

# DCAS NEWSLETTER Winter 2001/02

## FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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### EDITORIAL

Welcome to the seventh edition of the DCAS Newsletter. Remember that we are always after your contributions, no matter how small.

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### RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Andy Baylis who was awarded a Wheelpower Sports Award for outstanding male achievement in 2001 at the Annual British Wheelchair Sports Foundation ceremony.

Andy, who shot for Great Britain, in the Czech Republic, came home with the silver medal in the individual competition missing Gold by one point. The team gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place, so bronze for Andy.

On New Year's Day at Newquay, 18 archers braved the cold wind and frost to shoot a clout round. It's good to try this discipline, even if like me you do not score with every arrow. At least it was a better score than in the summer! Everyone is willing to give advice, and it's fun.

The following Juniors shot at the National Junior Indoor Championships at Coventry in December, and were placed as follows:-

Claire Burns came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Girls Under 16 Compound, pipped for Gold by 6 points.

James Hardy came 12<sup>th</sup> and Mark Callaway came 13<sup>th</sup> in the Boys Under 18 Compound.

Justin Morris came 7<sup>th</sup> in the Boys Under 16 Compound.

Andrew Callaway 7<sup>th</sup> in the Boys under 18 Recurve.

Tristan Weedon came 10<sup>th</sup> and Andrew Hardy came 17<sup>th</sup> in the Under 16 Recurve.

Congratulations to you all. A big thank you to all parents and friends who travel with the juniors so that they can be up with the best in the country.

In the National Junior Rankings for 2001 some of our Juniors took the following placings:-

Andrew Callaway	1 <sup>st</sup> Gents Recurve
Mark Callaway	5 <sup>th</sup> Gents Compound
Claire Burns	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ladies Compound
Mark Callaway	4 <sup>th</sup> Cadet Boy Compound
Tristan Weedon	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cadet Boy Recurve
Andrew Callaway	12 <sup>th</sup> Senior Gents Recurve

Jan Martin recently shot a qualifying score to shoot for Great Britain in Turkey.

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## **OBITUARIES**

This winter has seen the passing of two archers in Cornwall who, over the years, have done much for the archery shooting membership of many clubs in that County and beyond.

### **Roy Skipper**

Roy passed away peacefully on 15 November 2001 after a long illness. He was an Archery Judge and Coach, and known to very many archers in the south of England through his tireless energies devoted to the organisation and promotion of archery. Roy and his wife Gwen took up archery in the late fifties after their two children had come on the scene, joining the (now defunct) West Herts Bowmen Club. It soon became clear that Gwen was the one with the real talent for shooting. As for Roy, being strongly left-eye dominant and unable to cope with left-handed shooting, he found that this was proving to be a handicap to his own shooting excellence. Far from being discouraged, Roy found that his talents lay in his administrative skills and practical outlook, and he quickly established himself within the running of the club, and later on as tournament organiser, not to mention the role of personal equipment officer for Gwen.

He ran his own high-class joinery business catering for the shop fitting industry. He was also very active in the field of tropical fish keeping, being responsible for the introduction of the Discus Fish to this country, as well as contributing learned articles to specialist books on the subject. He even kept a shop himself known as "The House of Fishes" where he indulged this other passion.

In 1974 the family moved to Porthtowan in Cornwall and Roy continued his fish-keeping activities, constructing specialist fish tanks and exporting particularly fine local gravel to the nation's fish keepers. Of course, Roy & Gwen wasted no time at all in locating the nearest archery club, which was Mounts Bay Archery Club – one of only two in the whole of Cornwall at the time – and promptly created an instant "tradition" of shooting the clout every Boxing Day: a practise which still continues today. In fact, clout shooting was one of Roy's favourite disciplines.

Not long afterwards they discovered another, recently formed archery club at Redruth and as it was nearer to home, they joined that one. Naturally, with twenty years archery experience behind him, Roy immediately became the guru and font of all archery wisdom for the club, and within twelve months 'Redruth Archers' was transformed from a laid-back rabble into a well-oiled machine of a club, capable of shooting further than the hitherto sixty yards; competing in and actually hosting open tournaments!

