

Somerset Archery News

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Why? Who? What? When?

WHY?

For some time there has been a feeling within the County that there is a distinct lack of communication.

In bygone days we had "Margaret's Mutterings", then for a while we had the "Vintage" and now I intend to produce an occasional flyer for circulation through the Clubs, and by handing copies out at shoots.

I know that not everyone is interested in everything that is going on in the county but I am amazed at the number of people I talk to who say that they haven't heard of various things. This is an attempt to fill some of those holes and to provide a medium for anyone else to pass on views and news - any "copy" will be more than welcome.

WHO?

Who am I? My name is Chris Hassall and I am the County Coaching Organiser (the CCO!) Many of you know me already and I hope to meet more of you on tournament lines as time goes by. As CCO I am involved in some way or other with most of the group coaching sessions in the County - along with other Coaches who do most of the actual coaching.

WHAT?

What sort of things do I think we need to communicate about? For a start there must be lots of archery equipment lying around not being used - what about a "for sale" section?

New rules come out from time to time and unless you read the "News From The Centre" - and not everyone does see a copy - you may not know about them.

We do have a County Team but how many people know what sort of scores you need to make the team? I'm sure there must be archers out there who could make the team; knowing what sort of score you would probably need to make the team may give you the incentive to improve.

I think it would be interesting to have a list of the "Top Ten (or Twenty)" - this of course would only contain scores that have been submitted to the County Records Officer. (Do your scores get submitted? Do you know who our Records Officer is? Do you know who the other County Officers are? Do you want to? - There is a list on page 3 if you do.)

WHEN?

One issue early in the outdoor year (this one), then mid-June (to give you an idea of what other archers are scoring) and October (the results of the Intercounties shoot). If there is enough interest I'll put an issue together around Christmas time to pass round through the clubs as there are not a lot of indoor tournaments.

And finally . .

WRONG!

Even though I have done my best to ensure that the information in this Newsletter is accurate I don't guarantee that it is. If you spot mistakes do let me know and I will correct them in the next issue - if relevant.

I hope you will accept that this Newsletter as an effort to raise the level of enthusiasm for Archery in Somerset . We are in a decline throughout the County generally and if we don't keep the Membership up the sport will dwindle - which would be a great pity.

The County have agreed to finance this venture but any views expressed are mine - if you disagree with anything let me know and I will publish your view.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

MARGARET LEWIS

ON BEING AWARDED

THE M.B.E.

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Have you got any archery items for sale?

If so, why not advertise them here on "The Wall"

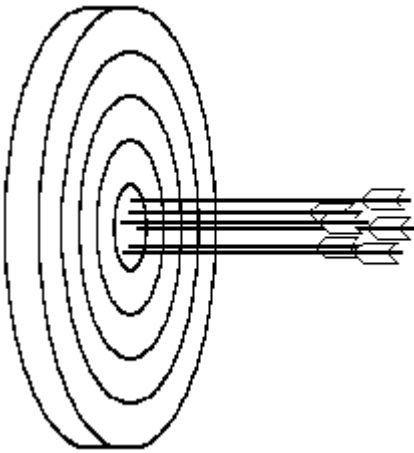


PARTY TIME!
THURSDAY 20TH. JUNE
DUNSTER WEEK



The Team & the Squad

Are you a potential member?



Do you know how the team and the squad are chosen? Do you know why we have a team and a squad?

Some of you will have seen the "flyer" that was circulated at some of the Indoor Tournaments earlier in the year so will know the answers, for those who didn't see a copy

Let's deal with the second of these to start off with. At the end of the season - on the fourth Sunday in September to be precise - the four areas of the Grand Western Archery Society each send a team to an Intercounties Tournament at which a number of Team Trophies are awarded, as well as Individual Trophies.

The Team consists of 13 gentlemen, 9 ladies, 3 boys and 3 girls; two ladies and two gentlemen can shoot Compound and all the rest shoot Recurve. The gentlemen shoot a York, the ladies a Hereford, the boys a Bristol I and the girls a Bristol II.

