

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of Devon and Cornwall Archery Society's newsletter. I hope that you are all enjoying the outdoor season and the scores are getting higher and higher for you. This issue is jam packed full of really important and interesting stuff, so please give it a read and then submit an article to me for the next one! It really is a great way of communicating with everyone in the county. Anyway, enough of me now, speak to you all soon.

Love

Sami xx

Up in Flames...

The Wicker man 2008-2009: Paignton Archers (Amy Wilde, Peter Bourne, Gary Wilde, Glenn Wilde, Louise Beams, Henry Beams, Mark Lewis and Jimmy Lewis) have been Invited 2 years running to the Lighting of the Wicker man at Ocombe Farm.



The photographer took a brilliant picture of the flaming arrow leaving Amy's bow which was the first to ignite his right arm. Glenn made the arrows wrapped with bandages soaked in BBQ fluid with a cowling at the front to make sure that the flames wouldn't go out in the wind.

Amy Wilde, Paignton Archers

ATTENTION FACEBOOKERS!!

Are you on Facebook? Why don't you join the Devon and Cornwall Archery Society Facebook Group – just search for it in the 'Search' Box and join. Everyone has the chance to discuss things here, and Sami will post news regarding tournaments and newsletters on here too!



A Proud Mother of a DCAS Junior

I felt obliged to write to all at DCAS to express my pride in witnessing the recent junior assessments at Lilleshall for places on the National Squad.

DCAS once again proved that it can produce 'the goods'. On this occasion three of our junior archers, all county squad members attended, on Sunday, 11th April. They were Koan Hughes, Plymouth, Ryan Oliver, Exmouth and Thomas Turner, Brixham. What a testament to 'good fellowship and team spirit', a hallmark of our junior squad, they demonstrated so admirably on that day.

I have to tell you now that it is a pleasure to be associated with a county which can engender and develop such high standards in its juniors. I refer also to attitude and behaviour on the line and off and not just to the high standards of archery which we have come to expect from them. DCAS, they were a credit to you and I think you should feel justly proud that they represented your interests so well. No one will know for certain what the outcome will be for another few weeks yet. That is now in the 'lap of the gods' and not the subject for this letter.

Of course, we all understand that such attainment is won with much hard work, training and coaching. We are fortunate in the county to have the guidance of some of the best coaches available. This is as much their achievement as it is the juniors who represented them. They are the product of the vision of some dedicated and passionate people who have given their time unstintingly to the development of junior archery in the county. We all know them; they are the unsung heroes who invest their time and their expertise so generously, in the sport. Some may not coach but they do represent the interests of juniors at meetings across the county. At tournaments, the good humour and generosity of spirit which archers extend serves to encourage and motivate juniors nearby, if not by direct help, then by good example. To all of you, whatever you do to help junior archery in the county at whatever level, I want to place on record my personal thanks to you. You made 11th April possible and I was there to witness it. It was a formidable statement to make at that level. After all, a third of the archers on the shooting line that day came from DCAS. Well done to all of you out there!

May your arrows fly straight and true until we meet again.

Special good wishes to Koan, Ryan and Tom for the future.

Jean M Turner

Ed – I'm sure we all share our congratulations to these three archers, but especially to Ryan Oliver who was picked to join the squad! Well done Ryan!

When not an archer...I'm a pirate

Congratulations go to **David Jackson** who was one of the many pirates who went for a Guinness World



Record Attempt in Brixham on May 2nd 2010. Dressed as a pirate, David and his fellow Brixham Buccaneers gathered as many other pirates as they could to reclaim the world record of having as many pirates as possible in one place. With a total of 1722 pirates, it was definitely a worthy victory. To see pictures and for more information check out the website:

<http://www.brixhampiratefestival.co.uk/>

NEW DCAS MERCHANDISE

HOODIES £15.00

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A Fisherman's Tale

Two guys are fishing in a boat under a bridge. One looks up and sees a funeral procession starting across the bridge. He stands up, takes off his cap, and bows his head. The procession crosses the bridge and the man puts on his cap, picks up his rod and reel, and continues fishing. The other guy says, "That was touching. I didn't know you had it in you." The first guy responds, "Well, I guess it was the thing to do - after all, to her for 40 years."



