



## EDITORIAL

Hello Everyone, hope the archery season is going well for you, or are you building up your vocabulary of why it didn't go according to plan!

We hope you are enjoying the newsletter, we cannot print enough for every archer to have one, so please if you do get a copy please share and pass it round your club members.

## NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

President	Sally Sandoe
Chairman	Chris Vitali *
Vice Chairman	Mike Byrnes
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Tournament Organisers	Steve & Gillian Glover
County Coaching Organiser	Rob Hobley
Records Officers	Bob and Emma Young
Junior Representative	Brian Hardy
Judges Representative	John Poyner

\*DCAS Representatives to Grand Western Council

The last meeting of the Grand Western Council was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> April and some points of general interest are below.

### INTERCOUNTY TOURNAMENT

Because of space and safety issues, it will be critical that access lanes on the field at Exeter are kept clear of tents and other obstructions – it would be most helpful if DCAS Archers could share their tents/umbrellas. Archers should **NOT** attempt to pitch tents/umbrellas either on access lanes or attempt to move the access lanes.

### JUNIOR SPONSORSHIP

Thanks to Steve Glover, our highly successful Junior Squad has now gained sufficient sponsorship to enable the junior training programme to be carried through. This is very good news and any additional sponsorship would be very welcome. Our Juniors are the BEST IN THE WEST!

### CHANGES IN CLUBS

Bowmen of St Michael are to amalgamate with Mounts Bay Archers, further details of new secretary further on in this issue.

### PERSONALITIES

Paul Callaway has now taken over as Chairman of GWAS Council. Chris Vitali has stood down as DCAS Team Manager.

### THE ACCOUNTS

Members will wish to know that overall DCAS is solvent! However the membership need to be aware that, as always the coaching sub-account is under financial pressure!

### COACHING

No Level 2 or Coach courses will be given permission to start until early 2008. All these courses have to be approved before they can be registered. The coach course which ran in the late 2006/ early 2007 is now complete and all 8 candidates qualified (7 from DCAS), and we have 18 volunteers wanting to go on a Level 1 course, when it can be set up to everyone's liking!

### SENIOR SQUAD

The Senior Squad system is NOT functioning and unless all the County Squad work together with Rob Hobley, the CCO, our levels of achievement and success over the past two years will inevitably be lost. This seems a great pity after our rising level of team esprit de corps and resultant success.

### CONCLUSION

Chris Vitali is most grateful for all the consideration and many kind messages of sympathy over the past six months whilst his wife Pat has been recovering from two severe heart attacks. Pat appears to be recovering well and is looking forward to seeing you all at the Autumn Gold Tournament later in the year, when, hopefully, she will be the tournament's Lady Paramount

Chris Vitali.

## GIVE ME A NUMBER

1. How many Bristol Rounds are there
2. How many arrows, not dozens are shot to score an American Round.
3. How many points for an 'X' in a F.I.T.A. Round.
4. How many dozens are shot in a St Nicholas Round
5. How many colour score zones on a Worcester Target Face.

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Answers to Colin & Ann by post, e.mail or answer phone. Give your name, your club, age if a junior and of course your answers.

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## JUNIOR NEWS

### GWAS Junior Championships & Junior Inter-Counties. Burnham on Sea

DEVON & CORNWALL, REGIONAL COUNTY JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONS



Joshua Slade, Daniel Tooze, Antony Wood, Ben Glover, Catherine Harwood, Chloe Gillatt, Michael Bryan-Harris and Ashley Tranckle.

*'Achievement is a journey not a destination.'* Arthur Ash said that. Well, our county juniors have journeyed far and in a short time. The last winter brought with it many changes to the Junior County Squad training programme; a new venue, a new CCO and a new perception of the role that County Squad training has in respect to our Junior Archers in Devon & Cornwall.

Anyone attending the last squad training session at KEVICC in April could not fail to be moved and impressed by the obvious enjoyment, sheer noise and sense of togetherness of all those young people who attended. Below we proudly lay before you a catalogue of our Junior Archer's achievements this summer.

These achievements are only the hard facts, the aggregate of thousands of arrows shot. What those figures do not show are the intangibles. The camaraderie, encouragement and support that our Juniors have provided for each other. The courtesy and respect for the codes of etiquette that archery so rightly cherishes. Consider also that so many of our Juniors have achieved 'Personal Best' scores on the shooting lines of Burnham and Lilleshall and you will understand something of their individual and collective character..... A Golden Squad.

Our Junior Archers have won the Junior Inter-Counties at Burnham with the highest ever recorded score, bringing the Margaret Lewis Trophy back to Devon & Cornwall with a vengeance, Just take a look at their scores!