Roy's determination located the field, indoor venues, portable buildings, lawnmowers, field equipment, and found new members. As chairman, Secretary, Tournament Organiser and Equipment Officer all rolled into one, he helped, encouraged, cajoled and inspired others to climb the ladders of good shooting, coaching and judging.

Nor did he stop there. Roy gave his advice and assistance in the setting up of other clubs within the county, and when Gwen's job compelled them to move to Wadebridge, it was only natural that he should start a club there too.

No one who knew Roy The Perfectionist could get away with second best. They would be told in no uncertain terms how archers should conduct themselves; every detail of the rules would be explained to them with underlying reasons. Woe betide any member of a field crew who didn't properly kite-fold the target faces, or they might hear their names called out from across the field in 'That Voice'.

Although his recent ill health prevented him from actively shooting, he nevertheless turned up at many tournaments to see his old friends and to top up on the current news. Roy has been a large presence in the County and will be sorely missed.

## **B Bentley**

One of Devon & Cornwall's most respected longbow archers passed away at Treliske Hospital, Truro on 18 January 2002.

B was born in Islington, North London, then the family moved to Enfield. B gained a scholarship to Enfield Girls School where she showed a keen interest in amateur dramatics and developed her excellent speaking voice. So it was natural that when she left school she became a professional speech therapist. She worked at Walsall, Hertfordshire, and finally at Portslade, near Brighton where she stayed for 30 years and became a very senior member of the staff of the East Sussex Health Authority.

B moved to Newbridge about 10 or 12 years ago and shortly after she became very ill and it began to look as if she did not have much time left. But she went into remission and returned to a very full and active life; she certainly wasn't going to become an invalid if she could help it, and she certainly didn't. We can be grateful that her final days were over quite quickly, for she was a very independent woman and would not have taken well to a long incapacity.

Outside of her professional life she had many outside interests. And when B had an interest, she had an interest. She was not content just to test the water; she went into things wholeheartedly. At Portslade, for example, she became a leading member of the Sea Rangers in the Southern Home Counties. And when she retired and moved here to West Cornwall, she threw herself into and became very active in many aspects of local life, bringing her own particular brand of expertise, enthusiasm, and humour. B ran the Boarding House at the School of St. Clare, and established the school shop. She loved the countryside and became active in the Footpath Preservation Society. She was a member of the Penzance Operatic Society where she was the prompter. She liked a challenge, which is just as well as the house she lived in was certainly that. She was a keen gardener, and for her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday asked for a poly tunnel so that she could further extend her gardening activities. She also enjoyed visiting gardens and old houses. She loved good food, and exotic holidays, and was well travelled, having visited Australia, S.E.Asia, the Eastern Med, Germany, Austria, Egypt, [where she returned to last Christmas] and even as far a field as Scotland to visit her brother.

Her great love was, of course, Archery. She was a very keen member of the Mounts Bay Archery Club (MBAC) and the Devon & Cornwall Archery Society; being County Lady Longbow Champion, indoors and out, several times over. A fiercely determined archer who enjoyed the longbow when it wasn't fashionable; but because of her enthusiasm, many bowmen have followed in her footsteps. Her loyalty to Lelant-based MBAC, as its Coach and Treasurer, meant that she nurtured some of the up and coming national and county champions that we have now. B also devoted herself to coaching disabled archers at the Marie Therese House in Hayle, as she felt that all could take part in her one favourite sport of Archery.

B began attending Sancreed Church when she moved to Newbridge, for she had a deep but unassuming faith which meant a lot to her, and she was full of ideas such as making kneelers incorporating designs based on the carvings on the ceiling in the chancel. She and Colleen spent hours cleaning and polishing the carved pew ends, and she brought out the old colours in the medieval screen. B did not do things by halves. She was very independent but she was not a solitary sort of person; she was good company, and if you got her talking about one or other of her interests, her enthusiasm shone through. She had a lively mind coupled with a rather cheeky sense of humour.

