world of English archery, including Peter Greaves (the current GNAS Director for England) and Alan Logan, a former Chairman of GNAS, recommissioned the EAF and set out its tasks which, in broad outline, are to select individuals and teams to represent ENGLAND at both junior and senior level, at Home Nations Internationals (held concurrently with GNAS Championships), the two Euronations Tournaments and, of course, the Commonwealth Games. As a consequence of our involvement with the Euronations competition, ENGLAND is required to organize one junior and one senior Euronations tournament every five years or so (probably 2003 [juniors] and 2005 [seniors]): these tournaments are an expensive operation to mount and run.

In DCAS and GWAS all adult members pay 50p to GWAS towards the cost of running the EAF and organizing English Teams. In order to keep costs to an absolute minimum there are only five members of the EAF, each representing one of the English Regions: SCAS, NCAS, GWAS (which includes DCAS), WMAS and EMAS. All GNAS archers paying affiliation fees to clubs in those regions are associate members of the EAF and therefore eligible for selection for ENGLAND Teams.

Each Regional Representative keeps an eye open for talent in his/her region (*Chris' role in this for GWAS is shortly to be taken over by Tony Key – Dorset & Wilts*) and ensures that those archers showing promise and/or talent are notified to the EAF Team Manager and the EAF Records Officer. Ultimately, those archers with both potential, talent and ambition to shoot for ENGLAND need to get their scores and tournament result sheets to the EAF Records Officer: - Mr Richard Underwood, 32 The Hordens, Barns Green, HORSHAM, West Sussex RH13 7PJ. He will then compare the scores and recommend the best archers to represent ENGLAND.

There are no set standards, merely the process of comparing the scores of the best with the best – to determine who shall represent ENGLAND. In the case of the Senior Euronations Tournament, we do use early FITA Star\* Tournaments ie the WMAS FITA \* at Lilleshall (details of which are notified well beforehand) to confirm our team selections.

Last year, out of eight international matches, ENGLAND won seven and came second to Wales in the GNAS Indoor Compound Championships. One of our selections for the Ladies Team for the Senior Euronations Team shot so well that she was quickly drafted into the British Olympic Team for the Sydney Games. So, if you really, really want to shoot for ENGLAND, get your best FITA or York/ Hereford tournament scores into Richard Underwood. Let your Regional Representative know how good you are and that you are seeking selection. Your representative on the EAF Committee may be able to tell you what your chances are.

The EAF was brought back to life for one main purpose: to bring forward the best available archers (outside the GNAS Select Squads) to represent ENGLAND at Home International level. If such archers are good enough, the EAF is happy to allow GNAS to “poach” such talent for the National GB Squads. Our aim is to ensure that ENGLAND remains at the forefront of British Archery and so far we are close to achieving this.

Maj.(Ret) G C L Vitali  
EAF Secretary & GWAS Regional Rep. to the EAF

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 23 Jul DCAS Senior & Junior County Championships at Newquay:  
York, Hereford, Bristols 1-5 and Nationals. (County Team Selection Shoot)
- 30 Jul Redruth: Single FITA Star (County Team Selection Shoot)
- 6 Aug Truro: Canadian 1200
- 13 Aug Exmouth: Mixed Hereford
- 20 Aug DCAS Single FITA Star at Brixham: FITA's, Metrics & Short Metrics (Selection Shoot)
- 27 Aug St Michaels: York, Hereford, Bristols & all Nationals
- 10 Sept Mounts Bay: Hereford & Bristols
- 17 Sept DCAS MILLENNIUM SHOOT at Tors: St George, Albion & Windsors
- 24 Sept GWAS Intercounties Tournament at Exeter

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.

## **JUNIOR NEWS**

Grand Western is resurrecting the Regional Junior Records and your help is needed. The records will be based on the best result for each round that any junior from the Grand Western area has shot at any Open tournament anywhere in the World, ever! Unfortunately the DCAS Records are based only on DCAS Shoots or Record Status shoots within the DCAS area (plus the Intercounties at Taunton/ Puriton). So if you hold any records higher than the existing DCAS Junior record (and that includes past juniors as well) or know of any records and can produce a results sheet to substantiate it, please let me know, so I can compile a comprehensive Record to feed into the Regional compilation.

Tony Farrell – DCAS Junior Rep.  
01872-540682

*Continuing the theme of “Making it to the TOP”, Mike Byrnes has written about the complexities of*  
**COUNTY TEAM SELECTION.**

The Senior Team Selection is the more straightforward, so will be dealt with first.

There are 6 selection shoots during the summer season (chosen by the DCAS Committee beforehand) usually 3 FITA’s and 3 Imperial Rounds. Selection is taken from the 3 best placings in rounds shot during the season: ie if all 6 shoots were entered and the placings were as follows 1,3,5,2,10,4 the points would be 6. Archers with the lowest resulting points score are selected for the team. Therefore if an archer only shoots 3 of the selection shoots, there is still a possibility to be in the Team.