Various trophies are awarded for combinations of the above but the overall Team Trophy is awarded to the team with the highest total from 12 Yorks, 8 Herefords, 2 Bristol Is & 2 Bristol IIs. To do well we obviously need to have strength in depth and therefore want those archers who are capable of putting in a good score.

That brings us on to the first of the above points - how are the team and the squad chosen?

The County Records Officer has in the past been responsible for selecting the Team from scores sent in to him throughout the season.

This year we have changed the system and there are going to be selected shoots, if you don't do the shoots you can still qualify for the team by making a required score at an Open Tournament. The Shoots and the Qualifying Scores are at the end of this item.

Archers who make the County Team are invited onto Squad, along with other archers who have shot well during the outdoor season. Just being on the Squad is no guarantee that you will be in the team for the following year - you still have to shoot the scores!

We hope that being on Squad will give you things to improve your own archery and, hopefully, pass on to other archers, so raising the standards in the County. You also have the chance to talk to, and shoot with, the top archers in the county and - when we can get them - the top archers in the country (in the past we have had Richard Priestman, Pauline Edwards, Steve Hallard and Simon Tarplee.)

SHOOTS AND SCORES

The following have been selected as qualifying shoots :-

- 19th. May - Salisbury FITA
- 26th. May - Burnham
- 2nd. June - D.C.A.S. FITA (Braunton)
- 16th. June - S.C.A.A. Championships
- 14th. July - Tockington Toad
- 28th. July - Coastal

We have tried to spread them out to give everyone a chance to obtain the three scores that are the minimum requirement

Gentlemen not shooting at any of these shoots must submit scores in excess of 1150 (FITA) or 1015 (York), ladies must submit scores in excess of 1150 (FITA) or 1070 (Hereford).

Boys and girls will be selected from scores achieved at the Junior Championships (29th. June) and the above shoots. Other scores may be submitted from 12 dozen rounds which include 80yds. or 70 metres (boys) and 60yds. or 60 metres (girls).

If you want to know more contact me, Chris Hassall, at the address on the bottom of page 1.

MARGARET LEWIS M.B.E.

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List last year Margaret Lewis, a member of Bath Archers and the newly elected President of Somerset County Archery Association, was awarded the M.B.E. The announcement came on the last Sunday of Dunster Week, and when the news was given to the archers at assembly it was obvious how pleased they all were. I was shooting about three quarters of the way down (or is it up?) the Gents line and when Margaret arrived I was able to follow her progress by the cries of greeting - followed by the sounds of hearty congratulatory kisses.

During her time in archery Margaret has obviously made an impression - almost everyone in the sport knows (or knows of) Margaret. In her time she has held many positions, including Chairman of both National Council and G.W.A.S.; Vice President of G.W.A.S. and of G.N.A.S. - a post she currently holds and one which G.W.A.S. have nominated her for again - and, within Somerset, has been Secretary, Chairman (for five years) and President (as I said at the beginning, a post to which Margaret has just been elected for the 2nd. time).

Margaret is also the President of the Association for Archery in Schools, the Chairman of the G.N.A.S. Junior Committee and the Organiser of the Junior National Indoor and Outdoor Tournaments.

The fact that she has held - or is still holding - these posts speaks volumes for both her organising ability and for the respect in which she is held - and not just respect but also great affection, which is not so easy to come by.

What many people do not know is that Margaret was a very fine archer - a Master Bowman in fact - and the winner of many a trophy. Next time you are in Dunster Castle admiring the Archery Trophies look at the names on the Great Silver Quiver and the Coronation Cup.

In 1988 G.N.A.S. awarded Margaret the Hartwell Trophy for services to Archery and this was presented at the 1989 A.G.M.

There are many other things that Margaret has done - such as taking a team of Junior Archers to Italy, and, in Margaret's words, bringing them all back again (just goes to show she is not perfect!) - and many of you will have your own stories about her but space is limited.

After the announcement many people asked Margaret if she was going to the Palace to receive her Award, on getting a very non-committal answer most of the enquirers were very insistent that she should go to London for her investiture, (I was going to say that they bullied Margaret to go but I can't imagine anyone having the nerve to bully her.) In the end she did go to Buckingham Palace and judging by the photographs had a very good day.



balloons?



