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To all members

Happy New Year

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Very well Done!

Two of our Juniors - Caz Harwood and Ant wood - have been among the six young archers representing Great Britain at the 2009 Australian Youth Olympics. And both of them will be coming home from Sydney with a medal! The GB Men's team won the team Gold and the Ladies won their team Bronze. In the Individual competitions Caz was the strongest of the GB Ladies and got through to the quarter finals before going out to the eventual silver medal winner from Chinese Taipei.

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Indoor Shooting

Remember that the Gym is not available for indoor shooting on February 9th, 11th and 12th.

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Help for Heroes

The Club will be hosting a 24-hour shoot in aid of charity at Easter weekend - from the evening of Good Friday through to the evening of Saturday 11th April. Details and entry forms will be available soon. All money raised will go to Help for Heroes, which supports servicemen injured in recent conflicts. Since this is extra to our already busy tournament programme, the format of the shoot will be designed to minimise the work required from Club members but we will need some assistance on setting up the field and in the kitchen. If you are able to help with the shoot please speak to Phill Carder. If you want to shoot then look out for the entry forms soon - for Juniors a 12-hour shoot will be available all day on the Saturday

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Dates for your Diary

This Monday 19 January Phill will be running a bow tuning session indoors at the Gym.

On Sunday 8 February, instead of the normal Club target session, we will be shooting a Clout. Flags will be put out at Gents, Ladies and Junior distances.

Thursday 5th March is quiz night at Sophie's Restaurant in Rolle Street, with proceeds donated to Exmouth Archers. We will also have a couple of teams taking part in the quiz - if you would like to join us then speak to Di Dixon or Rob Drew.

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Archery GB Junior Progress Award Scheme

Archery GB (GNAS) have finally got around to launching their replacement for the now-defunct AAS Junior Badge Scheme! The new scheme awards badges from white to Gold to Juniors based both on scores achieved in 3 dozen arrows, and on an evaluation of basic technique carried out by a coach. We'll be starting the evaluation over the next week or so, and look forward to recognising the progress made by our newer junior archers!

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Fancy a warm weekend?

Tired of the winter and fancy a bit of warmth? Over the weekend of Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th January the Eden Project are offering free admission to members of Devon and Cornwall sports clubs and their families. (See the Eden flyer on the noticeboard.) Your GNAS card should do as proof of membership.

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John Russell  
Secretary