

**EDITORIAL**

We hope you are enjoying our Summer! The unsettled weather obviously seems to be keeping you away from the local tournaments, as the entries do seem to be low. I know that the clubs do work extremely hard putting on these shoots, and they need the revenue to help keep the clubs alive. Besides that, it is always so nice to see friends on the shooting line, and have a nice picnic, with or without the waterproofs.

Once again this month it is the usual stalwarts that have contributed to the newsletter. Surely some of you out there can put pen to paper, we need news from the clubs, quizzes to put in, thoughts from yourselves. This is your newsletter, please use it.

Colin & Ann Holmes.

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It is that time of year again, when a number of our young archers have been asked to venture forth and pit their skills against some of the top Junior Archers in the land, and once again they have taken up the challenge and shown that they are very worthy opponents, able to compete at the top level with success.

GWAS Junior Championships

Weather. Gusty winds, cloudy with prolonged sunny spells.



A proud Thomas Edwards of Newquay with his 9x10 gold end.

This year saw a significant drop in numbers, 52 entries (26 of these from SCAA, for obvious reasons) compared with 76 last year!! Has the wrong decision been made in taking the Inter-County element out? Should it have been the Somerset Championships that were ceded to another date? Or has the GWAS Junior Championships lost its appeal to the regions Juniors?

Whatever the reasons, this Tournament must not be allowed to sink into obscurity.

Apart from the York and the Coventry Team Award, there were no trophies awarded this year, instead, winners were presented with their Gold Wings and a keepsake in the form of a small clock shaped like a star. Our Juniors once again excelled themselves, and dominated the results as follows:-

1st Bristol I Boy Josh Slade, 1029, 1st Bristol II Boy Antony Wood, 1224, 1st Bristol III Boy Michael Bryan-Harris, 1112, 1st Bristol IV Boy Thomas Edwards, 1017, 1st Bristol IV Girl Amy Wilde, 1060 The Coventry Cup Club Team Award. Exmouth Juniors James Montgomery, Antony Wood, and Ryan Oliver. The Friendship Cup (handicap award) John Heatley

Other scores on the day: Ben Glover, only 6 points off first place with 1210, James Montgomery, 1073, Koan Hughes, 1071, Alexander Heatley, 1152,

Ryan Oliver, 990, Harry Benford, 821, John Heatley, 841 and Amy Jephson a PB.

I cannot praise these Archers enough, even with four of last years 'Golden Squad' not available, for various reasons, they have still remained a '**GOLDEN SQUAD**'



Ryan James & Antony receiving the Coventry Cup from Lady Paramount Mrs Kay Hobbs.

THE FUTURE IS LOOKING ROSEY!!

The National Junior Championships. Lilleshall, Shropshire

Weather Saturday. Heavy showers mixed with bright intervals, very strong gusts of wind. Sunday, Rain at first, frequent showers, some heavy, and some light wind....

Only 6 of our Juniors made the long trip to Lilleshall this year, and yet again they did us proud. On the first day, Fita Star & Metrics, Antony Wood gained 1st place with 1245 in the Metric 2. Ben Glover's score of 1251 could only earn him a 4th place!!!. The same for Michael Bryan - Harris, who has moved up an age group this year, 4th with a score of 1196 in the Metric 3.

Antony and Michael were included in the **Regional Junior Gents** Recurve team that came 3rd.

On the 2nd day, **The Championships**, Antony made it a double by winning the Bristol II with 1240. Michael came 3rd in the Bristol III scoring 1194, and Caz came 2nd in the Bristol III Girl scoring 1180.

DCAS NATIONAL COUNTY TEAM CHAMPIONS.....AGAIN!

MESSAGE FROM OUR D.C.A.S. SECRETARY

The DCAS Committee wish to congratulate the junior archers on their success, the County is very proud of them. We would also like to express our thanks to Brian Hardy for the work he does on behalf of the juniors, he is their friend and mentor and this must help the young archers in their achievements. So THANK YOU Brian. Marion.

GWAS NATIONAL REGIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONS



The **County** Mixed Recurve Team of 4, was won by DCAS for the second year running with Antony, Caz, Michael, and James. (James is not in picture)

The **Regional** Mixed Recurve Team of 4, was won by GWAS with Caz, Michael, Antony, the 4th member being Ashe Morgan from GAS, (not in picture)

GWAS came 3rd in The **Regional Compound** Team, which included Ben.

THE FUTURE IS **REALLY** LOOKING ROSEY111

2008 Youth World Championships

Antony Wood has been selected to shoot at the above Championships. Well done Antony.

COPIOUS CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU, AND MY THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME, THE ENJOYMENT OF YOUR SUCCESS.

Our Junior Archers, I am sure you will all agree, have yet again, shown that they are a great credit to our Society, and must be congratulated, not only in this respect, but also in the way that they have continued to serve DCAS. We must serve them in return, by rewarding them with our continued support & encouragement.....

