

Hello and welcome to the 37th Edition of the DCAS Newsletter. I hope that you are all enjoying the outdoor season, and that you are all starting to get personal bests and club records! Please keep sending in stuff to pop in the newsletter – maybe your club has an event coming up? Let me know.



Good shooting,

Sami xxx

Search for a New County Records Officer

Bob Young has been our records officer for many years, and would now like to graciously step down from this post if a replacement can be found. Bob is more than happy to explain to you what the post entails, and you can contact him either in person, or via his email address: bobofdrym@aol.com

New Summer League Co-ordinator

Name: Mark Stabb

I live in High Bickington in North Devon. I am the network manager at Chulmleigh Community College which has 600 students (11 to 16) & I look after 300 computers and half a dozen servers + SAN etc. Why computers? Well generally speaking they do as they are told and don't answer back!

I am 49 years of age and grew up in Brixham which in the late 60s & 70s was definitely the place to grow up!!! I went to Drew Street Juniors & then Brixham Secondary School. Left Brixham in 1979 to move to Ilfracombe to live with my girl friend, now my wife, Dawn. We have been married for 30 years this year and have 3 kids. Two married & one still a drain on resources! I have 5 grand children ranging in age from 9 years to 20 months.

Why archery, well for me it's a team sport..... for one. I hate conflict or competition with other people so archery, being a competition with one's self, is the ideal thing really. Also work can be stressful. Shooting arrows is something that you cannot do while thinking about something else. So stop thinking about everything else and just shoot. Bliss perfect bliss.



I have shot arrows since I made my first bow at the age of 10ish out of bamboo. Later I obtained an old Yamaha and shot targets and coke cans in the New Forest on our annual camping holidays. Then in 2008 I found out that there was a club in Barnstaple. I had often thought of joining a club but never got around to it, so I joined.

Estelle Edwick gave me some pointers and I have spent the last two years unlearning the coke can reflex shooting style and trying to master freestyle recurve.

Like most clubs there are too many jobs and not enough people so I have been co-opted into the records officer and the Child protection officer jobs. Also Estelle and I are running the beginners course starting late April this year.

Ambitions in life: To survive the public sector and find a way to spend more time shooting arrows. Introduce as many young people to the sport as I can because I think it's a great way to figure out "Who am I" & "what makes me tick". Then retire.....and shoot arrows.....

Mark

SAMI'S WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Hello there friends! I wonder if you can help me? I am doing a sponsored weight loss challenge for Clic Sargent. My final weigh in date is 1st December 2010 and I hope to have lost 3 stone by then!

The reason I am doing this is because a family friend of mine has been diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour, and he might not make his 12th birthday. I want to help support the charity which is providing a lot of care and support to him and his family at this horrible time.

I am writing a blog every day where you can track my progress, and I have an online donation page too, so you can see how I am doing and donate online. If you can spare a pound, or even five, that would be amazing. Thank-you for all your support.

Sami x

BLOG: <http://samisweightlosschallenge.blogspot.com/>

FUNDRAISING PAGE: <http://www.justgiving.com/samisweightlosschallenge>

Archery World Cup Final 2010

18/19 September 2010 - 10:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: [East Princes Street Gardens](#)

Edinburgh is the first UK city to host the Archery World Cup Final, the biggest, most important archery competition ever to be seen in the UK. It is the culmination of four World Cup qualifying events when the best thirty-two archers in the World (top 16 men and 16 women) bring the skill and tension of knockout archery matches (two competitors going head to head) into the very heart of Scotland's capital city. At stake is more than USD 200,000 in prize money for the Edinburgh Final.

While ticket info and times have yet to be announced, the Archery World Cup Final offers a great opportunity for people in Edinburgh to watch the best archers in the

world compete just before the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi and as they prepare for the 2012 Olympics in London.

It will showcase the archers' control, calmness, technique and concentration under pressure in the two disciplines of Compound and Recurve bows for the biggest prize money in the sport.

With thousands of spectators expected to attend and, say the organizers, up to 250 million viewers watching the competition unfold via TV and internet the 2010 Archery World Cup Final is expected to be a great demonstration of the sport in the UK, as well as showcase Edinburgh and Scotland as the perfect destination for the world's biggest and best sporting events.

