

To all DCAS Club Secretaries

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DCAS Committee Meeting

The DCAS Committee met on Saturday 3 March. These are the highlights:

We discussed a more equitable approach to sharing risk and benefit between County and Clubs putting on DCAS shoots now that the DCAS role will be Tournament Secretary rather than Tournament Organiser. There'll be something of a muddle through this year but for next year we want to explore the possibility of a change of approach away from County hiring resources from Clubs and towards Clubs bidding for county status for their own shoots. A proposal and request for feedback will be sent out separately to all Clubs.

The selection sub-committee for the County Teams for this year was appointed as the Team Manager, Records Officer and Vice-Chairman. Steve Glover was endorsed as the Team Manager for the Senior Team for this year. The Team Manager for the Junior Team is not yet appointed.

We agreed to make a loan of £2,500 to Barnstaple Archery Club, repayable interest free over three years, to support them through a period of rapid expansion including running their first Open tournament.

The Level 1 Coach course organised for St Austell in April has had to be cancelled because of poor take up. Re-organising for the autumn, either in St Austell or Plymouth, is being investigated.

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Tournament Calendar

Wadebridge have had to pull out of hosting the Autumn Gold this year, on the calendar for 2 September 2012. Please give serious consideration as to whether your Club is able to pick this up.

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Junction Archers

Welcome to a new member of the family: Junction Archers based at Halwill Junction on the main A3079 Okehampton to Holsworthy Road. This consists of a general club, plus a Junior club with strong links to the local primary school and a disabled club. See www.junctionarchers.org.uk/. Congratulations to Frank Bath who has got this set up and funded in a remarkably short time since moving down to the area from Bristol.

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DCAS Summer Postal Leagues

The DCAS warwick postal leagues that used to run during the summer haven't happened for a couple of years. Is there anybody in your Club who would be prepared to step forward to organise and run the warwick Postal Leagues this summer? These days most of the communication for the postal leagues really happens by e-mail, for speed and convenience, so use of e-mail would be necessary. If you have somebody who's prepared to think about it and wants to talk through what's involved you can speak to me, or Judith Brelsford, or Megan Wilshaw who has done so well in reviving the winter leagues.

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Club Development Loans

Following on from the award of a loan to Barnstaple Archery Club can I remind you of the DCAS Club Development Loan scheme?

DCAS will consider making a discretionary loan to Clubs to finance improvements in equipment or facilities, when the Club itself has insufficient capital. The loan can be for any amount from a few hundred pounds up to a maximum of £5,000 and can be repaid over a period to be agreed but not more than 3 years. The Club will need to demonstrate that it has the income, or will have the income after the investment, to repay the loan. The improvement in facilities that the loan is given for can be anything, although we'd prefer to see projects that result in an increased income to the Club, to help in repaying the loan! Purchase of equipment to allow have-a-go sessions to be offered, for example; buying video equipment to be paid back by charging users for coaching sessions; buying additional bosses and beginners equipment to accommodate a rapid increase in membership; improvement of ground or clubhouse facilities; your idea!

If you have an idea that you'd like to fund you're welcome to get in touch for a preliminary discussion: we may even be able to help you make a good case, or point you towards appropriate grant funding sources.

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The Archery Foundation

This is a charitable Trust registered with the Charity Commission set up with the purpose of gaining funds for development of archery, at all levels from AGB to clubs. The first meeting of the Trust was in November last year and set as its first objective identifying and raising funds for clubs that have a project with a community engagement aspect. If your club is thinking about something that might fit into that brief please get in touch with John Poyner.

John is one of the Trustees of the Trust, the others being Kath Fitzpatrick, Bob McGonigle, Graham Weller and David Sherratt as Secretary. The Trust has specialist consultants in place to source the funding.

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Best regards

John Russell
Secretary DCAS

cc All Committee Members