



Somerset Archery News

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SOMERSET AGM

The County AGM was held at Puriton on the 13th. of March - and I think we may have broken all records for shortest time taken to get through the business!

The main points were that we are financially sound, fees are not going up this year though they probably will have to increase next year; Pete Smith - having served his three year term as Vice President - has given way to Hilary Collins and Amanda Tompkins has taken over the running of the County and Regional Junior Championships from Vikki Gallop (yes, I know she is now Vikki Atkins but she is too well known as Vikki Gallop!) Our thanks go to Vikki for organising this tournament for so many years - and to her mum and dad who have supported her so well (who's going to clean the trophies now?) Also thanks to Amanda for taking on the running of another tournament. 'Mand (smack! - ouch!) is also putting together the SCAA Web Site (it isn't finished yet but you can have a look at :- <http://www.ilt.bridgwater.ac.uk/~bcnhc11/>) and has also agreed to audit the County's books (with my hindrance!)

Although many of these jobs are not particularly onerous, they still have to be done - and our thanks go to those who give their time to help with the smooth running of the sport we all enjoy.

EDITORIAL

Once more I find myself starting this column off with apologies - this time for again having a longer time than planned between editions of the 'News'. I have had other things occupying my time and - as I have said before - I've been writing the 'News' for some time and new ideas are harder to come by. I have 'cheated' by repeating (not for the first time!) the article on going to tournaments and the list of County Officers is very nearly a repeat - but the information is relevant (that's my excuse and I'm sticking to it!)

A lot of my time recently has been taken up with organising an Assistant Coach Course. This is a four or five day course followed by an assessment and is the first step on the Coaching Ladder. The idea (which came from the Grand Western Coaching Group and has now been taken on at National level) is to get at least one assistant coach in each club to ensure that beginners learn to shoot correctly and can be 'improved' by someone who has had some instruction in what to look for in the way of faults and how to correct them (or even stop them developing in the first place!)

We have now run the first of these courses within the county (thanks to Puriton for the use of their facilities, to Jan Martin (who came up from Redruth in Cornwall) and Gordon Lindley (from Bowmen of Mendip) for doing the bulk of the teaching and to Richard Jones (Cleve Archers) who, as Regional Coaching Organiser, was the overseeing Senior Coach.) The assessment will be in May when we will - I'm sure - have another eight Assistant Coaches in the Region. If you are interested in doing this course - or would just like to know more about it - please contact me (my address and phone number are below - I would, as always, ask that you phone after eight o'clock in the evening and not Tuesday or Friday which are my shooting nights.)

As usual, there's a list of tournaments on the back page and I hope many of you will support these shoots. They are not just sporting events - they're social occasions too. See you there!

Chris

OFFICERS	RESPONSIBLE POSTS
President :- Ann Jackson - Hatch	This is not to say that the officers are not responsible! These are the people who have a responsibility for a particular area of the archery activities within the county.
Vice Presidents :- Andy Rees - Ballands Vikki Gallop - Hatch Hilary Collins - Ina (in order of time served)	Records :- Tim Jackson - Hatch Coaching :- Chris Hassall - Mid Somerset Equipment :- Dave Monk - Ina Field :- Andy Rees - Ballands Flight/Clout :- Tim Jackson - Hatch
Chairman :- Paul Tompkins - Puriton V-chairman :- Chris Hassall - Mid Som. Secretary :- Alison Pattermore - WSCoA Treasurer :- Ann Jackson - Hatch	Juniors :- Amanda Tompkins - Puriton Judging :- Alex Kerby - Coastal Target :- Tim Jackson - Hatch
ORGANISERS ETC.	
Tournament Organisers :- Champs :- Chris Hassall - Mid Somerset Juniors :- Amanda Tompkins - Puriton	FITA Star :- Tim Jackson - Hatch Inter-Club :- Amanda Tompkins - Puriton Postal :- Sylvia Baskett - Puriton
In addition to the above we have :- Representatives to G.W.A.S. council :- Alison Pattermore, Tim Pattermore, Andy Rees & Paul Tompkins	

MENDIP APPEAL

Bowmen of Mendip are celebrating their 50th. Anniversary this year and are interested in contacting ex-members. If you know of anyone please contact :- Royette Chapman on 01934 852169 or John Genge on 01275 846089

More news from Mendip - you may remember a piece some time ago about fund raising for a medical centre in Africa. Well - it is now underway! Thanks to all of you who helped raise money for this worthy cause.



