

DCAS NEWSLETTER Summer 2001

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

ISSUE #6

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the sixth issue of the DCAS Newsletter.

Remember that we are always after your contributions, no matter how small. Again 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!

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Jan Martin was a member of the winning England team when they shot in Swansea on the 7th July. Jan will be shooting for England again in the National Championships in August.

Tristan Weedon also shot in an England team; England Juniors drew with Scotland in First place at the Home Nations Tournament at Lilleshall. Tristan was placed 5th in the event. On Sunday Tristan gained 4th place at the U.K. Junior Nationals.

Again over the weekend 7/8th July, Andrew Callaway was placed 3rd in the Gents FITA round on Saturday. On Sunday shooting the York, Andrew became Junior Recurve Champion of Great Britain. Mark Callaway secured 3rd place on Saturday in the FITA; he scored a 6 gold end and gained a qualifying score towards selection for the GB Junior Team. Mark won the Margaret Lewis trophy on Sunday for the highest unrewarded score.

James and Andrew Hardy did well at Lilleshall on both days.

Sally Sandoe was victorious when shooting in the Royal Toxophilite Society invitation event on Saturday 7th July. Sally won a gold medal.

Archers of the West Compound team won the Frostbite division they were in. Jan Martin gained the highest Ladies score overall and received the British Archery silver spoon.

Jan Martin, Sally Sandoe, Cilla Bragg, Tony Collins, Kenneth Osborne, Jeanette Wear and Pat Nicholson were all placed at Dunster this year. See later for full story!

Devon and Cornwall did extremely well at the Junior Intercounties again this year, and won the Margaret Lewis trophy for 1st Overall Team. Individual placings were as follows:

York	1 st Boy Recurve	Andrew Callaway	Bowmen of St. Michaels
Bristol I	1 st Boy Recurve	Peter Smith	Brixham
Bristol I	2 nd Boy Compound	James Hardy	Dunheved
Bristol II	1 st Boy Recurve	Tristan Weedon	Bowmen of St. Michaels
Bristol II	2 nd Boy Compound	Mark Callaway	Bowmen of St. Michaels
Bristol III	3 rd Girl Recurve	Clare Hallett	Bowmen of the Tors
Bristol III	1 st Girl Compound	Claire Burns	Bowmen of St. Michaels
Bristol IV	2 nd Girl Recurve	Kirsty Allen	Brixham
Bristol IV	1 st Girl Recurve	Ellie Wilde	Paignton
Vic Williams Trophy		Peter Smith	Brixham

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Andrew Callaway set off on Wednesday 11th to shoot in the Czech Republic. We wish you well...
- Andy Bayliss has been selected to shoot for England in the Czech Republic 27th July to 6th August.
- Paddy Johnson will be hoping to retain the trophy he won last year when he shoots in the Disability Sport England National Championships. The tournament is held at Dunchurch, Rugby on 22nd/23rd July.
- Congratulations and good luck to all of you.
- Thanks to all the parents and families who support the archers with the thousands of miles in travelling during the year.

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COACHING MATTERS

- The National Coaching Conference will be held at Lilleshall on 4/5/6 November 2001.
- The Grand Western Coaching Conference will be held at Puriton on Saturday, 10 November 2001.
- Forms for making the transition from Grand Western Assistant Coach to Grand National Assistant Coach are currently with the Regional Coaching Organiser, Richard Jones. As soon as Wendy Wheeler (our CCO) receives them, steps will be taken to transfer all existing GWAS Assistant Coaches in our area accordingly.
- Opportunity will be available over the Autumn / Winter months for Assistant Coaches to take another course to upgrade to Full Coach, if they wish. Details will be available from Wendy Wheeler shortly.

JUDGING ISSUES

- Welcome to our new Candidate Judge: Andrew Chitty from Exeter. Look out for him on your travels around the Tournament circuit this season.
- A 20-page document has been issued by GNAS to all Secretaries setting out revisions to the Rules of Shooting resulting from the last 12 months work by the GNAS Target Committee. This appears to be largely a tidying up exercise but some items might raise an eyebrow or two. Feedback is sought by GNAS by 31 August 2001. See your Club Secretary for more details.

HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT

In the last Budget, the Chancellor announced some provisions relating to sports clubs. The Treasury's Budget Press Releases reads as follows:

*"Over the coming months the Government will consult on whether tax relief might help **community amateur sports clubs** that make a positive contribution to their local communities"*

This will be a joint initiative by HM Treasury and the Department of Culture, Media & Sport. Consultation documents will be issued in late summer/ early autumn.

