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To all DCAS Club Secretaries

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Junior Fund

At the DCAS Committee meeting in September we agreed that the discretionary grants available to Juniors from the Junior Fund would be increased to "up to 25% of travelling and accommodation expenses when selected for and attending Regional, National or International shoots or Regional or National squad training". This clarification is specifically intended to cover Juniors invited to attend the Regional Academy - we look forward to supporting our Juniors as they qualify!

Also a reminder that DCAS will make interest-free loans of up to £400 to enable Juniors - at any level - to buy equipment. We know that kids tend to out-grow their arrows at the most inconvenient times! Please make sure that parents of your Juniors are aware of this funding option.

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Newsletter and the Press

The DCAS public relations officer, Estelle Edwick, is always looking for articles about what your Club is up to, including the results of Open shoots, successes of your members away from home, initiatives to involve your local community, improve facilities for your members, and so on. These articles can be published in the DCAS newsletter but Estelle, using her contacts, will also try to get appropriate articles published in local newspapers across the two counties. This can be valuable publicity for your Club. Send your articles to Estelle at eedwick@barnstaplearcheryclub.org.uk

If you see an article about archery in your local paper can you let Estelle know - we would like to get feedback on how well the papers are responding to what they get.

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AGM

A reminder that the DCAS AGM will take place on Sunday 23rd November at Yelverton Memorial Hall at 2pm. Formal notice will be issued shortly but please make sure this date is in your diary, and that your Club is making arrangements to be represented. Please make sure that all your Club members are aware of the date, and that they know that ALL members of DCAS are entitled to attend.

Nominations will be invited for all Committee positions but can I ask you to think particular hard about finding somebody prepared to take on the role of County Coaching Organiser? This doesn't necessarily have to be a Coach! - the role is largely organisational, ensuring that training courses are provided for archers wanting to train and improve as coaches. Judith Brelsford is currently doing this role but will not be continuing after the AGM, although will of course be happy to induct a replacement. Anybody thinking about taking on the role can contact Judith at secretary@newquaybowmen.org.uk for advice on what's involved.

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Changes to County Team Selection

The selection criteria for the Senior County Team have been modified for 2015. Selection will now be based on FOUR 12 dozen rounds at a minimum distance appropriate to the archer's gender. One of these rounds must be

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shot between the last weekend in July and the 30th August. The Team will then be picked based upon the handicaps obtained for those rounds. For details see the DCAS website.

It is a condition of selection for the County Team that the archer agrees to wear the official County Colours throughout the day. The shooting top was introduced in October 2014 and will be provided by DCAS, lower garments will be self funded with black preferred but with green or white acceptable.

Please bring these changes to the attention of any archers in your Club who aspire to represent their County.

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Best regards

John Russell
Secretary DCAS

cc Committee members