



THE ARROWHEAD

THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB



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Dear Members,

Welcome to another fun-filled edition, of your newsletter. WARNING !!! I will be making a few digs at some of you including two favourite targets, (no pun intended) Athol and Joan!

CLUB NEWS

OUTDOOR CLUB SESSIONS

Just a reminder that from May we will be shooting outdoors on Wednesdays from 6.45pm to 9.00pm and Sundays from 10.00am until 12 noon. If any sessions are rained off, especially on Wednesdays, we have the option to go into the sports centre to discuss any problems with our shooting or to get any work done on our equipment if need be.

JUNIORS ENTERING TOURNAMENTS

It has been brought to my attention that when a junior member enters a tournament, their parent or guardian must sign the entry form. This applies to Record Status shoots only. Although it is not very common, Record Status shoots can be liable for drug testing. By signing the entry form you are giving your consent for your child to be tested if he/she is approached. Refusal will be treated as a positive result. Some entry forms have been signed in the past by club officials of which I am guilty. So from now on can parents please comply. If you have any questions then please see me.

PS. Remember, juniors are termed as juniors until they have attained the age of 18 years.

INDOOR COACHING SESSION - 1 APRIL 1998

This proved to be an enjoyable evening attended by 25 of us. Bill M and Derek were on hand and amongst other things we had the use of the TV and video and our newly-purchased arrow-flight meter.

Prior to the shooting, Bill M got us to do the warm-up exercises. This time however he got some of us to take the class during the exercises. Neil's performance was adequate then we had Athol on next. He is still quite supple for a man of his age but I did not stay for his whole performance which I found overpowering. I was throwing-up in the changing-room. HA!HA!HA!

Anyway, I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as we have decided that our last indoor session on Wednesday 29th will also be a coaching evening.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS

If you change your address or decide to leave the club, can you please let me know so you can still receive /not receive a newsletter.

At the moment I can get all the photo-copying done at no cost to the club but 27 copies is a lot to do. So if you do not wish to receive a copy then please let me know. We may save a few trees in the process!

RUBBISH!

This appeal may be late what with the indoor season almost ended. Before you leave the hall can you please put any empty soft drink cans/bottles you may have in the nearest litter bin or take them away with you. Officially speaking NO food or drink is allowed in the hall.

OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year we intend to hold our own outdoor championships again on Sunday 23rd August 1998. We will provide you with more information nearer the time.

MORE BILLS IN THE CLUB?

Thankfully no. Two is more than enough. HA!HA!
However, looking through the indoor classification list (an up-dated copy is included with this month's newsletter) I see we also have 2 Jills, 2 Ians, 2 Pauls and 2 Georges. Although they do not usually all shoot at the same time and to avoid any confusion, I will use their first names followed by the first intial of their surnames eg. Ian H (Hunter), Ian G (Garner). Hope you followed all that!

LASSWADE ALBION - SUNDAY 24 MAY 1998

As organiser for the above event I would be most grateful if any club members who may or may not be shooting on the day itself could help me to get the range set up etc. We will also be holding a raffle as well so any donations from yourselves will be most welcome.

WINTER POSTAL LEAGUES 1997-98

BRITISH ARCHER

In this league we had one recurve team of 5 archers and 2 x 2 compound teams.

The recurve team managed only one win out of 5 matches. The average score was 563 but to put up a realistic challenge in Recurve Division 4 a minimum score would have to have been about 565, not too easy to come by. The compound "A" team lost their first match 1097 - 1099, thereafter four wins in succession with average scores just over 1100. So are they medal winners? It's a case of wait and see. They were in Compound Division 22. Further down in Division 27 our compound "B" team had 2 wins, 2 losses and one score still not known. Their chances of medals are nought as the March opponents, Oakfield Archers, had 5 straight wins to their credit. Oakfield's average was 551, ours 538 although the last two matches did produce averages of 551 for us.

