



THE ARROWHEAD

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OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB



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Dear Member

Welcome to the final issue of the newsletter for 1998.

CLUB NEWS

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB 20TH AGM WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 1998

The above meeting was attended by 11 members, just a third of the total membership. Needless to say most of us who attended the meeting will be serving on the committee for the next year. The new committee is as follows:-

PRESIDENT:	T James	
VICE-PRESIDENT:	B Galbraith (Snr)	(remained in office)
TREASURER:	B Carmichael	
SECRETARY:	J Smith	(remained in office)
TOURNAMENT SECRETARY/ TROPHY OFFICER:	D Cameron	(remained in office)
RECORDS OFFICER:	A Robertson	(remained in office)
JUNIOR MEMBER:	B Galbraith (Jnr)	(remained in office)
ORDINARY MEMBER:	G Mitchell & W Stewart	
CO-OPTED COACHES:	D Sangster & B Galbraith (Snr)	

The observant among you may have noticed that there are 3 posts on the committee which are new. As Tina is the first member of the fair sex to head the committee and, in this age of political correctness, it was decided to adopt the new title of President as opposed to that of Chairman/Chairperson.

This also applies to the former post of Vice-Chairman/Chairperson.

I also asked that a post of Trophy Officer be created so that the Trophy Book is kept up-dated. As I do this job for the Eastern Area I offered to take on this task.

To conclude this report, and on a strictly personal basis, can I say that I was disgusted by the number of members who did not attend the meeting.

P.S. If any of you wish to read the minutes of the 1998 AGM then please see me before the end of the year.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

For the fourth year running I have had to stay on as Tournament Secretary so yet again I must remind you of my two rules:-

RULE 1

No fee, no entry!

RULE 2

If you wish to enter a tournament then please see me after any announcements have been made and not while I am trying to shoot!

This year entry fees should be given to me by cheque or postal order made payable to the organiser of the tournament you are entering. Cash will not be accepted. You will be notified of all future tournaments, both verbally and in the newsletter itself plus details will be posted on our notice-board during the indoor season.

GNAS MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR NEW MEMBERS

By the time you read this newsletter all new members will have received their GNAS membership cards. Can I remind you if you lose your card then let us know immediately. It is a requirement that if you enter tournaments and an organiser asks to see your card you must show it. If you cannot produce it you will not be allowed to shoot. When you re-affiliate each year you normally only receive your details on a sticker which you affix on to the back of your card. In other words unless you lose your card you will not normally be issued with a new one.

PS. I have also received up-dated stickers for all our other members. They can be obtained from me.

BEGINNERS CLASS

Our latest beginners' class commenced on 7th October 1998 and the initial attendance was 12, six down on last year. A few dropped out as the course progressed with 9 completing the 6 weeks and 5, all juniors, have now joined the club. As always they have been taught the basics of archery and how to do tasks such as learning how to put on bracers and tabs, pinning on faces and especially the rules of safety although on the second last week of the course we had a young boy trying to climb over the hall partition onto the archery range. The boy came to no harm however which was just as well as our pupils forgot what FAST stood for! They spent 3 of the classes learning how to use a score-sheet and on the final session they shot a half Portsmouth round. As an incentive to them we also awarded medals to the top three.

To maintain their interest can I ask adult members to keep an eye on them. Nobody is asking you to devote a whole club night to them but please make them welcome or as has happened in the past we will lose them. It should not be left to me and a few other members to do all this.

I would like to conclude this report by thanking in particular our coaches Bill M and Brian plus Billy, Tina, Graeme, Watty and myself.

NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the club I would like to welcome the following juniors who have joined us:- Nicola Galbraith (daughter of Brian and sister of Barry), Mark Gilluley, Dean Gulland and Daniel Donaldson (Lucy's brother). It's bad enough having 3 Galbraiths but another Donaldson!

I suppose we are lucky as a reliable source tells me there are another 3 of them. HA!HA!

CONGRATULATIONS

To Andy Robertson who was awarded the Jim Coull Trophy at the AGM. This unique trophy is awarded to club member who, in the opinion of the President, has done the most for the club in the past year So how come Andy got it? HA!HA!

LOST EQUIPMENT

At the end of our club session on Wednesday, 18th November a Tollgate bow-stand was left in the hall. I have it now so if it belongs to some-one then please see me.

CLUB BADGES

Can I remind you our new and old members that we still have a small number of club badges available at £1.50 each. See me if you would like one.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Due to the above holidays it has been decided that our last club session for 1998 will be Wednesday, 23rd December.

Our first session for 1999 will be Wednesday, 6th January.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN PORTMSOUTH (BRS)(600)

8 NOVEMBER 1998

Our annual Portsmouth round was organised this year by Tina with Derek as one of the judges.

As with many of our tournaments everything proceeded well plus 13 of us (affiliated/non-affiliated) took part. In the gents C/Ltd section it was between Neil and myself. Both of us were shooting rubbish but the quality of mine was slightly better with my good self winning my first trophy since 1994.

Other achievements were made by Elise who took the ladies C/Ltd award and Barry who retained the U-16 boys' compound trophy. Young James also shot a new personal best of 450.

I do not know the placings for our other members as I have not seen the results yet.

As always, thanks go to the usual minority who set the range up on the Saturday night and helped on the day of the shoot.

SCOTTISH INDOOR DISABLED ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS(600)

LASSWADE – 21 NOVEMBER 1998

It was a poor turnout for this years championships, due to some archers committed to a shoot down south and others with either injuries or ill health. I am sure we will be back to a full turnout next year though. Nevertheless, it was an excellent shoot as usual, one I look forward to every year.

With Lasswade having no recurves entered, and only myself and Brian entered for the compound, we were a bit short on the medals and trophies, me winning the compound and Brian putting in a very good score considering he has just come back into shooting and his bow is not set up properly yet.

We also had a medal in young James McCusker as junior visitor, only two points off his personal best, so well done to him.

I would like to thank Derek Sangster, our judge for the day and Donald Cameron for helping to set up and clear away the range. I would also like to thank Donald for all the extra work he has put in to help me organise this competition (whatever would we do without him) and my thanks go to Barry G who should have been shooting as a junior visitor, but had to pull out due to a stinking cold, but still turned up to help set up and score for some of the disabled entrants, bless him.

Thanks again to the few who came along to help.

Andy Robertson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.

1999

JANUARY

TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, 6th

First indoor session for 1999

Wednesday, ?

Postal Shoot/PORTSMOUTH

Sunday, 17th

Eastern Area Indoor Championships/FITA 18

FEBRUARY

Sunday, 7th

West of Scotland Indoor Championship/
PORTSMOUTH, Wishaw

Sunday, 14th

Indoor Open/FITA 18 (BRS)

Wednesday, ?

Postal Shoot/PORTSMOUTH

That wraps up year 3 of the newsletter. See you in 1999.

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Any items for the next issue should be submitted to me by Wednesday, 6th January 1999.

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