

To all members

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EA/DCAS Double FITA Tournaments

The second of our open tournaments, the EA/DCAS Double FITA, took place on Saturday/Sunday 11/12 July. The Saturday was wet! - but the Sunday was OK, although a bit windy. We had an excellent turnout of members to help, to set up and for both days, both on the catering side and as field crew, and to clear the field and get the equipment packed away neatly on the Sunday evening. Thank you very much, all of you who gave some of your weekend to help with this.

The next challenge will be the Premier FITA weekend (part of the Archery GB National Series), which will be on Saturday/Sunday 22/23 August. A bit of a challenge because, being in August, several of our 'regulars' will be on holiday and not available. But the Double FITA showed that, with enough people giving a bit of time, it's really not too difficult to provide a good tournament - and can be very satisfying. So if you can spare some time during that weekend why not come and join the team - either speak to a Committee Member about what needs doing, or sign up on the chart that you'll find on the wall in the Clubhouse. (Full training given!)

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Club Championships and Barbeque

The barbeque and get-together on Saturday evening 27 June was very enjoyable - so much so that we're going to do it again!

The Club Championships will be held this year on Sunday 13 September and, after shooting the Championships and presentation of medals, we'll stay on for a barbeque. Again all members and partners, and parents of junior members, are invited to the barbeque (no charge). Put that date in your diary. Details of rounds to be shot for the Championships, and times, will be posted on the noticeboard. A medal and a burger - can't be bad!

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Achievements

Very well done to . . .

. . . Caz Harwood, who is (as I write) in the USA as part of the GB team at the World Youth Championships. She is the only Cadet girl (age 16 and under) selected for the GB recurve team! In the qualifying round in Utah she qualified in 39th place, but lost out in the 1/32 stage elimination round.

. . . Our Juniors who went to the Cleve Junior Tournament on 14 June, particularly to James, Ryan and Dan who brought back the Recurve Team Trophy.

. . . Our Juniors who went to the Grand Western Regional Championships on 27 June (and got back just in time for the barbeque), particularly to Ben (Bristol I Compound boy), James (Bristol II Recurve boy) and Maddie (still shooting as Wellington Bowmen at present, Bristol II Recurve girl) who all won their divisions to become Regional Champions.

. . . Our Juniors who went to the Junior National Championships on 4/5 July, particularly to Antony who, after only shooting a compound for a few weeks took 4th place in the Metric 1 on Saturday and 3rd place in the Bristol 1 on the Sunday against much more experienced opposition.

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Club will take place on Tuesday 8 September. Please put that date in your diary and try to attend - this is your opportunity to have your say in how your Club is run.

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The Indoor Centre

An update on our (slow!) progress towards building our own Indoor Archery Centre: we are still trying to get the 'Section 38' consent to build on Common Land. After a long series of letters backwards and forwards, via the Planning Inspectorate, on the (single!) objection raised to our application we have now been given a date when the Inspector will make a site visit, after which they think they'll be able to give a decision. The site visit will be in October - which will make it almost a year since we put in the application for section 38!

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Bosses

We are aware that some of the fixed (foam) bosses are not stopping particularly compound arrows. It's a bit disappointing since they were repacked only a few weeks ago - just before Dunster! Anyway, we're getting new fixed bosses for the 50yd and 60yd distances, which will have screw adjusters to keep the boss packed tight. In the meantime archers suffering pass-throughs can always put out straw bosses! - and we took advantage of the Double FITA to scrap half a dozen of the straw bosses in the shed and replace them with half a dozen taken from the 'tournament' stock, so there are reasonable bosses in the shed. We will also be trying out a couple of alternatives for 'packing' the bosses to stop pass-throughs and extend the boss life.

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Junior Member of the Month

The Junior Member of the Month Trophy - awarded to recognise an outstanding contribution by a junior archer to the life of the Club, not necessarily through shooting - has been awarded this month to Daniel Nagy for his passionate commitment to improving. Well done Dan, and keep it up!

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John Russell
Secretary