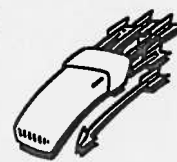


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THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB



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Dear Members

Here is the news for May:

CLUB NEWS

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING



All committee members are hereby notified that their attendance on Thursday, 10 June 1999 is required. Start time is 7.30pm.

SAFETY

This item is aimed (no pun intended!) at our newer members, especially juniors, who are shooting outdoors for the first time



As we taught you indoors, you must remember to walk up to the target approaching it from the left or right hand side.

This is important as arrows can fall short of the target and protrude up from the ground. So if you are rushing up to the target you could skewer yourself on an arrow. So please keep this in mind especially if your surname's Baxter or Donaldson (ha, ha!).

Secondly, when the practice field was marked out the longer distance targets are usually set out further across from the shorter distance targets. This means that members shooting the shorter distances do not have to wait for members shooting the longer distances to collect their arrows. To that end the whistle is not usually used as this could cause some confusion. However, an adult member should supervise the juniors at all times. When everyone has shot the call-word "CLEAR" should be used.

SUNDAY SESSIONS

It has been noticed that few members shoot outdoors on Sunday mornings. So, at the last committee meeting, it was suggested that we could perhaps shoot on another evening instead of Sunday morning. It is therefore up to you, the members, to decide if you want to take up this option.



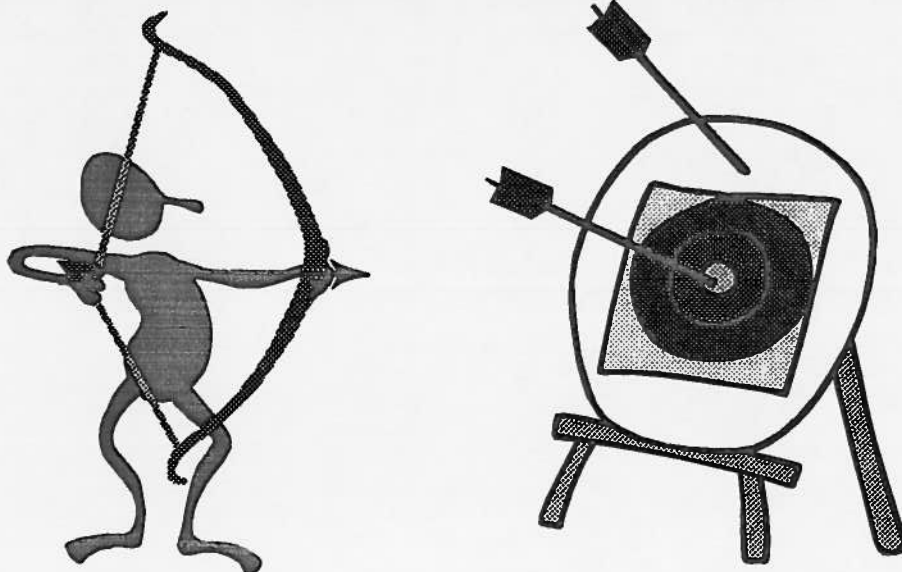
NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Club I would like to welcome the following new members, Mardi Walker, Alan Dickson and Martin Johnstone. Happy shooting.



GOREBRIDGE GALA DAY

Once again we have been asked to provide a come-and-try session at the Gala on Saturday, 19 June. As this brings in much needed income for the Club we need volunteers to help out. The session should begin at about 12noon.



TOURNAMENT REPORTS

FALKIRK ARCHERS OPEN TOURNAMENT (1440), GRANGEMOUTH – 18 APRIL 1999

The outdoor season kicked off once again with the first Fita round for 1999.

Weather wise, 1999 appears to be starting the way 1998 finished.



It can be summed up as follows, Rain, Hail and Sunny Spells!!

Five members entered this year with Paul as runner-up gent and Elayne just finishing outside the top three in the ladies section. Derek was also acting in his role, as one of the “whip crackers”!



(sorry couldn't find a whip!)

