

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the DCAS newsletter (36th!). I am still waiting to receive lots of lovely things from your clubs for the newsletter! Maybe you want to advertise something? As there is quite a lot to fit into this issue, I am going to stop talking, and wish you all the very best of shooting, especially to those of you competing at the Indoor Championships!



Best Wishes,

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I would like to express my very sincere thanks to the archers and clubs who subscribed very generously to a gift to mark my retirement as DCAS County Secretary. I was completely overwhelmed by your generosity and good wishes.

Archery has been a part of my life for nearly 34 years, and any good work I have done for DCAS has been a pleasure. I have met so many nice people and have enjoyed working and supporting the juniors. I am now nearly 76 years old and I feel that someone younger should take over the important position of DCAS County Secretary. Sadly no-one has come forward to take over this position. At the AGM in November, Sami Glover volunteered to take over as minute's secretary which is very good of her considering all the work she already does for the county. I have agreed to continue as contact secretary until such time as someone thinks that they can replace me.

I do think that with a membership of over 700 members, it is rather sad that there is no-one who feels that they can take on this very important and enjoyable position. If anyone should be interested, please contact DCAS Chairman John Poyner.

Best Wishes and good luck to you all and may all your arrows reach the gold

Marion

[[Ed – I'm sure everyone wishes Marion the very best in her retirement and thanks her very much for all the work she has done for DCAS.]]

DCAS Committee 2009-2010

DCAS President – Sally Sandoe

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DCAS Treasurer – Margaret Byrnes
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DCAS Judging Representative – Mike Byrnes
DCAS Records Officer – Bob Young
DCAS Junior Representative – Brian Hardy



Margaret and Mike Byrnes have both expressed to the committee that this will be their last year of representation in their roles on the committee.

EXMOUTH ARCHERS FITA WEEKEND AUGUST 2010

Will DCAS archers please take note that this shoot is already over half full, with mainly out of county archers. If you do wish to enter, please send your entry and your payment to Tim Pratt, Exmouth Archers, as soon as possible to ensure that you get your place! There are limited spaces available so enter now!

www.dcas.org.uk

www.exmouth-archers.org.uk

Change of Contact Details!

As you know I have taken over as DCAS TO full time this year, and I have decided to change the DCAS TO mobile number. My new contact details are as follows:

Email: dcastourorg@btinternet.com

Articles for newsletter: toptoxgal@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile: 07514 341042

Thank-you all! Good shooting!

Sami x

Janet Faralewski – Taken from GWAS Website



The Grand Western Archery Society regrettably announces the death of their Regional Secretary Janet Faralewski, on Thursday the 30th of December. She peacefully passed away in the company of her son Paul and daughter Nella in Poole General Hospital.

Janet suffered from MS for over 40 years but this did not stop her supporting her son and eventually her husband Eddie on the archery field.

Being bored with just watching she took up the post of event secretary and then club secretary of the Bowmen of Lytchett, and soon got involved at both county and regional level. She converted to the “Dark Side” and became a Judge in the 70’s where her polite considerate nature soon won the respect of the archers.

Janet and Eddie became a formidable team organising competitions for their club and their county. In 1986 she became the Chairman of GWAS, and 1990 saw her in her present post as Secretary to GWAS.

In 1992 Janet and Eddie took over the running of Dunster Archery Week and continued the tradition of providing an event that archers wanted to attend.

In 1991 her MS caused her to use a buggy, JAN 1 donated by the Archers, to continue judging and get around the archery fields, where archers soon learnt to keep their bows behind the waiting line, when Jan 1’s gearbox gave up the ghost archers from across the country clubbed together to buy JAN 2.

On Eddie’s death in 1997, with the full support of her family, she continued with all her archery commitments. In the West Country she was known as the font of all knowledge who was available to be contacted both day and night on anything to do with Archery. Many archers who were visitors to the west also were influence by Janet’s love of the sport and became part of her extended family.

