



Somerset Archery News

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COUNTY NEWS

At the County Management Meeting, held on the 3rd. of February, the winner of the 1998 Margaret Lewis Award was decided. The winner, who will be presented with his medal on June 26th. at the County and Regional Junior Championships (which again will incorporate the GWAS Junior Inter-County Tournament) at Ladymead School, is Mark Tottle of Puriton Gold Juniors. Special achievements, perseverance or any other quality the committee felt to be worthy of reward were the criteria laid down for awarding this medal and Mark has certainly achieved some good scores, I think he would be the first to admit that he is not a "natural" shot but he has worked hard (if there is a club night, shoot or coaching session Mark has usually been there) and he has taken a hand in the running of the Puriton Gold club - he is their publicity officer and always helps with club events. I'm sure Margaret would have approved.

At the same meeting Andy Rees volunteered to stand for election as National Councillor and Somerset are proposing him to the GWAS AGM - which will be held at Lyngford House in Taunton on the 21st. March starting at 2.15 p.m. This is a position that has to be voted on (if there is anyone else wanting to stand) so please make the effort to come along and support your "local candidate".

May I remind you all that the Annual General Meeting of the Somerset County Archery Association will be held at Puriton on Wednesday the 3rd. of March - starting promptly at 7.45 p.m. - and anyone who is a member of SCAA is welcome to attend. Various decisions are made at this meeting that effect the running of the County's business for the next year - such as the election of officers - and all members are entitled to a vote. Rod Freemantle has been our treasurer for longer than he cares to remember and is giving up the post - to give someone else a chance! My feeling is that ten years in any "County" job is far too long - we are, after all, "amateurs" and give our time to running the county with very little reward; it would be very nice to see other people offering their services - most of the jobs are not very onerous and do not take a lot of time - and you would be giving something back to the sport you enjoy.

GRAND WESTERN ARCHERY SOCIETY REGIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

How many indoor tournaments have you been to where "inclement weather" has been declared by the judge? This was a first for me but I have to say that I think Nick was quite right - it really was cold, especially the first session. So "well done" to those who did well; in particular to Paul Atkins, who won the Gents Compound, and Mark Tottle who won the Junior Boy's Olympic section - with a new County Record of 539.

Also, particularly "well done" to Jane Rees who claimed yet another National Barebow Record (her eleventh!) with a score of 514 for a FITA 18 - I know that Jane didn't enjoy the cold (I don't understand how a sports hall can be so cold - this one always used to be too hot!) so goodness only knows what sort of score she will achieve when the temperature is more conducive to shooting.

It was a pity the shoot wasn't better supported (at the GWAS Council meeting Devon & Cornwall complained about the round and then one of their clubs put on partly the same round on the same day!); it is, after all, the Regional Indoor Championships and was, as usual, organised and run with great efficiency by Vikki and her 'team'. This shoot made a fairly heavy loss last year and will no doubt do so again this year, I cannot see the Region being happy to take this every year and unless more support is forthcoming I can foresee this tournament disappearing - you don't have to be a 'top' archer to enter, I watched one youngster on the morning detail who only got 1 in 3 arrows on the target - if he was lucky! - but it certainly wasn't bothering him. Most archers aren't there for medals - but they do like to beat themselves!

EDITORIAL

The Dunster entry form dropped through my letterbox the other day, and, on my remarking on the fact to someone - who shall remain nameless - they said, "I haven't had mine yet!" Further conversation elicited the fact that they hadn't requested one by sending the organiser, Janet Faralewski, a sae but had just expected it to appear. The Grand Western Archery Society currently has around 1,300 senior and 400 junior members and even if they had a list of names and addresses - which they don't! - sending every member an entry form would be extremely expensive, in time as well as money.

Some clubs appoint a Tournament Secretary to obtain forms and enter club members for those shoots that they wish to attend, others leave it up to the individual. At the end of the day I believe it is up to you, the individual archer, to make the effort to ensure that you are entered for whichever shoots you wish to take part in - if you wait to be invited you'll probably never go anywhere!