So far as inclusion in the consultation process is concerned, your Club Secretary should contact Martin Niblett on 0207 211-6107 at the latter Department to put your Club's name down, as an interested body to be included in the circulation of consultation documents, when they become available.

GRAND WESTERN INTERCLUB TOURNAMENT

The shoot-off for the finalist club teams will be held at Exeter Co of Archers grounds on 22nd September 2001

GRAND WESTERN REGIONAL RECORDS

Junior Records for the Region have been compiled from each of the County's Junior Records. These will shortly be placed on both the DCAS & Gloucester web sites – eventually they will be transferred to the GWAS web site when it has been set up. If any Club is unable to access the records on the web and would like a paper copy, please contact the GWAS Regional Secretary, Janet Faralewski, at 27 Sutherland Avenue, Broadstone, Dorset BH18 9EB Tel. 01202 692087.

Senior Records will now be compiled, again from each County's Senior records. However, a small problem exists over which your assistance is requested. Until this year, DCAS Records only reflected results from Record Status shoots held within Devon & Cornwall borders. The other 3 Counties have open records: any record from any open shoot anywhere. So as not to disadvantage any DCAS archer in the Regional Records, if you have scored better than the current DCAS record at any open shoot and can produce a tournament results sheet to back it up, please send it to Wendy Wheeler, DCAS Records Officer at Suningmor, Lower Polstain Road, Threemilestone, Truro TR3 6BQ, indicating the result you want to be included. We will not be altering the DCAS Records as they presently stand, but at least details can be submitted for potential inclusion in the GWAS Regional Records.

All details should be submitted by 15th September 2001, to allow time for collation before sending to Grand Western.

DCAS AFFILIATIONS

By now, all Club Secretaries will have received my annual letter regarding the fees for the coming 2001/2002 year. At least – I hope so. [if your Club Secretary or Treasurer has changed since the last County List was produced in April, please make sure the letter is passed on and that the County Secretary is also informed of the changes!]

However, it would appear that some of the details contained in that letter are not getting through – New Members on the 'New Member Form' pay the new fees and do not pay any more until September 2002. Members re-affiliating late pay the fees for 2000/2001, as they will have to pay again in September this year. Please make sure that you put that Members GNAS number on the form.

Also, I do not want the addresses of any members, old or new on these forms; these details should be put on the pink copy and sent direct to GNAS.

You do not need to send me any fees now until the Annual Returns come to you from GNAS – early August. New members are fully covered if you give them a receipt and if they wish to enter a tournament where the question on the entry form is for a GNAS number, all that is needed are the words 'new member, fully paid up'. [I am currently battling with a new computer and trying to put back 10 years of database which has been lost in the ether of my old machine – so please be patient with me!]

Finally, please check your figures and forms before you send them to me, and remember you can get a 5% rebate for your club if the Annual Returns together with your new member forms are remitted to me before the end of August.

Just a reminder of the new fees:-

	GNAS FEES	GWAS FEES	DCAS FEES	TOTAL
Associate Senior Member	£23.00 each	£4.00 each	£3.00 each	£30.00
Associate Junior Member	£12.00 each	£1.75 each	£1.00 each	£14.75
School Clubs	£20.00 (en bloc)	£2.00 (en bloc)	£1.00 (en bloc)	£23.00
Junior Clubs	£35.00 (en bloc)	£5.00 (en bloc)	£1.00 each	See below #
University Clubs	£60.00 (en bloc)	£2.00 each	£1.50 each	See below *

Junior members (new & re-affiliating) each pay a fee of £1.00 when members of a Junior Associate Club

* Fees to Grand Western (£2.00) and Devon & Cornwall (£1.50) are payable by each student member

DCAS FLY THE FLAG AT DUNSTER 2001

Members from 19 DCAS clubs attended the 128th Open Meeting at Dunster this year, where the new DCAS colours were flying for the first time. Once again the week was blessed by glorious weather with the ever present little tricky breeze keeping the temperatures down and ensuring that the archers didn't relax too much.

The D.G.Quick marquee had been sited in a different position to the usual, apparently the owners of the marquee had complained that in previous years "droppings" from the trees had caused problems. With the marquee backing onto the stream it provided extra security following the Police warning issued to everyone at the first assembly this was a sensible move. The police presence in the village was certainly noticed.

