

DCAS NEWSLETTER Autumn 2000

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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EDITORIAL

For those of you who read the last Newsletter in July you will know that the DCAS Committee have taken Tim Pratt on board as our Information Technology advisor and as part of the Editorial Team. He has set up a web page for DCAS that can be accessed under the style of www.dcasociety.free-online.co.uk. For more information see later in this newsletter.

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Here is an update on the fortunes of our archers.

Paddy Johnson was placed first and came home with a trophy he won at the Sport England Tournament for the disabled earlier in the summer. Many congratulations to him.

Andrew Callaway shot for Great Britain in the second leg of the Europa Cup Junior Tournament in the Czech Republic in August and won a silver medal in the individual competition; a great achievement. The Junior GB Gents Recurve Team, of which he was a member, also came second.

At the GWAS Intercounties Senior Tournament held at Exeter on 26 September, the longbow team were placed first. This was the inaugural competition for longbows; next year will also be a trial year. The members of the team were: B Bentley, Jeanette Wear, John Sperling and Keith Stephenson. Congratulations to you all. John Groves won the individual compound trophy: again, congratulations. DCAS were placed third. It was an enjoyable day and all the archers were very friendly. Thanks to all the people who made the day run so smoothly, especially the field crew. There were so many, but I must say a big thank you to Ann Holmes who prepared the after-tournament tea. All the members of the squad enjoyed the day; thanks to you all and hope to see you again next year.

Andrew Callaway may be featured in a TV programme to be recorded in November if the company can get all the people they want together at the same time. We await confirmation of this, but hope it will provide some good publicity for our sport.

If anyone has shot outside the region and has had any success, please let me know and I will endeavour to get their results published.

Marj Smith – PRO
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Thankyou

To Wales and Celtic Archery for sponsoring our tournaments this year. They will also be sponsoring next year's tournaments

COACHING MATTERS

The following events have been arranged:

GWAS ASSISTANT COACH COURSE

Preliminary Dates: 3 December 2000
10 December 2000
14 January 2001
18 February 2001
18 March 2001
1 April 2001
All days are Sundays and 1 April 2001 will be the Assessment Day.
Times: 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Venue: Carnmoggas Bowling Complex, Little Polgooth, nr St Austell, Cornwall.
Cost: £50 per head. (I usually suggest that some of the cost is paid by the individual's club, as it is the club that will ultimately benefit)

Anyone interested in taking this course, please let me know as soon as possible.

DCAS COACHING CONFERENCE – For all grades of Coaches.

Date: Sunday, 7 January 2001
Time: 10.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Venue: Carnmoggas Bowling Complex, Little Polgooth, nr St Austell, Cornwall.
Cost: £5.00 per head.

It is hoped that as many coaches as possible will attend. Many coaches have asked for such a day, so please support your County. Topics for discussion/ demonstration will include the following:

- Equipment
- Dealing with people
- Mental aspects of shooting: from chair to shot
- How can we improve coaching
- Are coaches within clubs teaching the same way
- Is the concept of coaching going the right way
- Do we need to change –if so, in what way

If you have any ideas about what you, as a coach, would like to see discussed, please let me know. I am not a mind reader.

Again, names as soon as possible, but all club secretaries will be notified later about both of the above Courses.

Wendy Wheeler
DCAS Joint Coaching Organiser
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COUNTY RECORDS

As from January 2001 the definition of our County Records will change....

New records can be claimed by any DCAS Archer breaking a record at an open tournament shot at any venue providing that they submit a certified results sheet with their claim. The responsibility for the claim lies with the Archer concerned, and must be done within one month of the shoot. Records cannot be claimed for rounds shot at Club Target Days.

Claim forms can be obtained from Wendy Wheeler, Colin and Ann Holmes, or your Club Secretary.

FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

To the great sadness of the archery community, Richard Goldsworthy of Mounts Bay Archery Club died in Hammersmith Hospital on 22nd September.

Known to many as 'Dick', he was involved in archery for over forty years, and was a County Coach and maker of longbows for longer than anyone can remember. He was a friend to everyone, a familiar face at all the local clubs and events and a valued and long-standing member of Redruth Archers before moving to Mounts Bay Archery Club in 1995. His increasing generosity of spirit enabled countless people to access archery and he was an unconditionally available mobile repair shop to many an archer in need.