Whenever the high turn-over (approximately 30%) in archery club membership is discussed one of the reasons mooted is the fact that, in many cases, after beginners have had their initial lessons they are more or less left to get on with it on their own. This can happen for many reasons; one is that the other archers in the club want to work their own shooting and can't be bothered (in this case I can't see why beginners are taken on in the first place.) Another reason is that no member feels qualified to take people beyond the first steps and, hopefully, Grand Western have taken the lead in improving this situation by introducing an "Assistant Coach Award". I have written more about this on page two and would recommend that if there is no coach in your club you persuade (my baseball bat is available on very cheap terms!) one - or more - of your members to do the course; it could improve the level of shooting in the club and keep the membership up and, as an added bonus, the new Coach could find that his / her own level of shooting goes up - and with it their enjoyment of the sport.



RECOGNISE HIM?

How many of you recognised William Shatner (alias Captain James T. Kirk of the Star Ship Enterprise, better known for waving a "phaser" about of course!) as the "mystery man" behind the bow in the last issue? I know at least two people who did recognise him even if they couldn't come up with the name without a bit of head slapping (not by me!)

I don't know if you can make out the comment written by William Shatner across the corner of the picture but it reads "Tom - its the greatest bow I've ever shot. Thanks." and is signed 'Bill Shatner' ("Tom" was Tom Jennings who built and marketed the bow back in the late sixties / early seventies.)

COUNTY TEAM SELECTION SHOOTS

As for the last two or three years, the team to represent Somerset at Exeter in the Inter-Counties on the 26th. September will be selected from those archers who shot at least three of the following six selection shoots, or who achieve a qualifying score at another shoot and inform the Records Officer (Tim Jackson, 14, Marron Close, Axbridge, North Somerset BS26 2PE) in writing and enclosing a copy of the results sheet. The qualifying score is the same as it has been in the past i.e. 1150 for a FITA (Ladies shooting the Ladies FITA and gentlemen shooting the Gents FITA - gentlemen shooting 1150 or above for the Ladies FITA will not be considered!) and 1015 / 1070 for the York / Hereford. (Last year I think there were eight, out of the twenty in the team, who reached the qualifying score.)

The selection shoots (names and addresses of contacts are on the back page) are :-

Bath	FITA	9th. May	SCAA (Dunster)	York	13th. June
Salisbury	FITA	16th. May	Tockington	York	11th. July
Burnham	York	30th. May	Coastal	York	25th. July

GRAND WESTERN ARCHERY SOCIETY

Assistant coach qualification

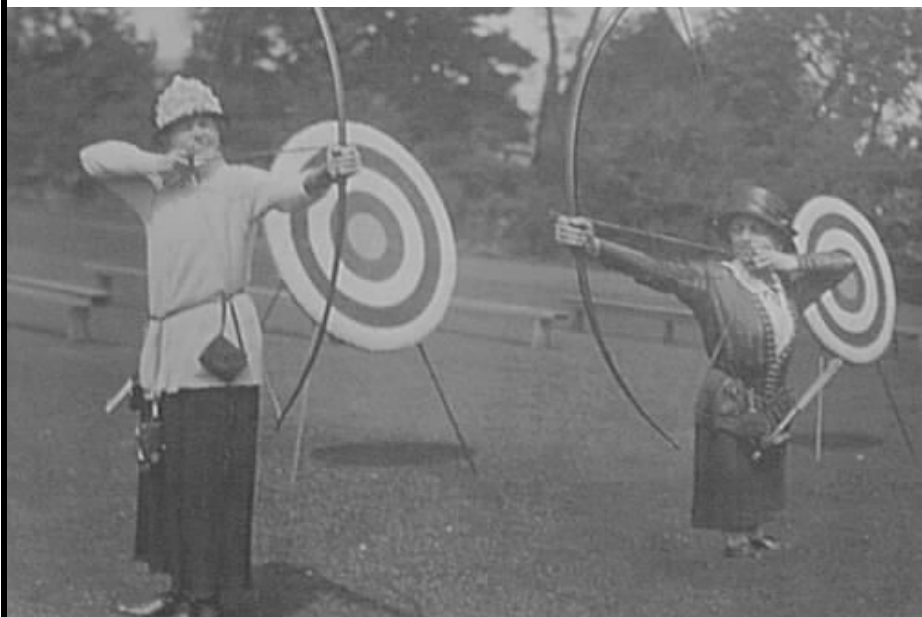
For some time it has been recognised that there is a gap in the "Coaching Structure" within archery; the Leader Award was designed for non-archers to use outside the archery club environment and the time needed to achieve the status of "Coach" is too long for most people to contemplate. The Grand Western Coaching Group decided that it was time we did something to fill this gap - and hopefully help retain members as well as improve the general standard of archery. To this end we have introduced an "Assistant Coach Qualification" and I quote :- "This award is designed to bridge the gap between the 'Leader' and the 'Coach' qualification. It is intended as a stepping stone on the path towards the coach qualification but it is also a qualification in its own right. It is also intended that people holding the award will help with coaching under the supervision of a qualified coach or above; however, in the absence of someone with a higher qualification an assistant coach can 1) Teach beginners to shoot, 2) Advise beginners on improving their technique and 3) Advise beginners on the selection and initial set-up of equipment for their personal use."

