

THE ARROWHEAD

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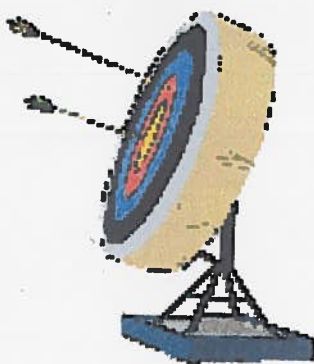
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Dear Members,

Welcome to the latest instalment of 'The Arrowhead'. As we now have some new members, and quite a few members who have joined us in the past few years, I thought it would be an excellent idea to trawl through some of the old editions of the newsletter, which contained some interesting articles on our sport. It will also help me to 'fill out' lean editions of the newsletter. As I have said time and time again if any of you have any items or suggestions you would like to submit then please see me. It is your newsletter after all.....

CLUB NEWS



Club Fees



Prior to putting this edition together I became aware that a few members had not renewed their club fees. Can I remind you that under Article 19 of the Club Constitution, if you have not renewed by week 6 after the AGM, you will forfeit the ability to participate in club events run or sponsored by an association to which the club is affiliated. I paid my fees in good time as did many others and all of you received plenty notice. It should not be necessary to badger people into paying their fees. In addition, lapsed members will not receive any correspondence from the club including 'The Arrowhead'.

New Members

Welcome to two new members, David Raeburn (Stuart's dad), and another junior, John Guest.

Changing your address??

If any of you have a new address or are changing your address then please see me. As Club Secretary, I must keep GNAS informed of any changes. If GNAS do not have any new details then you will not receive any correspondence from them, e.g. 'Archery UK'.

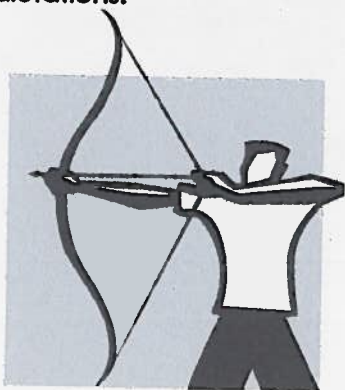
Other Items

If any of you want to shoot more than once a week, can I remind you all that you may also shoot with our good friends from Penicuik AC in the gymnasium at Beeslack High School, Penicuik. They shoot on Friday nights between 7 and 9.30pm and on Sunday mornings between 9 and 11.15am.

As I said in my introduction I now intend to run a series of articles that have appeared in previous editions of the newsletter. This is the first item, which is in two parts was submitted by Andy for issue 22 (October 1997).

Archery – A Brief History

Some authorities date the origin of archery as the Aurignacian period, about 25,000 years before the modern era. The earliest people known to have used the bow and arrow were the ancient Egyptians, who adopted the weapon at least 5000 years ago. In the time of the earliest pharaohs, the Egyptians practiced archery in hunting as well as in warfare against the ancient Persians, who were then equipped only with spears and slingshots. Soon after, however, the bow and arrow was used extensively in the ancient world. The Assyrians and Babylonians depended on the weapon, and the Old Testament refers several times to archery as a characteristic skill of the Hebrews. In China, archery dates back to the Shang Dynasty (1766 – 1027 BC). A war chariot of that time carried a three-man team; driver, lancer and archer. During the ensuing Zhou (Chou) Dynasty (1027 – 256 BC), nobles at court attended sport archery tournaments that were accompanied by music and interspersed with elegant salutations.



The Romans owed much of their military superiority to armies of skilled archers. At the beginning of the medieval period Romans were in turn defeated by the

more highly skilled archers of the Goths, Huns and Vandals. During the Middle Ages the most notable European archers were the English. Medieval ballads celebrate their feats in hunting, fighting and sport. Outside Europe, in the same period, peoples of the Middle East excelled in archery. Archery also played a role in the folklore of the middle ages. According to legend, 14th Century Swiss marksman William Tell was ordered by an Austrian governor to shoot an apple off his own son's head with a bow and arrow. In addition, the story of Robin Hood, the heroic outlaw, originated in the late 14th or early 15th century. Robin Hood, glorified for stealing from the rich and giving to the poor, wielded a bow and arrow. He was famous for his accurate marksmanship, including the ability to split an arrow with another.