GOING TO TOURNAMENTS

The following has appeared in issues 4, 13 & 19 of Somerset Archery News and is repeated yet again as there are new archers coming along all the time. This information will be on the SCAA Web Site - more of which elsewhere!

Many 'new' archers are worried about going to tournaments - "Will I make a fool of myself?", "What will the other archers think if I miss the target?" and "Will I remember what I am supposed to be doing?" (Yes. Idiot! and No.) Seriously though - if you follow the instructions given in the club situation, read the "Rules of Shooting" and use a bit of common sense you will have no problem. Unless you are the super-confident type I would recommend you start with local 'club' shoots rather than FITA Star or Rose Award events. The first tournament I went to was to watch a club member shoot in the Somerset Championships at the start of Dunster Week, I had only been shooting for about six months and didn't think I was fit for competition. There seemed to be quite a few arrows going into the grass and I thought, "I can do that", so I went and saw the organisers and shot the last three days and really enjoyed myself (I even won a prize - hidden score in the Western Round) - to the extent that now I am usually at a tournament somewhere on Sundays from April through to the end of September.

I can't say that **all** the archers I have shot with have been good company; but those that have been a bit of a pain have been in a very small minority, the vast majority have been great - a better percentage than you would probably find in life in general! And that same majority have been helpful in many ways, from pointing out that I should be on the shooting line rather than talking (lots of my target companions do this for me!) to technical advice and problem solving.

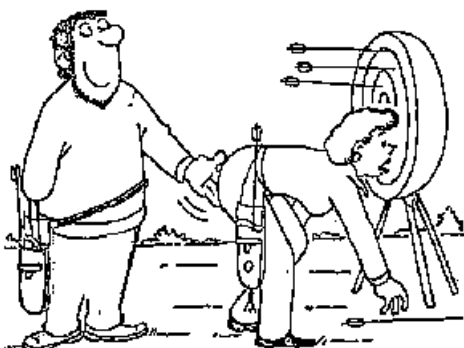
Aim to get to the shoot well before the time stated for assembly and on arriving try to remember the last part of the GNAS motto (Union - True Heart - Courtesie). Not all shoots book you in but it is only polite to find out if this is being done and tell them that you are present. Everyone likes to set up as near to the shooting line as possible, but, at a big shoot this is often difficult; please try to leave gangways so everyone can get from their tent to the shooting line without too much difficulty; you will undoubtedly come across the dipstick who parks himself in the gap you have considerably left for others to use as access - this is when you have to remind yourself of the 'Courtesie' again instead of just kicking seven bells out of him or her.

If you have given yourself plenty of time you can set about putting your gear together in a relaxed state rather than rushing around like a headless chicken, this means less mistakes, or at any rate gives you time to check things out and correct if necessary. It also starts you off in a better frame of mind so your shooting will (probably) be better. Find out which detail you are shooting and which side you will be standing; if you can, find out who your target companions are and introduce yourself (once you have been to a few tournaments you will be surprised how many people you recognise).