A candidate has to be a GNAS and GWAS member and over eighteen on the day of assessment. The course will be about 25 hours - three or four days - and will cover four units :- 1) General archery knowledge, 2) Physiology, 3) Teach and improve the techniques of beginners and 4) Equipment; the assessment will be by observation, oral questions and review of tutor prepared worksheets.

If any of you are interested in doing this award - and I think it is particularly relevant for clubs that have no coach in their ranks - please contact Chris (after 8.00 p.m. and not Tuesday or Friday!)

NEW WAY OF SELECTING THE SQUAD?

Thanks to Pat Wright for this one. It's a computer adjusted photo that a friend of his



ANOTHER ARCHERY "SNIPPET"

"Belomancy" - divination, or fortune telling, using arrows (rather than the more usual tea-leaves!)

Ezekiel 21:21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

Do you know of any little archery "snippets" that I could use to fill a small corner? As an avid collector of totally useless information I am always interested in items like the above so give me a ring and I will share them with the rest of the county - those who read the "News" anyway!



THE ARCHERY TARGET FACE

How many of us have ever thought about the prettily coloured face that we, as archers, strive to hit - preferably in the middle? Is there any rhyme or reason behind the colours and the scoring system (the traditional English system of 9,7,5,3,1 - not the imported 10 zone method!) or did it just happen? I've always understood the target to have been standardised by the Prince of Wales - who later became George IV; the five ringed target had been known since at least 1754 but the colours are still known as the "Prince's Colours" even though the blue of today's target was originally white (the "inner white" as opposed to the "outer white") - finding the date when it changed seems to be a bit of a problem but Hugh Soar tells me it was around 1830. Incidentally, the Prince Regent also standardised the distances shot at as 100, 80 and 60 yards - the "Prince's Lengths" - now known as the York round.

Because I have, as I'm sure most of you have realised by now, a peculiar interest in things toxophilal (?), I started wondering about the relationship between the colours and their scoring value. I worked out the area of each colour (using pr^2 - it is still the same now we're in Europe isn't it?) - and came up with the following table. The "ADJUSTMENT" is simply taking off the area of the inner colour (s) in each case to leave the true area. (I've used imperial measurements - i.e. a 4 foot (48 inch) target face.)

COLOUR	p	x	r	x	r	=	pr ²	ADJUSTMENT	=	AREA OF COLOUR	% OF FACE
GOLD	3.142857143	x	4.8	x	4.8	=	72.4114286		=	72.4114286	4.00%
RED	3.142857143	x	9.6	x	9.6	=	289.6457143	- 72.4114286	=	217.2342857	12.00%
BLUE	3.142857143	x	14.4	x	14.4	=	651.7028571	- 289.6457143	=	362.0571429	20.00%
BLACK	3.142857143	x	19.2	x	19.2	=	1158.5828571	- 651.7028571	=	506.8800000	28.00%
WHITE	3.142857143	x	24.0	x	24.0	=	1810.2857143	- 1158.5828571	=	651.7028571	36.00%
										TOTAL = 1810.2857143	100.00%

In the final column I have worked out the percentage of each colour on the target face which, if you divide each by four to reduce it to its simplest form, gives a ratio of 1 : 3 : 5 : 7 : 9 - numbers you will recognise! I thought this was very neat and strangely satisfying - at last I'd found something almost logical about the sport! Unfortunately, on the 122cm. FITA face, it isn't the same! (Anyone for a change of scoring - down in 2s from 19 for inner gold to 1 for outer white?)