MONDAY a GNAS FITA was shot, the weather was good, calm and sunny with a light breeze picking up as the day went by, Muriel Beaumont was one of the Judges having returned on holiday from her home in Cyprus, a welcome return to a GWAS stalwart.

TUESDAY should have been the Field Shoot but due to the Foot & Mouth crisis had to be cancelled, in true Dunster fashion most Archers shot the Albion Round in its place, eventually there were 28 targets set up.

WEDNESDAY was the day for the traditionalists, the Two-way Longbow Western Round and the 180 plus archers were greeted with a sunny day and a light breeze. Probably this was the largest longbow tournament in the world with longbow specialists, makers, BLBS, and Royal Tox members all converging on this Dunster Wednesday. Mind you our old friend Tony Smith found that kite flying was a relaxing alternative, anyway it seemed to keep him happy.

Roy and Barbara Webber were present again although Roy did not shoot, Barbara on the other hand after having suffered a recent "mini stroke" had been instructed by Roy to only shoot 4 dozen arrows at the most, when he wasn't looking she shot 5 dozen. Not bad at the age of 87 years, and having only completed 5 dozen was still not bottom of the pile when the results were added up.

Russell French the longbow champion had a 'mixed' sort of day, furious at actually missing the target with one arrow (95 hits out of 96 possible). He still raised his own Dunster record from 611 to 619 scored. This year shooting did not have to stop for spectators to pass behind the targets so the Field Marshals must have done a good job.

THURSDAY again sunny with a light breeze, not the sort of day that clout shooters prefer, they like light cloud cover to enable them to spot their arrows, some archers found the conditions tricky but then who doesn't in a clout anyway.

The President's Volley at the end was a bit of a fiasco; the President usually recites the GWAS Motto and all archers loose on command. This routine is applied three times after which the archers try to find the arrow nearest the "target", the *Target* being a cardboard cut-out castle about 2 foot wide by one foot high set at an unknown distance somewhere between 130 to 160 yards.

This year the *formula* was changed with a command to just draw and loose which caught quite a few archers by surprise, the resultant volley being described as *rubbish* by the spotters. After another go someone did hit the castle and that was it.

Thursday evening of course is *Fun night* at Dunster in the Marquee and this year was in the form of *Ladies Day at Royal Ascott*. Archers and their supporters came along in various fancy dress and some had obviously spent a lot of time and thought on their costumes, there were even two very fine *horses* complete with *jockeys* whose *owners* must have spent many hours in preparation. Alan Taylor, *Mine Host* from the Foresters who was responsible for the catering, laid on a Buffet and provided the entertainment. Being Royal Ascott it had to be in the form of racing and we won or lost our *Small Fortunes* at the Tote. The highlight of the evening was really when we were graced by the presence of the *Queen Mum, Bob Lake of D.G.Quicks*, who I must say gave a right royal display, he had everyone in stitches and admiration for his efforts.

FRIDAY was the day of the Western Round with an entry of nearly 200 archers taking part which actually included myself, the last time I shot at Dunster was in 1960, doesn't time fly. The day followed the pattern of the rest of the week with beautiful sunny day with not a lot of breeze. One particular archer wasn't very happy because he missed twice, the Gold that is, compound of course, my effort paled by comparison and will remain under wraps. But it was an enjoyable day, the company was good and the shooting was relaxed.

SATURDAY was the start of the Championships in earnest for the titles of Grand Western Champions, archers shot the Double York / Hereford Rounds, a real test of skill and endurance. The day was fine and slightly cooler than previous days, this was appreciated but the tricky Dunster breeze was still present.

SUNDAY the assembly commenced with a short service with prayers led by Molly Brooks, Ray Gallop introduced the Judges and shooting commenced. Most notably the shooting seemed to progress very smoothly and archers were certainly enjoying the day.

Once lunch had been consumed the marquee was cleared and prepared for the awards ceremony in the evening, this is quite a celebration of all the achievements for the whole of Dunster Week, it is also a tribute to the efforts of the organisation led by Janet Faralewski, the Tournament Secretary, and the whole team who contribute so much to the success of this event.

On the completion of the shooting day all the archers who could, squeezed into the marquee where Sir Walter and Lady Hermione Luttrell, the GWAS Lady Paramount, were introduced to the assembly and the presentations began.

