

THE ARROWHEAD

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Dear Members,

It's nearly that time of the year again Christmas, Xmas, Crimbo or whatever you call it but I am sure for most of you it will be over-filled stomachs and empty bank accounts you lucky people! It also wouldn't be Christmas without a mention or two for my two favourite people Bill M and Elise, who travels from that posh part of the West of Scotland to be insulted by yours truly. Anyway, enough of the waffle and on to the news.....

Club News

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB 24TH AGM WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2002

Half the membership, 17 of us, attended this year's AGM. At the risk of repeating myself the same old faces, continue to serve your interests for another year although we also had 3 new faces.

The line up for the next year is as follows. To save time those members with an asterisk after their names have remained in office...

President -
D Cameron
Vice President -
A Robertson*
Secretary -
J Smith
Treasurer
W Carmichael*

Records Officer -
T James*

Trophy Officer -
D Cameron

Junior Rep. -
D Gulland*

Ordinary Members

- W Stewart*
- I Stuart*
- D Raeburn
- M Smith

Co-opted Coaches

- W Mackay*
- D Sangster*
- R Vallis

As you can see the only main change is between Joan and myself and we have also been joined by David, Mark and Richard, I welcome them and look forward to their input as I also hope to hear many new ideas on the coaching side of things from Richard!

Various topics were discussed such as new

straw bosses which we will need soon and a proposed date for the start of a new beginners class. I do not propose to go into detail here as you will read about these subjects in the AGM minutes which should be issued before the end of the month.



One subject I would ask some of you to think about is that of the post of Treasurer. Our long serving member in this post, Bill C, announced that he will be standing down at the 2003 AGM.

To that end if anyone is interested in filling the vacancy then I suggest you see Bill, so you can learn the ropes so to speak. I am not going to ask for a volunteer but suffice to say NO TREASURER = NO CLUB.

Finally, before the meeting closed our out-going President Auntie Joan presented the Jim

Coull Trophy to none other than myself. This will be the second time I have won the trophy the last time being 1997. This also means that I join the club of two time winners who include past members George King and Watty Wyse and current members Bill C, Bill M and Derek. PS This year's AGM finished within 1 hour and 15 minutes. How you may ask? Simple! After the meeting closed we untied Andy took the gag out of his mouth and un-clamped his wheelchair!

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done Tina who is the new holder of the Club Handicap Shield for 2002/03.

We did not have a presentation for her as she declined and as you all know she is a modest, shy, retiring wee creature anyway!

PS She's also affiliated through Penicuik AC this season but if she continues to run our tournaments then I am sure we will not

hold that against here. HA! HA!

EASTERN AREA INDOOR

CHAMPIONSHIPS - 19TH JANUARY 2003

While on the subject of Tina she has kindly volunteered to run the above tournament at Lasswade on behalf of the Eastern Area. As with our own shoot back in November the round will be a Portsmouth. We will also need a few helpers to get the range set up on Saturday 18th between 8.30 and 9.30pm and as it's an Area Shoot I hope it won't just be Lasswade, Penicuik and Pentland Archers doing all the work!



Due to the above holidays the Sports Centre will be closed. This means our last Club Session for 2002 will be Wednesday 18th December. We will re-commence on

Wednesday 8th

January 2003.

S.A.A. And
EUROPEAN POSTAL
LEAGUES 2002/2003

Now that the November rounds have been shot I can now reveal the team formats for the rest of the season.

As I said in October's edition of "The Arrowhead" the scores from our November Portsmouth round would be used. We had 8 recurve and 2 compound scores which means that the top 4 recurve scores will form the 'A' team the next 4 scores the 'B' team. As Billy and myself were the only compounds this means that we will have an 'A' team only. Predictably - no one came forward to collate the scores and send them to the overall organiser A L Jones so can I once again thank Bill C for taking on this task at very short notice.

LASSWADE
EUROPEAN LEAGUE

Luckily, we have enough scores to enter our own league! Based on the scores shot in November we

will have one recurve team of 4 and one compound team of 2. As our organiser Andy is still out of commission due to his broken leg can all score sheets be given to me.

A quick reminder to you all that the



European rounds will be shot on one Wednesday night per month to February. S.A.A. rounds will be shot on the second Sunday of each month, between 10am and noon, through to March. Please try to attend these sessions as we need at least 8 recurve and 2 compound scores if we are to have any chance in this season's leagues.

PS It was, quite correctly, brought to my attention by one of our postal shooting members that once the postal shooters had shot an end another member came

on to the empty shooting line and began to shoot which meant they were being held up. As you are aware we do not have a lot of time to shoot these rounds.

Although nobody is forced to shoot these rounds please respect the efforts of the postal shooters and do not hold them up unnecessarily. If the need arises I will reluctantly have to introduce 2 minute timed ends on the stopwatch.

CLUB BADGES

Another reminder, especially to our newer members, that we still have 6 club badges available and as we have to order 100 each time it is not likely we will order more so if you would like one then please see me and be prepared to part with the sum of £1.00.