Like Inspector Morse, there is a mystery surrounding the "B". What does it stand for? Perhaps we shouldn't know. I am glad to have had the privilege of knowing her. She managed to pack a lot into her 73 years; she certainly can't have wasted much time. We remember her with gratitude and with thankfulness.

## **Lottery Award Boost for the Bowmen of St Michaels**

Members of the Bowmen of St Michael's, of Camborne, are celebrating after receiving a grant of £4,508 from the National Lottery's Awards for All program.

The grant will allow the club to offer more members of the local community the opportunity to participate in the sport of archery, and assist the club members to travel to competitions throughout the Country.

Club spokesperson Mr Robert Weedon said: "We are thrilled to get this award. For a club like ours this is a large sum of money- and it allows us to help many local people. Members of the club have worked very hard to develop this project and to submit the application. Now we've got the money it's time for the real work to start!"

For further information please contact Gail Morris on 01209 614616 or e-mail [gailmorris@ic24.net](mailto:gailmorris@ic24.net)



## **New DCAS Club**

During 2001 a group of enthusiasts came together to form a new archery club in Plymouth.

They were invited by Lipson Community College to establish our club with them. We were very happy to accept this offer and have commenced shooting at the venue.

We presently meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7.00 to 9.00pm and Saturday afternoon from 2.00 to 5.00pm.

We look forward to forging links with other D.C.A.S. archery clubs and we are happy to invite archers to visit the venue and shoot with us.

We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to Lipson Community College for their enthusiastic welcome and look forward to a long and happy relationship with them.

We are also grateful for the co-operation of D.C.A.S., G.W.A.S. and G.N.A.S. and wish to thank members of the respective committees for their help in creating our new club.

Competition entry forms should be sent to the Secretary:

Phillip Brown, 16 Berryhead Gardens, Crownhill, Plymouth PL6 5AS. 01752 768500

Contact the following committee members if you would like to guest and shoot with us..

Dave Worth - 01752 207099, Jim Start - 01752 337175, Phil Brown - 01752 768500.

Plymouth Archers Target Archery Club.

## Important Information regarding Senior County Team Selection

Over the last few months the DCAS Committee has been reviewing how our County Team is selected to ensure that we pick the best possible Archers to represent us. This involved reviewing both our existing and previous selection methods, plus a few others. The following method will be experimental for the next 2 years (i.e. 2002 & 2003).

1. There will no longer be specified Selection Shoots.
2. Selection will be made by:     Senior Team Manager  
  County Records Officer  
  County Chairman (casting vote)
3. Team to comprise:     8 Gents Recurve           4 Gents Compound           2 Gents Longbow  
                                  5 Ladies Recurve         3 Ladies Compound         2 Ladies Longbow
4. Both Seniors and Juniors are eligible for inclusion/consideration/selection.
5. Only 12 dozen Senior rounds (appropriate to gender) shot in Open Competition will be eligible.
6. Minimum of 5 tournaments to be taken into account.
7. Any "Open Shoot" or above will be eligible – i.e. FITA, York/Hereford, FITA Star, Rose Award, etc.
8. Shoots outside the County to be substantiated by Results Sheet.
9. For all shoots, Results Sheets to be submitted to the County Records Officer:
  - a) by the individual archer, and/or
  - b) by the Tournament Organiser.(If delay anticipated or close to cut-off date, a signed validation from the Tournament Organiser will be accepted – to be followed by the official Results Sheet).
10. It is the archer's responsibility to ensure that appropriate scores and Results Sheets have been submitted in time.
11. Cut-off date for tournaments will be 5 weeks before the GWAS Intercounties Tournament.  
(2002 = Exmouth Shoot on 11 August 2002 will be the last eligible shoot/date)
12. Details to be sent to the County Records Officer as soon as possible and no later than 10 days after this cut-off date.
13. Scores for different rounds at different venues will be equated by Handicap Tables.