Some of us will miss the edible treats he brought to share behind the shooting line; others will miss having someone to make a joke about – and receive one back! – And some will miss most his radiant smile and caring nature.

Dick had been ill since last summer but thankfully spent two very happy months of this year with us in Cornwall, when he was seen out and about on the field.

Our thoughts surely go out to the son and daughter he left behind, who intend to bring his ashes back to Cornwall at some time in the near future.

Gail Alexander
Mounts Bay Archery Club



JUNIOR NEWS

Your help is still needed towards resurrecting the GWAS Regional Junior Records. 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.

July's Nationals.

There were some very good results gained from the juniors this year in the July Nationals competition. Most notably from Andrew Callaway who was the overall winner in his age group. Other entrants who did very well were Mark Callaway, Justin Morris, Tristan Weedon, Peran Williams, Amy Wilde and Ellie Wilde.

The November Challenge.

For information regarding the November Challenge please contact myself or refer to page seven of the autumn edition of Archery UK where full the details can be found. Entries to Mrs J. Bancroft, 1 Victoria Drive, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 6SN.

Junior Indoor Championships.

Will take place at the Sports Connexion, Ryton-on-Dunsmore near Coventry on 10th December the 2000. Entry forms are available from the AAS Website (www.aasinfo.demon.co.uk/indfm.html), or if you have difficulty obtaining them from there I can obtain copies. The closing date for entries is 24th November 2000.

Stop Press.

I hope to be able to arrange a coaching session for any interested juniors early in the New Year. As soon as I have details I will send them to all club secretaries.

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Tony Farrell – DCAS Junior Rep.

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FOR SALE

- Bow: Yamaha YTSL2 Recurve bow 64": 32lb at 28", V-bars, Longrod, 2 sights, 10 X7's 1814 @ 28", 8 Beman arrows, stand, wooden carry case, etc. £120
Contact: Stuart Whittaker on 01726-843171.
- Bow: Yamaha YTD II Recurve bow 64"; 32lb, AGF Twins & 27" Longrod, Arten sight, button, tab, Neet chestguard, 7 XX75 1616's @ 25½", 8 IBIS XX1616 @ 26", Spare string and new set of fletchings, wooden box. £100
Contact: Marion Hutter on 01823-284270.

WINTER POSTALS

DCAS have again set up an Indoor and Frostbite League to run throughout the winter months. Support your County and enter a Club Team (*or three!*).

Colin and Ann Holmes

Tournament Organisers

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(Although the closing date of 15 October 2000 has already passed, I'm sure if you ask Colin & Ann nicely they will still let your Club enter its teams; but you'd better get on with it straight away, the competition starts shortly. Notice that there are particular relaxations to encourage participation by Juniors in the Indoor Teams. Juniors can also use the scores to enter the GNAS Postal shoot "November Challenge" in due course. Ask Tony Farrell for details if you don't already know about this!! – Ed.)

DCAS WEBSITE

As already mentioned in this newsletter the DCAS website can be found at **www.dcasociety.free-online.co.uk**. Since I created the DCAS website in July it's had a massive 130 visitors! At this stage its layout is only temporary. When I get more time later in the year I intend to completely re-design and overhaul it. If you have any ideas on what you want to see on the site please let me know. I have the following in mind....

DCAS Entry forms / Results / Target lists, For Sale, List of club secretaries / Email Addresses / Links to Club web sites, DCAS Committee contacts, DCAS Records, DCAS newsletters, DCAS tournament calendar, DCAS Rose / Star tables and achievements.

Please let me know of any Club websites you have created.

Timothy Pratt – IT advisor.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

22 Oct	Kyrton Indoors
19 Nov	DCAS AGM Support your county and ensure that someone from your Club attends
26 Nov	St Austell Bay Archers: Double Portsmouth
10 Dec	Exmouth Christmas Fun Shoot
4 Feb	Brixham Clipper: Single/ Double Portsmouth with Head-to-Head shoot-off
11 Feb	Mounts Bay: Valentine Portsmouth
11 Feb	GWAS Indoor Champs: FITA 18
25 Feb	DCAS Indoor Champs at The Kitto Centre, Plymouth: Portsmouth
11 Mar	St Austell Bay Archers: Combined (18M/ 25M) FITA

See your Club Secretary for entry forms, if available.