THE GLADE

Here we had 2 x 4 recurve teams and 2 x 2 compound teams Lasswade "A" were in Division 1 of the recurve league. The average score of our opponents was 564, and as ours was 555. You can understand why we finished up with one win and four losses.

The "B" team, in Division 5, have faired much better. Their March opponents, Braintree Bowmen, have not returned any scores to us during the season so it is a case of waiting for the official results to find out if medals are coming to the "B" team which had one bye, three wins and a "don't know yet".

In Compound Division 4 our "A" team look secure for medals with a bye and four wins to their credit. Our "B" team in Division 6 had one bye, two wins and two not known scores, so medals are a possibility. Again its the long wait for the official results.

S.A.A.

The results for this league can be found in Tournament Reports section of this newsletter.

In order to challenge for the top places in 1998/99 we will have to send in average scores per archer of 568 (recurve) and 587 for compound archers.

Bill Carmichael

AND FINALLY

I have to apologise to Jade. In last month's Indoor Club Championship report I made a comment about her "leather gear". This should have read "latex gear". That's a sloppy wet kiss I owe you! HA!HA! My second apology goes to Billy for calling him a field archer! A sloppy wet kiss is optional. HA!HA!

Belated congratulations go to Jill R whose score of 517 shot at the Lasswade/Penicuik Portsmouth shoot was a new personal best.

OTHER ITEMS

THE BATTLE OF CRECY

For all those archers, especially beginners, who may have been told by some know-all or another that the cross-bow is a better and more powerful weapon, please read on...

The Battle of Crecy was an important engagement between the armies of England and France, occurring on August 26, 1346 near the village of Crecy en Ponthieu, northern France, during the Hundred Years' War. The battle was fought after the second invasion of France by Edward III, King of England, and was the first major encounter of the war. Edward established a position on the slope of a hill and arrayed his forces in three divisions, two in the front line and one in reserve. Each division consisted of a centre of dismounted knights and men-at-arms, flanked on both sides by forward-curving wings of archers armed with longbows. The total English force numbered about 3900 knights, 11,000 archers, and 5,000 light troops. The French army, led by King Philip VI, was composed of at least 12,000 mounted knights, 6,000 Genoese mercenary crossbowmen, 20,000 town militia, a number of foot soldiers, and a division of cavalry under King John of Bohemia.

The French advanced in a disorganised manner, their crossbowmen being no match for the English archers. Even the charging knights could not penetrate the two front lines of the dismounted men-at-arms. Each new advancing contingent of mounted French knights became entangled in their own forces already at battle and were thus exposed at close range to the arrows of Edward's longbowmen. The French knights made 16 distinct charges, but by midnight the battle was over. English losses were negligible; at least 1,500 French knights lay dead.

In the Battle of Crecy the English proved, for the first time in continental warfare, that the longbow was superior to the crossbow in both range and rapidity of fire. The victory also dealt a severe blow to the old feudal concept of warfare by proving that a combination of archers and dismounted men-at-arms could withstand the charge of armoured knights on horseback.

Andy Robertson

"V" FOR VICTORY

I read the enclosed clipping in the latest issue of the Readers Digest - sorry it's in such a sad state - I have a very bad habit of reading in the bath and - yes - it fell in. It may be old news to everyone else, but I had never heard of this so if you don't include it in **Scottish Archery** I won't go in the huff. Keep up the good work.

Joan Smith
Lasswade Archery Club

Editor: SCOTTISH ARCHERY

You can trust me not to share your personal habits with the rest of the archery community in Scotland - you may however now be inundated with offers from people offering to read to you in the bath.

"In the United States it signifies "victory" or "peace". But here in Britain if the palm faces inwards, it's a taunt, especially if the gesture is executed with an upward jerk of the fingers.

More than 650 years ago, the French are said to have disabled the English Archers they captured in battle by cutting off their middle and forefingers. In the aftermath of the battles of Agincourt and Crecy, where the French were heavily defeated, triumphant English soldiers gloated over French prisoners by holding up their hands, first two fingers upright, palm inwards, to show both fingers fully intact.

