



Exmouth Archers

NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

Welcome to the new look Exmouth Archers Newsletter. It is hoped that a newsletter in this style will be produced shortly after each Committee Meeting so that we can keep you all in touch with what's going on in the Club. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let us know at newsletter@exmouth-archers.org.uk.

AGM – 27th September

Thanks to all those members who turned out to choose the Committee for the coming year. Your Committee is made up of:

Club President	Pauline Stott
Club Chairman	Timothy Pratt
Club Secretary	Steve Glover
Club Treasurer	Sarah Harwood
Tournament Organiser	Timothy Pratt
Equipments Officer	Barbara Finney
Records Officer	Glen Montgomery
Coaching Officer	Barbara Finney
Field Officer	Ted Jackson
Public Relations Officer	Sami Glover
Senior Shooting Members	John Russell and Rob Drew

Following Tony Brown's resignation at the AGM for post of Junior Representative, this and the Vice Chairman's post remain vacant. However Tony has agreed to represent the Juniors of the Club as a non committee position, and will raise anything required through the other members of the Committee. Glen has also agreed to continue the role of primary Club Contact.

If you have anything to raise, or suggestions you would like to make please feel free to speak to any of the Committee members. We are all here to serve the membership, and steer the Club on its course.

New Outdoor Stands and Targets

Those of you who shoot at the Club regularly will have noticed the introduction of three new metal, wheeled stands. These were commissioned by the Committee earlier in the year to replace the aging wooden stands. They are based upon a design seen at Bournemouth Archery Club. David and Jane Morrish have taken the design forward, adapted it and organised with a metalworker in Sidmouth to construct six of these stands, plus a trolley to easily move them around the field.

Once all six stands are completed, initially they will reside at the side of the field, so that members can move them about and shoot the distances they want to.

Two of the stands will contain Danage targets, three will have the layered foam that we are all used to, and the sixth will contain a target that will be new to those Archers who do not shoot competitions. It's made by TargetTech, and has a similar build to the Danage targets. The main difference and selling point is a soft ball in the middle of the target that is designed to reduce target wear, promote stopping power, and make arrows really easy to pull, even heavy Compound arrows. For more information see the company's website at www.atlastarget.com. This target is only a trial, so the Committee would value feedback on the type of targets you like shooting on, and whether the metal stands are easy to move around the field.

On the subject of Targets

Please, Please, if you put a target out on the field, then finish shooting before others on your target, make sure that they are happy to put the target away when they have finished shooting. Please do not walk away and expect someone else to deal with it when they leave. There have been many instances at the end of a session when one or two people always end up putting away all the targets, and unfortunately it always seems to be the same few doing all the work.

Thankyou.

Indoor Centre – An Update

Things are moving forward with the Indoor Centre. We are awaiting the outcome of a bid for money from a new Sport England fund for building facilities called Inspired Facilities. If successful it may well allow us to make a start on building in the coming months! We expect to find the outcome in the next few weeks.

Broken Arrows

Just a reminder not to put broken carbon arrows in the bins at the Club. Carbon splinters are nasty when they get into the skin, and a black plastic sack affords no protection to the member emptying the bins. We have provided a sealed arrow tube in the Clubhouse for safe disposal of broken carbon arrows.

Christmas Meal

Yes, it's that time again and Sami has organised the Christmas meal at the Farmhouse in Brixington on Thursday the 8th December. 7.00 for 7.30pm. Copies of the menu can be found in the Clubhouse, the store at the school and on our website. You can either have 3 courses for £11.99 or two for £8.99, but this year there are also some optional extras for those of you who are extra hungry!

If you want to come along, please make your selection on the charts in the Clubhouse or at the School before Monday 14th November. Payment will also need to be passed to Sarah, Club Treasurer, before that date to confirm your place.

For further details or to make your choices by email, you can contact Sami at toptoxgal@hotmail.co.uk
We look forward to seeing you, and your partners/children on the 8th !

DCAS Postal Leagues

We have entered both the DCAS Postal and DCAS Frostbite leagues this year. As usual Glen will administer the scores with the DCAS Organiser. Please make every effort to be part of the leagues. Glen has proposed the dates for each month, so please see the poster at the Club, School or on our website.

The Postal League is simply a Portsmouth round, 5 dozen arrows, shot on a 60 centimetre face at 20 yards in the comfort of the school gym, and the Frostbite 3 dozen arrows, shot at an 80 centimetre face at 30 metres outdoors. However the heater in the Clubhouse is not all that far away if you want a warm up !

Indoor Shooting

Remember that we are now shooting in Gym 2 at Exmouth Community College (Lower Site). We meet at 7pm on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. There are some dates that the school will be using the hall and we will endeavour to let everyone know when they are.

If you don't know where the Gym is, please ask a Committee Member.
We look forward to seeing you there.



From the Chairman

Firstly, many thanks to all the members who voted me in as Chairman at the AGM in September. Thanks also to Tony and all the other Committee Members that steered the Club through the last year.

It's my aim to make this an Archery Club for all members, and for those members to take from the Club what they want, be it just social shooting at our target grounds or field course, or performance shooting with an eye on the next Olympics !

