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To all members

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Car Boot Sale

The second of our four annual car boot sales took place on May Day and again the weather stayed fine for us. A few of our regular helpers were missing so we were a bit short-staffed and rushed off our feet, so a particular thank you to those who came!! The takings on the gate, together with sale of refreshments, made an income for the Club of a little over £2,300 - which is very welcome income, keeping your membership subscription low and building up reserves towards construction of our indoor centre. So a very good job well done - thanks again!

The next Car Boot Sale will be on Bank Holiday Monday 25 May, and it would be really good and useful to see a few more members turn out to help: there are jobs to suit everybody, including juniors, so if you can spare the morning come along to help the Club (which is helping yourself, at the end of the day!).

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Help for Heroes

Including sponsorship money notified to date, the 24-hour charity shoot raised more than £1,000 for Help for Heroes - a brilliant achievement. Well done Phill Carder, whose idea it was and who organised it.

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GNAS AGM

At the GNAS AGM held on Saturday 18 April, Exmouth Archers member Steve Glover was elected as Finance Director. Congratulations Steve!

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Open Tournaments

We're getting into the tournament season! The Club puts on three open tournaments each year:

- a) Open Tournament Sunday 31 May.
- b) Double FITA Tournament, in conjunction with DCAS, Saturday/Sunday 11/12 July.
- c) Premier FITA Weekend (part of the Archery GB National Series), Saturday/Sunday 22/23 August.

The success of these tournaments depends completely on you! They rely on Club members to volunteer to carry out the large range of tasks needed to run a major archery tournament - setting out the field, field party during the day (changing bosses, finding arrows, etc), running the 'café', looking after the judges, collecting scores and updating the leader board, and so on. If you can spare some time during one or more of those weekends please offer to help - 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.

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Winter Portsmouth League

The final results of last winter's Devon and Cornwall postal Portsmouth

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League are available. In the Compound Divisions, Exmouth Archers A team won Division 1 and the B team won Division 3. In the Recurve divisions, the Recurve A team came second in Division 1. In the Junior Divisions, the Junior A team was placed third in Division 1 despite consistently shooting the best scores! This was because the league operates with a 'threshold' system designed to prevent a club unfairly dominating a division - we lost by being too good! We will be proposing changes to the league about the way the threshold system works in the top divisions in future.

This was an outstanding result, particularly from the Compounds and Juniors! Well done to all who shot in League matches.

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Summer Warwick League

The Devon and Cornwall postal warwick League will take place again this summer, and Exmouth Archers have entered teams, recurve, compound and junior, that everybody has a chance of being part of! The way it works is that everybody is invited to shoot the appropriate warwick Round once a month on a set day. The best scores in each class are taken as the A team. The next best are taken as the B team. If you shoot a warwick Round on the day, you have a good chance of being in one of the teams and sharing in Exmouth's success! Each month we are competing against another club in Devon & Cornwall - the scores are compared by sending in the scores by post, and the competition in run as a league with several divisions.

Warwick Rounds are 4 dozen arrows, shot as 2 dozen at the long distance then 2 dozen at the short distance. The available rounds are: Long warwick (80 yds and 60 yds) which is shot by experienced archers, Short warwick (50 yds and 40 yds) which is shot by new archers (up to 2nd class), and Junior Warwick (40 yds and 30 yds) for the junior teams.

We will aim to shoot the League warwick in the second week each month - juniors on the Wednesday and seniors on the Thursday. Come along and join the team!

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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 new member Matt Broom, who was already helping at the Car Boot Sale before he'd even finished his beginners course! Well done Matt!

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John Russell
Secretary