

THE ARROWHEAD

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Dear members,

Another fairly quiet month, but there are at least a few tournaments to report on, and the completion of a project, which the Club has been talking about for a number of years. All will be revealed if you read on, the news that is, not Bill M doing a "Full Monty". HA! HA! Got you Mackay!

CLUB NEWS



Mezzanine Floor

At last, I can report that our mezzanine floor has now been installed. We had decided some time ago that we required more space in our outside store. As we have to share the store with the athletics, the only way for us to go was upwards. At our committee meeting in July, we decided to get the work done while the

school was closed for the summer holidays. Bill M and myself collected the timber, and Derek obtained the screws and bolts.

Before undertaking the work, we had to get the bosses and stands removed to their temporary home, and thanks to those members who stayed behind after our July Postal Shoot to assist us.

The only miss-hap, which befell us, was when Bill M pulled down too many stands, and I was hit in the back by one of them, causing me a nasty wound. After I got home, I had to get the old man to put a plaster on, as it was a bit awkward for me. He asked me what had caused it, and I said that Bill M had tried to give me a love bite, but the



old man said there were no teeth marks. My reply? He must have had his teeth out at the time!

The moral here? Never get caught in an enclosed space with Bill M! HA! HA! Got you again Mackay! Back to the serious part of this item.

Over two nights and one morning, Derek, Bill M, Bill C and myself got the flooring installed, and I think we owe them, and me, a big thank you.



This means that equipment we do not often use, such as our score boards, traffic lights and spare bosses etc. can be stored on the new raised flooring, giving us ready access to our day to day equipment.

Lasswade Open Fita (outdoor)



This shoot was due to take place on July 23rd, but for the second year running, Tina, who was organiser, had to cancel the shoot due to a lack of entries. While on the subject our tournaments, Tina has volunteered to run our Indoor Fita next February.

This means that we now only require an organiser for our Albion round next May.

Indoor Club Sessions

Our first indoor club session for Wednesday evenings will be the 6th September, from 7-30 to 9-30pm.

However, our Sunday morning sessions will continue outdoors throughout September.

Club Committee Meeting



All committee members are hereby reminded, that their attendance on Thursday 7th of September, at 7-30pm would be very much appreciated. We will be back at our usual venue in classroom B4 in the High School.

TOURNAMENTS



23rd Glamis Castle Tournament (1296) 21st May 2000

No, your eyes don't deceive you, the above date is correct. For some reason beyond me, the organisers of this York/Hereford round take the best part of 2 months to get their results sent out. In addition, this shoot clashed with our Albion round, but the S.A.A. attitude seems to

be, that the Albion round must defer to any other club which decides to have a shoot on the same day. I have written to the S.A.A. on this matter, and I am still awaiting a reply 7 weeks later!

Anyway, I digress.

The shoot itself proved to be a success, with Graeme and Tina taking 2nd place in their sections, and Muriel, who was just outside the top three ladies in 4th.

The placings were as follows,

LADIES

2nd Tina (1014)
4th Muriel (980)
plus the 1st Bowman medal.

GENTS

2nd Graeme (1024)
plus the 2nd Handicap medal.

P.S. The weather was bright with occasional showers, and Derek was judging.

S.A.A. Northern Area Fita (Thistle status) (1440) Banchory - 10th June 2000

Tina, Muriel and Elayne attended this years Northern Area Fita, winning a place medal and a distance award between them.

Their final placings were as follows:

3rd Tina (1160)
5th Elayne (1111)
plus the 70m award. (269)
8th Muriel (1098)

S.A.A. Northern Area Championships (Rose status) (1296) Banchory - 11th June 2000

Day two saw our 3 ladies shooting the York/Hereford round, with all of them

finishing in the top half of the ladies recurve group, although they were only entitled to visitors awards. Their visitor's positions are followed by their overall placings in brackets.

3rd (3rd) Tina (1046)
plus the 3rd lady visitor award
5th (5th) Elayne (1009)
6th (7th) Muriel (974)

Penicuik Fita (BRS and Thistle status) (1440) Beeslack High School 24th June 2000

Elayne, Muriel and Graeme entered this year's Penicuik Fita, with Elayne taking third lady recurve, and Muriel one place behind in fourth. Graeme finished just outside the top three gents in the recurve group, but at least he and Muriel collected a distance award each. The positions and scores for the three of them are as follows:

LADIES

3rd Elayne (1110)
4th Muriel (1091)
plus the 70m award. (274)

GENTS

4th Graeme (1185)
plus the 90m award. (264)

Penicuik Masters Competition (Same venue as the Fita) - 25th June 2000

Day 2 saw our 3 members shooting this round, and they were also joined by "The Ancient One", Bill C. The round is shot at 60,50 and 40 metres, with target faces of various sizes. At the end of the shoot all the archers are listed by their

final scores, regardless of age, sex or style of bow. Fifty archers shot this year, and our members finished as follows:

LADIES

20th Elayne (766)
(3rd Lady Recurve)
21st Muriel (766)
(4th Lady Recurve)

Although their scores were equal, Elayne won 3rd Lady due to the fact she had 105 hits to Muriel's 103. I am getting worried about these two, as they always seem to finish together!

GENTS

2nd Graeme (899)
(1st Gent Recurve)
39th Bill C. (625)
(23rd Gent Recurve) plus a spot prize.

Well done to all of you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2000



All events are at Lasswade.

August

Wednesday, 23rd – European Postal Shoot – Short Metric.

Wednesday, 30th – Last Outdoor Wednesday session.

September

Wednesday, 6th – First Indoor Wednesday Session.

Thursday, 7th – Club Committee Meeting at 7-30PM.

Sunday, 24th – Last Outdoor Sunday Session.

And Finally

“The Finger”

I was asked by a friend recently if the gesture of “Giving the finger” had anything to do with archery, so I told him a story I heard a few years back...



Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow, and therefor be incapable of fighting in the future.

This famous weapon was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as “plucking the yew” (or “pluck yew”).

Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French, saying, “See, we can still pluck yew!”

PLUCK YEW! Over the years some ‘folk etymologies’ have grown up around this symbolic gesture. Since ‘pluck yew’ is rather difficult to say, (like “pleasant mother pheasant plucker”, which is who you had to go to for the feathers used on the arrows for the longbow), the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental fricative ‘F’, and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute are mistakenly thought to have something to do with an intimate encounter.

It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows that the symbolic gesture is known as “giving the bird”

And yew thought yew knew everything!

Andy

This concludes a Bill (M)-bashing edition of the newsletter.

Donald

Contributions for this issue, Andy Robertson.