The list of placings were as follows:

LADIES

4th Elayne (1135) plus the 60m award (284)

8th Tina (977) plus the 30m award (299)

9th Jill (960)

GENTS

2nd Paul (1192)

6th Graeme (1130) plus the 70m award (290)

EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS, FITA THISTLE (1440), BALBARDIE PARK, BATHGATE – 9 MAY 1999

Five members shot this tournament which was run by our dear friend Bob McGonigle.

Once again Derek was flicking his whip at any unruly archers. I arrived at lunchtime to help out with the field party and to ensure there was an adequate supply of medals in my capacity as Area Trophy Officer.

The weather was not too bad but by the afternoon the rain came on and stayed on.

On the shooting side of things three of our ladies almost completed a clean sweep of the distance medals with Paul finishing as third place gent – just four points ahead of Graeme in fourth place who also won a distance medal.

The results read as follows with the Eastern Area placings followed by the overall placings in brackets.

LADIES

4th (7th) Tina (990) plus the 60m award (263)

5th (8th) Jill (980) plus the 50m award (253)

13th (16th) Muriel (681) (Rtd) plus the 70m award (225)

GENTS

3rd (6th) Paul (1122)

4th (7th) Graeme (1118) plus the 30m award (326)

LASSWADE OUTDOOR OPEN TOURNAMENT (BRS) (972), LASSWADE – 23 MAY 1999

LADY PARAMOUNT: MISS TINA JAMES

**JUDGES: MR CALLUM MILLER AND
 MR DEREK SANGSTER**

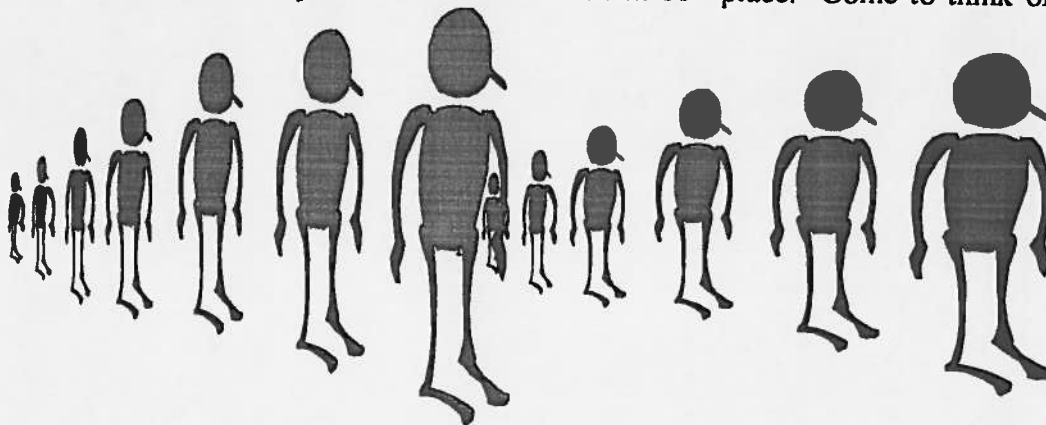
ORGANISER: YOURS TRULY!!

A bumper entry of 72 archers made this, the Club's annual Albion round, the most successful one for a long time although perhaps due to the weather there were 18 non-starters. Apart from overcast and bright spells plus one light shower the main problem was the wind but almost all the archers finished the round.

It proved to be a good day for the Club with Elayne taking the ladies plate and Tina as runner up. Elise took the Ladies Ltd compound trophy and Jill won a class medal. Congratulations to Graeme who beat last year's winner, Alistair Whittingham by one point, one hit and one gold.

With Bill M and Billy away at a field shoot it was left to Andy to try and hold on to the trophy which Billy won last year in the Gents Compound U-Ltd group. He did tell me before the shoot that it would just be a practice shoot for him.

He finished 7th (last!!) by the end of the day. Never mind Andy if the other four compounds had shot you could have finished in 11th place. Come to think of it, if



Bill M and Billy had shot you would have probably been 13th (Ha, Ha!!).

