

Hi and welcome to the 41st Issue of the DCAS newsletter!! I know most of you have started your outdoor season now – let me know about your scores and your rounds!! I am also looking for jokes, articles, pictures and anything else you think everyone would like to see!! Enjoy this latest issue!



Sami xxx

Rob Honeysett 18th June 1944 – 31st March 2011

It is with great sadness that I write this piece for the Newsletter, and to inform you that Mr Rob Honeysett who was an archer with Kenwith Co Archers passed away suddenly on 31st March 2011.

This is in loving memory of Rob Honeysett 18th June 1944 – 31st March 2011 who was a gentle giant and a gentleman in every sense of the word.

Rob joined Kenwith in 2008 shortly after I did and he loved his longbow. You would see Rob on the field with his quiver around his back and as he would lean forward to pick his longbow up all his arrows would fall out of his quiver, he would always laugh at this as he done it so often. Rob was a larger than life character and enjoyed life (the week before his death he was in Umberleigh Pantomime) playing the part of an XL , size 52 double E busted women and singing his heart out in his big deep voice.

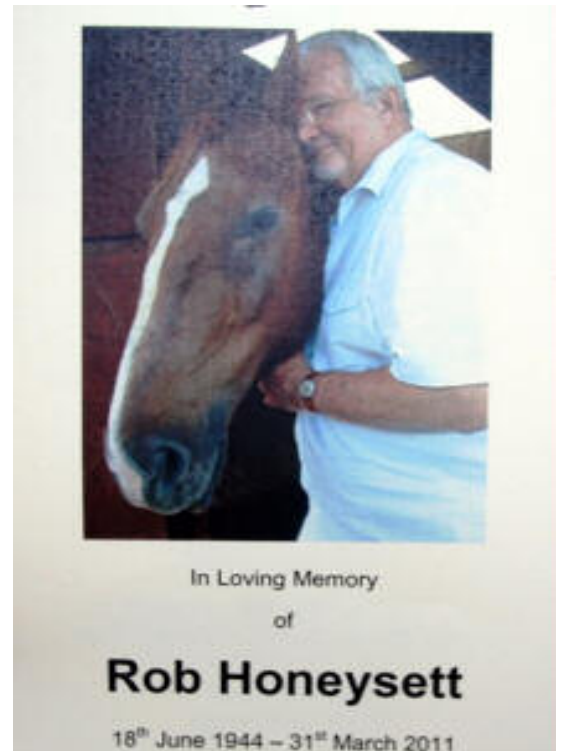
Rob worked as a Bio Chemist up until 3 years ago, and was involved in a lot of things - he had a love of music and played the guitar. He was involved in the Note book club which went around schools acting out bible story's to the kids . Rob was also involved with a charity which was very dear to his heart, The Nehemiah Project which is in Sierra Leone, a charity that aids war torn children and helps with schooling and teaching. Rob had recently returned from his 7th trip with the charity to Sierra Leone in January of this year, and every time Rob would, go he would take his guitar with him and sing and teach .

At the funeral service for Rob a letter was read out which had arrived from Sierra Leone. The letter had been written by one of the project leaders and said that they were holding a memorial at 12 noon to remember Rob Honeysett.

All who knew Rob Honeysett will have known a gentle giant, and a soft spoken gentle man.

Paulette Mills, Kenwith Archers

Ed – Our best wishes go out to all of Rob's friends and family, and may he RIP. X



Coaching Corner with your CCO – Phill Carder

We are planning to run a level 1 course in September - this course is now full, we are just waiting to confirm the staffing of the course. The twelve people will be contacted as soon as the last details are cleared up. This course is now much shorter than in the past as it consists of three days of instruction then twelve weeks later there is an assessment day. This gives the candidate time to practice the things learnt in the classroom environment and be more self confident when they get to the assessment.

If there are any others wishing to do the Level one course please get in contact with me to be added to the list. As of May this year we have to give seven months notice to arrange the (at present) limited staff availability.

Also if any level 1 Coaches are interested in doing a level two course please contact me. If enough people want to do the course I will try to get one organised in the county.

The long bow coaching session I have had a fairly limited response so far with nine local long bowers and two from Hampshire (strange but true) so if you have not contacted me please do.

By the time you will read this, the third junior squad will have taken place. The sessions were run in Exeter, as we had a venue available at short notice (and reasonable cost). The coaches have been impressed by the positive attitude from the juniors and the improvements that they have made to their shooting. We hope to see some of them out at competitions during the summer.

I am hoping to run both junior and senior squads next winter. It is possible that we can run some of the sessions on one day with two shooting areas (one for adults and one for juniors) which will cut down the travelling expenses. I plan to use local coaches for each venue, I do however, need to know how many people are wanting to take part in the sessions so please let me know as soon as possible. **[[Email, telephone, tap on the shoulder at a shoot (not at full draw please)]]**.

One last thing....there is a new mentoring qualification consisting of a short lecture given by a senior coach. I have the names of two people who would like to do this, but if there are any more of you interested, please let me know! It will be held close to the majority of the coaches wanting to take part.

Phill Carder DCAS CCO

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Devon and Cornwall Intercounties Archery team

Senior qualification

Please note that as the date of the Intercounties is now

Sunday 2nd October 2011 at Exeter School,
please keep this free in your diary if you can!!!

We have decided to extend the qualification period for
handing in scores to Monday 19th September 2011.

As usual, any scores must be notified to Bob Young by this
date or they will not be included in the calculation of your
five best scores to select the senior Team members.