Daniel Tooze shooting a York, a GMB score 1222, (PB). Joshua Slade, Bristol I, 1057 (PB). Ben Glover, Bristol II, 1200. (PB) Antony Wood, Bristol II, 1204 (PB). Chloe Gillatt, carrying an injury, Bristol III, 1110 (PB). Catherine Harwood, Bristol III, 1204 (PB). Michael Bryan- Harris, Bristol IV, 1216 (PB). Ashley Tranckle, Bristol IV, 1056.

Other of our Juniors not in the team, Sami Glover 1070, (PB), Koan Hughes 1094 (PB), James Montgomery 1131 (PB), Alexander Heatley 1122 (PB), Jay Oakley 1204 (PB), John Heatley 1124 (PB) and Stephanie Crane 955 (PB), Nicole Challacombe 944, Amy Wilde 880, Joshua Mitchell 875.....Do you notice anything about these latter scores? No? Then I will tell you. They make up a 2<sup>nd</sup> team that would have still come home with the bacon.

Exmouth Juniors Catherine Harwood, James Montgomery & Antony Wood, won the Coventry Team Award, awarded to the highest scoring team of three recurve archers from the same club.

Of the fifteen trophies awarded on the day nine were won by our Junior Archers. 14 or more PB's achieved..... The team spirit shown through out the day by our Junior Archers was an absolute joy to behold. My thanks to Mike & Margaret Byrnes, Rob Hobley, Mollie Wix, & John Russell who were there in support of our Juniors, along with all the parents. A special thank you to Marion, who has shown her support in being a Judge at this event for the past 10 years.

I am sure you would agree that that was an amazing performance, and believe it or not things get even better, read on.....

### The National Junior Championships & FITA Star & Metrics Tournament, Lilleshall National Centre For Sport. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2007

11 of our Juniors travelled to Lilleshall for this two day Premier event, and most found that it was well worth the journey.

The Junior FITA Star and Metric Tournament took place on the Saturday in mostly sunny conditions, and proved very rewarding for our Juniors with 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 1 Bronze medal being won by them. And an abundance of PB's yet again.

Daniel Tooze shooting a Gents FITA 1293, Silver. Antony Wood, Metric 2, 1212, Bronze. Joshua Slade, Metric 1, 1106 (PB). Ben Glover, Metric 2, 1240, Silver (PB). Sami Glover, Metric 2, 1188, Silver (PB). James Montgomery, Metric 3, 1138 (PB). Catherine Harwood, 1271 Gold (PB). Michael Bryan- Harris, Metric 4, 1303 Silver. Jay Oakley, Metric 4, 1303 Gold, (PB). Chloe Gillatt unfortunately had to retire with injury problems.

A good day or what!!!! Read on.....

The Junior National Championships were held on the Sunday, sunny at first, showers & some breeze in the afternoon. Medals and PB's were a little more difficult to come by, but the shooting was still of a very high standard.

Joshua Slade, Bristol II, 1126 (PB). Antony Wood, Bristol II, 1194. Ben Glover, Bristol II, 1167. Sami Glover, Bristol 2, 1126 Bronze, (PB). James Montgomery, Bristol III, 1055. Ryan Oliver, Bristol III, 991 (PB). Catherine Harwood, Bristol III, 1216 Gold, (PB). Michael Bryan- Harris, Bristol IV, 1218 Gold, (PB). Chloe Gillatt was again advised to retire because of a recurring injury.

## DEVON & CORNWALL, NATIONAL COUNTY JUNIOR, MIXED RECURVE TEAM CHAMPIONS

No, you are not dreaming!!!

Joshua Slade, Catherine Harwood, Michael Bryan-Harris, and Antony Wood, ( not in picture ) were the winners of this Trophy with a combined score of 4754



In the National Regional Team Competition, GWAS was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. And who do you think were included in the team of four...Yes, you guessed it. Catherine, Michael, and Antony. The other member was Lauren from GAS.

### DIDN'T THEY ALL DO REALLY WELL!!!!

Psssssst, I will tell you all a little secret, come closer and listen. Rob Hobley our CCO of only 7 months and his team of coaches have worked tirelessly with the Junior Squad, giving their time and expertise free of charge. Our eternal thanks to Rob Hobley, Bob Griffith Bird, Ian Johnson, Cilla Bragg, Phil Carder, John Russell, Philip Spavins, Jimmy Sandoe, and Last but not least our DCAS President and Chief in Charge Of The Tea Urn. The Gracious Sally Sandoe.

