



# Exeter Company of Archers News Letter June 2013

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of 2013

GRAND DAY – SUNDAY MAY 5th 2013



Our club were well represented and picked up the following honours:-

Ladies Recurve	Karen Williams	Medal
Ladies Recurve	Val Scull	Spider Award
Ladies Barebow	Angela Martin	Shield and Medal
Ladies Compound	Mollie Wix	Medal and Spider Award
Gents Recurve	Andrew Hoyle	Medal
Gents Longbow	Scott Williams	Buckerell Cup, medal And Spider Award
Gents Longbow	Chris Quinn	Medal

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Girls U18 Recurve	Sophie Gratton	Medal	
Boys under 12 Recurve	Aaron Coombs	Medal	
Ladies Longbow	Highest Score	Val Scull	Medal
Gents Longbow	Most Hits	Scot Williams	Longbow Handle and medal
Gents Longbow	First Gold	Scot Williams	DCAS Medium Plate
DCAS Club Award for 2 Archers	Most Gold's	Keith Hingston & Scott Williams	DCAS Large Plate

**Our thanks to all Archers who took part, and for the field work and refreshments.**

### **Scotts Memories of his first Grand Day**

When I first started archery once I'd completed the beginners' course I turned up to help and participate in Grand Day in **2008**, with my daughter and my wife. On the trophy table was the bow handle trophy for the morning longbow it was the first one I saw in 2008 on the table of trophies laid out that day in the May sunshine, I came fifth that year and I hoped then that one day my name would join the 30 or more on it.

On my 44th birthday I won it only missing once in 72 arrows, becoming the first archer to ever to do that, and by that record achieved what I hoped I would six years ago. I felt I'd really shot well, and thoroughly enjoyed shooting that day. To complete the whole cycle one of the coaches who first taught me archery at my beginners course, and has since retired, Chris Wharton, was there as Lord Paramount to present it to me.

But what really made the day so memorable was that as I went to receive my trophy everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' to me. It made it not only a day to remember, but a Grand Day to remember, and I'd like to thank everyone who was there who helped make it so special, and well done to everyone else who was on form on the day.

**British Longbow Shoot: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May** By Dave Scull

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May saw our club host it's first ever British Long-Bow Society (BL-BS) shoot. This was the brain-child of Records Officer (Scott Williams) who, it has to be said, is a bit of a wiz with the Longbow **and** left-handed.

The round was to be a Windsor (3 dozen arrows at each of 60, 50 & 40 yards), 3 arrows per end and of course, two-way. Now this is quite usual for BL-BS and doesn't mean that we split into two groups, stand 60 yards apart and shoot at each other 'til there is only one person left standing. That would soon see the demise of longbow archery as we know it and would play merry h\*\*l with the insurance premium!

No, we arrange two sets of targets facing each other, shoot in one direction and when all have finished; the Field Captain indicates that we can walk to the other end to score our arrows in the conventional way. As each target group finishes scoring, they can immediately start shooting back the other way; so the competition is self-perpetuating and generally quite fast. At each change of distance, shooting starts 10 yards further forward.

The only other significant difference with BL-BS shoots is that the winner is the archer with most scoring hits second is the one with highest score, third is the one with most golds. You can only win one trophy; so bad luck if you achieve most hits **and** highest score **and** most golds; it doesn't pay to be too good ye know!!

By Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> our Tournament Organiser (Phil Rees) had received 26 entries, split equally by gender. The day dawned dry, sunny and relatively warm and remained so all day; quite a shock but welcome, after previous weeks! The competition got off to a prompt start, shortly after the 10:30 assembly and ran smoothly with a 30 min break at the end of the first distance and an hour for lunch at the end of the second. All shooting was finished and the field cleared away by 3:30.

The usual raffle gave Phil (who was also shooting) the chance to collate the results followed by the award of prizes by the Lady P (Christine Oakes, also competing). The trophies were wooden cabinets displaying segments of old longbows and arrows and made especially by ex club member and GNAS Regional Judge, Colin Holmes.

The efforts of Scott and Phil ensured that the tournament was a success and there was a call for a repeat prescription in 2014.

In addition, several non-shooting club members gave up their day to ensure that those of us fortunate enough to be able to shoot could do so and were looked after during the breaks.... thank you!