I was married

Kenwith Juniors do the club proud

Kenwith Company of Archers has some up and coming young juniors that have been working hard on their archery, they have turned up every week put the time into their practice sessions and achieved an successful year of shooting. The results speak for themselves ...

1st place Handicap shoot Sebastian Styles

2nd place Handicap shoot Colin Ayres

GWAS Results

Under 18 boys recurve div 1; 1st Josh Slade div 2 ;2nd Mike Bryan

Under 16 boys recurve div 2; 3rd Michael Lemmings

Under 16 boys bb ;3rd Colin Ayres

Under 14 boys recurve div 3; 2nd Sean Heath

Under 12 girls recurve div 2

;1st Sophie Butler

Under 12 boys recurve div 2

;1st Steven Cox

2nd Sebastian Styles

3rd Elliot Grant

4th Jerry Kendall

Under 12 bb mixed 1st ; Alexina Mills

Under 10 boys recurve div 2 ;1st Ben Butler

Teams

Under 18 div 2 ~ Kenwith 3rd place

Under 14 ~ Kenwith 1st

Under 12 ~ Kenwith A 1st , Kenwith B 2nd

Kenwith Company of Archers has 22 Juniors at present with more joining after the completion of our 6 weeks beginners course. A **BIG** thank you to Dean Stojic, Paulette Mills, Sam White, June Gaydon & Mark Webber for all their help with the juniors over the past year. Thank-you to Dean Stojic & Paulette Mills who set up every week for the juniors over the winter season on their own we couldn't have done the juniors evenings without them.



ABIG thank you to all the Kenwith Juniors for turning up and making it fun for everyone and to all the Parents for bringing the kids every week your dedication to the sport of archery is commendable. I wish all the Kenwith Juniors a great outdoor season of shooting.

Paulette Mills, Chairman of Kenwith Company of Archers

Exmouth FITA Star 22 and 23 May 2010

As I pack my car to go up to Exmouth for the weekend I put in all the usual equipment needed for shooting- umbrella, coat, jumper etc. It is May after all and I remember that last year it rained all weekend. So off we trek up the A30 on Friday night so that we can be well rested and ready for the long weekend ahead. As we leave Cornwall at 5 in the evening the temperature gauge says 24 degrees, the radio is saying it's going to be hot and sunny all weekend - yeah right we say, but the closer we get the warmer it gets. We get up on the Saturday morning and lo and behold its warm and sunny, so we head off to the Exmouth club ground, and get there around 8am to find there is very little breeze and it is perfect shooting conditions. I actually manage to get my tent near the shooting line, which is very rare as I like my bed too much so I am usually one of the last to arrive.

As the day goes on it gets warmer and for the first time people complain about the sun. Being a fair skinned redhead I put sun cream on my nose and ears but even judges were seen borrowing the noses and ears started to burn. Still we lasted the day and were coming back on the Sunday it's even hotter has died down completely.



warmer and very few slight breeze overheating. I am always the hardened sun cream as go a bit red. most of us Sunday to try nice? Waking and the wind

We are all amazed that last week we were all complaining about the cold and now it's like the middle of summer. I don't think that anyone was shooting their best, but it was such a relaxed shoot and everyone was in such a good mood about the weather that no-one appeared to care. By the end of the day more and more of us were hiding our burnt bits from the sun and the walk to the targets seemed to be getting longer, albeit that it was shorter, - I won't name names but there were some panda eyes from sunglasses. For my part I was on a mission on Sunday to improve on my appalling Saturday score which can only have been down to archer error (or in my case lack of effort). I am pleased to say I managed to achieve this and came away with a respectable score.

What I like about events like this is that there is such a mixture of skills and experience, from novice to master bowmen, but everyone is always friendly and makes you feel welcome. It's a chance to meet new people and also to learn, either from watching techniques or from talking to people about what works for them.

As per usual the organisation at Exmouth was great, from the field crew through to the catering - particular thanks for the water buckets and the ice creams, which went down really well.

