

To all DCAS Club Secretaries

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National Intercounties Tournament

The National Intercounties Tournament took place at Lilleshall over the 29th and 30th of June. DCAS entered a full team of 18, one of only 3 Counties to do so, and they brought home the bacon - in the form of 1st place Gold for the Ladies Recurve, Silver for the Ladies Longbow and Bronze for the Gents Longbow. Very well done to the whole team!

A full report on the weekend appears in the DCAS Newsletter which you should have recently received from Estelle, for circulation to your members.

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Exmoor Archers

Exmoor Archers have recently re-affiliated to ArcheryGB and to DCAS after an absence of some years. A warm welcome back to them! The Secretary is Patrick Gambone, e-mail twohandson40@yahoo.com and telephone 01598 710592.

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Winter Postal Leagues

Megan Wilshaw got the winter Portsmouth and Frostbite postal leagues running again and has been running them for the last couple of years, but is not able to run them again this coming winter. Can you please ask around your clubs to see if you have anybody willing to take over from Megan the role of running the postal leagues. Megan will be very happy to help you get started. It would be a great pity if the leagues died out again just as they were revving up.

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DCAS Committee Meeting

The DCAS Committee met on 6 July 2013. On the whole the meeting covered only routine matters, including Level 1 Coaching Courses, County tournaments, finance, and the state of the County tournament trophies - on which more below.

The selection sub-committee for the Senior Intercounties was affirmed as Team Manager plus Records Officer with Vice Chairman available for tie-breaking if necessary. (The AGM last year confirmed Jimmy Sandoe as Team Manager for this year.)

The selection sub-committee for the Junior Intercounties was affirmed as Junior Rep as Team Manager plus Records Officer with Vice Chairman available for tie-breaking if necessary.

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Tournament Organiser

At the Committee Meeting Judith Brelsford confirmed that she would not be standing for re-election as TO for next year. She was rather hustled into the job a couple of years ago, but has done it splendidly, and we are very grateful.

We all agreed that the TO job is now too big for one person to handle on

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their own and that we need to divide the job into several smaller roles. We will be considering how best to do that before the AGM in November, but if you have any thoughts or ideas you would like to share we'd like to hear from you.

One idea might be to divide the tournaments so that we have 2 TOs organising half each - so, for instance, one person could take on 2 out of the 4 main tournaments (not counting the double FITAs, so Indoor and Outdoor Champs, Grand Day, Autumn Gold) and somebody else takes the other two. Would that work? Or dividing the role by County - one TO in Cornwall and one in Devon? Please think about it and let me know your thoughts.

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Tournament Trophies

We are aware that some of our trophies are in poor condition. And some were very cheap and are a bit embarrassing to keep handing out! The trouble is that the TO only usually sees the trophies when they are returned on the morning of the shoot, to go out again in the evening, so there is no opportunity to sort out what needs to be maintained or what ought to be replaced.

We would, therefore, like to call-in all the County trophies this winter, so that we have an opportunity to go through them and bring the complete set of trophies up to standard. Can you ask your club members who have DCAS trophies - from any of the DCAS shoots - to please arrange to return them to the Autumn Gold or at the latest to the AGM in November. Can you also look around, and ask all your members to look around, their cupboards to see if there are any DCAS trophies lurking from previous years - there are quite a lot of trophies that have not been seen for years!

I'm sorry that this means that your trophy won't sit on your mantelpiece for a full year. But it might mean that when you win it next year it'll be something that you might be happier to have on your mantelpiece!

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Junior Intercounties

The Junior Intercounties match will take place this year on Saturday 7 September. I attach details and an application form. If you have juniors who would like to be considered for a place on the County Team please pass on the details and urge them to put in their scores: the team has to include recurve, compound, barebow and longbow archers, has to include both boys and girls, and has to include archers from all the Junior age groups.

Scores have to be submitted to Jane Forrow dcasrecords@hotmail.co.uk by 28 August at the latest.

The Junior Intercounties match will NOT be held this year, as it often is, together with the Junior Regional Championships. The Championships will be on Saturday 10 August.

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County Clout

After an absence of several years the DCAS County Clout Championships will take place this year on 29 September at Newquay. Please add that date to your club's event diary.

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Best regards

John Russell
Secretary DCAS