

THE ARROWHEAD

THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear members,

With the outdoor season now upon us, I hope you are all equipped to cope with anything the great British summer may have in store for us...

CLUB NEWS



A Correction

In last month's "Arrowhead", the contact phone number for the Sports Centre was incorrect. It should read as follows: - 0131 660 1933

Foot and Mouth



Due to the on-going foot and mouth epidemic even the sport of archery has not escaped unscathed. The outdoor Fita round at Falkirk later this month has

been cancelled and the York/Hereford round at Kilwinning may also go the same way.

Also suffering are our field archery cousins. As many of their courses are near farmland all of them have been closed for the present. To that end, Billy, who is also a member of the Wolfstar field Club, has asked if his members could shoot with us during our outdoor sessions. The committee has agreed to this and they will be shooting as our guests.

It also gives us an opportunity to return their kindness to us when some of our members shot two evenings at the Wolfstar course a few years ago. Please make them welcome and remember they are not just here to lay out the range just because so few of you help the minority of us to do this task. I accept it is not possible to arrive early all the time but at least stay to the end of a session to help take the range down. Bill M, who is also a member of Wolfstar, has suggested that if things work out, they may hold a field round at Lasswade. This could mean some extra income for the

Club. Our treasurer Bill C is delighted!

Coaching session

At last month's committee meeting Bill M suggested that a coaching evening will be held before we go outdoors. This was agreed to and the date will be on Wednesday the 18th. By the time you have received this issue of "The Arrowhead" we will have held a more informal coaching session as well.

Lasswade European Outdoor Super League

Once again we will be running our outdoor league this summer. One round a month will be shot from May to August. The round will be a short metric which is 3 dozen arrows at 50 metres and 3 dozen at 30 metres with 6 arrow ends. The second last Wednesday of each month will be the evening we will shoot the round where practical. The team formats will be as for the indoor league, 4 recurves per team and 2 compounds per team. Completed score sheets to Andy please.

It would be appreciated if members could be at the field for 6 - 6.30pm on postal nights as we need plenty of time to shoot 6 dozen arrows.

Lasswade Indoor Open
Fita (BRS) 11.2.01

As I informed you last month this shoot was cancelled due to a lack of entries. At the committee meeting last month, Tina, who was our organiser, proposed changing the round from a Fita 18 to a Worcester round and the meeting endorsed this. I do not propose to go into the details of the Worcester round at this time but I am sure it would appeal to some of you, as it is less daunting than a Fita 18. If you want to know more about this round then speak to one of us. I will of course publish all the relevant details nearer the time.

Lasswade Outdoor Open
(BRS) 3.6.01

We require an organiser for this Albion round. If anyone is willing to take on this task, then see me ASAP as entry forms will have to be sent out by the end of this month or the start of May at the very latest.

I am also checking to see if the appropriate grades of judges will be available. If none are available and/or we do not have an organiser, then the shoot will not take place, meaning a loss of income for the club and the loss of the shoots record status.

PS. Although I will help out all I can, I want it clearly understood that I will not organise this event.

Judges Required



While on the subject of judges, the Eastern Area Committee is seeking anyone who may want to come forward as a judge, as with most aspects of archery we are short of judges. If any Area archer does volunteer, the Area would pay £100 for the cost of a green jacket, which would be required. This money would have to be paid back to the Area only if the candidate does not progress to County Grade. If any Lasswade members are interested then see Bill M or Derek.

Outdoor Sessions

The usual reminder that if an outdoor session is rained off, or some other disaster occurs such as Bill M finding his wallet, then we can go into the Sports Centre where we can work on our equipment or discuss any problems we may have with our shooting etc.

Outdoor Fixtures

As is common practice, after this issue of "The Arrowhead" I will only be listing events connected with the club during the outdoor season, as few of you enter tournaments. With this issue I have included a fixture list, and a copy has been on our notice board for some time. Keep it safe and see me if any shoot appeals to you. This is not necessary a complete list, we will not have that until the next SAA Yearbook is issued, and I will inform you of any non

listed shoots that appear. Billy has also suggested that I resume the practice of announcing all shoots at club sessions. I have agreed to do this, so I would appreciate your un-divided attention when I make my announcements.