Junior Squad & Development

Sessions will be starting in October, Letters this year will be going out within the next two or three weeks. If any of you that have not been to these training days are interested, and want to know more please email me with the subject ref of Junior Squad at boiseone@aol.com or by phone on 01566-777037.

Brian H.
Junior Rep

What makes a good archer?

It has often crossed my mind that there are a great many archers shooting today who are potentially a lot better archers than they appear to be from looking at their competition results.

In most competitions, especially in the longer distance outdoor shoots, the weather can play a significant part in who appears the better archer on the day. In windy conditions especially, the archer who can pull (and manage) a heavy poundage bow does have an advantage over one who is shooting low poundage and having to send their arrows skywards first!

Because of this I believe the majority of competitors are always on the limit, endeavouring to pull that one extra pound on their fingers and consequently losing out on their best form and potential.

For those fit people who can put in the hard training and effort to reach the top, I applaud you (If only I was 20 years younger etc. etc!!). There are also those lucky enough to have been born with or have gained a strong body over the years. To them a bow of high poundage may seem like a toy to them. Where does it leave the rest of us then?, the poor, the weak and elderly!!!

Well luckily a lot of the lack of muscle can be counter balanced with good form and practice. This helps level the playing field, but only in a few cases.

Bear with me, I am now coming to the point.

If everyone in a competition was shooting a similar weighted bow, with similar arrows, would the results be the same? If we all had equal and manageable equipment would we see different names on the trophies. Maybe. However, it is still more than likely that those who put in the most effort on the training /practice field would reap the rewards.

In other sports, such as weight lifting and boxing, competition is broken down into strength categories. It is not expected that a 8 stone boxer matches against an 18 stone heavyweight. So, as in some other sports, should our tournament classes be broken down into more equal ability groups? For example 25-30 lbs, 31-40 lbs, etc. It would be a tournament organiser and judges nightmare but would it show peoples true potential? There are a lot of questions to be asked and answered and I am not sure anything would ever be proven. However the real question is how do you tell who is the better archer, is it the highest score, the best form or the most consistency?

Or, at the end of the day, does it really matter? After all Archery is primarily an individual sport and the only person to beat is yourself – or is it???

Bob Young

ANOTHER REMINDER

County Team Selection Has Started!!

All 12 dozen scores obtained through a Full FITA round or a York/Hereford are eligible to be counted towards team selection.

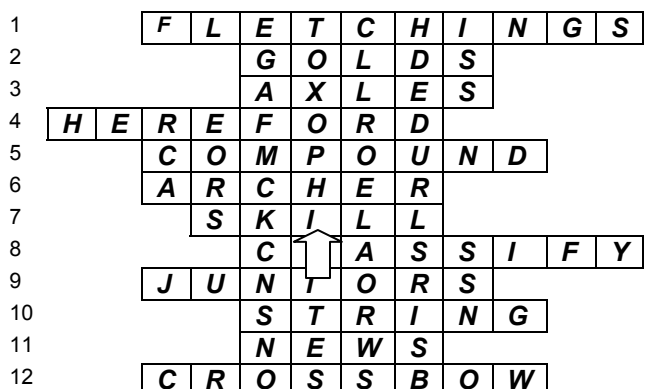
To start with, everyone's scores will be monitored and the scores converted to handicaps. In August, the final handicaps, based on the archers best 5 scores will be used for County Team Selection for the Inter Counties event in September. For DCAS tournaments you need to do nothing. For out of county events you must submit your score to me with a copy of the tournament results for them to be included. By mid July I should have a copy of the "state of play" for you to look at.

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COMMITTEE FOR 2007/8

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*DCAS Representatives to Grand Western Council	

Answer to quick quiz in newsletter No. 30



as at	28/02/2008	Gents	Combined FITA	Barebow	765	Jim Start	16/03/08 at St Austell	749	YES
	Ladies	Portsmouth	Compound	581	Gillian Bedford	13/01/08 at Kyrton	578	equals	
	Ladies	Double Portsmouth	Compound	1162	Gillian Bedford	13/01/08 at Kyrton	1158	YES	
	Ladies	Portsmouth	Longbow	471	Virginia Quick	24/02/08 at Kitto	465	YES	
	Ladies	Double Portsmouth	Longbow	930	Virginia Quick	24/02/08 at Kitto	892	YES	
	Junior Ladies	Portsmouth	Longbow	234	Amy Wilde	03/02/08 at Brixham	not	YES U13	