COLOUR	p	x	r	x	r	=	pr ²	ADJUSTMENT	=	AREA OF COLOUR	% OF FACE
Gold (inner)	3.142857143	x	6.1	x	6.1	=	116.9457143		=	116.9457143	1.00%
Gold (outer)	3.142857143	x	12.2	x	12.2	=	467.7828571	- 116.9457143	=	350.8371429	3.00%
Red (inner)	3.142857143	x	18.3	x	18.3	=	1052.5114286	- 467.7828571	=	584.7285714	5.00%
Red (outer)	3.142857143	x	24.4	x	24.4	=	1871.1314286	- 1052.5114286	=	818.6200000	7.00%
Blue (inner)	3.142857143	x	30.5	x	30.5	=	2923.6428571	- 1871.1314286	=	1052.5114286	9.00%
Blue (outer)	3.142857143	x	36.6	x	36.6	=	4210.0457143	- 2923.6428571	=	1286.4028571	11.00%
Black (inner)	3.142857143	x	42.7	x	42.7	=	5730.3400000	- 4210.0457143	=	1520.2942857	13.00%
Black (outer)	3.142857143	x	48.8	x	48.8	=	7484.5257143	- 5730.3400000	=	1754.1857143	15.00%
White (inner)	3.142857143	x	54.9	x	54.9	=	9472.6028571	- 7484.5257143	=	1988.0771429	17.00%
White (outer)	3.142857143	x	61.0	x	61.0	=	11694.5714286	- 9472.6028571	=	2221.9685714	19.00%
										TOTAL = 11694.5714286	100.00%

FOR SALE

NEARLY NEW R/H Yamaha Super Feel with Super Ceramic Carbon limbs. Short, black metallic riser with long limbs making a 68" bow with 37lb. draw weight. Arten "Olympic" sight, V-bar, 12" Arten twins, 30" AGF carbon longrod and a 38" "New Balance" system, Shibuya button, etc. in a "Chichester" case - £600 ono. (Current price of the bow alone is £858.) Phone Claire Barker on 01934 511391

TD01 BOW - R/H 66", 24lb @ 28" in Jumbo case with silver Arten R10 sight, medium A&F tab, bracer, quiver, stringer, set of six 1516 E75 (26") arrows and set of eight 28" Hornet arrows - £80 ono.*

FOR SALE (CONT.)

BROWNING R/H black 45/60lb 27" - 29" Compound bow with "Skorten Supreme III" sight plus scope, 30" "Orion" longrod, "Fletcher" wrist release aid, "Monarch" rest and 10 @ 28½" 3L-18 ACC arrows in a green bow bag - £320 ono. Phone Ray Warmlesley on 01275 790567

SET OF 8 arrows, X7 1714s, 26½" with Beiter nocks - £25.*

KG1 BOW - Green R/H 66", 38lb @ 28" with Arten R10 sight, 30" AGF longrod, Sherwood V-bar and twins, button, seven ACC 3L-04 27½" arrows, stringer, tab, bowstand, quiver and scorebook all in a case. £180 ono.*

WANTED

70" - 34lbs (approx) @ 28" right hand bow (recurve). Paul Westlake - 01458 447127

I am still interested in collecting books on Robin Hood. They don't have to be in good condition; they can be anything from comics to serious treatise - as long as Robin Hood is the subject I'm interested. (Also anything else with an archery theme!)*

* Contact Chris (surprise, surprise!) after 8.00 p.m. and not Tuesday or Friday!) on 01823 413624 or on 01404 44400 between 9.30 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday - **NOT** Mondays (unless you want to talk to an ansaphone!)



