



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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## **NEWSLETTER NO.21 - SEPTEMBER 1997**

Dear Members,

Welcome to another action-packed edition of your newsletter.

### **CLUB NEWS**

#### **AFFILIATION FEES**

It pains me to remind you that your affiliation fees must be paid to Graeme by the 24th of this month.

You will all be aware that these fees must be paid so if you have not renewed them then you will not be able to shoot at the club or take part in tournaments.

The combined fee for GNAS and the S.A.A. is £30 this season. The club fee has also been raised to £15 (£7.50 for juniors) but this will now be payable in January although you can pay it along with your other fees now if you wish. This was discussed and approved at the last AGM. Disabled members and juniors only have to pay the club fee.

#### **OUTDOOR SUNDAY SESSIONS**

Just a reminder that Sunday the 28th of this month will be our last outdoor session.

I regret to inform you that there will be no indoor Sunday sessions. This is a carry-over for last season due to a lack of members shooting on Sundays which meant we were making too much of a financial loss.

**WINTER POSTAL LEAGUES 1997/98**

With regard to the above leagues, Bill C has once again kindly agreed to organise these shoots on our behalf. I hope you will all give him your support by entering and getting the range set up (without having to be asked!) as we only have 2 hours or less to shoot the round.

For the benefit of new members or anybody else, here is a reminder of how these shoots run.

Lasswade is entered in the British Archer, S.A.A. and the Glade leagues. The shoots take place once a month from November to March. Each Lasswade team is put in to a division (based on last seasons final placings) usually with 5 other opposing teams nationwide. There are also separate divisions for recurves and compounds. Once we have shot the monthly round, Bill will then send our results to our opponents for the month and the organisers of the league. Bill will in turn receive our opponents results which will be put up on our notice-board outside the hall. After the leagues end in March, Bill is then sent the final placings in each league plus any medals if we have won any division. The team format for this season is as follows:-

**BRITISH ARCHER:-**

- RECURVE                      One team consisting of the 5 highest scoring archers.
  
- COMPOUND                    An "A" team made up by the 2 highest scoring archers and, new for this season, a "B" team made up from the next 2 highest scoring archers.

**S.A.A.:-**

- RECURVE                    An "A" team made up by the 4 highest scoring archers and a "B" team made up by the next 4 highest scoring archers.
  
- COMPOUND                    As per the British Archer League.

**GLADE:-**

- RECURVE                    As per the S.A.A. League.
  
- COMPOUND                    As per the British Archer and S.A.A. Leagues.

**JUNIORS:-**

As we do not have enough juniors to form any teams they will shoot with the adults and if their scores are good enough they will be included in any team.

These shoots are open to ALL members regardless of their experience.

The good thing about these leagues is that depending on individual scores, the team members can vary from month to month.

I hope I have made everything as clear as possible but if you have any questions then please see Bill or myself.

PS. A date for the first November shoot will be announced at a later date and in the next newsletter.

**NEW MEMBERS**

Finally, and perhaps a little late, I would like to welcome on behalf of the club, the following new members:-

Neil Fraser (shoots compound and is a bit thin on top) and Jade and Ian Hunter (you will know them when you see them!). Seriously folks, I hope you will have a long and happy time with us.

**TOURNAMENT REPORTS**

**S.A.A. SCOTTISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS  
DOUBLE FITA STAR (WRS), GLASGOW - 2 & 3 AUGUST 1997**

Good weather on both days and Bill M as one of the judges, what more could one ask for? Probably a lot more as only 2 of our ladies attended the above shoot (HA!HA!). Tina's score of 2176 earned her 12th place with Jill back in 20th with 1782.

**2ND GRAMPIAN BOWMEN HANDICAP FITA  
INC. S.A.A. INTER AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS, ABERDEEN - 10 AUGUST 1997**

Tina and Graeme headed northwards to attend the above shoot.

By the end of the day a score of 1048 put Tina on the results list as 7th lady recurve.

Graeme's score in the gents sections, a 964 earned him 14th place. Their combined scores plus that of 4 other Eastern Area archers totalled 6358 which gained the Eastern team second place win the inter-area portion of the shoot.

**GLASGOW ARCHERS FITA (THISTLE AND BRS)  
AND YORK/HEREFORD (ROSE AND BRS) ROUNDS, GLASGOW  
- 16 & 17 AUGUST 1997**

DAY - 1 (FITA)

Lasswade were once again represented by Tina and Andy with Tina scoring 1036 for 12th place lady recurve. Andy took 6th place with a 1040 in the gents compound section.

