

Hello and welcome to the final edition of the newsletter for 2011 (Edition 43) It has been a mixed year with rain, sunshine, good scores, bad scores, fun and equipment worries! DCAS Shoots were reasonably well attended this year, and many people have been travelling around a bit in search of those ever elusive 'MB' scores. Congratulations to those of you who managed to gain all three – fantastic shooting! For those that didn't – don't worry, you always have next year ☺



Thanks for all of your support over the years – hope to see you on the shooting line soon – but I will still be editing this newsletter for a bit longer yet! You can't get rid of me THAT easily! If you have anything you want to include in the next newsletter, then please email me on:

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Best of luck with the rest of the indoor season,

Sami x

All About Me.....

I first took up the longbow in 1951 at the age of 9. I moved onto Recurve as a member of Rolls-Royce Bowmen and in 1975, I joined Derbyshire Archery Club who I remained a member of until I moved to Cornwall.

In 1989 I became a candidate judge, qualifying a year later as county. From then on I was mentored by Denis Whiteman who encouraged me to progress until I became a National Judge in 1997. Since then I have joined the National Judges Committee, producing the Judges Web Site for them and this year became the National Judges Registrar. I actually met my wife whilst Judging a double FITA Star; at which she was a competitor who was looking for one of her arrows (and I kindly pointed out that the missing arrow was sticking in the target number that was placed above the target in this instance!!)

Since moving to Cornwall I have joined Redruth Archers and become involved in several committees. My desire though is to find time to get my bow out again.

Peter Fairbrother

In the Navy....

On Sunday 4th September, Darren Bennion (Yelverton) and Phil Carder (Exmouth) both represented the Navy at the Inter-service Archery Competition at HMS Collingwood.



Despite very difficult weather conditions, they won the Compound team event by a considerable margin, with Darren winning the Inter-services title for the 6th time, the Navy title for the 7th time and the York overall. This completed a weekend's clean sweep with the FITA the day before.

It was a good day for the Royal Navy, winning all but the Recurve team event (due to lack of team). Congratulations also to Jonathan Parker (formerly of Yelverton Bowmen) for winning the individual Recurve.

Darren Bennion, Yelverton Bowmen

WANTED:

**Second-hand Rolan or similar bow, 18-22lbs,
right-handed.**

**If you can help please contact Penny Crane –
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REMEMBER...

For those of you who are having a bad day's shooting, just think that things can always get worse....



Puzzle Time

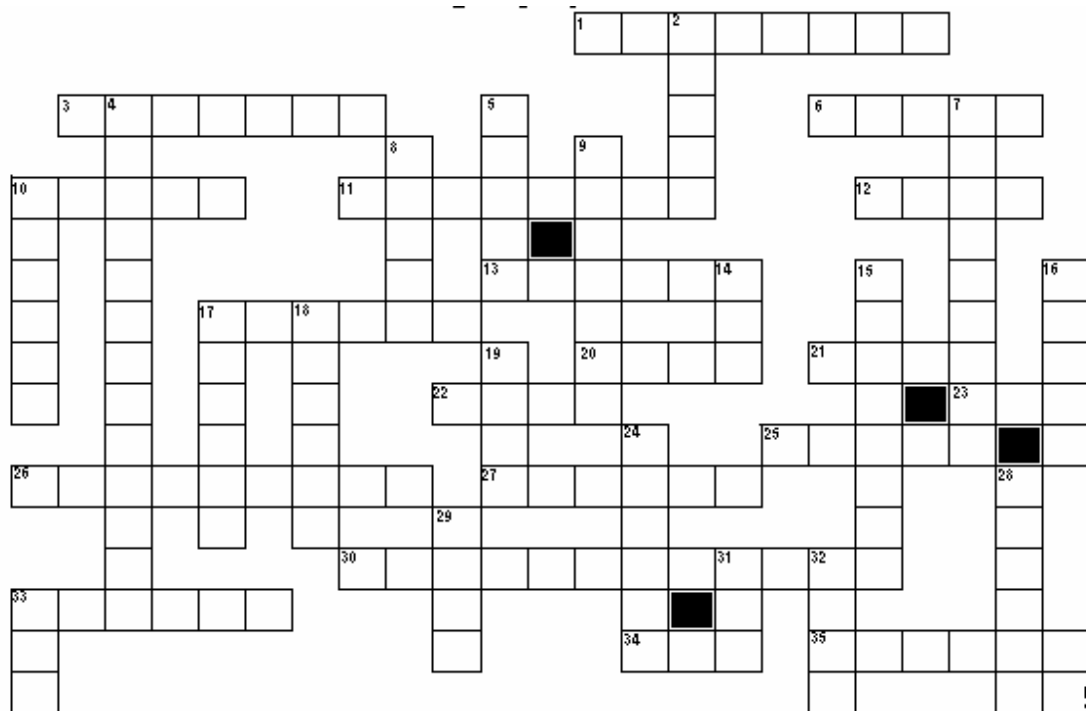
So, the year of the Olympics in London is nearly upon us so I thought I would include some Olympics themed quizzes!