TOURNAMENTS



SAA and Northern Area
Indoor Championships
(BRS) (600) - Aberdeen
18.2.2001

Due to problems finding an indoor venue for this year's Scottish, the Northern Area combined it with their own championships. Once again Derek was the senior judge for this 18 metre FITA round. On the shooting side, Tina and Muriel represented us with Muriel taking 10th place with a score of 512. Tina was 4 points back in 11th place.

Lasswade Indoor Club
Championships (600)
10.3.2001

13 members shot our usual Portsmouth round this year. Due to most of our ladies not attending for one reason or another, it was left to Joan to take the ladies shield this year, but I am sure she made it difficult for herself. HA! HA! This years gents champion was Graeme whose score earned him the shield for the second time in 3 years. Moving on to the juniors, it is pleasing to report that since I joined the club in 1992 this was the first time

that we had a "level playing field", as in previous years usually the oldest and most experienced junior was a certainty to win. No disrespect intended!

Dean's score, which was a personal best, earned him the junior shield for the first time. Daniel T was runner-up with Stuart only 25 points behind to take third place! Well done to the three of you.

Finally, the compound group was closely contested with 15 points between first and third. As I announced at the presentations, Billy has made a piece of club history by becoming the first compound archer to win the shield for the fourth time and the fourth year running. We also held a small raffle for the Quick's Archery voucher, which was not awarded at the New Year. As most of you will have forgotten, it was to have been awarded for a "Billy theme" competition. Bill C drew the raffle and the winning ticket was Billy's! Thanks to Bill C who acted as Lord Paramount and a big thank you goes to Joan, who once again provided the refreshments. Thanks again Joan and Ian (Stuart) for getting the range set up. The scores, which are also on our notice board, were as follows: -

LADIES

1st Joan (455)

GENTS

1st Graeme (554)
 2nd Richard (542)
 3rd Ian Swan (526)
 4th Bill C (509)
 5th Ian Stuart (504)
 6th Jim (481)

JUNIORS

1st Dean (371)
 2nd Daniel T (288)
 3rd Stuart (263)

COMPOUNDS

1st Billy (564)
 2nd Ross (553)
 3rd Andy (549)

SAA Postal League 2000-2001

Here are the latest positions with the February results now in...

Recurve Div. 1 (9 Teams)

Lasswade 'A' still remain in 8th place, but Tina has shot a 561, which is the best ladies score for February. Her 573 remains the best to date.

Recurve Div. 2 (9 Teams)

Not to be outdone by Tina, Muriel has shot a 579, (is that a higher score than Tina's. HA! HA!) for February. It is also the best ladies score to date.

Recurve Div. 4 (8 Teams)

The 'B' team remains in second place.

Compound (8 Teams)

Our 'A' team are now in first place. Let's keep it that way! Muriel, again shooting for her first club Lauriston, has shot another best score for a lady. 556. Hang on! Muriel is shooting recurve as well. Where do you find the time Muriel? I suppose you have got poor Bob slaving over a hot stove and fitting around the house with a feather duster! God! What a thought!

Bill C / Myself

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2001

All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.

April

Wednesday 25th - Last Indoor Club Session.

Saturday 28th - Kate Kennedy Silver Arrow Shoot - St George / Albion / Windsor - Venue - St Andrews.

May

Thursday 17th - Club Committee Meeting 7.30.

Wednesday 23rd - Lasswade Outdoor Super League - Short Metric.

June

Sunday 3rd - Lasswade Outdoor Open - Albion and Windsors.

Saturday 16th - Gorebridge Gala Day - Come and try session.

Wednesday 20th - Lasswade Outdoor Super League - Short Metric.

So ends episode 64.

Contributors for this issue :- Bill Charmichael.

And Finally

Publishers note..

Jim Gorrie had an item to add here this month, but as it will rollover onto another page with only a few lines, it shall be added next month instead.