Make sure scores are filled in correctly - any alterations to arrow values should be made, and signed, by a judge - **THIS MUST BE DONE BEFORE ARROWS ARE REMOVED FROM THE TARGET** - (you can alter the end totals, hits, score and golds but only a judge can alter the arrow values) - if arrow values are altered by anyone other than a judge it could jeopardise a claim for a Rose Award or a FITA Star (and it will probably be someone else's claim!) Also, remember that you should do all the scoring before going behind the target to look for arrows - and if you find other archer's arrows behind the target don't just collect them, many archers like to know where their arrows land (particularly longbow shooters!) so pick them up and stand them up vertically but don't take them back to the archer unless you have asked him or her if it is O. K. to do so. Make sure you do your share of the work involved in scoring, pulling arrows, moving targets, etc., don't forget to thank your companions for making your day so pleasant and remember to sign the score sheet (you would be amazed at the number of score sheets that are added up incorrectly - and signed for! - if you record your own score in your personal score-book and check it regularly against the score sheet you should spot, and correct, mistakes very easily; one little tip when shooting imperial rounds is that if you have an even number of hits you must have an even total, an odd number of hits gives an odd total - if you've got an even number of hits and an odd total, or vice versa, there is something wrong!) **Remember, for results (and target list) send stamped, self-addressed envelope(s) - approximately 9" x 6" is a good size, it save too much folding of paper by the organiser - and preferably self-sealing. No s.a.e. - no results!**

The prize giving is part of the shoot and it is my personal belief that archers should make every effort to stay for it - I know it is not always possible and there may be good reasons for getting away quickly; but if everyone did this there would be no-one to applaud the winners - and one day this may be you! If you do win a trophy please return it in a fit state to be presented - tournament organisers have enough to do without having to clean trophies before the presentation. I have on occasion been amazed at the state a trophy has been returned in - I've been tempted to suggest leaving it in it's dirty state and presenting it along with an apology to the effect that "we're sorry the trophy is in such a state but - - - - (insert previous winner's name here) returned it like this" but this would not be fair to the recipient. One other point, gentlemen going up to receive a prize from the Lady Paramount should remove their hats.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO REPRODUCE APPENDIX A FROM THE GNAS RULES OF SHOOTING. IT CONCERNS ARCHERY ETIQUETTE.



Appendix 'A' Etiquette :- A good archer does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.

A Good Archer :-

- Does not talk in a loud voice whilst others are shooting.
- Does not talk to another competitor who obviously prefers to be silent.
- Does not make any exclamation on the shooting line which might disconcert a neighbour in the act of shooting.
- Does not go behind the target to retrieve arrows before his score has been recorded.
- Does not walk up and down the shooting line comparing scores.
- Does not touch anyone else's equipment without permission.
- Does not leave litter.
- When calling scores does so in groups of three, for example '7-7-5' pause '5-5-3'
- If he breaks another's arrow through his own carelessness, pays for it in cash on the spot.
- Thanks the Target Captain at the end of each round for work on his behalf.

The cartoon first appeared in my Club newsletter back in the 1980s - and is still appropriate!



THE WALL

FOR SALE

**RETIRED ARCHER'S KIT
NO REASONABLE OFFER
REFUSED**

Martin 'Firecat XR' compound bow - used at 55lb with a draw length of 31". Comes with CheckIt Sight and scope, Barner 'drop away' rest, AGF longrod and twins, bow bag, quiver, release aid, ground quiver and a wooden tackle box. Also 10 x 31" Easton XX75 Gold Superlite arrows - 2213 (well used) and 12 x 31" Easton ACC 3-49 / 390 arrows.

Contact :- Alex Kerby on 01278 751277

(This all belonged to Ray Ridley who has 'emigrated' to Scotland - we wish him well in his new job, he'll be missed at Coastal.)

Kerby was here

FOR SALE

Hoyt Carbon Plus bow limbs £150
Medium length (68" on 25" riser); 36lb @ 28"

Contact :- Damian Le Gresley

Tel: 01225319139

or email: dlegresley@btinternet.com



Pictures from the SCAA Indoor Championships
Left :- Tim Pattermore (recurve), bottom left :- Tim with his longbow and bottom right :- Tim, this time with his flat bow (and Louise Rees of Ballands) .
The smile belongs to Lizzie Rees of Ballands. A report of the event appears on the back page.