The event will be free for spectators (subject to spaces), with a small charge for seating in the Grandstand.

At the event there will be a series of 'come and try' sessions organized by Archery GB and Scottish Archery.

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Brixham Archers introduce Matthias Kurth of West Country TV to Field Archery.

We were recently approached by Matthias Kurth of West Country TV enquiring as to whether we could be filmed introducing him to the pleasures of 3D Field Archery. Real bow hunting is banned and not allowed in this country. 3D archery is a popular variation of archery where animal like targets made of dense foam are set around a

woodland course and shooting takes place in a safe and controlled manner. This growing branch of the sport is enjoyed by many people of all ages throughout the UK and many other countries. Matthias is regularly seen on the West Country regional news programme trying out and experiencing a range of different sports and activities.

It seems that the world of TV works to pretty tight and last minute schedules. We were originally contacted by Matthias on a Tuesday. He wanted to film the action two days later on the Thursday! I said I would phone back in an hour or so as I would have to make phone calls to see which of our club members were available. Fortunately, I was able to rustle up some experienced field archers who were prepared to face the TV camera.

The gang arrived at our Target shooting field at the appointed time and awaited the arrival of the TV crew. This time it was not to happen. Matthias phoned to apologize – He was in hospital awaiting the sudden and early arrival of his new son!!!! However the event was re-scheduled for a couple of weeks later. What luck! This particular day seemed to be the start of summer. Beautiful blue skies and plenty of sunshine were to stay with us throughout the whole day.

We arrived at our target field early on the appointed morning and set up a 3D target and appropriate equipment for the TV crew to have ultra fast training and a safety talk. When I say training – I mean almost as quick as “wriggle your body to warm up, hold the bow this way and point it that way before letting the string go!” I must say that the task was made much easier due to the natural aptitude of both Matthias and the cameraman, Roger.

Training over, we travelled the few miles to our private regular training woods where the “Field Course 3D Targets” were already in place. This is quite a challenging course to carry heavy camera equipment around, but Roger made the task look easier than it must have been. At this time of the year the wild garlic creates an abundant and aromatic green carpet throughout the whole woods. In another couple of weeks the colour would be changing to the mass blue of countless bluebells. Walking through these types of surroundings are just another of the delights and benefits of “Field Archery”.

First target and Norman was the first to be filmed shooting three arrows at a rubber javelina... “hit, hit, hit”. What a fantastic start to set the scene. In fact I think Norman managed to perform all his ensuing shots to a high degree of accuracy. That takes some doing when being filmed! Matthias also hit this target. He is now a member of the gang!

Filmed interviews to the camera took place between some of the active shooting takes. This again is quite a nerve-racking experience for those of us not used to speaking before the camera. Wendy, who was adamant that she wouldn't do this, was very professionally encouraged by Matthias to face her demons and do it. Well done Wendy. You are now a TV star(let).

Paul, (Mr. Cool) managed his interview as though he was a seasoned old pro. Which as we all know of course, he certainly is! Steve, (Mr. Longbow) also shot consistently throughout the filming. Perhaps one of his highlights was the shot of him shooting from a fallen tree trunk, uphill to the rubber turkey.

Myself (Mr. Mouth) as usual had a lot to say about everything and did very little shooting!

Now that everyone, particularly newbies - Matthias and cameraman Roger, was competent and feeling confident we all faced the challenging shot across the lake to the rubber warthog. Matthias and Roger each threw down the gauntlet and had a wager of a cup of coffee resting on the outcome of this particular shot. I believe the wager still has to be settled!



After a body count (just to make sure no-one was missing) we trudged back to the cars and made our way to the local pub for refreshment and to debate over which of us produced the best shot of the day.

Due to the ease of Westcountry TV's Matthias and cameraman Roger we all enjoyed the outing to the woods and hopefully will manage to convey the joy and challenge of field archery to the TV audience. We await the world premiere on one of the Friday evening shows!

See the footage here:

<http://www.itv.com/westcountry-west/matthias-tries-archery04646/>

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