Full results can be found in the Tournament page of our web-site.

**Our club Archers won the following awards**

**Most Golds (Ladies). BLBS Bronze medal**

**Val Scull**

**Most Hits (Gents). BLBS Silver medal**

**Chris Quinn**

**Highest Score (Gents). BLBS Bronze medal**

**Dave Scull**

**Most Golds (Gents). BLBS Bronze medal**

**Scott Williams**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sherry Break



Sometime later.....



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**3 Gold End (not sure if this was before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sherry Break or after)**



**Thanks to Lady Paramount, Christine Oakes and Field Captain, Scott Williams.**

**Also thanks to all archers taking part, or helping behind the scenes with catering, trophy making, equipment organisation etc.**

**Hope to see everyone again in 2014.**

**Phillip Rees (Tournament co-ordinator, Exeter Company of Archers)**

**Sat 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013.**

## **BBQ PLUS!**

Nigel & Jo Cuthbert have invited us again to their smallholding close to the Tiverton canal at Halberton for a BBQ, a fun 'Jellybow' challenge and the chance to cycle along the canal towpath.

Food & soft drinks will be provided, please bring your own alcohol if you wish, & some 'nibbles' for the table.

There will be a 'Jellybow' event (bows provided), it really is great fun!

So if you fancy some practice beforehand, ask Chris King nicely!

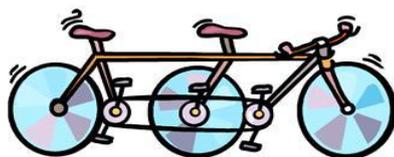
There will be various archery challenges to test your skill including speed, wand, surs & knock-out.

Put your name on the list on the board, so we can get in some food for the Barbie, also please advise if you would like to borrow a bicycle.

Directions are beside the list ... or have a word with AndyO.

**Cycle rides from 12 noon** ~ we usually call in for lunch at  
The Globe Inn at Sampford Peverell ~

**Jellybow from 4pm-ish & BBQ to follow**



Organised by Andy Oakes

**Meet Christine and Andy Oakes**



Christine joined Exeter Company of Archers in 1984 when the club consisted of only 8 members. Based at Marsh Barton, with a small wooden hut for storage, a big recruitment drive then took place.

The following year, Andy joined, and was instructed in the basics of archery by Christine amongst others!

They both shot recurve bows for a number of years, Andy a Portland 2000 & Christine a Hoyt before taking breaks to bring up their families. On returning to the sport, Andy was introduced to the longbow, which soon took over the majority of his shooting, and briefly he became Devon & Cornwall champion.

About a year after returning to ECOA & buying a new Recurve Christine developed shoulder problems for which she had surgery. Needing a lightweight bow to help regain her strength, she too purchased a longbow and was soon breaking club indoor records. She enjoys the longbow so much and has never picked up a Recurve since!! They both enjoy field shooting and trying out alternative forms of archery.

Andy has held various committee positions and is now happy to organise the social side including the Christmas meal, annual clout, BBQ and skittles. Christine has in the past been records officer, social secretary, & newsletter editor. She is now responsible for kitting us out in the club colours, and does most of the purchasing and organising of the catering for our tournaments.

They have both taken an active part in the clubs' activities, and can often be found at fetes and have-a-go sessions encouraging beginners.

Andy & Christine, on returning to Archery, saw each other in a different light & they married in 2011. They are very grateful to have found a sport which they both love, and which brought them together in the first place.

**Outdoors – Shooting Times – Please check notice board & website for confirmation of any late changes**

Sunday                    14:00 to 17:00  
Tuesday                 18:00 to dusk  
Friday                    18:00 to dusk

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>     Shooting may be at the far side of the field tbc

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June    No Shooting            Field in use by School TBC

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June May be shooting by the astro square due to cricket

Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Shooting may be at the far side of the field tbc

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June May be shooting by the astro square due to cricket

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June    Cricket match     Check nearer the time on the web site

**Summer Leagues Selby Postal League**

Please could all archers try to submit scores for the Selby Leagues in compound, recurve/barebow, and longbow from **Now until September.**

**Recurve and Compound**

Short Metric 80cm target face

3 Dozen Arrows at 50m

3 dozen Arrows at 30m

**Shot on: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the Month**

7 June

5 July

2 August

6 September

**Longbow**

**National 122cm target face**

4 Dozen Arrows at 60 yards

2 Dozen Arrows at 50 yards

**Shot on: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month**

14 June

12 July

9 August

13 September

### **Warwick League**

Please would all archers including juniors enter a Warwick score **once** a month from **June until August** for yourself.

