

# THE ARROWHEAD

## THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,  
Welcome to the latest edition of "The Arrowhead." I hope the revised layout from last month's issue onwards meets with your approval and a big thank you to Gwen. From a personal point of view I thought the copper coloured paper clips were a nice touch!

### Club News

#### GNAS/SAA/AREA AFFILIATION FEES 2002/03

A one and only reminder that the above fees are almost due and must be in the grasping hands of our treasurer Bill C by no later than Wednesday 18/9/02.



Payment should be made by a cheque for £43.00 to Lasswade Archery Club. The fee breaks down as follows: - GNAS -£27.00, SAA - £15.00 and Eastern Area £1.00. Please remember that if you wish to shoot for another year then these fees must be paid, no delays will be accepted, as they must be in the

hands of the Area Affiliations Officer by the 1<sup>st</sup> October. If the fees are not received on time then GNAS will not allow us to affiliate for 2002/03. All junior and disabled members are exempt as the club covers their fees for them.

PS If any of you are not re-affiliating then let me know ASAP.

#### Midlothian Council Sports Grant

Some time ago the Club applied to Midlothian Council for a sports funding grant and thanks must go to Derek for putting our application together. I am pleased to say that we were successful and have been awarded £250. Although this was less than we had applied for it is never the less gratefully received.

#### NEW BOSSES

Before the start of this year's outdoor season the club purchased 8 of the new foam layer bosses which we will be using for our indoor sessions. The straw bosses will continue to be used for indoor tournaments and outdoor club sessions. The main advantages over the straw bosses are that they are lightweight, provide a softer impact for arrows and

they make withdrawing arrows easier. These bosses also require new stands and at the time of writing David Raeburn is building these for us.

#### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Two items for you this month. The first is the third and final part of Watty Wyse's *Rules of Shooting submitted for Issue 27 (March 1998)*

#### Rules of Shooting – Part 3



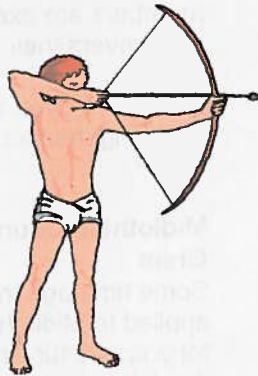
#### THE BOUNCER AND THE PASS THROUGH

When you are a beginner and you think your score could be better, but the arrows won't stick in the target, and you

want to give up competition. What do you do? The first thing is don't get all worked up about it, relax – take a step back from the shooting line, hold your bow aloft so that you catch the attention of a Judge. Depending on the competition (GNAS rules or FITA rules,) the Judge will do one of two things; if you are shooting a Portsmouth, which is 60 arrows at 20yards and falls within the scope of GNAS, the Judge will ask for your spare arrow, which as a dedicated archer you will always have in your quiver, he will mark the arrow normally by initialling a fletch and before allowing you to shoot it, inform you that he will take part in the scoring of that end, but if when scoring the Judge finds that all three of your original arrows found the target along with the fourth which he marked you will be penalised by losing the value of the highest scoring arrow. If you have an arrow pass through the target during a GNAS round as long as part of the arrow remains in the target you will be awarded that score but should there be no sign at all then I'm afraid you will score a MISS. If the round being shot is a FITA you will have been informed by the Judge at the start of the shoot that the position of all arrow holes must be marked. The reasoning behind this is that should you have a bouncer then you take a pace back from the shooting line and hold your bow aloft. When the Judge approaches you inform him you have had a bouncer, when all

competitors have shot their arrows you and the Judge will go to the target and look for an arrow hole that has not been marked. When it is found you will be awarded that score, but should there be more than one unmarked hole you will be awarded a MISS. So remember to mark these holes, it's for your benefit. You will then return to the shooting line and under the control of that Judge shoot any remaining arrows in that end. The above rule also applies to an arrow passing through the target, where the archer will be awarded the value of the unmarked hole.

#### WATTY WYSE



The second item from the Archives was submitted by Andy for Issue 56 (August 2000).

A few months back some of you may remember an item Joan submitted with regard to the "V-Sign" and its connotations with archery. Andy's item is along the same lines but deals with the "One Fingered gesture."

#### "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 therefore 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 words often used in conjunction with the one-fingered 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 ROBERTSON**



## CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Would Committee members please keep their diaries free for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

### Scottish Outdoor Open Championships Double FITA Star (WRS and BRS) (2880). Glasgow 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2002.

Once again Derek was the "CHIEF GREENCOAT" for this shoot. Tina's score earned her fourth place and Muriel was first lady compound. The weather on the Saturday was damp and clammy with the Sunday being warm and sunny. It proved to be quite tiring by the Sunday for the archers, as due to the rain we have been experiencing the shooting field was



very muddy underfoot. The scores for our 2 ladies were as follows: -

**Ladies**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tina (2424)  
plus the 2<sup>nd</sup> Scottish Native Medal and (snigger!) the Veteran Trophy.\*

**Ladies Compound**  
1<sup>st</sup> Muriel (2507)  
plus the Open Trophy and Medal.

\*Are Veterans getting younger Tina?

### Lasswade Outdoor European Super League 2002

With the July round shot, here are the current placings for our Lasswade Teams.



#### RECURVE DIVISION 2 (5 TEAMS)

Lasswade currently lie in 3<sup>rd</sup> place 84 points behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team, Lizard "A" of England. (I almost felt a Bill M joke coming on here!)

#### COMPOUND DIVISION 1 (5 TEAMS)

Our compound team also holds 3<sup>rd</sup> place in this division.

PS the highest scoring lady recurve to date is Tina.



September  
Tournament Round or Event  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> First Indoor Club Session Wed (7.30 to 9.30pm)  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Club Committee Meeting at 7.30pm  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Closing date for affiliation fees.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Last outdoor Sunday Club session.



## AND FINALLY

### GOD BLESS DADDY

A father put his three year old daughter to bed, told her a story and listened to her prayers which she ended by saying "God bless mummy, God bless daddy, God bless grandma and goodbye grandpa." The father said, "Why did you say goodbye grandpa." The little girl said "I don't know daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do." The next day grandpa died. Father thought it was a strange coincidence. A few months later the father put the girl to bed and listened to her prayers, which went like this. "God bless mummy, God bless daddy, and goodbye grandma." Next day the grandmother died. My gosh, thought the father, this kid is in contact with the other side. Several weeks later when the girl was going to bed the dad heard her say "God bless mummy and goodbye daddy." He practically went into shock. Couldn't

sleep all night and got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office. He was as nervous as a cat all day, had lunch sent in and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight he would be OK. He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day he stayed there drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every sound. Finally midnight arrived, he breathed a sigh of relief and went home. When he got home his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late, what's the matter?" He said, "I don't want to talk about it. I've just spent the worst day of my life." She said " You think you've had a bad day, you'll never believe what happened to me. This morning the postman dropped dead on the doorstep."

**So ends the 80<sup>th</sup> Lesson. But not quite! Turn to the back page to see a sneak snapshot of Muriel!**

**And finally finally!**



**Bill Carmichael**

**Did you know that Bill was club champion of Lasswade and his other club Wolfstar in the same year?**

**Donald**  
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MURIEL IN ACTION AT THE  
2002 EURO NATIONS TOURNAMENT.  
P.S. MURIEL! WHEN DID YOU START  
SHOOTING LEFT HANDED?



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