1) How many words can you make out of the letters ...

OLYMPIC GAMES

(you don't have to use them all)

2) Cross word – can you solve all of the clues?



Across

1. A very long race
3. Where many games take place
6. This holds the flame
10. One of the colors of the Olympics Flag's rings
11. The games
12. How many years apart the ancient Olympics were held
13. The metal used in the second place medal
17. Tennis and diving occur during these Olympics
20. The metal used in the first place medal
21. ___ put
22. One of the colors of the Olympics Flag's rings
23. International Olympic Committee abbrev.
25. One of the colors of the Olympics Flag's rings
26. An Olympic event containing three sports
27. Where the ancient Olympics took place
30. The tallest mountain in Greece
33. The location of the Summer 2000 games
34. What a gold medal recipient did
35. The capital of Greece

Down

2. The Olympics flag has five of these
4. A summer Olympics event
5. The Olympic _____
7. The French man who revived the Olympics
8. The hottest part of the Olympics
9. The athletes live in the Olympic _____
10. The metal used in the third place medal
14. One of the colors of the Olympics Flag's rings
15. Olympic competitors
16. _____ and field
17. Athletic events
18. What the top three winners in each event receive
19. An Olympic symbol
24. One of the colors of the Olympics Flag's rings
28. A short, fast, running event
29. A winter sport
31. The only original Olympics contestants
32. The location of the Winter 2002 games
33. The flame is started using the rays of the ___

Intercounties 2011

Third time lucky this year I managed to get settled enough at the beginning of the season to put in 4 respectable scores and then one dodgy score (thanks to Newquay's predictable weather - wet and very windy). Unfortunately I then missed the highlight of the Exmouth FITA Weekend with its big scores due to illness – but very well done to Mark and Steve!

On competition day I was up early as Steve Allen was picking me up at 6.15am to arrive at Exeter's fog-bound ground at 7.30am. After I got my Tent and Bow set up, I was off for bacon bap and a well needed coffee to calm my nerves. At 9.00am there was team photo with my new jacket on and ready for assembly. At 9.45am the fog cleared and there followed the start of a very hot day – especially for October!

I really enjoyed the shooting - even more so by being kept supplied the coffees and cold drinks from Sally and Jess. Everyone in the team really appreciated this. At the end of the shoot I was very happy with my score - New PB of 1190 -and came 5th over all. Well done to Darren on his PB and beating me by 2 points!!

Overall DCAS came 2nd AGAIN but as with all competitions, a really great day in good company and something I hope to be doing for years to come.

Andrew Scott, Bowmen of Wadebridge

GWAS Intercounties - DCAS County Team Selection

Following discussions and thoughts from various archers both pre and post the intercounties this year, various suggestions have been offered as to whether we should consider changing the selection process in an attempt to ensure that as strong a county team as possible represents us on the day.

THE CURRENT POSITION

During the outdoor season up to a predefined cut-off point, archers scores are either collated or, submitted by themselves if shot out of county, to the records officer who maintains and plots their scores for the year and converted into handicaps. The team is then solely selected on the basis of an average of 5 shoot handicaps over the year. The arguments for and against this are:-

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- a) The archer can hand in scores shot anywhere, and does not have to attend specific shoots to qualify for the county team.

This therefore does not disadvantage people who cannot attend a specific shoot through, holiday, illness, injury, squad related matters and National Representation.

