

Hello and welcome to the 33rd edition of your county newsletter. Firstly I would like to say a huge hello to everyone out there who is reading this, and that I hope you will enjoy reading this issue as much as I have enjoyed writing it. Secondly, I would like to thank Colin and Ann Holmes for all the work that they did for the newsletter previously, and I hope that I can get more out of you than they could!

On a personal note, I would love for this newsletter to be a success, as this is the only way that everyone can communicate with each other within the two counties, and I think that this is a valuable way of keeping everyone 'in the know'. I hope you enjoy my first issue as editor, and I would love to hear from you!

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Best wishes and good shooting,

Sami xx

Your committee this year are:

President: Sally Sandoe

Chairman: John Poyner

Secretary: Marion Hutter

Treasurer: Margaret Byrnes

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Records Officer: Bob Young

CCO: Phil Spavins

GWAS reps: Marion Hutter and Steve Glover

Judging Representative: Mike Byrnes

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www.dcas.org.uk



Remember: at ALL DCAS outdoor shoots we will be shooting under the new rule: 6 arrows in 4 minutes (as in FITA) instead of 2 ends of 3 arrows.....

Some clubs are also following this rule...

ARCHERY LINK

FOR YOUR ARCHERY

EQUIPMENT

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“Bobs View”

We are now well into 2009 and with the end of the indoor season in sight we look forward to some decent weather for the outdoor shooting season.

It has been very noticeable that entries for indoor tournaments have been lower this year, I believe that the County Champs and St Austell's Double Portsmouth were the only exception with a good waiting list. (It's puzzling that there are only two tournaments that bring these obscure and unknown people out of the darkness for a day, namely the County Indoor Champs and Grand Day. Where DO they go for the rest of the year??)

There are many reasons I am sure for the low entries, the financial situation probably being the main factor. One thought I did have is whether we now have too many indoor tournaments? - A strange thought from someone who relishes (or used to!) the indoor scene. A few years ago we only had about half a dozen events which made winter a bit of a close season where you could relax a bit and catch up with those jobs at home. Now there is almost one event every couple of weeks.

I have found this year to be a bit of a struggle to find the same enthusiasm for indoor shooting as previous years.

For a couple of seasons I have wanted to try different arrows and this year have been trying out both ACC's and X7's. To be honest I have found very little difference. Yes, the X7's do help with those line cutter calls, but being slower have more time to wander further away from the middle! The ACC's although thinner do seem to go more in the direction they should do. Also, after having only two weekends away from archery in the summer, I have been catching up on a big backlog of jobs at home and these have taken priority. This (and now not really having anyone at the club to

compete against) has left the indoor season a bit flat for me.

I did raise some enthusiasm for the GWAS Indoor champs at Weston as I was aiming to regain the trophy for the third year running, only for the event to be cancelled because of the snow.

Such is life!!

So, let's look forward to those perfect summer days, warm with perhaps a very slight breeze just to keep the temperatures tolerable- a bit of rain during the night to keep the grass green and everyone enjoying the sport and getting on with each other.

Whoops! I have just woken up, did I really dream that!

How do you feel about the 6 arrow detail for Imperial rounds? I have heard positive comments from almost everyone so far. It's got to be good if it saves as much time as they say. It should also help with consistency. Also stops the slow coaches and saves lugging the scope back and forth so many times. I appreciate that it won't suit everyone, there is the stamina factor to consider, but generally I believe it's a step in the right direction.

Well if you have all decided on your goals for the year and are thinking of some extra training then I look forward to seeing you all - slim, fit and healthy and raring to get those arrows flying!!!!!!

Bob Young, Archers of the West

GWAS Positions

available....

All positions for the Grand Western Archery Society Committee are available... if interested then please speak to John Poyner or Marion Hutter....

Keep your brain whirring between ends - work out what the animals are! (e.g. "To run away or escape" = "flea")

1. Hair-control foam
2. Very exposed
3. Telling falsities
4. A lamenting cry
5. A dull person
6. A precious or loved one
7. First you get a parking ticket, then you get this
8. These make up a chain

Answers on the back page! ☺

Think Yourselves Lucky...

Here is a quotation about an English law concerning archery that shows that normal target practice had to be at ranges exceeding 220 yards.

“That young archers might acquire an accurate eye and a strength of arm, none under 24 years of age might shoot at any standing mark, except it was a rover, and then he was to change his mark at every shot, under penalty of four pence for every shot made contrary to the regulation. It was also enacted that no person above the said age should shoot at any mark not above eleven score yards distant under pain of forfeiting for each shot, six shillings and eight pence.”