Tournaments - 2002

Apr 21	West Somerset CoA	Westerns (Dunster Horn)	Minehead
	Tim Pattermore, Three Gables, Burton, Stogursey, Bridgwater, Somerset. TA5 1QB		
May 12	Bath Archers	Bath Albion	Batheaston
	Gerry Gilmour, 15, Westwells, Neston, Corsham, Wilts. SN13 9RL		
May 19	D.W.A.A.	FITA / Metrics	Salisbury
	Tony Key, 2, Colliers Lane, Wool, Wareham, Dorset. BH20 6DL		
May 26	Burnham CoA	Two-way Western (L/bow)	BASC, Burnham
	Tim Pattermore, Three Gables, Burton, Stogursey, Bridgwater, Somerset. TA5 1QB		
Jun 2	Burnham CoA	York / Hereford	BASC, Burnham
	Ann & Lesley, 43, Sheepphouse Park, Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset. BS20 0NL		
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 SCAA

Championships

Chris Hassall, 38, Acacia Gardens, Taunton, Somerset. TA2 8TA

Jun 17/23 Dunster Week §§

Monday	FITA
Tuesday	Albion or Field
Wednesday	Longbow (Two-way Western)
Thursday	Double Two-way Clout
Friday	Western
* Saturday / Sunday	Double York / Hereford

GWAS

Championships

Janet Faralewski, 27, Sutherland Avenue, Broadstone, Dorset. BH18 9EB

Jun 29 * SCAA & GWAS Y / H / Bs Burnham **Junior**

Championships

Amanda Tompkins, 7, Rowan Close, Puriton, Bridgwater, Somerset. TA7 8AL

Jul 12 Civil Service York / Hereford Taunton Civil Service Club

Hilary Collins, 6, Princess Road, Taunton, Somerset. TA1 4SY

Jul 14 Tockington Archers Y / H / Bs Tockington

Martin Braine, 20, Jacobs Meadow, The Vale, Portishead, Bristol. BS20 7LN

Jul 21 Coastal Archers Y / H / Bs Berrow, Burnham

Alex Kerby, The Warren, South Road, Brean, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset. TA8 2RF

entry §§ Entry forms for Dunster Week are sent out in mid February - all at the same time - so if you want to be there, especially for the Double (June 22nd. & 23rd.) get your request for an form in to Janet as soon as possible - and get your entries back as quickly as you can!

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

COUNTY INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held on the 10th. March at Huish Episcopi School this event did not produce the close finishes that we had last year - but was still a lot of fun. The Ladies Recurve Champion was Lesley Passey (Burnham), with Karen Atkins (Bath University) second and Amanda Tompkins third; the Champion Girl was Emma Coward from Burnham. In the Gentlemen's Recurve Kevin Sheppard (Bath University) was the new Champion with Colin Fullalove (Bath) in second and Dave Tottle (Puriton) third; Champion Boy was Dan Abbott of Puriton. Compound shooters Claire Davy (Bath University) and James Alford (Bath) took top honours with Tim Jarvis (Bath) taking the Boy's title with the same score as the top man - well done Tim! Bath were having a good day as Gerry Gilmour took the Ladies Longbow title - Paul Sinnott of Burnham won the men's. Young William Wade took the Boy's Barebow title with a very respectable score and the Family Rees took five medals home. Well done to all the medal winners (I haven't got the space to mention them all) - and thanks to all who took part. Thanks must also go to the Judges, Sylvia Baskett and Alex Kerby.

For a change, we didn't have a Lady Paramount; Tim Pattermore was our Honoured Guest and bravely shot all three sessions (with a different bow each time! - which explains the pictures on page three). We did, however, retain the custom of presenting flowers and this was done by the young lady behind the smile on page three (thank you, Lizzie) - and a very big 'thank you' to Tim, too.