AGAINST

Archers do not have to compete against each other, on the same ground, on the same day, in the same conditions, and therefore some archers may get “lucky” in terms of conditions based on the shoots they select.

THE POSITION IN OTHER COUNTIES

- Some counties nominate say 6 predetermined selection shoots at the beginning of the season, and only scores shot at these are eligible for qualification for team score purposes. It may be that the best 4 out of the 6 scores count allowing for the fact that some archers may be unable to attend all those shoots.
- Some Counties believe that in order to ensure that their best archers shoot for the County they have a ruling that archers who have qualified in the year as GMB/MB get direct entry to the team. If insufficient archers attain this standard, then a handicap basis is used to fill the vacant places. If too many archers attain the standard, then again they are sorted out on the basis of handicaps over a predetermined number of submitted scores.
- Some Counties say that 3 shoots must have been shot in County and the other 2 can be from out of Region, again using the handicap system.
- Some have a single selection shoot, this is usually to sort out remaining team places after GMB/MB archers have prequalified for the team. This selection shoot is usually quite close the Inter-counties event so that archers that are in form are best placed to qualify.
- Some Counties rely solely on a selection panel who invite archers who they believe are in form to represent the County. This I know has led to significant discussions and disagreements as it is solely subjective.

What is the best way forward for our County, we are challenged due to the geographic spread of our region and travelling and distances involved can be great.

- Are we “happy” that our current system is as fair and is fit for purpose for our region??

I have discussed the present system with this year’s team members and now would like to invite observations and views from all archers in the region.

Please consider the current and any potential adjustments to how we currently select within our region.

I do hope you will take the time to consider our current method and if and how it could be improved upon.

I look forward to your comments as I am keen that the method used is favoured and preferred by those selected by it.

Please therefore send any comments to me at srglover01@btinternet.com or to 125 Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4RE

Steve G
DCAS Senior Team Manager

Teignbridge Sports Personality Awards 2011

On Friday the 18th November the Teignbridge Sports Personality Awards 2011 were held at Langstone Cliff Hotel in Dawlish Warren, Devon.

Last year I came first in the Junior Sportsman of the Year Category but was unable to attend as I was away at GB Squad training. So this year it was nice to join in and experience it for myself, getting up on stage to collect my certificate for coming 3rd in my category 'Senior Sportsman of the Year'.

I felt very proud to be in a room full of so much talent, on and off the stage. From very different sports Water Polo, Rugby, Tae Kwon-Do, BMX and Ultimate Frisbee (must admit this one did Surprise me, never looked at being a sport before just a holiday past time, learn something new every day)!

Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, Natalie Melmore, 22 crowned Teignbridge Sports Personality of the Year for the second year running.

My personal coach Phill Carder and his wife Row attended, along with my Grandparents, Mum and younger brother Bradley. Cllr Richard Keeling one of my nominees joined in the celebrations. The evening very much became a family gathering as my cousin Kevin Sharp was nominated to collect an Award for 'Services to Sport in the Community' as was my brother Bradley for 'Sportsman with a Physical/Learning Disability'.

As many of you know I have been off with an injury. I would like to thank my personal coach Phill Carder for helping me to keep positive & for helping me to build up my strength sharing his expertise. As a result I am now on the road to making a full recovery. Thank you Phill for everything you're a Top coach!



Ryan Oliver, Exmouth Archers

For Sale

Mathews Switchback Compound 50lbs-60lbs 30" draw
Black Right Handed
Trophy-Taker Rest, Textonics sight with Cartel X-
PERT Sight Pin, comes in Blue Easton Bow Bag

£ 300

Kaya K7-Top Limbs - LONG, 42LBS, Almost BRAND
NEW

£ 220

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Please give a warm welcome to your new League Co-ordinator!

Hi everyone! A lot of members know me as the secretary of Archers of An-Garrek .I have been an archery member for the past 20 years and we run a small archery club in Roche which now has 16 members. We like shooting with the radio on and we all stop at half time for tea & cake and a good old chin wag .We have lots of club tournaments, including a beginner's tournament and also most improved summer & winter archer. The Postal & Frostbite entry forms are already on D.C.A.S. website (which includes my name address, phone number & email address) and John Russell emailed all secretaries giving them my information back in September; so there is NO excuse for anyone to say they don't know how to contact me.

