



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members

Welcome to another fun-filled edition of our club's newsletter.

CLUB NEWS

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB 19TH AGM

You are all reminded that the 19th AGM will take place on Wednesday 26th November 1997 at 7.30pm. As with last year, the venue will be the New Lecture Theatre in Lasswade High School. To get there, go through the main door (make sure to open the door first!), turn hard right, go through another set of double doors, down a short flight of steps. The door-way for the theatre is almost directly opposite the library at the end of the corridor on your left.

All members should attend if possible as this is your chance to have your say on the future running of the club. All posts on the committee are also open for election either in writing to the secretary, Joan Smith, or from the floor at the AGM. Due to the AGM there will be no club session that night.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the club I would like to welcome the following new members who joined us on the completion of the 6 week beginners course:- Paul Young, George Young (no relation), Diane Armstrong, Lucy Donaldson, Francis, Isobel, Jill and Penny Van Milligen, Peter Rogers and James McCusker. In addition we have also been joined by 2 established archers, Elise Freedman and an old friend of ours the lesser-crested Georgius Rex, that's George King to you folks!

I hope you have all now settled in and have grasped the basics of archery. Although we are always here to help you, you should be able to get yourselves sorted out now with equipment if you have not yet decided to progress to your own. All of you should also have received your information pack which contains details about the club and the club's constitution. If you have not, then please see me. We also have a club badge which is available for £1.50 if you would like one then see me. You will also receive a copy of the club's newsletter, usually on a monthly basis, so if you have anything you would like to see in it or any suggestions then please see the editor. That's me as well! All your details have now been passed to the Grand National Archery Society (GNAS) so you should receive your membership cards in the near future via the club. GNAS also publish a quarterly magazine, ARCHERY UK, which all members automatically receive free of charge and delivered to their doors. If you change your address or leave the club then please let us know so we can inform GNAS.

Once again, welcome, and please remember, if you need any help or are unsure of something (archery that is), then please feel free to ask one of us.

NOVEMBER POSTAL SHOOT

November the 5th saw the completion of our first shoot for the 1997/98 Postal League season. I did not manage to do a head count but it was well attended and some excellent scores were shot.

It was also pleasing to note that all archers had put their tackles boxes etc up the sides of the hall or at the back wall when they had set up. We will of course be making sure you keep up the good work!

The next shoot will take place on Wednesday 3rd December 1997. As always, be there sharp!

OTHER ITEMS

ARCHERY AS A SPORT

Following on from last month's article, Archery - A Brief History, here is part 2.

Archery has long been popular as an amateur sport, particularly in England. The oldest continuously held archery tournament still existing is the Ancient Scorton Arrow founded in Yorkshire in 1673, and about 1790 the Royal Toxophilite (Greek toxon, "bow", philos, "loving") Society was formed to advance the sport. In 1844 The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS), the governing body of British archery, was established and has conducted championship contests since that year.

Archery competition is divided into various categories such as target, field and flight shooting to name but three. The main events of target-shooting tournaments are called rounds and the number of arrows shot and the distances are specified.

After being discontinued at the Olympic Games in the early 1900s, archery again became an Olympic sport for men and women at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. Modernised in 1992 to promote interest, the Olympic round consists of a ranking round, an elimination round, a finals round, a team elimination round, and a team finals round. The individuals' event includes 64 archers, all shooting at the same time at targets 70m (230ft) away. Archers with the highest scores after various elimination heats compete for medals. The competition is conducted according to the International Archery Federation (FITA) rules.

Field shooting simulates hunting game, with small targets placed in natural surroundings at various marked or un-marked distances. In flight shooting the object is the distance traversed by the arrow rather than the accuracy of the shot. In recent years hunting with the bow and arrow has become popular, and in many parts of the United States legal seasons have been established for taking deer in this manner.

Andy Robertson

P.S. Remember bow hunting is illegal in Britain!

Donald

ITEM FOR SALE

One K.G. ARCHERY QUIVER in light purple.
Un-used and un-wanted. Would suit a new member, especially a lady! Yours' for the knockdown price of £10.00
Interested? - Then see me (Donald)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1997

DECEMBER

TOURNAMENT/ROUND (or EVENT)

Wednesday, 3rd

Postal Shoot/Portsmouth

Sunday, 7th

Loreburn Open Shoot/Portsmouth
Venue: Dumfries

Sunday, 7th

S.A.A. AGM
Venue: Waverley Hotel, Perth

So ends chapter 23 of the newsletter.

DONALD