The Dorset and Wiltshire Archery Association, The Grand Western Archery Society, the “Archers of the West” and the “Visitors to the West” have lost an icon of honesty, fair play and organisational skills, and wish to express their sincere condolences to Paul and Gez,

and to Nella and Sam, on this sad occasion.

R k de b Nicholson

President Grand Western Archery Society.

Dave Pritchard (Bowman of the Tors)

As most of you will know, a loyal and conscientious member of Bowmen of the Tors, David Pritchard died, sadly, just before Christmas, at the age of 70. David joined 'Tors in 1995/1996 and became our Club Records' Officer in November 1997. From that date, David not only proved to be a fantastic Records' Officer, but carried out many other tasks for the Club. Having learnt Computer skills after taking voluntary early redundancy, David produced books for beginners, and together with Phil Hale, produced a book for those beginners who joined the club after completing their course advising them of what to do next. David then went on to produce our Club Annual Record Books, Annual Tournament Diary, Certificates for Beginners, Record Certificates and many more items. This extra work was way beyond what was expected of him, and we know he will be a hard act to follow. Aside from this, our Longbow Agincourt Shoot was David's inception. He produced the excellent life size painted portrait target faces of French adversaries from the battle of Agincourt fame, drew up the Rules, and was our King's Herald overseeing fair play at what has become a popular April event at Tors.

For some years David also ran the DCAS Summer League Postal Shoot until he finally decided he'd had enough and this was taken over by Louise Beams. He also collated the Winter and Summer League matches for our own Club, until Penny Crane took over the responsibility.

As you will probably realise from the above, David is sorely missed by all of us at Bowmen of the Tors, and the "old codgers" corner in the school hall at Notre Dame will never be the same!

Margaret Byrnes

Barbara Webber (Exmoor Archers)

Not many of you will know of this lady, but it with sadness that we have to announce the very sad death of Mrs. Barbara Webber, 95 years of age, on Monday 12th October 2009.

Barbara was a stalwart member of Exmoor Archers for many years, and was their Secretary for many more years than can be remembered. She and her husband Roy [90] ran Exmoor Archers as a very successful Club for over 30 years until ill health befell both of them and caused them to hand over the reins. Barbara spent many years helping out Marion Hutter with the catering for Dunster Week, and shot regularly there with her longbow. Her last appearance was there in 2007, when following a series of mini strokes, she decided it was time to hang up her bow!

Barbara died at home with her husband by her side. Her funeral is to be held at Goodleigh Methodist Church, on Monday 26th October, 2009 at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations instead to the Epilepsy Research UK. For those of us who knew her, we will miss her very much!

Colin Holmes

Bob's Book Corner

Bernard Cornwell - Agincourt

“All along the French line the visors were being dropped. Hook had seen faces, but now could see only faceless steel. “God be with us,” an archer muttered. There was silence above the field of Agincourt then the arrows flew. Hook took an arrow from the bag hanging at his side, he laid it across the bow stave, he drew the cord all the way to his right ear, then released. It was a smooth release, the arrow flew true. There was a terrible noise as thousands of arrowheads plunged onto steel armour. The broadheads could never hope to pierce plate armour but the blow of their strike was sufficient to knock a man backwards. The French men-at-arms were still a hundred and fifty paces away.”

Agincourt is one of the epic battles of history. Fought by two badly matched armies in atrocious conditions, 30'000 Frenchmen against 6'000 Englishmen, it resulted in an extraordinary English victory, a triumph of the common man over aristocracy, which has been celebrated ever since.

A NUMBER ONE BEST SELLER - published by Harper Collins.

Robert Hardy - Longbow (A social and military history)

Robert Hardy is famous the world over as an actor. Not so widely known is his deep interest in archery and its history. An acknowledged expert on the longbow, he is a Trustee of the Royal Armouries at H.M.Tower of London and of the Mary Rose Trust.

This is a meticulously researched book, updated and expanded, describing the earliest known longbows and its arrival in Britain. The book describes the archers themselves, where they came from and their equipment, training, uniform, way of life, service and eventual decline. Longbow, beautifully illustrated in both colour and black and white, is a compelling story and a major contribution to the history of archery.

