

# DCAS NEWSLETTER Spring 2001

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the fifth issue of the DCAS Newsletter. Hopefully following all the rain and other bad weather we have had recently, the sun will come out and we will have a hot summer.

Remember that we are always after your contributions, no matter how small. All the content for this Newsletter has come from members of the DCAS Committee so come on, put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard and write something!

Copy for the next issue for Summer (To be distributed at the County Championships) should be sent to one of the Editorial Team by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2001, please:

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## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At the Grand Western Archery Society Indoor Championships at Weston-Super-Mare on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, Jan Martin, a member of Archers of the West, won the Olympic bow competition. Jan also scored two new records, DCAS and GWAS. Jan gained a Great Britain indoor qualifying score for consideration to shoot in the World championships in 2002. Many congratulations Jan on your achievement.

March 11<sup>th</sup> saw Jan shooting for England at the National Indoor Championship, Jan was placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall, the England team were placed second, missing first place by 2 points. Again Congratulations.

Bob Young and Tony Farrell also shot in this competition. Bob shot through to the second round, Tony was knocked out in the first round.

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## DCAS WEBSITE

Remember the DCAS website can now be found at [www.dcas.org.uk](http://www.dcas.org.uk). In the last couple of days it has seen its 1000<sup>th</sup> visitor!! If there is anything you would like to see on the site please let me know. I would ask any webmasters in local clubs to add a link to our site the next time they are updating their site.

I have heard rumours that Grand Western will also be setting up a web site. Its likely to include links to the 4 county's sites as they are created, entry forms for GWAS tournaments, Coaching information, Dunster Week etc. I will let you know more information when I receive it.

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## COACHING MATTERS

We mentioned in the last Newsletter that Tim Pratt was taking his Coaching Exam at Petersfield in April. Tim successfully passed despite having the flu all weekend ! Well Done !

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

6 May	DCAS Grand Day - Exmouth
13 May	Double American – Redruth
13 May	Westerns – Kyrton, Crediton
20 May	York, Hereford and Bristols – Tors, Plymouth
27 May	York, Hereford and Bristols – Brixham
2/3 June	DCAS and Exmouth Double FITA Star – Exmouth (Cant promise what the weather will be like !)
10 June	York, Hereford and Bristols – Newquay
18 June	Dunster Week
23 June	Longbow 2 Way Western – Mounts Bay
1 July	York, Hereford and Bristols – Yelverton, Plymouth
8 July	York, Hereford and Bristols – Wadebridge
15 July	DCAS FITA Clout – Newquay
15 July	St George and Albion – Kenwith
22 July	DCAS County Championships - Newquay

See your Club Secretary for entry forms, if available.

**OR**

Contact Colin & Ann Holmes for details of DCAS organised events or check out the DCAS website.

**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)*

## **SO, YOU WANT TO BE A TOURNAMENT ORGANISER ?**

### ***What you need to hold a shoot:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> You need a shoot.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> You need a club to host your shoot.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Does your club have all the equipment needed ?
- 4<sup>th</sup> Is the venue large enough to cover safety ?
- 5<sup>th</sup> Do you have enough club members for a working party ?
- 6<sup>th</sup> You need a date in the calendar.
- 7<sup>th</sup> You need to decide on a set of rounds to shoot.
- 8<sup>th</sup> You need Judges. 2 for the first 10 targets.
- 9<sup>th</sup> You need target faces and medals.
- 10<sup>th</sup> You need a Lady Paramount to present Prizes.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Are you going to have refreshments ?
- 12<sup>th</sup> You need road signs to direct archers to your field.

Now you can start with the entry form, look at other entry forms and use the parts you need. I.e. Venue, Date, Rounds, Cost, Start Time, GNAS Rules and a form for the archers to fill in giving Name, Club, GNAS number, Style, Colours of nocks and fletchings, Round entered and Cost. Make sure that all archers are members of GNAS, ask them to sign to that effect, if they do not have a GNAS Number make sure they show their card on the day. (One non-affiliated archer can nullify your GNAS Insurance). Forward the entry forms to all club secretaries for distribution to archers. Send one to each of your Judges and to your Lady Paramount.

When the entries start coming in you can make a target list. Try to have a mixture of style, clubs and nock colours on each target. If you are going to send out a target list, do so at least 1 week before the shoot. Copies should also be sent to Judges, the Lady Paramount and a couple for the working party, so they know how many targets to setup and how to lay out the field.

### ***Next the work before the shoot:***

1. List all archers that will need to pay for entries on the day.
2. Score sheets need to be filled in with Name, Club, Style, Class, Male, Female, Junior or Senior.
3. Medals next. Decide how many for each group depending on the entries. DCAS award medals as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> entry = 1 medal. 4<sup>th</sup> entry = 2 medals, 7<sup>th</sup> entry = 3 medals, 15<sup>th</sup> entry = 4 medals then 1 medal for every 10<sup>th</sup> entry thereafter. Classification medals are given if there are a minimum of 3 entries in each group
4. The Lady Paramount is always pleased to receive a little something to say thankyou, and so too the Judges.
5. An award sheet made up ready for you to fill in the names and scores on the day. (Saves time at the end of the shoot.)
6. If there has been a previous shoot last year, then a reminder to the winners to bring back trophies and somewhere for this years trophy winners to sign for their trophies.

