



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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## **NEWSLETTER NO.7 - JULY 1996**

Dear Member,

Welcome to yet another fun-filled, "Athol-bashing" edition of the newsletter.

### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **TOURNAMENTS AND ENTRY FEES**

As most of you know there are fixed times for announcements at club sessions. In my capacity as tournament secretary, I have allowed things to become too lax. What I am trying to say is that if you wish to enter/pay fees for shoots, could you please see me after any announcements are made and not before the start of a shooting session. At the moment I, with a few others, set up the range and while most people then commence shooting I am being collared by members wanting to enter shoots and this means that it can be well after 8pm before I can do any shooting myself. So, from now on could you please see me at the appropriate time. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

DONALD

### **CLUB COACHING**

As of this month (July) our coaches are available to help you with any problems you may have with your shooting etc. If a session is rained off we can still meet in the sport centre where subjects such as equipment maintenance and other related matters can be discussed. The committee and our coaches have taken a lot of time and effort on your behalf so it is up to you to get yourselves along to club sessions to make coaching a success.

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### 1996/97 POSTAL LEAGUES

In newsletter 4 I asked if any of you would like to run these shoots and so far nobody has come forward. The deadlines for entries are :-

GLADE POSTAL	-	LATE AUGUST
B/ARCHER POSTAL	-	4TH SEPTEMBER
S.A.A. POSTAL	-	EARLY NOVEMBER

If nobody is prepared to run these shoots then we will not be entered.

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### OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Due to a lack of members being able to shoot the championships, it has been decided to cancel them. However, those of you shooting in the double FITA on 7/8 September will have your Sunday only scores used as a basis for deciding which of you will win the medals and club trophies. As this is a big shoot which concludes with a long presentation ceremony, all Lasswade members will receive their awards at a later date, although those of you shooting will still be able to win any awards you gain from the FITA.

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### OTHER NEWS

2nd July 1996 was an important event in the club's history. What was it? American Independence Day? - no, that was 4th July. A rare sighting of Athol's wallet? - no, that's an impossibility. To put you out of your misery, it was JOAN'S 40TH BIRTHDAY!!! Congratulations Joan from all the club.

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### BELTANE FESTIVAL FUN SHOOT, PEBBLES - 22 JUNE, 1996

In addition to myself, the above event was attended by Athol and Morag Pirie and Bill and Margaret McKay. This annual shoot which takes place in Peebles is usually open to any archer who would like to have a break from the usual treadmill of FITA's and York/Herefords.

After spending part of the morning on a practice butt, the first part of the shoot consisted of a 3D animal round. The 6 animals which included a black bear, antelope and a wild boar were each placed at 6 un-marked distances. The archers were split into 3 teams and each archer in each group was allowed up to 3 arrows per animal. The animals themselves are marked with various areas to denote kill and wound zones.

After the 6 animals had been shot we had a break while the animals were placed at 6 new distances. Although some good scores were obtained I was not in the winning team. We then had another break at the refreshment block and before you ask, no I did not see Athol's wallet. So the age old questions remain, IS THERE LIFE IN ATHOL'S WALLET? DOES ATHOL HAVE A WALLET? Only time and the moths may tell. Perhaps our national bard could have put it this way:-

I've got this pal called Athol  
well I would'nae say he's tight  
but his wallet makes a quiet place  
for moths tae spend the night.

Moving swiftly on, the second part of the shoot consisted of the archers shooting in pairs at water-filled balloons. Easy you might say. Not so. The 2 balloons were placed at different heights but you could not see them as you had to shoot through a paper-frame. The paper was marked with black vertical lines which you aimed and fired at up or down the line. You had to burst your balloon in 4 arrows or less and ideally before your opponent burst his. If you were successful your opponent's balloon would drop to the ground and you had won. The positions of the balloons were changed for each new pair of archers. In the first round I knocked out Athol (YES!YES!YES!) In the next round I knocked out the other half of Pirie team, Morag. Bless her, she still gave me a lift home anyway. I was then eliminated in round three and the session continued until the eventual winner was arrived at. The day finished with an informal presentation ceremony with medals being awarded to the highest scoring team in the animal round and a £10 cash prize to the winner of the balloon shoot.

Above all, it was a fun day enjoyed by everyone.

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### TWO RECENT CORPORATE SHOTS

Sunday, 23rd June saw Graeme, Brian, Barry, Bill (Bowman) and myself at Dalhousie Castle for another session which was not without its problems. We had been asked to be ready for 4pm however, Graeme phoned me to say that the start time had been put back to 6pm. We duly arrived and I informed the castle only to be told that it would be a 6.30pm start. The guests eventually arrived at 6.45pm. After receiving 4 ends of training and practice we then had a competition for them. They shot one and a half dozen arrows, scoring 5,4,3,2,1 at a distance of 10 yards. The 3 highest scores out of a possible 90 were 86,82 and 78. After thanking us, the guests returned to the castle at 8.20pm. We then came up against another problem. The area in the laundry store where we keep the butts and stands had been locked. After 4 requests within the space of 40 minutes, somebody eventually let us in. We finally left at 9pm.

P.S.

Before the delayed start to the shoot we developed a severe thirst so Bill suggested getting some refreshments from the castle. Six small bottles of coke came to a modest total of £5!

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Saturday, 13th July saw Derek and myself "over the border" in East Lothian at Johnstounburn where we introduced a group of 26 gentlemen(?) from the Dalkeith Rugby Club (who were there to celebrate the last day of freedom for one of their number) to the stimulating sport of archery.

The men were split into 4 teams so while one team did archery, the other 3 did clay-pigeon shooting, quad-bikes and caber tossing.

After the usual training and practice, we had an end of 3 scoring arrows for them, the scoring being 10,8,6,4,2. We had one perfect 30 and two 28's. The scores would then be added to their running total for all the events. As we were packing up, the bridegroom-to-be was stripped by his team-mates and flung into the fishing lake! My thanks to Derek for his assistance as he had made other plans for the day.

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#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All shoots are at Lasswade.

#### 1996

##### SEPTEMBER

##### ROUND

Saturday, 7th  
and  
Sunday, 8th

S.A.A. FITA  
Star (SRS)  
To include the club championships

##### NOVEMBER

Sunday, 10th

Lasswade Indoor  
Portsmouth

So ends another newsletter as someone is knocking at my door. Athol's lawyer perhaps? Any items for the next newsletter should be send to me c/o H.M. Prison Saughton.

Target date for newsletter 8 will be August 1996, subject to my early parole!

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