Although I have been a member of Exmouth Archers for many years now, I am aware that many of you do not know who I am, or indeed what I have achieved in my Archery career.

I originally joined Exmouth Archers in the mid to late 80's as a teenager. It was my Grandad, who first took up the sport and encouraged me to have a go. From there both my Dad and Brother joined the Club. At the time Exmouth Archers was based at the Marine Camp in Lymstone, shooting on the playing fields in the Summer and in the drill shed in the winter (50 metres indoors, but it was COLD, and the gas heaters did not do much to take the chill off !).

After a couple of years, the Pratt family slowly left the sport. However, when I started work in 1990, I was looking for something to do in the evenings, and as I drove past the grounds to and from work every day, I saw the current facilities being constructed. This inspired me to start shooting again. Having done a refresher course, I took back to the sport instantly and soon realised I needed a new bow. A trip to Wales Archer Specialists later and I was the proud owner of a Hoyt Radian riser with a set of the top of the range Carbon Plus limbs.

Three Generations of Archery, as reported in the Exmouth Journal.



Pauline and Tony Stott (founder Club members) encouraged me and soon the Stott and Preston families were taking me to tournaments around Devon and Cornwall, including the annual trip to Dunster to shoot the Western and Albion rounds. I started off shooting the Ladies Hereford round (80 yards max) and soon was winning the gold at each shoot. Unfortunately you cannot stay shooting Ladies rounds for long so soon had to move up to the York and Gents FITA rounds. Competition wise this grew and I now regularly attend large shoots outside of our Counties in places like Andover, and the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall, Shropshire.

I have held a Club Committee position for most of the years I have been a member, and that includes Records Officer and Equipments Officer. I inherited the Tournament Organiser position back in 1998 and that is the post that I have held ever since. I became a Level 1 Coach back in 2001, and soon upgraded to Level 2. Through the Coaching Courses I met several new friends, which took me further into the running of the sport as a whole, having sat on the Devon and Cornwall Committee as Records Officer and Webmaster, then later on the Grand Western Council as Webmaster. I still hold both Webmaster positions.



I shot my first ever Head to Head match in 2004 at Lilleshall, and enjoyed the event so much that I decided to give it a go back here at Exmouth. The Exmouth Archers FITA Weekend was born, and our first one held in 2005. However in that time I was invited to help run the UK Masters so I could better run our own tournament. I learnt a lot that weekend, and has seen me help with the Masters every year since. 3 Years ago I was nominated to sit on the National Tournaments Committee, which has seen me help (or shoot) at most National Tournaments since. This December I will be running the Junior National Indoors, which at the moment is quite scary !

I am currently shooting Compound, for a bit of a change (Thanks Steve), but have every intention of moving back to the Recurve for next outdoor season.

With all this I still make the time to practice and shoot, Outside of Archery I play Snooker once a week and enjoy swimming and cycling. I work for Devon County Council as a Server and Network Analyst, which has brought my IT skills to Archery helping run our Tournaments, and also the National ones. I also look after our Club website and played a part in the introduction of the new GNAS Membership system.

If you have any suggestions about how you would like the Club to progress or improve then please feel free to come and chat to me, or indeed any of this years Committee.

Statistics

Bow – Hoyt Matrix, Limbs – Hoyt, Arrows Easton X10 450s for outdoors, ACE 430s for indoors.

Sight – Surelock. Bow weight at full draw – 45 pounds, Arrow length 32 inches.

Best FITA Score 1192 in 2009 at Dunster (Grr James), Best York Score 1067 in 2006 also at Dunster. Still not made MB ☹

Next month you will learn more about either our Club Secretary Steve Glover, or Treasurer, Sarah Harwood. It depends which one of them finishes their piece first. Following on from them the rest of the Committee....

DCAS and GWAS Field Championships – 15th and 16th October

The 15th and 16th October saw nearly 90 Archers from far and wide visit our Field Course to shoot a Double FITA Field round (Marked Saturday, Unmarked Sunday). The weather was very kind to us and from the feedback we have received from the Archers they had a very enjoyable weekend. I am told that that this event is possibly the second best attended shoot this year!! A handful of our own members shot and also came away with some awards.

Ian Evans – 3rd DCAS Gents Longbow

Ross Bucklar – 1st DCAS and GWAS Junior Gents Freestyle

Matt Broom – 1st DCAS and GWAS Junior Gents Traditional

Well done to you all, and a big Thank You to all those members who helped over the weekend, being it cooking or work party.

And a special thanks Ben Glover, who spent a large amount of his time, while home from Uni, preparing and designing the course for us.

Given the popularity of the event, we are already looking at staging it again next year.

And Finally



Well Done to Matt Broom, who earns the title of Junior of the Month. Matt was seen to work very hard in the kitchen during the recent FITA Weekend, and again in the bottom feeding station on the DCAS / GWAS Field Champs.

Matt will be the lucky custodian of the trophy for a month. If you want to be the next lucky winner, all you have to do is something exceptional, either inside or outside of Archery (but not score or record related) and be nominated to the Committee for discussion.

Tapani Kalmaru and Lucy Holderness on Target 22