### ***The day of the shoot:***

The day of the shoot has arrived and you will need to be at the venue at least 1½ hours before assembly. Some archers like to turn up early and may already be waiting, and the Judges should arrive 1 hour before assembly.

1. Fix up the latest up to date target list for all to see, make sure the field crew and each Judge has one.
2. Set yourself up so that you can be found easily. There will be archers to be booked in, late entry money to be taken.
3. Keep score sheets up to date with late entries and the occasional person in the wrong round.
4. Assembly. Club representative to introduce Lady Paramount, you and the Judges. Opportunity to give any information and remind the archers to check scores are correct, and sign for them at the end of shoot.
5. Get the score sheets out on the shooting line well before assembly to allow archers to see the shooting order and introduce themselves to each other.
6. When everyone is shooting, time for coffee and unwind, then, sort out expenses – Judges travelling expenses, target boss hire (if not your own), Field hire (unless paid in advance), refreshments for Judges, target faces, there may also be some local expenses.
7. Archers who are shooting in the afternoon only will need to be booked in etc.
8. Prepare for the awards. Check all trophies have been returned, and that you have sufficient medals, and that the gifts for Lady Paramount and Judges are ready. Also that the award sheet is amended if late entries received.
9. If this is a Record Status or Rose Award shoot, then have the appropriate forms for the archers to claim national or DCAS awards.
10. After shooting finishes, be ready to sort out the score sheets somewhere quiet. It is best to enlist the help of someone else to help who can sort scores into order, and help write them onto the results list.
11. Now you read out the awards to the archers handing the medals to the Lady Paramount to present. At the end of the awards thank the Lady Paramount and the Judges. The Club and the Working Party and the Refreshments team.
12. Pack everything up and be the last one off the field!

### ***Next the work after the shoot:***

1. At home check that if the shoot is an imperial one the scores and hits are both even or both odd.
2. If a FITA shoot that each of the 3 dozen distance scores add up to the total score, then a Result Sheet can be typed including the following information.
3. Name of Tournament and date.
4. Lady Paramount and Judges.
5. All Rounds, Styles and Sexes should be listed separately.
6. All retirements must be recorded with score at retirement and when retired.
7. List all those archers who did not shoot.
8. Indicate which awards were issued (this is useful in the future).
9. Thank everyone involved in running the shoot, and the Lady Paramount and Judges.
10. Name and date the bottom
11. Send copies of the result sheet to your Lady Paramount and the Judges with thank you notes.
12. If a Record Status, FITA Star or Rose Award Shoot, result sheets need to be sent with claims.

Now you can work out the final accounts and find out if it was worth all that hard work!

***A quote heard by me was “A shoot hosted by my club is to say thanks to archers of other clubs for running a shoot so that I could visit them for an enjoyable day shooting with friends.”***

## STARS AND ROSES

No – not a new rock band, but awards you can achieve for shooting in certain competitions. In the last issue, we covered GNAS and DCAS Rose awards and how to earn them. There is a slight adjustment following the introduction of a new GNAS Rose in January 2001. This is a purple Rose available to both Senior and Junior archers achieving a score in their respective rounds of 1250 or higher. Good luck in trying to achieve this!! If you do, let us know and we'll publish details here!! Also, I overlooked the fact that Juniors can claim DCAS Roses for achievements at the Grand Western Junior Intercounties Championships (even if the venue is not in Devon & Cornwall). Sorry for this oversight.

Now, on to Stars.

FITA Stars are available at FITA Star designated shoots to archers shooting the Senior rounds only; i.e. Gents or boys shooting the Gents FITA and Ladies or girls shooting the Ladies FITA. (This restriction is because the Metric rounds for Juniors are only domestic rounds created by GNAS and not recognised by FITA – the body which governs the award of Stars). Look out for the little Star symbol beside the advertising entry in the Archery UK pages.

Scores required are as follows:	1000 to 1099	1000 Star
	1100 to 1199	1100 Star on “Black Badge”
	1200 to 1299	1200 Star on “Blue Badge”
	1300 to 1349	1300 Star on “Red Badge”
	1350 to 1399	1350 Star on “Gold Badge”
	1400 to 1440	1400 Star on “Purple Badge”

The badges are either a shield shape for Recurves or circular for Compounds.

You can only claim the “Star” once for the score level achieved and you cannot claim for a level below a “Star” that has already been awarded, so there is no going backwards to lower colour badges.

Charges for FITA Stars are covered by the Tournament Organiser in the registration fee for World Record Status (and included in your entry fee), so you don't have to pay anything extra for them!

DCAS Stars are available to archers shooting Senior FITA rounds or Junior Metric rounds (Metrics 1 to 4) at FITA Star Award status shoots within Devon & Cornwall boundaries.

Scores required are as follows:	900 to 999	White Star
	1000 to 1099	Black Star
	1100 to 1199	Blue Star
	1200 to 1299	Red Star
	1300 to 1440	Gold Star

There is a separate range of badges for Juniors and Seniors.

For Juniors, badges can be obtained for shooting in or above your own age group in the Metric rounds. The good news is that both Juniors and Seniors can claim “missing” DCAS Star awards by shooting a subsequent round and obtaining above the minimum score for that badge.

DCAS Stars cost £1.50 each for Senior rounds and are free to Juniors!!

So, go ahead and collect the full set !!

**Next Issue: FITA Target Awards**