Tournaments

Mar 7	D.W.A.A. Champs	Double Worcester	Salisbury Leisure Centre
	Andrew Pulleyblank, 95, Moore Avenue, Kinson, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH11 8AU		
Mar 14	S.C.A.A. Champs	Portsmouth	Huish Sports Centre, Langport
	Chris Hassall, 38, Acacia Gardens, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 8TA		
Apr 11	Bath Archers	Albion	Batheaston
	Philip Simmons, 121, Ringswell Gardens, Grosvenor, Bath, Somerset. BA1 6BW		
Apr 18	W.S.CoA.	Westerns	West Somerset School, Minehead
	Tom Allan, Mount Ballan, The Ridge, Porlock, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 8HA		
May 9	Bath Archers	FITA (Do-it-yourself)	Batheaston
	No entry forms - turn up before 10.00 a.m. pay £2.50p, help set up, shoot & help put away		
May 16	D.W.A.A.	FITAs/Metrics	Salisbury
	Andrew Pulleyblank, 95, Moore Avenue, Kinson, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH11 8AU		
May 23	Lacetown Archers	Medieval Day	Honiton
	Dave Gray, 18, Woodbury Way, Axminster, Devon. EX13 5RE		
May 30	Burnham CoA	Y / H / Bs	BASC, Burnham
	Ann Bye, 43, Sheephouse Park, Easton-in-Gordano, Bristol. BS20 0NL		
May 29/30 *	D.C.A.S.	Double FITA Star	Exmouth
	Colin & Ann Holmes, 73, Okehampton Road, St. Thomas, Exeter, Devon. EX4 1EP		
Jun 3	Coastal Archers	Single Clout	Berrow, Burnham
	Alex Kerby, The Warren, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. TA8 2RF		
Jun 6	Burnham CoA	FITA (Do-it-yourself)	BASC, Burnham
	Ann Bye, 43, Sheephouse Park, Easton-in-Gordano, Bristol. BS20 0NL		
Jun 13 *	S.C.A.A.	York / Hereford	Dunster <u>S.C.A.A.</u>

Championships

	Chris Hassall, 38, Acacia Gardens, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 8TA		
Jun 14/20	Dunster Week §§		Dunster
	Monday	FITA	
	Tuesday	Albion or Field	
	Wednesday	Longbow (Two-way Western)	
	Thursday	Double Two-way Clout	
	Friday	Western	
	* Saturday/Sunday	Double York / Hereford	
	Janet Faralewski, 27, Sutherland Avenue, Broadstone, Dorset. BH18 9EB		
Jun 26	SCAA & GWAS	Y/H/Bs	Taunton <u>Junior Championships</u>
	Vikki Gallop, 21, The Glebe, Wrington, Avon. BS18 7LX		
Jul 4	South Wilts	Y / H / Bs	Salisbury
	Miss K. Ellis, 62, York Road, Salisbury, Wilts. SP2 7AU		
Jul 4	Cheltenham Archers	Y / H / Bs	Cheltenham
	Mr. W. Sircombe, Elm Cottage, Corse Lawn, Gloucester.		
Jul 11	Tockington Archers	York / Hereford / National	Tockington
	Mr. T. Camp, 8, Duchess Road, Clifton, Bristol. BS8 2LA		
Jul 11 *	DWAA	FITA Star	Devizes
	Andrew Pulleyblank, 95, Moore Avenue, Kinson, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH11 8AU		
Jul 25	Coastal Archers	Y/H/Bs	Berrow, Burnham
	Alex Kerby, The Warren, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. TA8 2RF		
Aug 1 *	DWAA	FITA Star	Bournemouth
	Andrew Pulleyblank, 95, Moore Avenue, Kinson, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH11 8AU		
Aug 15	WSCoA Minehead Gala	Y / H	Minehead
	Peter Conrad, 13, Hopcott Close, Minehead, Somerset. TA24 5HB		

§§ Entry forms for Dunster Week are sent out in the middle of February - all at the same time - so if you want to be there, especially for the Double (June 19th. & 20th.), get your request for an entry form in to Janet - and the completed form back - as soon as you can!

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