What are the balloons doing on page 1? Advertising Dunster Week! Just in case there is anyone out there who is not aware of Dunster Week - from June 16th. to June 23rd. this year there is a feast of archery. All the rounds except the Field Round are shot in the grounds of Dunster Castle against the background of the castle itself - a wonderful setting.

On Sunday 16th. the Somerset County Archery Association hold their Championship Shoot - York for Gentlemen and Hereford for Ladies and a National Round in the afternoon for those who don't feel up to shooting a full 12 dozen. The York/Hereford is one of the qualifying shoots for the County Team.

On the Monday there is a FITA, Tuesday either a Field round or an Albion depending on your taste (the Field Shoot is good fun!), Wednesday is longbow day with a two way Western, Thursday it is Clout and Friday is a nice easy day - just a Western - to give you a bit of a rest before the Double York/Hereford (Rose) on the Saturday and Sunday.

By the time you read this you will probably be too late to get in for the double York/Hereford but there should still be space on the other days - contact Janet or Eddie Faralewski at 27, Sutherland Avenue, Broadstone, Dorset. BH18 9EB. Tel : 01202 692087.

And the balloons? Some evenings have social events organised for your enjoyment. See you there?



Somerset Juniors

We have a fair number of Junior Archers in Somerset but are keen to increase both numbers (particularly young ladies) and skill levels - our young archers are where the future of archery lies.

If you have read the piece about the County Team & the County Squad on page two you will know that the Somerset Team for the Intercounties event has three boys and three girls in it. Selection is in the same way as for the seniors - boys must have shot three 12 dozen rounds that include 80 yards or 70 metres, girls must have shot three 12 dozen rounds that include 60 yards or 60 metres. Preference will be given to those shooting at the preferred shoots listed on page 2, *results from any other shoots should be sent to the County Records Officer*. If you don't have your scores registered you won't get picked; the Records Officer has more than enough to do without trying to find out results from all the various tournaments!

Coaching for junior archers is available to those who are interested. At the moment Sylvia Baskett, who is a County Coach, runs a coaching session, which is open to all Somerset Juniors, on a monthly basis. Sylvia also runs a half day session for our top juniors, this is by invitation only so you need to be shooting well to become a part of it. We are thinking of dividing the invitations between three age groups in the near future, the idea being to keep up a steady flow of good archers who will, hopefully, go on to represent the County. As with the seniors, being a member of this group does not guarantee you a place in the County Team but it should improve your shooting and you will meet other archers of your age and ability.

If you want to know more about coaching opportunities contact Chris Hassall at

S.C.A.A. - YOUR SOCIETY

As with any club or society we have are a number of Officers who are responsible for various things. I thought this might be an opportunity to let everyone know who these Officers are. All the Officers were elected at the AGM which was held at Puriton on the 6th. March and which was open to anybody who is a member of S. C.A.A.

President :-
Margaret Lewis M.B.E. - Bath

Vice-presidents :-
Sylvia Baskett - Puriton
Rod Freemantle - Hatch
Chris Hassall - Mid Somerset

Chairman :- Dave Monk - Ina
Vice-chairman :- Tim Jackson - Hatch
Secretary :- Ann Jackson - Hatch
Treasurer :- Rod Freemantle - Hatch
Records :- Tim Jackson - Hatch
C.C.O. :- Chris Hassall - Mid Somerset
Equipment :- Dave Monk - Ina
Field :- Paul Westlake - Wells
Flight/Clout :- Left open for the moment

Juniors :- Vikki Gallop - Hatch
Judging :- Alex Kerby - Coastal
Target :- Tim Jackson - Hatch

Tournament Organisers :-
Champs :- Paul Atkins - Hatch
Juniors :- Vikki Gallop - Hatch
FITA Star :- Tim Jackson - Hatch
Interclub :- Amanda Tompkins - Puriton
Postal :- Sylvia Baskett - Puriton

In addition to the above we have :-

Representatives to G.W.A.S. council :-
Margaret Lewis, Tim Jackson and Chris Hassall

Auditors :- Marion Kerby & Tim Jackson

Looking at the above it would appear that the Bowmen of Hatch have an over- large share in running S.C.A.A. - I am sure that they would be quite happy to relinquish some of their responsibilities if only someone else was prepared to take on the work! So let's see more of you at meetings - IT'S YOUR SOCIETY.