Sue Day, Lizard Peninsula Bowmen

Grand Day Raffle

A big thank you to all of the archers who bought raffle tickets on Grand Day! The total raised for Dartmoor rescue was £141.82. I have attached a photo of our presentation to them.

Chris Brookes, Exeter Company of Archers



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I am writing to introduce you to “Eaton Manor Archery” and to let you know about the exciting new archery complex we have just opened. Our aim is to contribute to the development of archery in the UK and to become a “centre of excellence” for the sport, looking to provide some of the best facilities in Europe.

We have been working closely with Commonwealth team leaders and the EAF to ensure that we provide archers with top class facilities, and have already hosted both Commonwealth and Olympic squads.

Key features and benefits of the complex include:

Indoor Facilities

- A full 70 metre indoor range (8 bosses wide) with coaching and viewing gallery above the shooting line
- Two 18 yard indoor practice ranges
- Coaching and meeting rooms available

Outdoor Facilities

- 90 metre outdoor range opening Spring 2011 (North facing, laser levelled)
- Outdoor range bookings include complimentary use of 70 metre indoor range in case of poor weather / shooting conditions

Catering

- A range of high quality catering options available, from fully catered to self catering and everything in-between.

Additional Benefits

- Dedicated facility using high quality equipment such as Atlas Bosses
- Exclusive use of site for archery only is available
- Disabled access to all ranges
- Car parking adjacent to archery facilities

“Eaton Manor Archery” is set in a secluded and tranquil location, promoting an atmosphere of relaxed concentration. We also provide high quality “4 star plus” accommodation on-site (for up to 50 people, mainly en-suite) within walking distance of ranges.

We are a small family run business and we care about our customers and their needs. For more information or to make a booking with us, please telephone or email us personally at the above address.

Nichola Madeley

Julian Madeley

STOP PRESS!!

www.eatonmanorarchery.co.uk is now live. The site shows full details of the ranges, the accommodation and the prices along with information about the area and lots of photos. Do give us a call if you would like to know more, we look forward to welcoming Devon & Cornwall to Eaton in the future.



Archers of the West
old.....

are 10 years

It seems much more than a decade ago that a few local archers in West Cornwall decided to start their own club. At the time we were looking to form a club to cater for the really competitive archer and to promote that aspect of the sport, along with good coaching practices.

The idea began early in 2000 and after some early discussions the club was formed in June of that year. I remember a few of us having a meal in the White Horse pub at Brixham following their tournament in May. As many good ideas in the past have come from a sketch on a serviette, our club badge was designed.

Our founder members held the very first club members meeting in June and those attending were Graham Mills, Phil Spavins, Andy Latham, Geoff Gardener, Ken Osborn, Jan Martin, Tony Farrell, Pete Mather and Bob Young. Some have stopped shooting; some have returned to former clubs, some are still shooting and involved with the club.

With such a base to our membership we soon showed as a force in DCAS and gained honours at just about every event that we entered. They were great times and with the membership growing we soon had more talent coming along of the likes of Scott Kinsey, Kevin Chidgey and Paul Phillips for Recurve and Compound and Jill Ward and Dennis and Maureen Gibson with their longbows.

The early days were not without their problems and a battle with GWAS regarding our name took place, but luckily sense prevailed and we retained the name we chose. Incidentally, the name Archers of the West was chosen as we had no fixed base when we formed the club and we decided that a generalised name would be quite suitable for our needs.

We liaised with Hayle football club to use their grounds for shooting outdoors and were helpful to them to gain lottery funding for major improvements to their ground and facilities. Indoors we found a great little hall at Leedstown where we still continue to shoot. Our targets are at low level on the stage but are still about 6" above the recognised height from the ground, but it does allow a full 20yards to be shot.

As with most clubs, time passes and changes come about. After a few years members had changed and we had built our membership up with the help of a locally run activity week called LEAP, run through the local council. This was put on to promote sporting activities for the over 50s and archery proved to be the most popular sport chosen by many. We still have many of those people shooting with the club and they are the most enthusiastic bunch of people you can hope for, shooting at every opportunity.

