

# DCAS NEWSLETTER Spring 2005

FOR ARCHERS IN DEVON & CORNWALL

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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the twenty first edition of the DCAS Newsletter. Don't forget we are always after your input, so send us your news items, wants & sales, articles etc. *The Newsletter has really come of age!*

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## Recent Achievements and News

**St. Austell Bay Archers** have had National, Regional and County success this year.

In the G.N.A.S. January Challenge, Brian Stansby and David Hughes were placed 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Longbow (Beginners) discipline. Alex Rybialex came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Experienced Longbow archers.

### In the G.W.A.S. postal shoot

Under 16 Recurve      Shaun Ferris was 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 4  
                                 Ryan Shawcross 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 5  
                                 Sarah Allen was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 2  
Longbow              Rob Scott gained 1<sup>st</sup> place.

In the U16's, the A team gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Division 2 and the B team were 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3.

### DCAS Indoor League (Winter)

Longbow Division 2      1<sup>st</sup> place "A" team  
Junior Division 2      A team gained 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Junior Division 3      B team were in 1<sup>st</sup> place

### Highest Scores in the competition

Junior Boy Barebow      James Parton 379  
Junior Boy Longbow      Ben Hayne 301  
Both boys have been shooting less than 12 months.

11 year old Ben Hughes who has been shooting less than a year gained County and Regional records when he shot barebow at the Combined F.I.T.A. at St. Austell in March.

Congratulations to all the members who shot for the club in the respective leagues.

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## **DCAS Senior and Junior Squads**

Once again the Senior squad has proved popular with the archers who attended the sessions, and the enthusiasm shown by the members of the newly formed Junior squad, we are pleased to announce that they will continue at the end of the season. In order to be considered for the Squads you need to be chosen to shoot at the Junior or Senior Intercounties this year, or meet the selection criteria. Team selection will remain in the same format as last year. For further details see previous DCAS newsletters or visit the DCAS website. Scores shot on the 14<sup>th</sup> August will be the last scores that can count. For the DCAS area this will be the Redruth FITA.

The DCAS Committee would like to thank all the Coaches, Parents and Archers who gave up their time to either attend or help run and organise the sessions over the past few months. We hope next years sessions will be met with the same enthusiasm.

## **Tournament Organiser's Post**

Following the announcement in the last newsletter that Colin and Ann will be resigning following many years work at the AGM in November, the DCAS Committee would like to ensure that something is in place for next year. If you were considering taking on the post, or even an element of the post, but haven't said anything yet, please contact Colin before the end of May. Colin has agreed to help the new postholder throughout the following year, and has written a job description to help you understand the work involved. If you think you might be interested why not give Colin a call to discuss it.

By the way, the Committee is also looking for a Public Relations Officer. If you are interested have a word with one of the Committee.

## **Coaching Notes**

### **Coaching Courses**

If there is anyone who is interested in attending a coaching course at whatever level please register their interest by sending a letter to Jan Martin, our County Coaching Organiser at 19 Sunnyside Parc, Illogan, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3LX.

We should stress that there are no courses planned at this stage, but we need to gather numbers to get a feel for the requirements.

### **Level 1 Coach Rollout**

We will be holding a Level 1 Rollout at Exmouth Club Grounds on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2005. This is to enable existing coaches to gain the qualifications to Mentor, Tutor and Manage on a Level 1 coaching course. It also gives a good understanding of how a Level 1 Course needs to be run. DCAS needs coaches at this level to help run Level 1 courses. If you are interested please let Jan know at the address above.

### **Assistant Coach to Level 1 Update**

For all those Assistant Coaches out there, who haven't seen the Grand Western Coaching Newsletter sent out recently by Alastair Robinson, you need to attend a workshop before June 2006 in order to retain your Level 1 status. More details are to follow but if you wish to attend such an event please register with Jan.

### **Coaching Renewals**

Also detailed in Alastair's newsletter was an overview of how coaching renewals will be handled within GWAS. The same process will apply to all coach grades and will require an application form to be filled out, and sent to the renewal panel. This form will allow feedback to the applicant, and where necessary requests for further information. More detail can be found in the newsletter.

### **GWAS Coaching Newsletter**

If the last two points have made you think "I am a coach, but have not received the newsletter" contact Alastair Robinson on 01242 602876 or email [alastair.r@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:alastair.r@tiscali.co.uk).

## *Badge News*

GNAS has come around to the Longbow Archers, and allowed them to claim Rose Awards with special badges. Rounds for which claims can be made against are York for gentlemen, Hereford for the ladies and Bristols for the juniors.

The target scores for colours are: White 225, Black 300, Blue 375, Red 450, Gold 525 and Purple 600. These can be claimed from GNAS via a Rose Award shoot and filling in the paperwork held with the Tournament Organiser. The badges are free of charge.

We have decided to follow GNAS and allow DCAS Roses to be claimed by Longbow archers. The qualifying scores have been set at 225 for White, 275 for Black, 325 for Blue, 375 for Red and 425 for Gold. They can be claimed on the day from a representative of DCAS at a cost of £1.50.

FITA however still do not have Star Awards for Longbows. DCAS are leading the way for FITA, and we have decided to allow Longbow archers to claim DCAS FITA Stars. The qualifying rounds are Gents FITA for the Gents, Ladies FITA for the Ladies and Metrics for the Juniors. The required scores are White 325, Black 375, Blue 425, Red 475 and Gold 525. Again these can be claimed on the day from a DCAS representative for £1.50

### FITA Star Badges for Juniors

FITA recognises Juniors in four groups. All girls up to and during the year of your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday are known as Cadet Women. Likewise, boys up to and during the year of your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday are known as Cadet Men. All girls up to and during the year of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday are known as Junior Women, and boys up to and during the year of your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, Junior Men.