Tournaments

The following is a list of Tournaments that I am aware of, if I have missed your Club's Tournament I apologise, the next issue of Somerset Archery News is due out mid June so if your shoot is after that date, and you would like it advertised, let

Apr 14	Bath Archers	Albion	Batheaston	
	Colin Fullalove, 25, Redhill Close, Derry Hill, Calne, Wilts. SN11 9NY			
Apr 21	W.S.CoA	Westerns	West Somerset School, Minehead	
	Peter Conrad, 9, Windsor Close, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5HH			
May 19	D.W.A.A.	FITAs/Metrics	Salisbury	
	Andrew Pulleyblank, 95, Moore Avenue, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH11 8AU			
May 26	Burnham CoA	Y/H/Bs	BASC, Burnham	
	Ann Bye, 43, Sheepphouse Park, Easton-in-Gordano, Bristol. BS20 0NL			
Jun 2	*	Braunton	FITA Star	Braunton
	Colin & Ann Holmes, 73, Okehampton Road, St. Thomas, Exeter, Devon. EX4 1EP			
Jun 6	Coastal Archers	Single Clout	Berrow, Burnham	
	Marion Kerby, The Warren, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. TA8 2RF			
Jun 16	*	S.C.A.A.	York/Hereford	Dunster
	Paul Atkins, 21, The Glebe, Wrington, Avon. BS18 7LX			
Jun 17/23		Dunster Week	See page 2	Dunster
	Janet & Eddie Faralewski, 27, Sutherland Avenue, Broadstone, Dorset. BH18 9EB			
Jun 29	SCAA & GWAS	Y/H/Bs	Taunton	<u>Junior Championships</u>
	Vikki Gallop, 21, The Glebe, Wrington, Avon. BS18 7LX			
Jun 30	Mid Somerset	Fun National	Langport	
	Chris Hassall, 38, Acacia Gardens, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 8TA			
Jul 5	Civil Service	York/Hereford	Taunton	
	Hilary Collins, 19, Hamlyn Close, Galmington, Taunton, Somerset. TA1 4NT			
Jul 12	Post Office	York/Hereford	Puriton	
	Sylvia Baskett, 4, Churchlands, Mark, Highbridge, Somerset. TA9 4ND			
Jul 14	Tockington	Y/H/Bs	Tockington	
	Brian Roynon, 59, Down Road, Portishead, Bristol. BS20 8RB			
Jul 28	*	Coastal Archers	Y/H/Bs	Berrow, Burnham
	Marion Kerby, The Warren, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. TA8 2RF			
Aug 11	Bath Archers	Hereford	Bath	
	Margaret Lewis, Whitemill, Marston Lane, Frome, Somerset. BA11 4DG			
Aug 18	W.S.CoA	Y/H/Bs	West Somerset School, Minehead	
	Peter Conrad, 9, Windsor Close, Minehead, Somerset TA24 5HH			
Sep 8	*	Bowmen of Hatch	FITA Star	Taunton
	Tim Jackson, 15, Cheddarfields, Wedmore Road, Cheddar, Somerset. BS27 3EB			
Sep 15	Coastal/Puriton	Westerns	Berrow, Burnham	<u>S.C.A.A. Interclub</u>
	Amanda Tompkins, 7, Rowan Close, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset. TA7 8AL			
Sep 22	G.W.A.S.	Y/H/Bs	Exeter	<u>Intercounties</u>
	By invite only			
Oct 13	Bath Archers	Trad. L/B	Batheaston	
	Richard Head, 405, The Spa, Melksham, Wilts. SN12 6QL			
Oct 13	Burnham CoA	Fun Albion	BASC, Burnham	
	Ann Bye, 43, Sheepphouse Park, Easton-in-Gordano, Bristol. BS20 0NL			
Nov 10	Bath Archers	Field	Hunstrete	
	Harry Wright, 83, Charlton Park, Midsomer Norton, Somerset. BA3 4BW			

* Rose Awards or FITA Stars may be claimed at these Tournaments