DAY - 2 (YORK/HEREFORD)

Tina finished one place down (13th) scoring a 966. Her score equalled that of Moira Taylor of Falkirk AC. They also had 144 hits each but Tina shot 36 golds to Moira's 35 golds.

Andy was just outside the medals in 4th place scoring 919.

The weather was dry and bright on both days.

**EASTERN AREA AMERICAN ROUND (SRS)  
LAURISTON CASTLE ARCHERS - 31 AUGUST 1997**

A score of 668 was enough to earn Tina 7th position in the ladies recurve group. Neil Fraser shooting compound in his first ever tournament shot a 703 which, subject to confirmation, is a new Scottish record. Well done. I had hoped to enter this shoot myself but was seconded by our vice-chairman (Brian) to other duties that day.

**S.A.A. DOUBLE FITA STAR (WRS) AND  
LASSWADE OPEN FITA (BRS), LASSWADE - 6 & 7 SEPTEMBER 1997**

LORD PARAMOUNT: ME!

JUDGES: CALLUM MILLER  
BOB DARLING  
DEREK SANGSTER

ORGANISERS: ME and WATTY

WEATHER: DAY 1 - cool, overcast, windy with  
prolonged showers.  
DAY 2 - dry and bright but very  
windy.

A slightly lower turn-out than last years event but there were still 22 clubs represented by 57 archers shooting one or both days (with 10 non-starters).

The adverse weather plus this being the last major shoot of the outdoor season saw 11 archers retiring early on one or both days. There is much talk going around about this shoot for an obvious reason but I do not propose to discuss it here, suffice to say that we observed a minutes silence at 11am for Diana, Princess of Wales.

As day one progressed, we began to suffer from a few problems, the first being that some of the 80cm faces began to fall apart. It turned out that the faces were not of the toughened type and were not resistant to the rain. These faces would usually be used at 30m as well as 50m but they had to be replaced at both distances.

As with the Eastern Area shoot in July, we started to have some near shoot-throughs on several bosses.

At the end of day one Watty and I had to travel through to Balbardie to get 6 new bosses and new 80cm faces. Then it was back to Watty's to get things ready for Sunday. I finally left Watty's at about 10pm. We had both been on the go since 7am in the morning. Just as well we don't get paid!

Apart from the strong winds day two passed uneventfully. Yet again Tina and Andy shot for Lasswade and they were joined by Bill M and Jill. Their results were as follows with the Double Fita placing followed by the Lasswade Open placings in brackets where appropriate:-

<u>LADIES (BOTH DAYS)</u>	6th (6th) Tina James (2011) plus the 50m distance medal for the Double Fita
<u>LADIES (SUNDAY ONLY)</u>	2nd Jill Rennie JG. ( 806) 17th place overall if Jill's score is added to the ladies recurve 2 day results list.
<u>GENTS COMPOUND (BOTH DAYS)</u>	1st (2nd) Andy Robertson (1978)
<u>GENTS COMPOUND (SATURDAY)</u>	2nd Bill MacKay ( 977)

Finally, to conclude this report I would like to thank the following:-

My co-organiser Watty for all this help. Watty's wee boy Keith who compiled the entry forms. Our 3 judges Callum, Bob and Derek. I am also grateful to my fellow club members John, Tina, Graeme, Neil, Andy, Barry, Ian and Jade and the 2 Bill's C and M. Bill C helped Watty and myself with the scoring after each distance and also took the opportunity for 40 winks between his scoring duties!

Apart from the above members, a thank-you is also due to to Norrie McLean of Penicuik AC and Alan Marshall of Livingston AC for their help on both days.

PS. Watty and I will not be running this shoot next year if it is held at Lasswade!

PPS. Our total for the raffle was £62.00

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**1997**

**SEPTEMBER**

**TOURNAMENT/ROUND (OR EVENT)**

Sunday, 28th

Last outdoor session

**NOVEMBER**

Sunday, 9th

Lasswade Indoor Open  
PORTSMOUTH (BRS)

Wednesday, 26th

19th Lasswade AC AGM  
at 7.30pm  
Venue: TBA (no club session)

Consider newsletter 21 duly terminated.

**DONALD**