



# Exmouth Archers

## Newsletter

Dear Member,

March 2006

### **Indoor Club Championships**

This will be held on normal shooting nights in week commencing 20th March, and all club members are invited to shoot. The round will be a Portsmouth. If you are shooting on more than one occasion that week, your first score will count only.

### **Diary Dates**

Skittles match v Exeter in Topsham Sat 18th March. See Phill Carder for details, should be on the noticeboard at the school.

Do not forget that the Car Boot Sales start in May and the club also will be hosting several shoots over the summer season, all help in any form would help. See any committee member to volunteer your help.

### **Shooting Alone**

The Club has always tried to give Members 24/7 access to our Grounds for shooting, but please remember that you must comply with the GNAS Rules of Shooting. If you do not, then your and the Club's insurance may be invalidated.

One thing to remember is that archers should not shoot alone! There must be a minimum of two adults present whenever shooting is taking place. One of these adults can be a non-archer, to act as a look-out. If there are only two adults present, and both are there to shoot, then they should alternate on the line, not shoot together, again so that there is a lookout. If you are taking a Junior, including your own child, to shoot then there still needs to be two adults present, one of them an archer and one who need not be.

### **Indoor Shooting Centre**

A brief update on the progress towards our Indoor Centre. We have appointed a firm of Architects to draw up plans for the Centre to the level needed to make an application for planning consent. We are very aware that funding for sports projects is getting harder and harder to find, so we are working with our Architects to plan a building that meets our needs but at minimum cost, while still getting past the twin hurdles of planning consent and building regulations! This might mean that we end up with a fairly novel building! Keep an eye on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse – we'll be displaying draft plans as soon as they are available.

### **Field Course**

A small team of foresters led by Tony Brown and Ted Jackson have been working over the winter to create a Field Archery course in Big Wood at the top of St Johns Road, which is now just about ready. If you fancy a new archery challenge, or just a change from Target, have a look on the noticeboard for details or speak to Tony Brown.

### **Shooting Achievements**

Congratulations to Paul Wood who finished second at the GWAS indoor champs at Weston Super Mare in February, scoring 567 compound for a FITA 18M. Three club records were broken recently at Brixham all Double Portsmouths; Paul Wood gents

compound, Glenn Currie gents recurve, Antony Wood junior boys recurve. Well done to you all.

### **Archery Etiquette**

Please try and remember that no one is excluded from putting up and taking down equipment on a shooting night. Even if you have to leave before the session finishes just ask if anything needs to be put away. Remember we are all in the same club, why should others work more than some. This also applies when archers shoot at other clubs, a little help goes a long way.

Also, if you're shooting at the field and change a shot-out face for a new one, please put the scrap face in the bin, don't just chuck it back in the shed for somebody else to tidy up.

### **Postal Results**

January's Postals results

#### ***British Archer Frostbite***

Recurve Div 4: lost v Bromley  
Compound Div 17: won v Derwent

#### ***British Archer Porstmouth***

Recurve Div 4: won v Deben  
Recurve Div 22: won v Gravesend (3 wins out of 3 so far)  
Compound Div 13: lost v Liverpool  
Compound Div 32: won v Bowmen of Birstall  
Juniors Div 3 won v Redditch (3 wins out of 3)

#### ***DCAS Frostbite***

Exmouth 'A' Div 1 are 4th in the league  
Exmouth 'B' Div 2 are 4th in the league  
Juniors Div 1 are 3rd

#### ***DCAS Porstmouth***

Recurve  
Exmouth 'A' Div 1 are 2nd  
Exmouth 'B' Div 3 are 2nd  
Juniors  
'A' Div 1 are 2nd  
'B' Div 3 are 1st  
Compound  
Exmouth Div 2 are 3rd

### **Lunartic**

The annual Lunartic Shoot will take place on Friday 9 June – starting at 11pm and shooting by the light of the moon (and floodlights!). Artistic Juniors are invited to design a bow case sticker for the event. The best design will be printed and the stickers given to all competitors. See Tim for details of the requirements.

### **List of Members**

So that you can contact other Club Members – to arrange to meet at the Club so that you don't shoot alone, for instance, or to arrange transport to a competition – there is a list of Members and their contact details kept on the noticeboard in the Clubhouse. For Child Protection reasons this list does not include Junior Members. It also excludes any other Member who doesn't want their details to be included. If you do not want your name and details to appear in the list on the noticeboard then please let John Russell know.

### **GNAS Membership Renewal**

Most of you should already have your GNAS Membership Card label for year 2005/06, some enclosed with this Newsletter. There are one or two still outstanding from GNAS – if you haven't got yours yet, please let John Russell know.

### **DCAS Newsletter**

The DCAS Newsletter for Spring 2006 has been received and is posted on the Noticeboard at the Clubhouse and at the College. This contains a note about a couple of changes to FITA rules: the timing on individual head to head matches is reduced from 40 secs to 30 secs; and correction of arrow scores at World Record Status or FITA Star can be done by archers themselves, by agreement of all archers on the target, without calling a judge. See the DCAS Newsletter for details.

### **GWAS AGM**

The AGM of the Grand Western Archery Society will take place at West Buckland Village Hall at 2pm on Sunday 26 March 2006. You are entitled to attend. The Minutes from the 2005 AGM are posted on the Clubhouse Noticeboard.

### **Grand Day**

Grand Day is the official start of the DCAS outdoor shooting season, and is on 7 May this year. If you've been thinking about starting to enter competitions then Grand Day is a good start, it's only a 6-dozen round, it's in Exeter, and is a friendly shoot. There'll be a good contingent entering from Exmouth – why not join us?

Entry forms are in the Clubhouse. If there are any Juniors who want to enter this as their first competition, we'll try to arrange for one of the Coaching Team to stay with you to show you the ropes and deal with any problems.

### **Exmouth Archers Colours**

A reminder that we have Club Shooting Colours – both polo/tee-shirts and sweatshirts that can be worn instead of green or white at competitions, or just to look flash at the Club! These can be purchased, embroidered with the Club logo and, if you like, your name, from Personal Touch in Exeter.

As an encouragement to Juniors to feel proud about representing their Club, we will pay for a Club polo or tee-shirt for any Junior entering their first competition. If you do something about this quickly, you could have a Club Polo shirt to wear when you shoot at Grand Day!

### **DCAS Juniors**

If you are a Junior (and were a member in October) then there's a newsletter from the DCAS Junior Rep enclosed for you. This includes a Complementary Pass to let you enter one DCAS shoot free of charge – so entering Grand Day won't even cost you anything!