Our Junior Squad members have, each and every one of them, worked very hard, shown total commitment, and a dedication that reflects their respect for Rob and his team, and they have been justly rewarded with success. Where would we be without these individuals, who have come together as a Team, in support of our Juniors? The good news is that there are any more out there, which are more than willing to join the Team. It goes with out saying, your DCAS Committee fully supports Rob Hobley in all his endeavours, and I would therefore ask all the Archers of Devon & Cornwall, to likewise support him.

With the continued total support of Committee, Coaches and Parents being given to our Juniors, and the success that it has already produced, it is quite simple to see that we must ALL pull in the same direction if we want to continue to 'Enjoy the fruits of our labour'.

Brian Hardy and Steve Harris

## Criteria for County Team Selection

With "summer" almost through, I have now had enough results in to get a rough idea of the make up of the County Team for 2007. I hope that by the time this is printed in the newsletter I will have a provisional team list available at the County Championships.

There is still time for this to change however, as the cut off point for submitting scores is 27<sup>th</sup> August which is the bank holiday weekend.

This years' Inter-Counties Tournament is at the Exeter Company of Archers field on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

The county team is made up as follows: -

- 7 Gents Recurve
- 5 Gents Compound
- 2 Gents Longbow
- 5 Ladies Recurve
- 3 Ladies Compound
- 2 Ladies Longbow

I have been recording all scores from DCAS 12-dozen rounds over the season, as well as any scores submitted from DCAS archers who have been shooting in other counties/regions.

The criteria for recording and selection is as follows: -

- 1/ The only permitted rounds for qualification are; York; Gents FITA; Hereford; Ladies FITA.
- 2/ All DCAS tournament results are automatically checked for eligible archers scores, the archer does not need to submit their score.
- 3/ Any DCAS archer shooting out of the county must submit their score along with a copy of the official results sheet.
- 4/ A chart is up-dated as soon as scores are received, the scores being converted to a handicap figure which is obtained from the GNAS handbook tables.
- 5/ After a minimum of 5 scores have been received, an average of the archers 5 best scores is calculated.
- 6/ After the cut off date, the archers whose average handicaps are highest are then selected and invited to shoot in the county team.
- 7/ If any ties occur for the last placings then selection will take place through the selection panel and will take into account consistency of form, or the current form of the archers involved.

Would any potential county team archer who definitely cannot or does not wish to shoot on that day please let me know as soon as possible so that I can concentrate on those archers who can shoot.

As the chart is constantly changing as scores are received, it is not practical to keep an up to date version on the DCAS website. If anyone does want to know how the selection stands then please ask.

The above rules for selection have now applied for the last few years and have proved to be a fair and reasonable method of selecting the team.

I have heard some stories of discontent but I can assure you that no DCAS or other submitted scores are ignored and based on the information received and the GNAS handicap tables, the best team on paper and available at the time will be selected.

Bob Young

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Well its good for the garden .....

This is going to be the hottest summer ever, we were told in the spring. It started off well enough, Grand Day was "grand", Redruth American was OK, even Tors was good (sorry Margaret, I was referring to the weather!!!). It seemed to go downhill from there, although to be fair the DCAS/Exmouth double Fita was good in parts. Dunster must have been one of the wettest ever, I admit to not returning for the final York double although I believe there were some good results.

I have found the hardest part of the season is getting some enthusiasm to brave the elements to go and practice. It is so easy to look up at the sky and say "lets not bother tonight, I will go tomorrow, especially as there is plenty to do at home. For those who have made the effort it seems to have paid off. We have had an increasing number of Junior DCAS record claims and with the excellent result from the Junior Intercounties, DCAS look to having a good future with our younger archers. Lets hope that they continue into adult classes with the same enthusiasm. We do currently seem to be very short of archers in the 20-35 age group, go anywhere else in the country and there seems to be an abundance of them.

Interest in archery is also on the increase, we at Archers of the West have now finished our most successful beginners courses ever and have taken

on 27 new members this year. From what I hear this seems to be reflected all around the county.

We only hope that we can keep their interest going and bring on some more much needed tournament archers to our events.

One interesting point of note when attending tournaments is the ever changing numbers of different club members who enter. This has become much more noticeable with the wearing of club colours. Unfortunately there are presently less of the yellow tops of our own club but ever increasing numbers of Paignton Red, Lizard Black/Gold, and others. I think that colours have added some interest and club recognition to the sport. Whether the potential use of colours for trousers/skirts will make any difference, only time will tell. I do think that the wide range of "greens" currently worn for bottom halves do make the shooting line look particularly untidy.

There is still a little time left to get a couple of good scores in for county team selection (see other article in this issue). Unfortunately we are without some of last years successful team this time, with Scott Kinsey taking some time out and Louise Coleville and James Suckling now at university in Surrey, although we are still very optimistic that we will retain our trophies!!!!