The Senior Team consists of: -

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|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| 9 Gentlemen Recurve  | Yorks           | } |  |
| 5 Ladies Recurve     | Herefords       | } | Lowest scores of Ladies & Gents Team not to count. |
| 3 Gentlemen Compound | Yorks           | } |  |
| 3 Ladies Compound    | Herefords       | } |  |
| 2 Gentlemen Longbow  | Yorks           | ] | Scores not to count this year.                     |
| 2 Ladies Longbow     | Double National | ] |  |

The Junior Team Selection is more complicated. This selection method was agreed by Grand Western Council.

- The Team is selected on the day before the shoot commences.
- The Team comprises 7 Juniors but only 6 scores to count (this allows for one team member to have an “off day”).
- At least 2 Juniors of the opposite gender in the team (This usually means a minimum of 2 girls)
- To enable team members to shoot the round that suits them best, Yorks and Herefords are included: but scores are subject to adjustment using the GNAS handicap tables (Yorks to Bristol 1 and Herefords to Bristol 2)– no allowance is given for points scored above the handicap base line.
- Yorks and Bristol 1 are considered to be in the same category, as are Herefords and Bristol 2.
- No more than 2 juniors (girls or boys) may shoot the same round.
- There may be one compound archer in the Team of 7.

Obviously, selection depends on availability on the day and competence to shoot well – it will be painfully clear that, even though some Juniors are shooting well and have entered a certain round, if there is a particularly strong entry in one particular round there are bound to be disappointments for not being selected. This cannot be blamed on the selectors!

It will be obvious to all that results sheets are required by the Team Captains (*Mike for the Senior Team and Tony Farrell for the Junior Team –Ed*) – for all shoots entered by Juniors and for all the selection shoots for Seniors. Some Juniors may wish to be in the Senior Team: they should make this known to the Team Captains at the start of the outdoor season.

Good shooting to all who aspire to reach the County Teams in whatever discipline, either as a Junior or Senior – and may we wrest the Senior Trophy back again this year!

Mike Byrnes – Team Captain for the Senior Team  
Vice-Chairman DCAS

## JUDGING ISSUES

- There is another new candidate Judge in our area who will be going around the circuit this summer: Andy Luscombe of City of Truro Bowmen. Be kind to him, like all the Judges, he is only there to help.
- Congratulations to Chris Vitali of Bowmen of the Tors on passing his Regional Judges Assessment. We look forward to seeing you in action soon.
- Dress Regulations: At all Tournaments with National Record Status (including FITA Stars) members of the Society shooting and officiating are required to wear the accepted dress of the Society. Rule 107 (iv) states “Each garment shall be **plain dark Green or White**”  
I have attended several tournaments this season and am not happy with the standard of dress, a view shared by my fellow judges. Dark green is exactly that, not khaki or turquoise or blue green as we have seen. If you have a problem with green, wear white.  
I have been in the archery world for a very long time so I think I know all the arguments and excuses and the “fors and against”. Whether we like this rule or not is immaterial because all the time it is there, it has to be implemented.  
Remember you could be asked to leave the line and not shoot if you do not conform to this rule. So come on archers, DCAS is a great county with good archers, so please do think about what you are wearing, after all there are many sports where the accepted dress has to be worn and I can't see that we are any exception.

Marion Hutter – GWAS Chairman of Judges  
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## NEW DESIGN FOR COUNTY MEDALS

DCAS are considering a new design for the County Medals. The Committee invite you to submit a design that you think is appropriate. Please submit your design to Colin and Ann Holmes before the 30<sup>th</sup> September. There will be a reward for the chosen design.

Marion Hutter – Hon Sec DCAS

## FOR SALE

\* Bow: Yamaha Carbon Graphite X-EX  
SH 66 38  
LH 68 37  
Includes: Manual, pressure button & clicker  
Arrows: Easton/Cobra 1914 28 ½”  
Fletched orange  
Stabilisers, Arten TFC's and Summit II sight  
Shirt guard x2, quiver, long rod, short rod and  
Arten V-bar. Also includes bow box.

£350 ono

Enquiries to Ruby on 01209-714473.

\* Bow: Yamaha 66” 34lb (take down)  
Arrows: Easton X7's 1714 25 ½ “  
Sight: Arten Summit II  
Stabilisers and TFC's  
Long rod, bow stand, quiver, score pad,  
tab, arrow puller, shirt guard, bracer.  
Also includes bow box.

£250 ono

Enquiries to Ruby on 01209-714473.

## WHO'S WHO? : DCAS Club Secretaries

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| Exmoor Archers                            | Miss Geraldine Neal, Bywater, Parracombe, Devon EX31 4PE                             | 01598-763262 |
| Exmouth Archers                           | Mrs M Wicks 3 Warneford Gardens, Exmouth, Devon                                      | 01395-275199 |
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| Lacetown Archers                          | Mr W Bagnall, 5 Wells Ave, Feniton, Devon EX14 3DL                                   | 01404-850811 |
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Feel free to contact any Secretary regarding any archery matter relevant to their Club.

Please let Marion Hutter know if any alterations are required (or typographical errors...apologies in advance!!).

Details of any necessary alterations or remaining Clubs to follow in the next issue.

July 2000