Although the final account is still to be made up we should end up making a profit of around £200 which includes £47.50 raised by the raffle.

I would like to thank the following for their help:

Watty, Graeme and Bill C for marking out the field and on the day of the shoot, Graeme, Bill C, Derek, Tina, Barry, Joan, Meg, Elayne and Norrie McLean not forgetting old "Po Face" himself, Andy who provided the trailer for the equipment.



Our results were as follows:

LADIES

- 1st Elayne (742)
- 2nd Tina (736)
- 5th Jill (669) plus the 1st Class award
- 11th Meg (510)

GENTS

1st Graeme (793)

LADIES C/LTD

1st Elise (482)

GENTS C/U/LTD

7th Andy (673)

WEST OF SCOTLAND DOUBLE FITA STAR (WRS) (2880) LINWOOD – 29/30 MAY 1999

Two of our ladies entered for both days of this shoot with two gents shooting on one day only. The weather on day one began mild but by the afternoon it became cold and windy.

There was more of the same on the Sunday.

Elayne took third place lady recurve, with Tina just three points behind in fourth.

Paul took first place on Saturday only with Graeme second on the Sunday only gents group.

The results were as follows:

LADIES (Both Days)

3rd Elayne (2191)

4th Tina (2188) plus the 70m double distance award (534)

GENTS (Saturday)

1st Paul (1162)

GENTS (Sunday)

2nd Graeme (1103)

BRITISH ARCHER POSTAL LEAGUE 1998/9. THE FINAL PLACINGS.

PORTSMOUTH RECURVE (6 TEAMS PER DIVISION)

DIVISION 5 (LASSWADE 'A')

Our 'A' Team finished bottom in this division. The fact that we competed in Division 5 in a league of 43 Divisions indicates how well the club has performed in the past but the loss of some good archers, mostly through domestic commitments, has made a hole in our team scoring ability and we are in a downward spiral towards a more balanced level of opposition or we hone our skills and try to stay at the top end of the league.

DIVISION 23 (LASSWADE 'B')

As with the 'A' Team our 'B' Team with no wins also finished bottom of their division. This, I believe, was our first 'B' Team entry and I must take the blame for putting in a rather ambitious estimated score. Our competition will be a bit fairer for the 1999/00 league.

PORTSMOUTH COMPOUND (6 TEAMS PER DIVISION)

DIVISION 9 (LASSWADE 'A')

The Isle of Man AC took first place with Lasswade 'A' in third.

This was a good performance by the 'A' Team who should take satisfaction from the knowledge that the Isle of Man's only defeat was inflicted by them.

DIVISION 23 (LASSWADE 'B')

With two wins and three losses our 'B' Team took fifth place in this division.

DIVISION 31 (LASSWADE 'C')

Another prop-up-the division placing. Here we suffered from a couple of one score returns which did not help out cause.

On the bright side Elise was highest scoring lady for the month of March in this division. Well done Elise.

Bill Carmichael

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1999

JUNE

TOURNAMENT/ROUND (OR EVENT)

Thursday, 10th

Club Committee Meeting at 7.30pm

JULY

Sunday, 25th

Lasswade Outdoor Open Shoot/FITA and
METRICS

That wraps up Newsletter 41.

Contributor for this issue – Bill Carmichael.

Any items for the next issue should be submitted to me by Wednesday, 23 June 1999.

Donald.

THE NEWSLETTER

After 3½ years and 41 Editions of the Newsletter I now have to inform you all that due to current and future work commitments my work colleagues are finding it difficult to devote time to preparing the Newsletter on our behalf.

As I cannot type and do not have access to a PC, work processor or printer I must now ask if any of you can help me out. I would still be willing to do a written copy of the Newsletter, all you would have to do is type it for me. I would be able to do the photocopying myself.



Therefore if anyone can help out please see me as soon as possible otherwise issue 41 will probably be the last one!!



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Donald