Well that's it, a little disjointed this time but it helped fill the page!

I am now off to water the garden.....Bob Young

SECRET WORD

- My 1<sup>st</sup> letter is in Crossbow but not in Longbow
- My 2<sup>nd</sup> letter is in Handicap but not in Classification
- My 3<sup>rd</sup> letter is in Arrows but not in Windsor
- My 4<sup>th</sup> letter is in Master but not in Target
- My 5<sup>th</sup> letter is in Doping but not in Delegation
- My 6<sup>th</sup> letter is in Shooting but not in Shots
- My 7<sup>th</sup> letter is in Olympic and is also in Overshoot
- My 8<sup>th</sup> letter is in Nocking and is also in National

Take the first of the letters you find in each clue and you have the answer.

Answers from last issue

Number Quiz 130 – 15 – 110 – 16 – 30

Secret Word OLYMPICS

The winner from issue 25 was Christine Gransby, well done Christine.

Who will be the lucky winner next time?

## EXMOUTH ARCHERS REPORT

With the outdoor season in full swing, Exmouth Archers have been busy at competitions of late. It has been very busy for Antony Wood, he has represented Great Britain in the junior Europa Cup in Cyprus recently where he finished 40<sup>th</sup>. In the head to head he was eliminated early on when one of the top Russian juniors beat him. The top seed from Italy went on to win the final. In the team event GB was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> and after all three juniors shot well were unlucky to lose to a very experienced Belgium team who ended up finishing 4<sup>th</sup>.

On his return from Cyprus Antony headed to Lilleshall for a selection meeting with GB coach Korean Peter Suk, over that weekend Peter was assessing if Antony should be selected for the 2012 olympic development squad which Antony has now passed and been selected. This is just another highlight to a very successful time in Antony's shooting. This now means regular coaching sessions with the top GB coaches and regular coaching and assessments at Lilleshall.

Not to be overshadowed Catherine Harwood continues her good form and recently in awful weather conditions at Brixham beat a long standing club record when she won the Bristol 3 round with a fantastic score of 1100 from a maximum of 1296. This good form is on the back of her every developing training she receives from the GB coaching team also.

Also at the same tournament she helped Exmouth retain for the third year running the team event.

All the juniors are having some good success of late with Ben Glover and his sister Sami picking up medals at recent tournaments.

Nine of the current club juniors travelled to Cleve in Bristol for a junior competition recently and all nine of them returned home with medals which in itself was a fantastic achievement.

Dunster Week is upon us and Tim Pratt at the start of the week could not have asked for a better start with a second place finish in the Mens FITA on the Monday and a first place on Tuesday in the Albion round.

Gerry Lavell also has had some good success shooting compound in the field event on the Wednesday finished a very commendable 27<sup>th</sup> place.

And keeping up his good performances of the week Tim Pratt rounded off a successful weekend with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the south west champs equalling the result he had a few years ago.

Exmouth has also recently hosted their own and the counties double FITA tournament. This again has been an overwhelming success, so much so that next year we are looking at expanding the shooting to include more archers. Archers from all over the country attended and there were several national and international archers shooting.

The highlight of the weekend was GB archer Andrew Callaway from Bournemouth who achieved his first Olympic qualifying score for Beijing, China 2008.

Glenn Currie

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SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
2007

THE A.G.M. IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF  
OUR YEAR, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT  
YOU SEND AT LEAST ONE  
REPRESENTATIVE FROM YOUR CLUB.

SEVERAL THINGS ARE DECIDED THAT  
COULD AFFECT your CLUB, AND YOUR  
REP. CAN MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOU  
ON THE DAY.

TOURNAMENT DATES AND VENUES TO  
BE FINALISED

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2007				
18-19 August	Exmouth	70m head2head + WR FITA	Tim Pratt	01395273409
25-27 August	Devises			
<b>2 September</b>	<b>Bowmen of Tors</b>	<b>St George/Albion/Windsors</b>	<b>Gillian &amp; Steve Glover</b>	<b>07979 847773</b>
2 September	Mounds Bay	Hereford/Bristols 1-5	Mark Wyglendacz	01736 798701
9 September	Battle of Britain			
16 September	Senior Intercounties			
14 October	Kyrton Archers	Worcester	Rebecca Root	01363 877581
21 October	St. Austell Bay	Double Stafford	Marj Smith	01726 813481
28 October	Brixham	18m FITA	Keith Powell	01803 663672
18 November	St. Austell Bay	Double Portsmouth	Marj Smith	01726 813481
18 November	Kingsbridge Archers	Portsmouth		
<b>25 November</b>	<b>DCAS Annual General Meeting at Yelverton</b>			