OR

Contact Colin & Ann Holmes for details of DCAS organised events

OR

Contact individual Club Secretaries for details of their Tournament Organiser for entry forms.

(Let us know about YOUR forthcoming event, so we can feature it here in future editions – Ed)

WHO'S WHO? : DCAS Club Secretaries - Amendments

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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 further alterations are required, so details can be posted in the next issue.

INTERCOUNTIES 2000

On Sunday, 24th September the County Teams of Devon and Cornwall, Gloucester, Somerset and Dorset and Wilts met for the Annual Intercounties Tournament. (This is normally the highest ranking event to which most Club Archers can aspire). To be picked for the DCAS Team, an archer affiliated to DCAS must shoot well in at least 3 of the 6 County Team Selection Shoots, not forgetting if chosen to shoot well 'On the day'.

This year, the day started grey with rain threatening, but very calm, we soon had blue skies and sunshine, but as the day developed we had a couple of heavy showers, and the wind got stronger. Our team shot well, with our new members performing well but alas it became clear that Gloucester was pulling ahead and stayed in that position. Unfortunately, DCAS finished 3rd, but a notable achievement was that John Groves shot a personal best and won the Dorset and Wilts Salver for the highest Compound Gentleman. Our Longbow Team, included for the first time at Intercounties, although the score was not included in the overall figures, were winners, and won a medal each. It is a pity it was not our year again, but there is always next year. Well done to this year's team and Good Luck to next year's team.

Mike Byrnes – Team Manager 2000

SUPPORT FOR OLD AND NEW CLUBS

Support is always available. A request to the County Secretary or the County Coaching Organiser is all that is needed.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

May I, as a first time member of the County Team, say just how much hard work is put into the organising of the Intercounties Tournament. We are sometimes apt to forget the “behind the scenes” work that is necessary for everything to run so smoothly: The field crew when there are 24 bosses to handle, the caterers, team managers who walked as far as the rest of us keeping us fed and especially watered during the day and the judges, without whose presence we would not have been able to shoot.

Ann Holmes deserves a big thank you, for the food she put on for tea after the tournament, and Janet Faralewski for organising the competition.

For me it was an eye opener to shoot with people from other counties and gasp at the totals they scored. Everyone was very friendly and put you at your ease, more so than at some of the first competitions I shot in.

The day was marred for Roy and I when we had a puncture as we were leaving the venue, in the rain and dark! Thanks to Janet Gaukroger who came to our aid, to Jimmy Sandoe for helping to get the wheel back on and Sally (Sandoe) for having the soapy water and towel for us to clean up afterwards and to any others who stopped to see if we were OK.

Marj Smith
Ladies Compound

JUDGING LINES

Those of you who attend tournaments will I am sure know National Judge John Poyner. John has for many years judged at many of our tournaments, although not actually living in our county. I am pleased to tell you that John has now decided to live permanently in Devon. We extend a warm welcome to him and his wife, and hope he will be able to judge for us for many years to come.

Scopes on the line

GNAS Rule 104 All sighting equipment to be removed from the line when shooting was completed.

The new FITA rule book although including this rule has added that ‘scopes may be left on the line provided that they do not create an obstacle to others’

However National Judge Committee considers that circumstances have not changed and the GNAS rule should be enforced for safety reasons. The Chairman of FITA Target Committee has stated that FITA rules were formulated with international events in mind and that if we had safety rules that over-rode a FITA rule there would be no problem.

High Draw

Rule 105 make it plain how bows should be safely drawn when shooting. All judges should make sure that this is being complied with during the first few ends of shooting and throughout the event. Anyone who is breaking this rule should be approached with a view to changing their method of draw or be excluded from shooting. Judges are expected to be vigilant and exercise judgement accordingly.

Don't Forget !!!

Regional Judges Conference Sunday 28th January 2001 at Lyne Akers. Details will be sent to Judges later.

Marion Hutter – GWAS Chairman of Judges
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Don't forget the AGM on November the 19th