## DCAS Calendar of Events

	Date	Event	Venue	Contact
March	10	St Austell Indoor - Combined FITA	Carnmoggas	Jim Peters - 01208 873512
April	14	Redruth Easter Longbow Clout	Club Ground	Wendy Wheeler - 01872 278435
	21	Redruth Pope Young	Club Ground	Wendy Wheeler - 01872 278435
	28	Redruth Longbow	Club Ground	Wendy Wheeler - 01872 278435
May	5	<b>DCAS Grand Day</b> - Longbow Nationals AM, Nationals PM	Exeter	Colin and Ann Holmes - 01392 259392
	12	Kyrton Open - Westerns	Crediton	Christine Gransby - 01837 52484
	12	Redruth Double American	Club Ground	Wendy Wheeler - 01872 278435
	19	Tors Open - York, Hereford, Bristols and Nationals	Notre Dame, Plymouth	Margaret Byrnes - 01752 402152
	26	Brixham Open - York, Hereford, Bristols and Nationals	Churston	Judith Booker - 01803 853687
June	2	Newquay Open - York, Hereford, Bristols and Nationals	Newquay	Cilla Bragg - 01637 875262
	8/9	<b>DCAS / Exmouth Double FITA</b> - Ladies and Gents FITA, Metrics	Exmouth	Colin and Ann Holmes - 01392 259392
	15(Sat)	Mounts Bay Longbow		Mark Wyglendacz - 01736 798701
	16	Truro Open - Double National	Truro	Mrs S Clarke - 01872 271249
	16	Somerset Champs - York / Hereford	Dunster Castle	Chris Hassall - 01823 413624
	17(Mon)	Start of Dunster Week	Dunster Castle	Jan Faralewski - 01202 692087
	22/23	GWAS Champs - York / Hereford and Nationals	Dunster Castle	Jan Faralewski - 01202 692087
	29	GWAS Junior Champs - Bristols		Brian Hardy for info - 01566 775831
	30	Wadebridge Open - York / Hereford and Nationals	Wadebridge	Mike Cornish - 01208 813488
July	7	Yelverton Open - York / Hereford and Nationals	Plymouth	John Nicholson - 01752 846325
	14	<b>DCAS FITA Clout</b> - 1 way double FITA Clout	Newquay	Colin and Ann Holmes - 01392 259392
	14	Kenwith Open - York / Hereford and Bristols	Bideford	D Hall - 01271 860955
	21	<b>DCAS County Championships</b> - York / Hereford, Bristols and Nationals	Newquay	Colin and Ann Holmes - 01392 259392
	28	Redruth FITA Star - Ladies and Gents FITA, Metrics	Redruth	Wendy Wheeler - 01872 278435
August	4	Truro Canadian 1200	Truro	D Clarke - 01872 271249
	11	Exmouth Open - Mixed Hereford, York, Bristols and Nationals	Exmouth	Tim Pratt - 01395 442421
	18	<b>DCAS FITA Star</b> - Ladies and Gents FITA, Metrics	Brixham	Colin and Ann Holmes - 01392 259392
	25	Bowmen of St Michaels Open - York / Hereford, Bristols and Nationals	Barriper, Camborne	Gail Morris - 01209 613913
September	1	Mounts Bay Open - Mixed Hereford		Mark Wyglendacz - 01736 798701
	8	<b>DCAS Autumn Gold</b> - St George, Albion and Windsors	Tors Plymouth	Colin and Ann Holmes - 01392 259392
	15	GWAS Intercounties (By Invitation)	Exeter	
October	27	Kyrton Indoor - Portsmouth	Crediton	Christine Gransby - 01837 52484
November	24	DCAS AGM	Yelverton	
December	8 or 15	Exmouth Indoor - Fun Round	Exmouth	Tim Pratt - 01395 442421