Scott will keep details of all your scores each month and the best scores will go towards our club awards at the end of the outdoor season.

**For juniors** it's a Short Junior Warwick (2 dozen at 30 yards, and 2 dozen at 20 yards)

### **For longbows/recurve (2nd class and below)**

This is a Short Warwick (2 dozen at 50 yards, and 2 dozen at 40 yards)

### **For barebow, recurve (2nd class and above) or compound**

It's a Long Warwick (2 dozen at 80 yards, and 2 dozen at 60 yards)

### **For Sale**

Recent Novices: Free hire of bows and arrows after your course has now come to an end. Trainer Bows and Arrows are available for hire at a cost of either £1 per week or £5 per month

Bosses and H Frames are available for £20 each. Please note if shooting outdoors you will NOT be covered by GNAS Insurance. Contact Andrew Hoyle

Platform Tabs are now available at reception for £10

Club polo shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased from Christine Oakes  
Anniversary Mugs may still be available, please ask if you are interested

Make me an offer- [joanholtton@sky.com](mailto:joanholtton@sky.com)

ACO Decut ABS Case 6 months old see Quicks cat Page 59 i for details

Pop a Bivvy in its own carry bag NEW

### **Coaching Availability- Outdoor Season**

Tuesday or by request - Andrew Karen Mollie and Nigel

### **Check the Notice board for Have- a -Go's**

Please add your name to the list on the board, even if you can only spare a couple of hours that would be great.

Vacancy for a membership secretary - Any Volunteers?

Handover from Sara (old Treasurer) to Chris Quinn to be arranged.

Our thanks to Andrew Hoyle for his assistance filling in the gaps where they appeared

**Forthcoming Tournaments within DCAS**

See [www.dcas.org.uk](http://www.dcas.org.uk) or [www.gwas.co.uk](http://www.gwas.co.uk) to download entry forms

**Outdoor Tournaments**

2<sup>nd</sup> June Lizard Peninsular Open– St George /Albion /Windsors  
Diane Johnstone 01326 280308 or [dj.clio@mac.com](mailto:dj.clio@mac.com)

6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June DCAS/Exmouth Archers Double Fita Star  
Ladies 7 Gents Fita, Metrics

Timothy Pratt 01395 273409 or [tpratt@btinternet.com](mailto:tpratt@btinternet.com)

16<sup>th</sup> June Kenwith Longbow & Barebow Challenge  
Albion and Windsor LB and BB only

Richard Ley 01237 429155 or 078969191239 or [richsley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richsley@yahoo.co.uk)

16<sup>th</sup> June Dunster Week see Archery uk for details

30<sup>th</sup> June Redruth Archers Single/Double American

Jon Bouch 012090832292 or [jbouch@porescale.co.uk](mailto:jbouch@porescale.co.uk)

July 7<sup>th</sup> Wadebridge Open Mixed Herefords/Bristols

Elaine Jones 01208 813745 [richardealine@foxdown20.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:richardealine@foxdown20.freeserve.co.uk)

14<sup>th</sup> July Exmouth Archers Open Shoot

York/Hereford/Bristols/Nationals

Timothy Pratt 01395 273409 or [tpratt@btinternet.com](mailto:tpratt@btinternet.com)

21<sup>st</sup> July DCAS Championships York/Hereford/Bristols/Nationals  
(to be held at Newquay??) check on DCAS Website

28<sup>th</sup> July Mounts Bay 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Westerns

Sean Ellis 01736 756473 [sean@mbac.org.uk](mailto:sean@mbac.org.uk)

28<sup>th</sup> July Kenwith York/Hereford/Bristols/Nationals

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3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August DCAS/Redruth Double Fita Star

Ladies 7 Gents Fita, Metrics

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My thanks to everyone who submitted items for this newsletter

Please send me anything you would like to see in the next newsletter due out  
1<sup>st</sup> August

Happy Shooting

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