



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,

Welcome to another issue of the newsletter.

CLUB NEWS

OUTSIDE STORE BROKEN INTO!

Spring may now be upon us but the nights have still to draw out yet. It is conditions like this which cause certain forms of low-life to crawl from under their stones and appropriate property usually belonging to other people.

Last month these "creatures of the night" cut the padlock of the store and stole one of our arrow-finders and a 100m measuring tape which are not the cheapest of items to lose. At the time of writing a letter is being sent to the centre management and we should be re-imbursed for the lost equipment.

A padlock has now been fitted and, money permitting, the centre hope to install some form of security lighting around the building particularly the dark recessed area where our store is.

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CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

I asked you way back in newsletter 4 that if any of you change your address or leave the club then please let us know. This is now more important than ever as I received some registration forms from Joan, courtesy of GNAS.


These forms which I have completed contain your relevant details eg. your name and GNAS number. However, GNAS now want to know your full postal address and postcode to up-date their data-base and I have managed to do this based on details provided by you and contained in our records.

There is a short item in the current edition of News from the Centre, the mouth-piece of GNAS, and as some of you already know an X number of copies of NFTC are sent to each club but this method of distribution is to cease after the current edition. The intention from now on is to send every member affiliated through GNAS their own copy of NFTC but they can only do this if they received details of any changes which apply to yourselves. These forms have to be returned by the end of the month so if you have any changes to your details then please let me know ASAP.

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COACHING SESSION - WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 1997

This session proved to be even more popular than last month's with 22 archers attending.

The session was run by Bill (MacKay), Derek and Alan Marshall. In addition to any equipment problems people wished to bring up we also had the use of the T.V. and video again. Bill also took the opportunity to get us to practise our aiming by shooting at Portsmouth faces folded over to form a  shape and shooting at the apex of the face which is not as easy to do as you might think. I hope some of you will have gained something useful from the evening.

Once again thanks to the above named gentlemen.

Another session will hopefully be arranged for this month.

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COMPOUND BOW WORKSHOP, MEADOWBANK - 15 MARCH 1997

This session which was run on behalf of the Eastern Area by Syd Strachan, with Bill MacKay assisting, was attended by myself, Andy, Athol and Athol's other half, Morag. (You may remember Morag folks. She used to be a member of our club and was the junior tea-lady at our recent club championships). In addition to ourselves there were about 6 other archers. Over the afternoon we could discuss problems and get our equipment seen to if needed and we also had the use of an arrow flight meter. Syd spent some time with all of us and it was pleasing to say that he thought my only problem was with my head position when aiming. I honestly thought he would tell me to give up shooting! Just kidding! All in all it was a worthwhile afternoon.

PS. Before I forget. Derek arrived later in the afternoon. Was he there to learn more about compounds? Has he seen the light and perhaps thinking of going over the the "other side"? Over to you Derek!

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TOURNAMENT REPORTS

**WEST OF SCOTLAND INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, WISHAW
- 2 FEBRUARY 1997**

Yet another well attended Portsmouth shoot with Meg and Tina representing Lasswade in addition to Watty acting in his capacity as a judge.

Meg finished as the top lady recurve with a score of 548. Tina was not too far behind gaining fifth place with a 533 and she also won the C Class silver medal. Well done to you both.

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**S.A.A. INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, ABERDEEN
- 16 FEBRUARY 1997**

This year's championships attracted an entry of 104 archers shooting an 18m Fita. Lasswade were represented by Meg, Jill and Tina. Bill (Carmichael) was also down to shoot but illness prevented him from attending.

As I reported in the last newsletter, Meg shot a winning score of 546 to become the new Scottish Indoor Lady Recurve champion.

In addition to the trophy and gold medal she also won a T-shirt! Where is it Meg? Is it really that bad? HA! HA! Jill finished 29th and Tina retired after 33 arrows. The 3 combined scores of our ladies earned them 5th place in the team section.

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**D.N.A.A. 29TH ANNUAL OPEN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS, KILLINGWORTH
- 8 MARCH 1997**

Tina, Derek and Bill (Carmichael) made the journey south this year to attend the above shoot which was the usual Portsmouth round. The competition from other clubs down south is usually pretty tough but Tina did her best to finish 15th in her section. The gent's group saw Bill finishing in 16th place with Derek in 23rd.

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LASSWADE v PENICUIK INTERTOWN SHOOT

**INDOOR PORTSMOUTH ROUND, PENICUIK
- 14 MARCH 1997**

This year it was our turn to travel to Penicuik with the hope of trying to regain the Intertown Portsmouth Trophy. It was with a modest degree of embarrassment to note that only 8 of us took part whereas there must have been 25+ from Penicuik attending.

As those of you who have taken part in previous intertowns will know each club normally elects a team consisting of 2 lady and 2 gent recurves, 2 juniors and a compound. As we had no juniors in the Lasswade team the format for this year was made up by 3 gent and 2 lady recurves plus 2 compounds per team.

Although we put in some good scores we did not regain the trophy, losing by only 65 points which was however an improvement on last year.

The results were as follows:-

<u>LASSWADE</u>	<u>PENICUIK</u>
555	556
551	550
547	549
535	547
533	541
529	534
<u>495</u>	<u>523</u>
<u>3745</u> (2nd)	<u>3810</u> (1st)

To save any blushes (my own especially) I have not put any names to our scores. OK Tina? HA! HA!

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**OUTDOOR FROSTBITE ROUND, WEST LINTON
- 23 MARCH 1997**

After losing the Portsmouth round the previous week, 5 of us made the trip to Penicuik's outside field at West Linton. I had not been there before so I left in plenty of time for the 11am start. However, most of the A702 to West Linton was being re-surfaced and I was stopped at every set of lights on the way. I arrived just before 11 but others had also been held up so the shoot started later. The weather itself was not too bad, cool and overcast but later on the sun made a lacklustre attempt to break through the cloud cover. As with the indoor round we were out-numbered about 4 to 1 by our Penicuik opponents. It was therefore decided our 5 scores would be matched against the best 5 from Penicuik. The shoot itself progressed well without any problems.

After the results had been collated we received the bad news. We lost by 152 points but I managed to make a small improvement to my personal best for this round.

The bad news reads as follows:

<u>LASSWADE</u>	<u>PENICUIK</u>	
304	331	
301	321	
291	320	
285	319	
<u>269</u>	<u>311</u>	
<u>1450</u> (2nd)	<u>1602</u> (1st)	<u>DONALD</u>

ITEMS FOR SALE

HOYT SENSATION compound bow,
r-handed, 25-35lbs fitted with junior limbs,
long rod and ARTEN sight. 9 x 7 arrows.

£ 100.00 May sell items separately.

Tel. 0131-663-9237 and ask for Barry or Brian Galbraith
for futher details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Sunday, 25th Lasswade Albion (BRS)

Consider this newsletter duly terminated.

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