Editor: THIS NEWSLETTER

As tournament secretary I will be taking entries from anybody in this club who would like to read to Joan in the bath!
HA!HA!

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

S.A.A. NORTHERN AREA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (600) MONTROSE - 22 FEBRUARY 1998

Andy made the journey to Montrose to attend this Portsmouth round and he was joined by Barry and Paul Y who was shooting in his first tournament.

Andy's score of 534 did not earn him any award as the other 3 compound archers did not attend. Barry shot a 328 but as he was the only one in his class, he did not win anything.

Paul scored 286 but the medal went to the other U-14 Boy Visitor recurve archer.

Let's hope they get more competition next year!

LASSWADE V PENICUIK INTERTOWN FROSTBITE SHOOT LASSWADE - 22 MARCH 1998

After losing the Portsmouth shoot against Penicuik I hoped we could do better this time. Fat chance! In addition to myself I was joined by Bill C, Barry, Jade and Ian with 17 members turning up from Penicuik. The weather was cool and overcast.

I informed our Penicuik visitors that we were resting our best archers, much to their amusement! It was decided that our 5 scores plus that of a "borrowed" Penicuik junior would be used against Penicuik's 6 best scores.

I did not keep all the individual scores but Ian shot our best score, a 291, the maximum score being 360 for this round.

The final scores were Lasswade 1454 and Penicuik 1694. I think that means we got thumped again!

S.A.A. UNDER 21 JUNIOR AND NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS (600) CLUNY CLAYS , FIFE - 29 MARCH 1998

This tournament, the final Portsmouth round for the indoor season, was attended by 7 Lasswade novice and junior members.

It is pleasing to report that our tally of awards included 3 medals, a trophy and (subject to confirmation) a new Scottish record for Ross.

James shooting in his first major tournament was runner-up in his group. Well done to you all.

Our results were as follows:-

<u>LADY NOVICE</u>	4th Jade	(444)
<u>GENTS NOVICE</u>	4th Ian H	(486)
<u>GIRLS U-18</u>	3rd Jill R	(515)
<u>BOYS U-14</u>	4th Paul Y	(280)
<u>BOYS U-12</u>	2nd James	(231)
<u>NOVICE GENT C/LTD</u>	1st Neil	(488)
<u>BOYS U-18 C/LTD</u>	1st Ross	(555)

S.A.A. WINTER POSTAL LEAGUE 1997/98

Bill C has just provided me with our final placings for the 1997/98 season. The 1996/97 placings are in brackets.

<u>RECURVE DIVISION 1</u>	Lasswade "A"	4th	(6th)
<u>RECURVE DIVISION 2</u>	Lasswade "B"	10th	(5th)
<u>RECURVE DIVISION 4</u>	Lasswade "C"	8th	(-)
<u>COMPOUND DIVISION</u>	Lasswade "A"	4th	(8th)
	Lasswade "B"	7th	(-)
	Lasswade "C"	11th	(-)
	Lasswade "D"	13th	(-)

This season the club's only individual achievement was made by Ross whose score of 555 (Ross do you have a fetish about 5's, HA!HA!) was the highest boy compound score for the month of March and for the season overall. He will be presented with a medal from the S.A.A. Well done. Bill C will let us know when he receives the final results for the British Archer and Glade leagues.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1998

APRIL

TOURNAMENT/ROUND (OR EVENT)

Wednesday, 29th

Last indoor club session.
This will be a coaching session.

MAY

Wednesday, 6th

First outdoor club session.
Sundays already outdoors.

Sunday, 24th

Outdoor Open Shoot (BRS)/
ALBION and WINDSORS, Lasswade

So endeth chapter 28 of the newsletter. Adios till next month.

Contributors for this issue:-

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Any items for the next issue should be submitted to me by Wednesday 6th May 1998.

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