For more facts and quotations about archery, visit:

<http://www.telusplanet.net/public/prescottj/data/archery/archeryquotes.html>



Dates for the Diary

- **Archers of the West - Portsmouth - 8th March 2009**
- **St Austell - Combined FITA - 15th March 2009**
- **D.C.A.S. Grand Day - Exeter - 3rd May 2009**
- **Kyrton Open - Westerns - 10th May 2009**
- **Bowmen of the Tors - York / Hereford / Bristols/ Nationals - 17th May 2009**
- **Brixham Archers – RS York / Hereford / Bristols/ Nationals - 24th May 2009**
- **Exmouth Archers Open Shoot - York / Hereford - 31st May 2009**
- **Lizard Peninsula Bowmen Open - St George / Albion - 7th June 2009**
- **D.C.A.S & Exmouth Archers Double FITA - 11th / 12th July 2009**
- **D.C.A.S. & Redruth Double FITA - 1st / 2nd August 2009**
- **D.C.A.S. County Championships - Brixham - 16th August 2009**
- **Exmouth Archers FITA Weekend- 70m Head to Head and FITA - 22nd / 23rd August 2009**
- **D.C.A.S. Autumn Gold Shoot - 6th September 2009**
- **Kyrton Eagle Indoor - Worcester - 11th October 2009**

http://www.makaimedia.com/games/game_frame.aspx?gid=22

Check out this great game – it will keep you occupied for ages on your lunch break... and if you are like me... in your lectures too! ☺

AGM's with Brass Bands and Evening Balls!

You have to admit that this sounds too good to be true, but research has discovered that this was indeed the FULL DAY line up for AGM's in the mid-nineteenth century!

At the DCAS AGM meeting in November, a letter was received from a certain Sir Rivers Carew (Bt) from Cambridge asking for details regarding his Great Uncle's (Sir Walter Carew) archery career in Devon. Whilst assisting Colin Holmes in researching this particular gentleman, I came across how archers conducted AGM's in the 'good old days'.

From reading nineteenth-century newspaper articles, AGM's consisted of Brass bands; morning's shoots with prizes of money, hosted in a grand mansion in Devon, and were concluded with a lavish evening ball and dance.

These two articles were taken from a local Devon newspaper on August 20th, 1857 and clearly portray a deliciously delightful event that attracted 100 plus archers. After attending the latest AGM myself, the number of members that attend has dwindled somewhat and was certainly less than last year's attendance figures. Perhaps upon reading the article above, this nineteenth-century example may enlighten DCAS leaders to return to this extravagant affair in an attempt to attract more member attendance because I have to say that with the total DCAS membership, it is a shame to see so few people attending meetings that affect the sport in which we all share and enjoy.

Hester Bassett; Bowmen of the Tors.

DEVON COUNTY ARCHERY MEETING.

The sixth grand annual Devon County Archery Meeting of all the Archery Societies of Devon was held on Thursday and Friday last, at Bitton, the beautiful grounds of W. M. Praed, Esq., who, we are sorry to announce, was unable from severe indisposition to attend. Nevertheless, he had intimated that nothing should be postponed on his account, but everything was to proceed as usual, and on the morning of Thursday a large number of the *élite* of the county made their appearance in the town, and at ten o'clock they were to be seen wending their way towards the centre of attraction. The entrance to the grounds was festooned with flags and evergreens, and the yacht *Ann*, (W. M. Praed, Esq.,) and other vessels lying in the harbour, were beautifully decked with flags of all nations. The shooting commenced at half-past ten, when a very large number of the toxophilites of the county were present, and many ladies and gentlemen wore trophies won at previous meetings. Among the company present were the

MR. J. L. GERTY, MR. C. GURKING, & CO., & CO.

At half-past one the party adjourned to the refreshment rooms, where an elegant luncheon was provided by Mr. W. J. Webber, confectioner, & Co., Bank-street; and the wine was supplied by Mr. Rowell, Northumberland-place. At half-past two the shooting re-commenced, and was continued until seven o'clock. The band of the 69th regiment was expected to attend, but a telegraphic message was sent, saying that they could not do so. Determining, however, not to be without music on the second day, the committee secured the services of the Teignmouth Amateur Band, which played some beautiful airs. The performance at the theatre on Thursday evening was under the patronage of W. M. Praed, Esq., but, not being able to attend himself, the attendance was limited. On the evening of the second day a ball took place at the Assembly Rooms, and upwards of 250 of the *élite* of the county were present, among whom were the following:—