I have never run a postal league before & help hasn't been forthcoming so I am doing it to the best of my knowledge. Match lists are done already & I had quite a few entries. The closing date is 31st of October and I **WILL NOT** accept entries after this date. I hope what I have done works, and I am giving it my best shot. I have attached a mug shot so you know who I am!



Megan

Palio fun in Barnstaple

By Estelle Edwick

A touch of medieval festivities came to Barnstaple in September when a number of Italians from our twin town of Susa in Northern Italy brought part of their annual Palio celebrations to England, to coincide with the Barnstaple carnival. Amongst those participating were the archers Roberto and Marco who challenged Barnstaple Archery Club to a competition.

The event was co-ordinated by the town council, with the archery tournament being organised by Ron Harper, who worked hard preparing for the event and ensuring it all went according to plan.



Photo: The 6 Barnstaple Archers and T.O Ron Harper

The final results were:

- 1st - 385 – Barnstaple C (Luke and Helen)
- 2nd - 379 - Susa (Roberto and Marco)
- 3rd - 372 – Barnstaple A (Alan and Mark)
- 4th - 371 - Barnstaple B (Jason and Pete)

The Palio was one of many new ventures for Barnstaple Archery Club this year and has given the competition bug to some of our new archers who have subsequently attended some of the local indoor tournaments.

Our history

Barnstaple Archery Club was founded 12 years ago by a small group of archers, but just 4 years ago the club was reduced to 3 archers and searching for a new home, following displacement caused by the construction of the new Barnstaple Bridge. Having found a new venue in 2008, courtesy of the parish council, the club grew with a small influx of new members. During the last two years we have run our first few beginners' courses and swelled our numbers further. Now, the club is thriving with 32 members (both field and target) and it is going from strength to strength. We now have a level 1 coach, Robin Lee, who joined us following relocation from Somerset last September and we are working hard to be able to meet the needs of our current and future members.

We have another beginner's course and coaching/tuning sessions for club members running at the moment, and we also have another beginner's course scheduled to start at the end of January which is filling up fast. Due to our rapid growth we are currently pursuing a number of funding options for supporting our current and future needs, but to keep us going short term, the club needs more club bows and arrows (particularly junior ones).

As our membership is predominantly archers with less than 2 years experience we have a high demand for second hand kit, both for archers looking to upgrade and also for beginners looking for their first bows after their beginners course. I would like to ask that if anyone has personal, or club, second hand kit for sale that they forward details to us.

The future of Barnstaple Archery Club is yet to be written, but 2012 already promises to be an exciting year, including hosting our very first outdoor open shoot. So watch this space!



6 archers from Barnstaple competed in teams of 2 against the Italians, shooting 2 ½ dozen arrows at 25m, bare bow. Most of the archers competing for Barnstaple had only completed their beginners courses this year or last year and despite the fact that this was their first competitive event, they all shot well despite the incredibly windy conditions on the day.