as at	18/07/2008	Ladies	FITA 720	Longbow	142	Virginia Quick	27/04/08 at Redruth	new	YES
	Ladies	American	Longbow	484	Virginia Quick	11/05/08 at Redruth	461	YES	
	Ladies	Double American	Longbow	912	Virginia Quick	11/05/08 at Redruth	881	YES	
	Ladies	60m Distance	Recurve	313	Estelle Edwick	01/06/08 at Exmouth	311	no	
	Junior Ladies	Single Metric 4	Longbow	730	Amy Wilde	31/05/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U13	
	Junior Ladies	Double Metric 4	Longbow	1433	Amy Wilde	31/01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U13	
	Junior Ladies	40m/122cm Distance	Longbow	143	Amy Wilde	31/05/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U13	
	Junior Ladies	30m/122cm Distance	Longbow	181	Amy Wilde	01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U13	
	Junior Ladies	20m/80cm Distance	Longbow	184	Amy Wilde	01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U13	
	Junior Ladies	10m/80cm Distance	Longbow	270	Amy Wilde	01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U13	
	Junior Ladies	Albion	Compound	772	Nichole Challacombe	08/06/08 at Lizard	new	YES U16	
	Junior Ladies	Junior American	Compound	738	Nichole Challacombe	11/05/08 at Redruth	new	YES U16	
	Junior Ladies	Double Junior American	Compound	1502	Nichole Challacombe	11/05/08 at Redruth	new	YES U16	
	Junior Ladies	Short National	Compound	596	Nichole Challacombe	04/05/08 at Exeter	568	YES U16	
	Junior Ladies	Junior National	Longbow	315	Amy Wilde	04/05/08 at Exeter	not DCAS	YES U13	
	Gents	FITA 720	Longbow	283	Mike Robinson	27.04.08 at Redruth	new	YES	
	Gents	Double FITA	Longbow	1082	Chris Quinn	31/05/08 at Exmouth	988	YES	
	Gents	Albion	Compound	944	Kevin Chidgey	16/06/08 at Dunster	942	no	
	Gents	Double American	Compound	1612	Kevin Chidgey	11/05/08 at Redruth	1606	YES	
	Gents	Long National	Recurve	529	Tim Pratt	25/05/08 at Brixham	517	no	
	Gents	National	Recurve	614	David Howell	04/05/08 at Exeter	610	no	
	Junior Gents	Metric 1	Recurve	1219	Antony Wood	31/01/06/08 at Exmouth	1168	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	Double Metric 1	Recurve	2427	Antony Wood	31/01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	Metric 2	Compound	1312	Ben Glover	31/05/08 at Exmouth	1288	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	Double Metric 2	Compound	2587	Ben Glover	31/01/06/08 at Exmouth	2475	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	Double Metric 3	Recurve	2318	Michael Bryan Harris	31/01/06/08 at Exmouth	1973	YES U14	
	Junior Gents	Long Metric 3	Recurve	576	Michael Bryan Harris	01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U14	
	Junior Gents	50m/122mm Distance	Recurve	282	Michael Bryan Harris	01/06/08 at Exmouth	258	equals	
	Junior Gents	40m/80cm Distance	Compound	321	Ben Glover	01/06/08 at Exmouth	new	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	Long Western	Compound	800	Ben Glover	11/05/08 at Kyrton	743	YES U16/U18	
	Junior Gents	New Western	Recurve	528	Joshua Slade	11/05/08 at Kyrton	388	YES U18	
	Junior Gents	Western	Barebow	100	Jacob Beams	20/04/08 at Tors	52	YES U14	
	Junior Gents	Short National	Compound	640	Ben Glover	04/05/08 at Exeter	619	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	Short Junior National	Longbow	159	Henry Beams	04/05/08 at Exeter	new	YES U12	
	Junior Gents	Junior National	Longbow	130	Jacob Beams	04/05/08 at Exeter	new	YES U14	
	Junior Gents	30m/80cm Distance	Recurve	299	Michael Bryan Harris	01/06/08 at Exmouth	not DCAS	YES U14	
	Junior Gents	50m/80cm Distance	Compound	329	Ben Glover	31/05/08 at Exmouth	not DCAS	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	30m/80cm Distance	Recurve	339	Antony Wood	31/05/08 at Exmouth	not DCAS	YES U16	
	Junior Gents	50m/80cm Distance	Recurve	305	Antony Wood	01/06/08 at Exmouth	not DCAS	YES U16	

NAME THE STYLE OF SHOOTING No. 1

I can have a ring on my limb, with no arrow rest, only a pearl inset. I can send arrows in different directions with no trouble at all. I have a flat side and a round side, which gives me a "D" shape to my limbs. My archer needs a glove, even if its hot sunshine. My arrows have feathers from turkev winds.

NAME THE STYLE OF SHOOTING No. 2

I cannot see where I am shooting, but I can face or string walk if I wish. I have no covers to keep me warm. If I wish I can shoot with a short long rod, and I can move through the trees with not problem. Metal arrows are my favourite, but I can use others with a shooting glove for finger tab. I can score points from a kill or wound.