Sir Walter and Lady Carew and the Misses Carew, Lady Reynolds, Viscount and Viscountess Chetwynd and the Hon. Miss Chetwynd, the Misses Morris, Mr., Mrs., and the Misses Glauville, Mrs. Fortesque, Capt. and Mrs. Coleridge, Misses Hodgkinson, Col. and Mrs. Bathurst, Mr. and Miss Stevens, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Elton, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Robinson, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Worth, Mrs. and Miss Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Trolawny, Lieut. and Miss Wilson, Mrs. and Miss Peart, Miss Ellicombe, Mrs. and Miss Divelt, Rev. J. and Miss Templar, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Templar, Mr. H. and Miss Treby, Misses Clarke, Mrs. and Miss Edwards, Mrs. and the Misses Richards, Miss Heysham, Mrs. and Miss Gilbert, Miss Dey, Miss Brock, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Templar, Mr. C. and Miss Hodge, Mrs. and Miss Cobham, Major, Mrs., and Miss St. John, Mr., Mrs., and Miss Stevens, Mrs. and the Misses Gwynne, Miss Morrison, Mrs. and the Misses Ennor, Mr. and Mrs. Orr, Capt. and Mrs. West, Mrs. and Miss Macqueen, Rev. C., Mrs., and Miss Corwithen, Miss

“Shhh... First Place.... ☺”

**Are you bored between ends?
Why don't you find the list of
words in the word search? They
can be found backwards,
forwards and diagonally! 26
words should keep you busy for
a bit ☺**

Archery
Arrows
Bacon Butties
Bow
Competition
Compound
Distance
Doinker
End
FITA
Hereford
Judge
Lady Paramount
Lights
Longbow
Longrod
Medal
National
Nock
Pile
Recurve
Regional
Rest
Trophy
Whistle
York

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DCAS Junior Squad shoot field and clout at Exmouth Archers

The DCAS Junior Squad are well into their schedule for 2008/09 and in December were given the opportunity to experience non target disciplines, that of Field and Clout. For many it was a new experience that is not available at their home clubs. Despite howling gales the night before and floods on the roads up to two feet deep on the way to the venue, the squad members with the kind permission of Exmouth Archers, spent the morning shooting 3D field targets at the Exmouth Archery Field course under the watchful eye of experienced members of the host Club. All styles of bow were represented and the squad members new to Field quickly developed their own technique for judging distance and allowing for slopes etc.

After shooting these targets for the morning, all adjourned to the Exmouth Clubhouse for a warmup, followed by soup etc before they headed back out to the target range to shoot at Clout flags at distances appropriate to their ages for the afternoon. All who attended enjoyed the new experience and agreed that they had either learnt new skills or enhanced their techniques, but most of all they all enjoyed their ARCHERY!!!!

Steve Glover

Dear Club Secretary, Tournament Organisers etc.

This is a plea following on from my request at our County AGM which some of you attended. As well as publishing your entry forms on the DCAS Web Site, would you **please send at least 2 copies of your entry forms by SNAIL MAIL** so that Club Secretaries who do not have access to Computers, or E Mail, or Broadband can receive entry forms to pass on to all their club members. I notice that Brixham Archers "Clipper" entry form has already been put on the Web but have not received a copy yet. *[14/01/09 2 entry forms by snail mail arrived after this letter was sent for publication in the Newsletter]*

I appreciate the cost of postage, and that too thick an envelope would mean paying extra, but you never know it may be worth it in the extra entries you receive from archers who would otherwise not know of impending tournaments, and might be tempted to enter if encouraged by their Club Secretary when she/he hands the entries out or puts a supply on the Club Notice Board.

Hope you will understand my communicating in this way!

Meanwhile, a Happy and good shooting 2009 to all DCAS members and beyond.

Yours sincerely,
Margaret E Byrnes – Hon.Sec.

- 1) Found in different but not in same
- 2) Found in sunshine but not in cold
- 3) Found in winner but not in second
- 4) Found in arrows but not in target
- 5) Found in straight but not in wonky
- 6) Found in happy but not in sad
- 7) Found in clout but not in popinjay

Amazing Achievement for Two DCAS juniors!

Antony Wood and Catherine Harwood from Exmouth Archers both represented Great Britain at the Australian Youth Olympic Archery Festival where they both came back with medals! Ant came back with a gold medal in the Boy's Team Event, and Caz came back with a bronze in the Girl's Team Event. Congratulations to both of them!



1. Moose (Mousse)
2. Bear (Bare)
3. Lion (Lyn')
4. Whale (Wail)
5. Boar (Bore)
6. Deer (Dear)
7. Toad (Towed)
8. Lynx (Links)

- 8) Found in William but not in Robin
- 9) Found in competition but not in judges
- 10) Found in Devon but not in Cornwall

Clue: Something we all strive to achieve (5, 5) Answer found somewhere else in the newsletter!