Latest List of New County Records and GWAS claims - 2011

As at:
Date

	<u>New Records</u>					<u>DCAS</u>	<u>Claim for</u>	
	<u>Round</u>	<u>Bow</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date and Venue</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>GWAS</u>	
23/02/11	Ladies	Portsmouth	Longbow	492	Sarah Conisbee	13/02/11 @ Pool School	474	Yes
		Double Portsmouth	Longbow	990	Sarah Conisbee	13/02/11 @ Pool School	930	Yes
	Gents	Fita 18	Barebow	533	Rich Burrige	28/11/10 @ Wincanton	524	Yes
04/08/11	Ladies	Combined Fita	Longbow	803	Sarah Conisbee	13/03/11 @ St Austell	667	Yes
		Fita 25	Longbow	406	Sarah Conisbee	13/03/11 @ St Austell	382	Yes
		Portsmouth	Longbow	500	Sarah Conisbee	27/02/11 @ Kitto	492	Yes
		National	Longbow	330	Sarah Conisbee	01/05/11 @ Exeter	325	
		50m Distance	Recurve	308	Estelle Edwick	16/04/11 @ Chippenham	305	Yes
		Hereford	Compound	1244	Nichole Challacombe	03/07/11 @ Wadebridge	1234	
		York	Longbow	201	Myra Hingston	10/07/11 @ Exmouth	158	
	Gents	70m Distance	Barebow	465	Rich Burrige	04/06/11 @ Lilleshall	364	
		Combined Fita	Barebow	1080	Rich Burrige	13/03/11 @ St Austell	765	Yes
		Fita 25	Barebow	539	Rich Burrige	13/03/11 @ St Austell	421	Yes
		50m Distance	Recurve	309	Nigel Lyon	24/07/11 @ Cleve	308	
	J Lady	Hereford	Compound	1244	Nichole Challacombe	03/07/11 @ Wadebridge	1234	Yes U18
		2-way National	Longbow	68 hits	Amy Wilde	01/05/11 @ Exeter	62	
		Short Jnr Western	Longbow	417	Heidi Wakeley	17/04/11 @ Tors	new	Yes U14
		Bristol 3	Longbow	621	Amy Wilde	03/07/11 @ Lilleshall	563	Yes U16/U18
		50m/122cm Distance	Longbow	115	Amy Wilde	02/07/11 @ Lilleshall	103	Yes U16
	J Gent	Junior Western	Longbow	333	Harry Wakeley	17/04/11 @ Tors	new	Yes U14
28/08/11	Ladies	Double Fita	Longbow	1214	Sarah Conisbee	06/07/11 Redruth	1042	Yes
		Fita	Longbow	623	Sarah Conisbee	07/08/11 @ Redruth	564	
		60m Distance	Longbow	178	Sarah Conisbee	07/08/11 @ Redruth	176	Yes

	50m Distance	Longbow	140	Sarah Conisbee	06/08/11 @ Redruth	129	Yes
	30m Distance	Longbow	240	Sarah Conisbee	07/08/11 @ Redruth	228	Yes
	New National	Barebow	71	Jane Forrow	24/07/11 @ Crowthorne	new	Yes
	Long National	Barebow	138	Jane Forrow	24/07/11 @ Crowthorne	new	Yes

20/10/11

Ladies	Long Metric	Recurve	621	Estelle Edwick	13/08/11 @ Lilleshall	588	
	50m Distance	Recurve	311	Estelle Edwick	27/08/11 @ York	308	Yes
	Stafford	Recurve	668	Estelle Edwick	16/10/11 @ St Austell	665	Yes
	Double Stafford	Recurve	1314	Estelle Edwick	16/10/11 @ St Austell	1301	Yes
	Worcester	Recurve	279	Estelle Edwick	09/10/11 @ Crediton	268	
	Long Western	Barebow	212	Angela Bovey Martin	04/09/11 @ Wadebridge	new	Yes
	Long Western	Longbow	328	Sarah Conisbee	04/09/11 @ Wadebridge	254	Yes
	Hereford	Longbow	575	Sarah Conisbee	02/10/11 @Exeter	535	

Gents	Stafford	Compound	681	Andrew Scott	16/10/11 @ St Austell	new	
	Double Stafford	Compound	1344	Andrew Scott	16/10/11 @ St Austell	new	
	Long Western	Longbow	318	Scott Williams	04/09/11 @ Wadebridge	174	Yes
	Gents Fita	Barebow	1008	Rich Burrige	21/08/11 @ Exmouth	953	
	50m Distance	Barebow	263	Rich Burrige	21/08/11 @ Exmouth	207	
	70m Distance	Barebow	234	Rich Burrige	21/08/11 @ Exmouth	216	

J Gent	Long Western	Longbow	109	Bradley Hingston	04/09/11 @ Wadebridge	new	Yes U18
	2-Way Western	Longbow	227	Bradley Hingston	27/08/11 @Devizes	new	
	York	Longbow	64	Bradley Hingston	28/08/11 @Devizes	new	Yes U18
	Hereford	Longbow	102	Bradley Hingston	14/08/11 @Bath	new	
	Stafford	Recurve	570	Johnathan Nash	16/10/11 @ St Austell	524	
	Double Stafford	Recurve	1114	Johnathan Nash	16/10/11 @ St Austell	1012	

J Lady	Stafford	Compound	613	Jessica Luck	16/10/11 @ St Austell	new	Yes U14
	Double Stafford	Compound	1220	Jessica Luck	16/10/11 @ St Austell	new	