

Untitled

To all DCAS Club Secretaries

Please remember to pass on this information within your club - I know that some clubs are very good at keeping their members informed, and making the best use of the opportunities that come their way through DCAS. But a couple of recent discussions have led me to suspect that other clubs are, shall we say - less good!

>>----->

DCAS Committee Meeting

The DCAS Committee met on 26 October 2013. In addition to routine planning business (reflected in some of the items below) these were the other main items discussed:

We listened to a proposal on behalf of some members of the County Team for a change in the County team uniform, both a change from a jacket to a shirt so that it becomes a uniform that can be worn on the shooting line, and a change in colour from the present red and gold to black and green. We were happy to agree to a 'shooting uniform' from 2014, and the Senior Team manager is canvassing opinions on style so that, hopefully, we can launch the new uniform at the AGM. We did not agree to a change in colour. It is probable that the existing jackets will be retained as an optional extra to the uniform.

The recently appointed County Development Coordinators for Cornwall and for Devon attended the meeting. More on this below.

We agreed that we would put a proposal to the AGM that, in view of the congestion in the tournament programme, to avoid clashes with other major tournaments, and also to position the County Championships as an event that would attract more of the best archers in the County, the County Championships would change from a York/Hereford to a WA 1440 round (FITA), and that we would arrange for the Championships to be hosted as one day of an established two day event. The hope is that the Championships would alternate between Devon and Cornwall, hosted as one day of either the Redruth Double FITA in early August, or the 1440 day of the Exmouth FITA weekend in late August.

On a point raised on selection to County Teams, we confirmed that submitted scores shot by Ladies on Gents rounds would be accepted and evaluated on handicap in line with the normal team selection procedure.

>>----->

Junior Fund

A reminder that DCAS have loan funds for equipment purchase, and limited discretionary grant funds, available for Junior members. Details of the funding and how to apply are given in the attached letter, which is also available on the website.

>>----->

Level 1 Coach Courses

With continuing interest in Level 1 Coach courses we are currently looking at organising probably 2 courses in the new year, possibly in Newquay and Brixham, if there is sufficient interest - for a course to be viable it has to have 12 confirmed participants. If you have anybody in your club seriously interested in taking a Level 1 Coach course please let me know as soon as possible.

>>----->

Field Captains Course

Following expressions of interest from several clubs we will be organising Field Captains' courses over the winter probably in three locations around the two counties so as to be within reasonable reach of as many clubs as possible. The locations are likely to be Barnstaple, Brixham and Newquay and dates and details will be advised as soon as possible.

>>----->

DCAS AGM

You should by now have received formal Notice of the Annual General Meeting, which will be held at Yelverton on Sunday 24th November starting at 2pm. The AGM is open to all affiliated members of DCAS - please make sure that your club is represented by at least one of them!

All members of the current Committee will be standing down at the AGM. Although nominations are invited for election to all posts, can I ask that you try particularly hard to identify, in your club, suitable candidates for the following posts where the existing post holder will not be seeking re-election: Tournament Organiser, County Coaching Organiser, Vice-Chairman.

>>----->

County Development Coordinators

Malcolm Grant for Devon and Sean Ellis for Cornwall have been appointed as County Development Coordinators (CDCs). CDCs work as part of the Archery GB Development Team and are volunteers who act as key development contacts between clubs in their counties, the Development Team at Lilleshall, and the County Sports Partnerships (Cornwall Sports Partnership in Cornwall, and Active Devon in Devon). They will be aware of the support and resources, including funding, that can be mobilised at national and county level to assist clubs in their development aims. They will also be proactive in making clubs aware of this support, including by the organisation of workshops.

The CDCs can be contacted as follows - they would like to hear from you: In Cornwall, Sean Ellis, e-mail sean@mbac.org.uk, telephone 01736 756473. In Devon, Malcolm Grant, e-mail archerygbcoach@talktalk.net, telephone 01803 843097.

>>----->

Development Loan Scheme

And finally can I remind you of the DCAS Development Loan Scheme?

DCAS can make discretionary loans 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; or improvement of ground or clubhouse facilities.

Untitled

>>----->

Best regards - and hope to see you at the AGM!

John Russell
Secretary DCAS