TOURNAMENT
REPORT

LASSWADE INDOOR
OPEN PORTSMOUTH
(BRS) (600) - 10th
NOVEMBER 2002

Our annual Portsmouth was well attended this year and according to Tina, who was our

organiser again, it was in fact over subscribed. This year 12 of us entered which represents about one third of the membership and as there was some strong competition from other clubs I felt we would be hard pressed to retain the team trophy we won last year. Our only lady this year was Tina who took fifth place lady recurve. Last year's gents recurve champion Graeme, was the best placed gent taking seventh place and the 'C' Class medal. Our only lady compound this time round was Elise who finished as runner-up in a group of two! Moving on to the gent's compound section this was closely contested with just 5 points between the winner and Billy in third place. This year as fewer than 18 juniors shot the round with Stuart, John and Jack representing Lasswade. Stuart took silver in the boy's U-16 group and shot 203 points up on his score for last year and this means his score is a new personal best. In the Boys U-14 group, John, who was shooting in his first major tournament, shot an excellent first time score of 372 and this earned him the bronze medal. Our other boy this year was Jack, who was

entered, in the Boys U-12 group. Jack finished just outside the medals as he was shooting against the 3 Penicuik AC boys who are more experienced. But checking back it should be noted that his score of 244 is a new personal best over his score of 179, which he shot at our Indoor Club Championships back in April so at least his score, is heading in the right direction! Well done wee man!



Finally we come to the team groups with our recurve men taking fifth and the compound men fourth.

Thanks yet again to Tina, who was our organiser and to those of you who helped get the range set up on the Saturday night and helped out on the day of the shoot itself. Now we move on to the **PS's**.

PS The raffle raised £119.00 this year.

PPS There were 2 minor dramas with David and Stuart just arriving prior to the start of the morning session due to the fact they had a puncture on the way over. Not to be out-done Elise, who had entered the afternoon session, just made it in time. Her excuse? She had

forgotten to take her mobile phone and had to go back home for it. Honestly, unlike a fine wine that girl just does not improve with age!



PPPS One notable absentee this year was our R in R, Bill M (though I am pleased to report that nobody missed him!) Who with his good lady Margaret was sunning himself in Florida or, to put it another way Margaret was sunning herself on the beach while Bill was sunning himself on a rock deep in the Everglades with his reptilian relatives! Anyway enough of the insults let's move onto the results lest I forget

RESULTS

Ladies (20 Entrants)

5th Tina (552)

Gents (44 Entrants)

7th Graeme (557) plus the 'C' Class medal.

19th Bill C (533)

24th David (530)

27th Ian (Sw) (527)

40th Mark (476)

Boys U-16 (3 Entrants)

2nd Stuart (495) new P.B.

Boys U-14 (4 Entrants)

3rd John (372) P.B.

Boys U-12 (4 Entrants)

4th Jack (244) P.B.

Ladies Compound

(2 Entrants)

2nd Elise (525)

Gents Compound

(14 Entrants)

3rd Billy (567)
13th Donald (370)

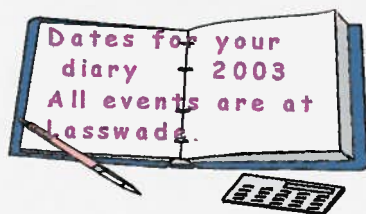
Team Recurve
(8 Teams)

5th Lasswade
Graeme 557
Bill C 533
David 530
Ian (Sw) 527
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Team Compound
(4 Teams)

4th Lasswade
Billy 567
Donald 370
937

Well done to you all and I hope we do better next year!



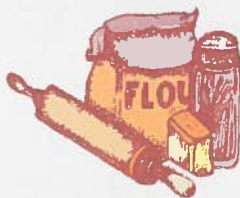
DATE	TOURNAMENT/ ROUND OR EVENT
JANUARY	
Wed 8 th	First Indoor Club Session for 2003/ all club fees must have been paid.
Sun 12 th	S.A.A. Postal League/ Portsmouth
Sun 19 th	Eastern Area Indoor Championships/ Portsmouth
Wed 22 nd	Lasswade European Postal/FITA 18
FEBRUARY	
Sun 9 th	S.A.A. Postal League/ Portsmouth
Wed 19 th	Lasswade European Postal/FITA 18 Final Round

AND FINALLY

This month's festive item first, appeared in

issue No. 48 (December 1999).

It was submitted by Elise and is re-issued again due to popular demand! I hope Dianne doesn't read this Elise, as it could be the end of a beautiful friendship! Is this why Dianne always has a rosy red complexion?



**DIANNE'S
CHRISTMAS FRUIT
CAKE RECIPE**

Ingredients....

- 1 cup of water
- 2 oz of dried fruit
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 tablespoon of salt
- 8 oz nuts
- 4 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- 8 oz of butter
- Lemon juice
- 1 bottle of whisky

Method

Sample the whisky to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality – pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer; beat 2 oz butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one cup of sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is still okay. Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer. Break two bowls and add to the eggs and chuck in some dried

fruit. Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry loose with a drowsriver. Sample the whisky again to check for consistency. Next sift two cups of calt or something. Who cares? Check the whisky. Now sift the lemon and strain your nuts. Add a tablespoon of sugar or something. Whatever you can find. Grease the oven, turn the cake tin 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window. Check the whisky again and go to bed.

Next day, take three aspirins and go to Marks and Spencer.

**BUY A CHRISTMAS
FRUIT CAKE.**



So ends the 84th instalment and year seven of the "The Arrowhead".

Finally
Can I wish you all the best for the festive season and the New Year and remember the golden rule:
IF YOU CAN'T BE GOOD AT LEAST BE CAREFUL!