Just to remind you; the team is selected by ranking your
best 5 scores for the season, being 12 dozen rounds
applicable to your gender. This is Ladies and Gents FITA or
York's and Hereford's. These scores are then translated
into a handicap, and your best five are then added
together and divided by 5. This gives you an average

handicap over those five shoots and the team is made up of those attaining the lowest handicap average.

During the season, if the shoot is held within the DCAS region, Bob will collect your score, if however you shoot
outside of DCAS, it is your responsibility to ensure that Bob receives a copy of the official shoot score sheet.
Only scores shot at open shoots are allowed, therefore Club target days are not acceptable.

You may, if you wish, submit your best 5 scores to Bob towards the end of the season to make sure that his
records agree to your calculations. Please do not leave this to the last week in case there are differences to
sort out.

Shortly after the closing date, those who qualify will be contacted to ensure that they are available and willing
to shoot for the team and the team is not announced until all responses have been collated.

If you do not make the team, we would still be delighted to see you at the shoot as there are many jobs that
need attending to on the day. We would like this year to allocate a runner/support archer to all archers
shooting for the team. This would involve ensuring that a group of up to 4 archers are OK for drinks, etc and
also ensuring that scores are collected at the end of each dozen and reported to our central score collection
point. I can guarantee that you will enjoy the day, almost as much as if you are shooting, and you will be able
to help sort out equipment and other issues as they present themselves, allowing our archers to put 100%
concentration to the job in hand.

We have been so close the last few years, let's hope that with good shooting and admin support, we can go
the extra mile!!!

Steve Glover

Senior Team Manager

Are you a target archer that is “FRIGHTENED” of Field Archery???

Do you think that Field Archery is all about shooting arrows and then spending hours looking for them?? WELL, I hope that after reading this you will be convinced that this is not the case, and that is it another enjoyable but different form of archery that can only improve your technique on the Target Field.

What is Field Archery???

Field archery in it's simplest form is shooting arrows at targets over different terrain, up and down hills and slopes at various distances that can be either unknown or measured.

There are two main types:

- 3D and Big Game
- Fita Field.

3D and Big Game are targets at unknown distances that are shot from 3 different (but ever closer) positions until you hit the target - once you hit you stop shooting at that target. The target is either a picture of an animal or a 3D foam lookalike.

Fita Field is a Black round target with a yellow gold, (Similar to a target face) but you shoot all three arrows from the same position. These targets can be at known or “marked” distances, or unknown, “Unmarked” distances. On all these targets you shoot all 3 arrows every time.

Common Misconception

“I will miss the target because I don't know the distance” Not true!!!! Most people miss a few targets but only very occasionally. Even if you miss, there is usually either a boss or netting behind, and foam bosses are usually larger than the targets, so you also have the extra area around the target should you misjudge. Target archers always say that they will miss the targets, but once they get on a course and start to see how easy it is they wish they had tried before.

Distances

Distances are between 5 and 60 metres depending on the size of the target and the terrain. Even if you guess the distance 10 metres out, you are likely to hit the boss!!!!



Above are the FITA faces. You will shoot at 4 different sizes, (20cm, 40cm, 60cm and 80cm) depending on how far they are away. The 60cm face is the same as a Portsmouth face and the 80cm is the same as the last two distances on a FITA shoot.



Above are two 3D foam targets, and as you can see, they are life size copies of the real thing.

Maybe it's time to have a go...?

Did you know that the GWAS / DCAS Field Champs are going to be held at the Exmouth Archers Field Course in October? The round will be FITA Field and on the Saturday, 24 "Unmarked" targets are to be shot and on Sunday, 24 "Marked" targets are to be shot.

Why don't you come along and have a go, and enjoy another side to archery. We may be able to take one day entries depending on numbers.

If you want to come and have a go before, contact Exmouth Archers and they will arrange to let you come and have a go for a small charge on a Sunday or perhaps for a couple of hours in the evening now that the lighter nights are here. Why not make it a Club outing and all try something different together?? We have had Clubs come and try the course and all have gone away laughing and smiling, and some have come back for repeat visits.

Please contact Steve Glover, 07972 055650 or secretary@exmouth-archers.org.uk,
or field@exmouth-archers.org,
or any Exmouth committee member.

Here is the link to the Exmouth website, if you follow About Us, Field Venue, you will see some colour photos of the course and some targets.

<http://www.exmouth-archers.org.uk/>

Steve Glover
Exmouth Archers Secretary

Gary is on the mend, and coming back with vengeance.... with a ROLAND?!



“The orange bow was 20lb and now I’m on 24lb with clicker and stabilizers, so it feels a bit more normal. Now just need to get the poundage up and..... 'I'll be back”

Ed- We all wish you a swift recovery Gary and looking forward to seeing you back on the circuit!! x

URGENTLY WANTED

DCAS ARE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR A SUMMER LEAGUE CO-ORDINATOR.....

PLEASE CONTACT SAMI GLOVER IF YOU ARE AT ALL INTERESTED IN THIS....

CAPTION COMPETITION



Answers to : toptoxgal@hotmail.co.uk

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MESSAGE FROM GNAS/ARCHERY UK

Would your club be interested in getting some FREE DANAGE SQUARES TO USE? A load of old Danage squares are being donated to DCAS from GNAS head office up in Lilleshall. Kenwith Company of Archers managed to secure some last year, and they have worked their magic again this year. GNAS has asked that these be distributed throughout the clubs evenly (as to their requirements).

Some of these squares are nearly brand new, and some are only good for backstop material.

If your club would be interested in these, please have them contact Paulette Mills (organiser of this wonderful gift) or Dean Stojic (Chairman of Kenwith) to find out more. Both Paulette and Dean are at Grand Day – so have word.

THANKYOU GNAS!!!



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