Earlier, in June, the club put on a celebration evening at Leedstown to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the formation of the club. It was a great evening with all the preparatory work and catering being carried out by our own members. Following an excellent buffet we had a small presentation ceremony and followed that up with a quiz.

All of the founder members were invited and only one couldn't make it because of previous commitments. Each were presented with an engraved salver to commemorate the occasion.



(Left to Right)

Bob Young, Andy Latham, Geoff Gardener, Philip Spavins, Ken Osborn, Pete Mather, Graham Mills and Tony Farrell in the chair. Jan Martin was unable to attend.

So where do we go from here? Well hopefully for another 10 years as the next step onwards. Our profile is smaller now at tournament level but we still manage to mix it now and again, don't we!!! The club has a firm base of membership and as enthusiastic a bunch as you could wish for so I am confident that Archers of the West are here to stay for a while yet.

Bob Young

Wanted!!

Barnstaple Archery Club are starting to expand and are looking for cheap second hand equipment suitable for have a go sessions and beginners courses. If any clubs have equipment they no longer require please could they contact Mark Stabb or Estelle Edwick.

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Regional Squad

If anyone is interested, there is a Proposed Regional Squad. I am still awaiting further information on the squad but it is only open to 6 archers from each county. To be held at Aston Manor. If you are interested please email myself, due to limited number of spaces. Spaces will be allocated on the county team selection rankings.

Coach Of The Year

We have a new award to be handed out at the AGM. This award is open to any archer to nominate their coach (GNAS / Archery GB registered) for the award. All nominations please email me before

the DCAS AGM (Nov) with the reason why you think your coach deserves the award.

Philip Spavins
DCAS CCO

ITEMS FOR SALE

THE LATE DAVID PRITCHARD'S EFFECTS

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Also in DCAS Newsletter

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUICK'S REF</u>	<u>09/10 PRICE</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>
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Complete Opeche "Field Rig" Quiver with belt etc. [c/w medals!]	Archery Link		£25.00 ono
York Leather Back support belt [unused]	Adjustable Length		£10.00
Leather Belt with ornamental buckle			£7.00
Spare Formaster Cords			£5.00
Knobloch Shooting Glasses [would need new prescription lens.]			£20.00 ono
Soma Tab [Almost new]	Equiv.SH20		£10.00
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Neet Single Seam Glove [R/H] used			£2.00
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Lyman Archer's Scale as new			£10.00
Leather Buckled Bracer unused			£3.00
ACC Superlite Series DL 3-04 Arrows 680 would suit cpd.35-50lb according to Cam. Or 36-40lb recurve x 10	26½" [675 mm]with spare fletches inc.	£100.00 approx	£50.00 ono
AC Navigator 710 Arrows x 10 would suit 35-45lb cpd. according to Cam type or 30-35lb recurve	27½" [700mm] c/w spare piles [x 11] fletches & arrow cannister	£142.50 approx	£70.00
Carbofast Long Rod 31" + 2 wgts			£15.00

Some of the proceeds of the sales will be donated to St.Luke's Hospice in Plymouth

Estelle's International Debut

Following my 5th place finish in the England rankings last season I was offered and accepted a place on the EAF (English Archery Federation) winter training squad and then subsequently selected for the Commonwealth Games Test Event team.

In preparation for the Commonwealth Games, EAF ran squad sessions for a small number of compound archers last year and thanks to increased funding from the regions they were able to expand this to include recurve archers this year. These were held at Eaton Manor, near Church Stretton in Shropshire, a venue equipped with both 70m and 18m indoor ranges plus on site accommodation.

In the run up to the test event we had speakers from Commonwealth Games England regarding medical advice, security, etc. and just prior to the test event we were joined by judges Graham Potts and Richard Breese to go through the FITA rule changes and also by some of the GB squad for extra head to head and team round practice.

The Commonwealth Games Test Event was held at Yamunha Stadium in Delhi, India from the 8th – 12th March. The EAF team consisted of 12 archers (3 of each ladies recurve, ladies compound, mens recurve and mens compound) and 4 team management.