The shooting distances are:

Cadet Women	60M, 50M, 40M and 30M (As Metric 2)
Cadet Men	70M, 60M, 50M and 30M (As Metric 1)
Junior Women	70M, 60M, 50M and 30M (As Ladies FITA)
Junior Men	90M, 70M, 50M and 30M (As Gents FITA)

The qualifying scores for badges are the same as the Seniors. 1000 White, 1100 Black, 1200 Blue, 1300 Red, 1350 Gold and 1400 Purple.

Colin Holmes

## *Update from Plymouth Archers*

We have been involved during the summer with a couple of Have-A-Go events, one at the Plympton 900 years anniversary, which took place at Plympton Castle. (Yes, Plympton has a real Norman castle) The day was fine and we were kept busy with enthusiastic and interested people. Was it the Robin Hood hat ?

Another event we were involved in was the Plymouth Sports Bug week. The event is designed to encourage the people of Plymouth to take up a sport and this year minority sports were given the chance to have a higher profile and draw people into these sports. The Robin Hood hat did not take part in this event.

As secretary of Plymouth Archers, I would like to ask the secretaries and tournament organisers to note all correspondence is be sent to Jim Start at 49 Seymour Road, Plympton, Plymouth PL7 4NZ, and not to Dave Worth who unfortunately is unable to continue in our sport. Plymouth Archers would like to thank Dave for all the good work he put into the Club. I would also like to take this opportunity to personally apologise to the clubs of Devon and Cornwall for not attending tournaments over the last couple of years.

Well done to Andy on his achievements at the Olympics.

Finally please join Plymouth Archers in wishing Pete Tucker all the best in his marriage to Purdy.

Jim Start  
Secretary, Plymouth Archers.

## *Being a Club Records Officer*

Every archer has a classification, ranging from Grand Master Bowman to Third Class outdoors, and from A to H indoors. Each archer also has a handicap rating which ranges between 1 and 100. These are both recorded on their personal record, which I maintain. The classifications and handicaps are worked out in accordance with the national scheme administered by the Grand National Archery Society. GNAS publish a book with instructions and tables from which I am able to work out all the accomplished figures. Classifications are looked up in the tables, which show each round separated into compound and recurve bow types. These are then sub-divided into Ladies and Gents, and again into age groups for juniors.

When you submit a score, I work out the classification and enter it onto your record. To gain a certain classification, you have to shoot three scores that reach that level or higher. Therefore, two second class rounds and a first class round would give you a second-class achievement. Annual requalification is necessary to maintain a classification. Classifications are used in most competitions to group archers according to their ability, with prizes being awarded in each category ie: 1<sup>st</sup> class, 2nd class, 3rd class, or novice, which is for competitors who have been shooting for less than 12 months.

Handicaps are found in a separate table, which is used for all archers and styles. To obtain a handicap, the average figure achieved from your first three rounds is taken. After this initial handicap has been worked out, each time you hand in a score with a lower handicap, half the difference between these two is subtracted to give your new handicap! Handicaps are rarely used, but when they are they allow archers of all abilities to compete together. There are published tables, which allocate an allowance for a particular round and handicap. If an archer shoots to his or her handicap, that score, when added to their handicap, will equal 1440.

It is every archer's responsibility to inform the Records Officer of rounds shot. The minimum information required is: your name, what round was shot, the date, place, score and for completeness hits and golds.

I am also responsible for entering the club into the various postal leagues we shoot in, for collating the league shoot results, completing the league returns and maintaining the league records.

Once a league shoot has taken place, I put all the scores in order, highest to lowest. I then complete the league return, taking the top scores in order to make up the "A" team, then the next highest scores for the "B" team, and so on. The completed forms are posted to the league organiser, and for the British Archer League, to the opposing team as well. The league teams and results are normally posted on the notice board within a couple of days of the shoot.

I also produce handicap and classification certificates for individual archers if they request them (for competitions) and complete a number of other jobs that need to be done during the year (*like shooting? – Ed. ☺*)

Just out of interest, indoors there are 71 records with a total of 450 entries, and outdoors there are 64 records with again 450 entries. So together we have shot and recorded 900 rounds during the year! In the last year we have also entered 22 postal teams, resulting in 190 league returns.

The best part of the job is watching archers scores improve, and subsequently their classification go up and handicap go down.

The worst part of the job? It's a toss up between trying to work out the owner of a particular score where no name has been put on the sheet, and having to add up score sheet totals, which have not been filled in.

Now you know what being Club Records Officer involves, and what happens to all those scores you hand in.

*This article was supplied to me over a year ago, but have only just had the space to print it. It was originally written for Exeter's members but we thought it was worth publishing in the DCAS newsletter. Thanks to Kevin Balding, who at the time was Exeter's Records Officer - Ed.*

## *National Barebow Championships*

As some of you may of seen, once a year the National Barebow Championships take place. As the nearest venue to the DCAS area is Cardiff in Wales, I have persuaded Kenwith Company of Archers to hold a leg of this event starting in 2006. However, this can only take place if there are enough archers to take part. If you shoot barebow, or know someone else who does please get in contact with me. My email address is Pete@kenwith-archers.org.uk.

Taking part in this event will not only give you a national ranking but you will also get a world ranking and it is great fun so please give it some thought and get in contact.

Pete Burrows-Bryan, Kenwith CoA