

THE ARROWHEAD

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Dear Members,

Another action packed newsletter this month, with a rocky start to our indoor season, and several insults to some well loved members

CLUB NEWS



Indoor Sessions

As most of you will know, September proved to be a difficult month for us, with a dozen of us turning up for our first indoor session, only to find the hall was still being used as a make shift classroom!

Sorry for any inconvenience caused, but the centre admitted that we should have been informed sooner. We got back into the hall the following week, to then be told that our third session was to be cancelled due to

strike action by the public service union, Unison. Not withstanding this, we could be looking at further days of strike action, and potential problems with petrol supplies.

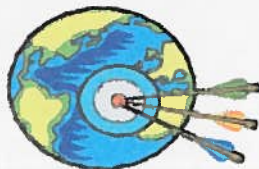
To that end I have included below two phone numbers for your information.

Lasswade Sports Centre:
0131 660 1933

And my own number:
0131 453 2147

If there is any future problems, then I suggest you contact the Sports Centre in the first instance for up to date information and then myself if need be. Sorry, I don't have Tony Blair's number to hand!

Indoor Postal Leagues

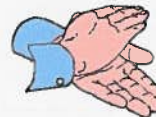


At the last committee meeting it was decided we will continue our European League for 2000/2001, which will be known as the Lasswade European Indoor

Super League. The round will be 3 dozen arrows at 18 meters and it will be shot once a month from December to March. Recurve teams will consist of 4 members and compound teams of two members.

Bill C. has also informed me that we will also enter the SAA Postal League for 2000/2001. The round will be the usual Portsmouth, shot monthly from November to March and the team formats will be as for the Super League. I will of course notify you of the monthly dates for the rounds as and when appropriate.

Outside Store



As a follow up to my report on our recently installed mezzanine floor, a big thank you to Watty, who has fitted new lights in the store for us.

Raffle Prizes

Hi folks,

Do you remember last year I issued a heart felt plea for donations to the raffle at the Portsmouth in November? Well it's that time of year again. You all did the club really proud last year as we had the biggest raffle ever. So please, please, let's do it again this year.

Anything will do from bars of chocolate and bottles of plonk to unwanted gifts. Remember that income from the raffles helps us to keep the hall going throughout the winter when we don't get enough target fees, so it is for everyone's benefit to have a good raffle.

Just hand any prizes to myself anytime between now and November 7th.

Tina

TOURNAMENTS



Glasgow Archers Scandinavian Fita (BRS and SRS) (1440) Glasgow 19th August 2000

For those of you who are unfamiliar with this Fita round, it is similar to a normal Fita round, the only difference is that arrows are shot in ends of three as opposed to the usual six. Never, repeat never, believe the lies that Bill M. tells people, that it is shot in a

state of un-dress! Ha! Ha!



Elayne, Muriel and Graeme shot the round this year, and although they did not gain any place medals, they did achieve a class and two distance awards.

Their final results were as follows:

LADIES

4th Elayne (1121)
plus the bowman award
5th Muriel (1116)
plus the 70m award (267)
(I am now really worried about these two!)

GENTS

7th Graeme (1161)
plus the 70m award (296)



Apart from light winds and occasional showers it was mainly dry and sunny.
PS: Derek was judging.

Glasgow Archers York/Hereford (BRS and SRS, Rose Status) (1296) Glasgow 20th August 2000

Day 2 saw Elayne and Muriel joined by Tina, to contest the York/Hereford round, with Tina taking the third place lady medal.



The weather was sunny and warm, with a heavy shower near the end of the shoot itself.

The final scores for our three ladies were as follows:

3 rd	Tina	(1083)
5 th	Elayne	(1049)
7 th	Muriel	(993)

SAA Double Fita Star (WRS) (2880), Beeslack High School, Penicuik 2 and 3 September 2000

This, the last Fita Star for the Scottish season was attended by our usual quartet of members.

In a change to there usual finishing positions, Elayne took the runner up spot in the Ladies group with Tina not far behind in third. Although out of a place medal, Muriel picked up a distance award with Graeme finishing lower down in the Gents section.



The weather over the two days consisted of light winds and showers with sunny spells.

The shoot was judged by "The Terrible Trio", of Callum Miller (The Good), Derek (The Bad) and Bill M (The Ugly). As well as shooting, Muriel was also the Lady Paramount. The final results were as follows:

LADIES

2 nd	Elayne	(2284)
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3rd Tina (2257)
6th Muriel (2218)
plus the 50m award (524)

GENTS

16th Graeme (1155)
shot on the Sunday only.

Overall, not a bad finish to the outdoor season. Well done to you all for all your efforts throughout the summer.

SAA Northern Area Flight and Clout Championships, Castle Fraser
17th September 2000

Bill C (shooting) and Bill M (Judging) attended this shoot. For those of you unfamiliar with these two forms of archery, Flight shooting is as for a normal outdoor round, the only difference being, you ask Bill M for his affiliation fees, and he takes flight! You then have to see how many arrows you can shoot into him before he reaches the upper atmosphere. This is not as easy as it sounds, because as you know, he is so full of wind that each arrow that hits him increases his upward velocity! On the other hand, Clout shooting is very dangerous. If the thermal air currents are not perfect and Bill M cannot take flight, be careful not to ask him for money, especially his affiliation fees, or he may give you a clout! (Especially newsletter editors!)

I hope most of you will by now have worked out that what you have read is a feeble attempt at humour! Come on "Elise", you did not really believe it! You did? I suppose that's what

comes of being a member of Giffnock AC. Ha! Ha! Seriously, the object of flight archery is to shoot an arrow (or is it arrows?) for the longest distance possible. To ensure a level playing field all the archers shoot in groups according to bow type, draw weight and age group etc, etc. This year Bill C was runner up in the Gent Recurve Bow (35 to 50lbs.) group, with a distance of 332 yards 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches, which is an improvement of about 5 yards on when he won this shoot in 1998. Yes, there is life in the old dog yet!



After consuming a bowl of Pedigree Chum, Bill C then shot the Clout section of the tournament.

Clout shooting is an old form of archery, derived from ancient military practices, with men shooting over a distance of 180 yards and 140 yards for women. Bill C came sixth this time. Indeed, until the early 1990's we held our own annual clout shoot. There is more to clout shooting than I have mentioned, but if you have any questions with regard to the scoring and rules, then I suggest you speak to Bill C (The Good), Derek (The Bad) or Bill M (The you know what!).

Lasswade European Outdoor Super League (11520) May to September

With all the results now in, Joan has announced our

final placings for our outdoor league.

Recurve Division 2

4th Lasswade (7011)

Compound Division 2

3rd Lasswade (7289)

All the winning teams have been sent club medals, and all the other teams including ourselves have received attractive certificates. Thanks to all of you who took part and especially Joan who was our organiser.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



November

Saturday 4th – Scottish U21 and Novice Champs – Portsmouth – Venue – Forres

Sunday 12th – Lasswade Indoor Open – Portsmouth

Saturday 18th – Scottish Disabled Championships – Portsmouth

Wednesday 29th – Lasswade AGM at 7-30pm. NO club session that evening.

Wednesday t/b/a – SAA Indoor Postal Shoot – Portsmouth

Thus ends the 58th lesson

Donald.

And Finally

None this month, not enough room left.