Printed and bound in Great Britain by J.H.Haynes & Co.Ltd.

Total Archery - Kisik Lee and Robert de Bondt.

Korean Coach Kisik Lee, described as a legend amongst coaches and the coach with the golden touch, has now put pen to paper to share his unrivalled coaching knowledge with the rest of the archery world. He has one of the best coaching records in history, he is one of the most successful archery coaches in Olympic and World Championships, between 1984 and 2000 he played a hand in nine of eighteen medals.

Kisik Lee has, over the last 25 years, invested an enormous amount of time in the study of body control, maximizing biomechanical principles, mental concentration and the many other elements that are essential to becoming an elite archer.

Published by Samick Sports Co., Ltd.

[[Ed – BIG thank-you to Bob who has contributed to every issue so far!]]

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- ⇒ What goes up and never comes down? Your age...
 - ⇒ What gets wetter the more it dries? A towel...
 - ⇒ Possible... or not...? <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZcNY2t0h-HE>
 - ⇒ Are you Bernard or the penguin? ...
<http://www.metacafe.com/watch/2719587/archery/>

Flaming Arrows...

Great Torrington Cavaliers & Kenwith Company of Archers have got together for the 2010 Bonfire which will be a Medieval Castle. Kenwith Company of Archers along with Kyrton Archers who have been invited by Kenwith Archers will be setting fire to the Castle with Flaming arrows; the Archers will be shooting flaming arrows in volleys into the Massive replica of the little known Great Torrington Castle on the 28th August bank holiday weekend 2010. The Castle will be 100 foot wide and nearly 50 foot high, with a working drawbridge, portcullis and several other medieval features. Kenwith Company of Archers & Kyrton Archers will all be in Authentic Custom adding to the celebration of the Torrington Cavaliers who are celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2010. The Torrington Cavaliers who were formed in 1970 are internationally famous for their giant themed Bonfires and 2010 should be a spectacular show with the Kenwith Company of Archers and the Kyrton Archers about 30 Archers in total letting loose Foleys of flaming arrows at the castle to get the castle and night sky alight. Kenwith Company of Archers have been busy making and fletching some 300 arrows themselves for the event and have been getting together with the Kyrton Archers up at Kenwith Company of Archers field (which is a based at Littleham) to try out some of the flaming arrows to see how they fly . The night was a great success with all the Archers enjoying letting loose the flaming arrows on Kenwith Company of archers field, this was to be the first of many practice sessions between the Archers who all enjoyed the practice.

Paulette Mills

Chairman, Kenwith Company of Archers



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Exmouth Archers would like to invite any archer to attend an informal GNAS field shoot on Sunday 28th March 2010 commencing at 10 o'clock. Directions to the course can be found on the Exmouth Archers website. £2 per head. This is a relaxed shoot – so please come and experience our fun and exciting field course. Please note GNAS cards must be shown for this shoot.

Archery Football by Colin Holmes

Tired of shooting for scores, maybe it's time to give the scores a rest and play archery football? To play, two archers shoot 3 arrows as normal. If a 10 is scored, it is a goal (compounds use the inner ten), and if a 9 is scored, it is a goal that may be saved by another archer.

How to save the goal: By adding the scores of the arrows that have not scored a goal of any type, now you have a total score for that end. To save the first goal, a score of 14 is required, and to save a second goal, a score of 21 is required.

A match can be played over any number of sets, and you could have teams of 2,3,4 or more.

Example Match

	<u>Arrows</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Save goal</u>	<u>Result</u>
ARCHER A	10/10/9	0	-	2 goals
ARCHER B	8/8/6	22	2	0 goals
ARCHER A	10/8/7	15	1	1 goal
ARCHER B	9/9/6	6	-	1 goal
ARCHER A	9/8/8	16	1	1 goal
ARCHER B	9/9/5	5	-	1 goal
ARCHER A	8/8/7	23	2	0 goals
ARCHER B	10/9/9	0	-	1 goal

Goal scores: Archer A = 4, Archer B = 3

Therefore ARCHER A IS THE WINNER.