DCAS members featured in the awards and these are listed below:

FITA ROUND—JAN MARTIN—Archers of the West—2nd Lady, Recurve
MIKE BROWN—Exmoor Archers—3rd Gent, Compound Unlimited

TWO WAY WESTERN-Longbow-ANDY OAKES—Exeter Co. of Archers—Best Score

CLOUT Round-TONY COLLINS—Redruth Archers—2nd Gentleman, Recurve
CILLA BRAGG—Newquay Bowmen—2nd Unrewarded Lady, Recurve
KEN OSBORN—Archers of the West—1st Gentleman Longbow

WESTERN ROUND—JAN MARTIN—Archers of the West—1st Lady, Recurve
JEANETTE WEAR-Bowmen of Tors—3rd Lady Longbow
JIM & SALLY SANDOE—Redruth Archers--Jack and Jill Award
JEANETTE WEAR—Bowmen of Tors—Hidden Prize Award

DOUBLE HEREFORD—JAN MARTIN—Archers of the West—3rd Lady, Recurve.
JEANETTE WEAR—Bowmen of Tors—1st Class Award, Longbow

DOUBLE YORK—KEITH STEPHENSON—Tavistock Co. of Archers—Longbow Champion.
KEN OSBORN—Archers of the West—Longbow Runner-up
GARY WILDE—Paignton Archers—Bowman Award, Recurve.

Should you be looking for a holiday with a difference and some shooting in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere then get yourself off to Dunster next year. The theme for the fun night in 2002 is to be MUSICALS, so if dressing up and performing is your scene you will be made.
My thanks to Tony Collins for his notes on the happenings in the first part of the week and to all those people who contributed to making it another Glorious Dunster.

Charlie Sinclair

HOME FOR A TROPHY

Do you recognise the following Junior trophy, so it can be returned to its home club? It was incorrectly returned to Grand Western but is believed to belong to a Devon & Cornwall Club.

Girls Bristol III White marble disks separated by gold bands
Topped by a red & gold crown with a gold lady archer on top.

Please contact: Paul Callaway on 01209-215537

FOR SALE

Hoyt Compound L.H. Bow, 34lbs, complete with accessories and bag. £250.00 or near offer. Telephone 01326 314063 after 6 p.m.

Arten Summit fluted edge sight £30.00 Telephone 01736 754206

FITA TARGET AWARDS

Summer 2000 saw the introduction of a new set of awards by FITA for results in particular rounds shot in competitions that have been granted World Record Status (obtained through GNAS and paid for in advance by the Tournament Organiser).

The Rounds involved are:

Outdoors:

FITA 70m Round comprising 72 arrows, all at 70 metres (sometimes called the Olympic Round or a FITA 720)

Half FITA Round comprising 18 arrows only at each of the Ladies or Gents Full FITA round distances

FITA 900 Round comprising 30 arrows each at 60m/ 50m/ 40m on a 122cm face (Metricised American)

Indoors:

FITA 25m Round comprising 5 dozen arrows at 25m on a 60cm face

FITA 18m Round comprising 5 dozen arrows at 18m on a 40cm face



The Awards available are:

ROUND	For White	For Black	For Blue	For Red	For Gold	For Purple
FITA 70m	500	550	600	650	675	700
Half FITA	500	550	600	650	675	700
FITA 900	750	800	830	860	875	890
FITA 25m	500	525	550	575	585	595
FITA 18m	500	525	550	575	585	595

These score levels apply to all classes: male or female, junior or senior, recurve, compound, barebow, longbow, etc.

Just like FITA Stars, an archer can only obtain a particular colour award once (no matter which qualifying round was shot) and having obtained an award for that score level, they can only subsequently be awarded a higher colour award – so no going back to fill in the “missing” colours, sorry!

Arrangements to claim any award should be made via the Tournament Organiser on the day of the shoot.

And from your Junior Rep...

The GNAS Arrow Award (for Juniors only) was introduced in 1989 to provide an award for Juniors under 16 equivalent to Junior Master Bowman (JMB) in the lower age groups, where such Juniors find it difficult, if not impossible, to achieve high scores at the longer distances required for JMB status.

Three levels of award are provided: Black, Blue and Red, dependant on age and gender. Details of the required scores for each level can be found in the GNAS Rules of Shooting at Rule 113 or on the claim forms, which can be obtained from your Club Secretary/ Club Junior Rep or from the GNAS Office at Lilleshall (Address in Archery UK).

Four qualifying scores are required: one at least must be a FITA/ Metric round and one at least must be shot at an Open Tournament. Support for the claim must be by Tournament results lists or, if shot at your Club ground, by the Club score sheet signed by the Club Records Officer or Field Captain who were present whilst the qualifying round was shot.

Good luck to all eligible Juniors towards achieving these awards.