Accounts of European travellers during the Renaissance indicated that the bow and arrow was the most important weapon used in East Asia, the Americas, Central Africa and the Arctic regions. However, the introduction of gunpowder gradually made the bow and arrow obsolete, especially in Western Europe. In the defeat of the Spanish Armada by the English in 1588, for example, 10,000 English troops were experimentally equipped with firearms, while the Spanish relied on archers. The success of the English forces played a major role in convincing military theorists that archery had become a relatively inefficient method of waging war. Nevertheless, peoples of East Asia employed archers in warfare as recently as the 19th century, and the use of the

bow and arrow in hunting in intertribal fighting continues in central Africa and South America to the present day.

Andy Robertson

Part 2 – 'Archery as a sport' will be featured in the next newsletter.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS



Postal Leagues 2001/02 up dates

With the results for December now in, here are our current positions: -

Lasswade European Postal League

Recurve Division 2 (5 teams)

Our recurve team now prop up this division in 5th place

Compound Division 2 (5 teams)

Our 'A' team remain in 4th place ahead of the Lizard Archers of England. I am sure if our resident reptile, Bill M, is ever in their area he would receive a hissing big welcome.

Compound Division 4 (8 teams)

As with our 'A' team, team 'B' remain unchanged in their 6th position in the division.

S.A.A Postal League

Recurve Division 1 (10 teams)

The 'A' team has dropped down from 4th place from 2nd.

Recurve Division 2 (10 teams)

Team 'B' remains in 9th position.

Compound Division (16 teams)

Mixed fortunes here with our 'A' team moving up from 5th to 3rd place, and still within touching distance of the division leaders. Team 'B' has now dropped from 6th to 10th place.

All of the above results have been put up on our notice board.

Eastern Area Indoor Championships (SRS) (600). Lasswade - January 2002

This tournament, usually held at Lasswade, was organised by Tina on behalf of the Area, our first time since 1997. The round shot is usually a Fita 18, but due to a low turn out in 2001, it was decided to change it to a Portsmouth which may have helped lead to an almost full entry for both the am and pm sessions this year.

As with our Portsmouth shoot back in November it is pleasing to report that we had a good day with Ian S. and Graeme taking 1st and 2nd places in the gents group.

There was further success for Muriel, Billy, Andy, Dean and myself. Our recurve team took second place just 15 points behind Penicuik AC and our compound team were also runners-up, finishing 9 points behind Edinburgh University.

Thanks to all who helped get the range set up and to our Lady Paramount, the lovely cuddly Susan Maitland of Penicuik AC, who is also the new Ladies Champion for the Area for 2002.

As we also had visitors from other areas, I have listed our members positions in the area with the overall positions if this was an open shoot.

Ladies

5 th (6 th)	Tina	(548)
9 th (11 th)	Joan	(521)

Gents

1 st (3 rd)	Ian Sw.	(562)
2 nd (4 th)	Graeme	(560)

Boys U-16

1 st (1 st)	Dean	(372)
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Ladies C U/Ltd

3 rd (3 rd)	Muriel	(542)
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Gents C U/Ltd

3 rd (4 th)	Billy	(559)
5 th (10 th)	Andy	(546)
- plus the D Class Award		
6 th (11 th)	Bill M.	(543)

Gents C Ltd

1 st (1 st)	Donald	(525)
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Team Recurve

2 nd Lasswade	
Ian Sw.	562
Graeme	560
Tina	548
Joan	521
	2191

Team Compound

2 nd Lasswade	
Billy	559
Andy	546
Bill M	543
	1648

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2002



All events are at Lasswade

March

Wed 13th - S.A.A Postal League - Portsmouth - Last for 2001/02

Sat 30th - Indoor Club Championships - Portsmouth

April

Sun 7th - First outdoor club session

Wed 24th - Last indoor club session

That wraps up this edition

Donald

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