



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER NO.19 - JULY 1997

Dear Member,

It's that time of the month again when you can catch up on all the gossip and events that have taken place in the past month at your club.

CLUB NEWS

TOO MANY BILLS?

As most of you will be aware there are several Bills in our club. To avoid any confusion in the future, from this issue onwards they will be identified as Bill C (Bill Carmichael) and Bill M (Bill MacKay). By dropping Carmichael this means I will save on paper! By deleting MacKay this will save me from mis-spelling his name! There is also a Bill B (Bill Bowman) but he seems to have disappeared off the face of the planet!

I hope you will be able to make sense of all this!

**EASTERN AREA COACHING DAYS AND AREA COACH TRAINING COURSE
1997/98**

Interested? If so see the attached leaflets.

ASSHETON v LASSWADE ANNUAL FUN SHOOT

See the attached letter. If any of you could participate then please let us know A.S.A.P.

A RECENT CORPORATE SHOOT - 15 JUNE 1997

While some of our members were through at the Euronations shoot at Largs, Bill C, Derek, Joan and myself made the journey to Johnstounburn House for another corporate shoot.

It was not until we arrived that I was informed that there were to be 30 children participating this time. I hate children! Even when I was a child I hated them! However, it turned out to be a group of polite, well behaved young gentlemen from Merchiston Castle School.

As always, we arrived with time to spare for the 2pm start. While we were waiting it started to rain and then one of the staff informed us that the boys would be late, so it was nearly 2.45pm when the first group arrived. Thankfully, the rain stopped. Most of them had tried archery before so after a practise end of 3 arrows, Joan then recorded their scores. They were allowed 3 arrow ends and the scoring was done as follows:-

Gold (5), Red (4), Blue (3), Black (2) and White (1).

Each group shot several ends with only their 3 best scores being counted. Needless to say most of my boys scored 15's repeatedly.

As the last group were just about to finish the rain came on again so it was a mad rush to get the equipment back into Bill's car which had to be left at the hotel's car-park due to the access road down to the field being too muddy. By the time we arrived back at Bonnyrigg the rain had stopped! Flaming June? No Way! More like(sorry folks my pen ran out of ink here!)

PS. I like children really but I don't think I could eat a whole one!

GOREBRIDGE GALA DAY - 21 JUNE 1997

After a years absence we were once again asked if we could run a come-and-try session at the above event. In addition to myself, I was joined by Watty, Bill C, Brian and Jim.

We arrived at about 11.30am and set up 4 butts and awaited our first customers, our rate being 6 arrows for 50p.

We wondered if it was all worthwhile as the weather once again proved to be foul, heavy showers, black clouds with the (very) odd bright spell. Luckily, Bill had brought his tent so we at least had some shelter. After the rain we had at Johnstounburn the previous Sunday, we had also wisely brought our waterproof gear.

After a slow start business eventually picked up with no major problems encountered. By about 3.30pm things began to drop off so we decided to pack up. Our final tally for the day was £52.50, not a bad sum when you took the weather into account.

S.A.A. DOUBLE FITA STAR AND EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS (WRS)
LASSWADE - 26 & 27 JULY 1997

On behalf of the organiser, Andy, I would be most grateful for any help you could provide on both days of the shoot. I hope as many of you as possible can help as we do not want to put Andy off from organising future tournaments!

JOAN'S 40 SOMETHING BIRTHDAY BASH

Joan has asked me to say how disappointed she was that no-one turned up for her birthday celebrations at the Peebles Hydro. (You all thought I was kidding!)

However, as she has saved a lot of money she has decided to invest it in a top-of-the range compound bow.

I thought she was getting on a bit to be changing from a recurve but as she pointed out if an old man like Athol can manage, she can too!

PS. Joan brought along a cake with a target face on it to our club session on the 2nd of July. This is the only serious bit of this item!

PPS. Having exhausted the Joan theme, I am now looking for a new victim. You have been warned!

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

GLADE WINTER POSTAL LEAGUE 1996/97

For those of you who have not been to the club recently, here are our final placings:-

PORTSMOUTH RECURVE LEAGUE

DIVISION 1

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Lasswade "A" finished in 4th place with Muriel shooting the highest ladies score for the season, a 584 gaining herself a medal.

DIVISION 4

Our "B" team finished one place down in 5th. However, this time we won 2 more highest score medals, a 469 from Jill (JG) and a 528 from Kelly as the top scoring disabled archer in this division.

PORTSMOUTH COMPOUND LEAGUE

DIVISION 4

Our compound archers gained 3rd place with Andy as the top disabled archer with a 539 which is a new league record for a disabled archer.

Well done to you all. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Bill C for running these shoots during the winter and I also hope there will be no shortage of volunteers willing to run them for 1997/98.

AYR OPEN (ROSE STATUS), CRAIGIE CAMPUS, AYR
1 JUNE 1997

Four of our gents made the journey to Ayr for this York/Hereford round. It was a warm day but quite windy. Our 2 recurves, Graeme and Bill C finished in 10th and 11th places respectively. The final placings for our 2 compounds, Bill M and Andy, were 5th and 6th. In addition to their placings, Bill C took the trophy and shield as the first gent recurve for those archers eligible for the Civil Service awards. Bill M and Andy are both claiming for their 800 Rose awards.

Well done to you all.

Their results were as follows:-

GENTS

10th	Graeme Mitchell	(767)
11th	Bill Carmichael	(735)

GENTS COMPOUND

5th	Bill MacKay	(890)
6th	Andy Robertson	(815)

EURONATIONS FITA TOURNAMENT (WRS), LARGS
14 & 15 JUNE 1997

Day one of this shoot was for invited archers only so 3 of our ladies took part in the open section of the shoot on the Sunday. Once again it was a successful shoot for Tina who finished in 10th place (1135) finishing ahead of quite a few of the established Scottish ladies and her 50 metre score (280) secured her the medal for this distance.

Meg took 24th place (969) with Jill in 29th (823).

The organiser, Maureen Darling, has also sent a letter to the club thanking us for our £50 donation to the event.

On behalf of the S.A.A. she also thanked Tina, Bill M, John, Meg and Watty who helped out in various ways with the shoot itself.

WEST OF SCOTLAND DOUBLE FITA STAR (WRS), LINWOOD
21 & 22 JUNE 1997

In the ladies' recurve section Tina shot a score of 1947 to take 7th place and gained yet another 50 metre distance award (459). Our other archer, Graeme, only shot the one day and he finished 4th in a group of nine with a score of 870 with Bill M there in his capacity as one of the 3 judges.

As far as I know, they also enjoyed the miserable weather we experienced at the Gorebridge Gala Day!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1997

JULY

Saturday , 26th
and
Sunday, 27th

S.A.A. Double Fita
Star and Eastern Area
Championships (WRS),
Lasswade

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 6th
and
Sunday, 7th

S.A.A. Double Fita
Star (WRS) and Lasswade
Open Fita (BRS)

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