



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER NO. 2

Dear Member,

Welcome to the second newsletter. There is a lot this month, so let's get to it.

CLUB NEWS:

Recent Corporate Shoots

On a snowy afternoon in December last, Graeme Mitchell and myself went to the grounds of the Johnstounburn Hotel to supply archery to a group of 6 young men. Despite the inclement conditions, the archery went down well. Graeme's car broke down at the hotel and he is grateful to the hotel's lovely Fiona who arranged for his pride and joy to be given an overnight blow-job (???) by a local mechanic. (Bill, remember this is a family newsletter, HA HA, Donald).

Dalhousie Castle on Boxing Day was our next location. The afternoon was bright and sunny with sub-zero temperatures resulting in nocks shrinking and parting from the arrows. Present were myself, Donald, Tina, Jim, Watty and Bill (Bowman). The local cesspit made itself known to us as wave upon wave of noxious smells wafted past us on a light breeze beside the big cedar forcing us uphill to higher pastures and cleaner air. About 12 residents took part in the archery despite the bitter cold. It was only when the sun slipped down behind the trees and the temperature plummeted that our guests scampered to the warmth of the castle.

Our next shoot was again at Dalhousie Castle on New Years Day when 20-24 residents had expressed a desire to do archery. However, on Hogmanay I was informed by the Castle that 35-40 residents now wanted to shoot. Our bosses etc were already at the Castle but as there were not enough, more had to be brought across with John and Bill (Bowman) volunteering to do this while I withdrew more bows and arrows from the inside store. The arrows had not seen the light of day for a decade so they had to be nocked, fletched and straightened where necessary. A large number of residents turned out but only 28 took part in the competition.

The 8 bosses were manned by myself, Bill (Bowman), Alan, Paul, Joe, George, Brian, Meg, Watty and John. As John was anxious in case we did not have enough arrows, he shot off home to bring up a reserve supply. Altogether quite a good team effort, resulting in what seemed to be a shoot enjoyed by the participating residents. This must be the largest number the Club has catered for at a corporate shoot.

Bill Carmichael

#### FUN NIGHT:

On Wednesday 14 February 1996 we will be having a fun night which will involve shooting at special faces. At the time of writing, the form this will take has still to be decided.

Donald Cameron

#### CLUB COACHING:

In the near future all members will be receiving a questionnaire regarding coaching within the Club. It will cover not just shooting but other subjects such as bow maintenance etc.

Everybody needs help from time to time regardless if they are starting out or preparing for the next Olympics, so I urge you to complete the questionnaire and return it to me. At the moment we have 3 fully qualified coaches who are more than willing to help out, so it is up to you to make your views known.

Donald Cameron

#### CLASSIFICATIONS:

Now that the indoor season is well under way, there are some members who panic about what their classifications are. For those of you who do not know, we have a Records Officer whose name is Jim Seymour (a hell of a nice bloke and quite approachable - he's not bitten anybody yet) and he will be able to tell you what class you are. However, he can only do this if you give him any scores you gain at tournaments. Therefore, to make his job easier, please ensure he receives all your scores for indoor and outdoor shoots A.S.A.P.

Donald Cameron

Tournament News:

**18M OPEN FITA, LOREBURN - 14 JANUARY 1996**

Eight of us attended this enjoyable shoot which, as with previous shoots, had a low attendance of only 36 archers over an afternoon session only. Although we did not retain any of the trophies we held, the following medals were won:

3rd LADY - TINA JAMES (468)  
D CLASS LADY - KELLY HOY (422)  
1st COMPOUND - ATHOL PIRIE (511)  
2nd COMPOUND - MORAG PIRIE (492)

However, we did well in the raffle winning 9 prizes with 4 refused. Lets hope we can get more support from you next year and get those trophies back.

Donald Cameron

**EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS, LASSWADE - 21 JANUARY 1996**

Myself and 9 other members attended this shoot which was a Vegas round this year. The Lasswade members shot in the morning in the main hall which was unusually cold due to the failure of the boilers and this adversely affected some of us who did not shoot as well as we normally do. However, by the end of the day we had achieved the following awards:

2nd GENT - GRAEME MITCHELL (535)  
U18 JUNIOR - PETER WALKER (525)  
BOY

Lasswade also retained the team trophy (just as well as it has been mis-laid). The team consisted of:

Graeme Mitchell, Joe Grafen and Peter Walker with a combined score of 1585.

My congratulations to all the successful members from the above 2 shoots.

Donald Cameron

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

All shoots are at Lasswade unless otherwise indicated.

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<u>February</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sunday, 4th	WOSAA Indoor Championship (SRS) Portsmouth	Wishaw

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Sunday, 11th	18M Open Fita	
Sunday, 18th	Scottish U21's (SRS) Portsmouth	
Wednesday, 21st	British Archer Postal	
Sunday, 25th	S.A.A. Indoor Championships (SRS) 18m Fita	Linwood

<u>March</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Sunday, 10th	D.N.A.A. Indoor Open Portsmouth	Killingworth
Saturday, 16th	Club Championships Portsmouth	
Wednesday, 20th	British Archer Postal	
Saturday, 23rd	Lasswade v Penicuik (Intertown) Portsmouth	
Sunday, 31st	Lasswade v Penicuik (Intertown) Frostbite	

Please bear in mind that any of the above events can be subject to late change or cancellation. You will be notified as soon as possible if such a situation arises.

ITEMS FOR SALE/WANTED:

3 x 11" PRO SHOP carbon stabilisers,  $\frac{1}{4}$ " thread  
1 x 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ " carbon long rod, 5/16" thread  
1 x ARTEN TM3 "V" BAR

£ 50.00

Graeme Mitchell, Tel 0131-653-2101

Lasswade (new) Club Badge (to members) £ 2.00 each

See Donald Cameron

That concludes the second newsletter. I hope you found something interesting.

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Target date for newsletter No.3 is March 1996.