The trip was an amazing experience and a fantastic opportunity for me to attend my first international competition.

The reports we had seen prior to departure indicated that the venue was far from complete, but a lot of effort had been put in at the last minute and it was well presented and despite the many finishing touches required it was in reasonable shape.

A great deal of attention had been paid to security with armed guards at the hotels and stadium and police escort for the buses, they even stopped the Delhi rush hour traffic for us!

I scored 591 for the FITA 720 qualifying round, placing me 13th and the ladies recurve team in 4th. We had managed to all qualify in positions that meant no England archers would compete against each other in the early rounds of the eliminations. I won my 1/16 elimination match against Sook Wai Wong from Singapore, before being eliminated in the 1/8 match by Bombayala Devi Laishram of India.

The highlights of the individual eliminations were Louise Colville who knocked out the Indian no. 1 seed in the 1/8 eliminations before being eliminated herself by another Indian in the ¼ finals and Nichola Simpson who was the only England archer to make it through to the semi-finals.

In the team event the Ladies Recurve team were eliminated in the quarter finals following a close fought match with Singapore (see photo) and the Gents recurves won their match against Wales for a place in the semi finals. Both compound teams were through to the semis with byes.

Following a re-layout of the field overnight and the installation of the TV cameras, Thursday was team matches semi finals and finals where excellent performances by other England team members resulted in both the Ladies and Gents Compound teams returning with Gold medals and the Gents Recurve team with Bronze.



On the final day, in the individual event Nichola Simpson won the Bronze medal in the individual Ladies Compound.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support and good wishes for the trip. The event was an amazing experience and learning opportunity and has given me the desire to compete in more international competitions in the future. Despite the fact that I obtained another qualifying score towards selection for the team going to the games in October whilst in Delhi, I was unable to get the remaining qualifying score in time for the deadline and did not make it to the selection shoots.

It was nonetheless an experience I will never forget and I would like to thank the team management of EAF for all their efforts in making this a good trip and wish the team going to the games in October all the best.

Estelle Edwick, Barnstaple

WHY DO WE NEED JUDGES?

WHO NEEDS JUDGES?

WHY BECOME A JUDGE?

These three questions must be the most frequently asked questions when archers discuss the "whys & wherefores" on the Tournament Field or practice field.

We need Judges for a lot of various reasons; mainly safety and to comply with the requirements of the Governing Body regarding fairness, timing controls and range layout. Also to control the actual shooting and acquaint archers of any relevant information they may need. A judge is also there to help archers enjoy their day's sport.

Just from the above few lines, although they do not cover everything, one can see that there is a requirement for someone to be in charge and that person should be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations.

Who needs Judges? Even a practice day needs someone to be "Field Captain" or Judge to control shooting.

For Tournaments, the level of expertise of Judges varies according to the grade of the Tournament. This applies to all the various disciplines of the Sport

Why become a Judge? Maybe for the usual bottle of wine at the end of a good day's shoot, or the self knowledge of a good day's work – where the "red pen" has not run out of ink and any problems that have arisen have been successfully dealt with and everyone is happy.

Just as an archer is very happy with his day's efforts – especially if he or she has bettered their handicap or even achieves a winning score then the Judge can also enjoy the day and be proud of events. A different outcome maybe, but nevertheless just as satisfactory

We do need Judges, and, if your shooting leaves a little to be desired or you could be looking for something different, please do not be shy – come forward and speak to a Judge, or any Club official - we could be "in need of you" and you do not have to be an "Einstein" to be a Judge. Please think very seriously about this and make a life changing decision for any of the following reasons:-

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TRAVEL EXPENSES- PAID
FERRY TOLLS – PAID
SPECIAL SET OF ARCHERY FRIENDS
A GOOD KNOWLEDGE OF A GOOD SPORT
SOME SPECIAL BOTTLES OF WINE
GIVING BACK SOMETHING TO THE SPORT

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Please talk to me if you need any more information.

Mike Byrnes – County Judge and fellow archer..