



## THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,  
Apologies that none of you have received your monthly fix of "The Arrowhead" recently. This is due to the fact that my current publisher Fiona has moved house and has also experienced technical problems in putting the latest editions together. Anyway, thanks to her for her efforts since the start of the year.  
However, Billy's superior half, Gwen, has very kindly volunteered to take over the task from Fiona. As the last edition was in May this will be a combined June/July edition. I hope by next month I can get back to a monthly routine again.

### Club News



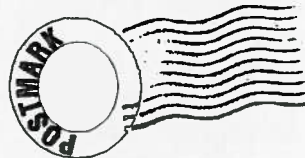
**Tina James – Master Bowman**  
*Hear Ye! Hear Ye!* Let it be known among the multitude that a score of 1241 shot by Tina at a recent tournament

means she has now advanced from Bowman to Master Bowman. Well done Pet!

### New Members

A warm club welcome to 2 new juniors, Ambar Pankaj and Michael Moffat who have completed their 6 week beginners course and have now joined us.

### Indoor Postal Leagues 2002/2003



At the May committee meeting the subject of the 2 monthly postal leagues was discussed as some of us feel 2 a month does not allow us enough time to devote to our basic shooting. It was felt that as our European Postal generates income for the club we should retain this league and drop the S.A.A. Postal League. Bill M then suggested that we could perhaps shoot the S.A.A. Postal on a Sunday morning. The only problem with this idea would be that we would need at least 8 adult members to shoot each month to cover the hire of the hall.

If we start off with enough members shooting then we will have to maintain this

throughout the S.A.A. Postal season. If support drops off and/or we cannot cover the hire of the hall then entering the 2002/03 league will be a pointless exercise. To that end we need you to open your mouths and express your views.

At the Committee's bequest I have booked the hall for the second Sunday of each month from December to March from 10am till 12 noon.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

#### Rules of Shooting – Part 2

Following on from the May issue here is the second of three parts submitted by Watty Wyse for Issue 26 (February 1998).

#### THE WHISTLE AND TIME CONTROL

So that everyone is aware of when to approach the line and when to shoot we make use of a whistle and a set of signals. The signals are different from a FITA round to that of a GNAS round and you should make yourself aware of these, they are:

## FITA

### Two blasts

Approach the shooting line (first detail)

### One blast

Start shooting

### Two blasts

Approach the shooting line (second detail)

### One blast

Start shooting

### Three blasts

Proceed to target and score your arrows.

## GNAS

### One blast

The first detail approaches the shooting line and starts to shoot. When the archer has shot his/her three arrows they retire from the line and the archer from the second detail takes up position and shoots their three arrows. When the line is clear the Judge will give:

### Two blasts

Proceed to target and score your arrows.

Should you loose an arrow before the signal to start shooting or after the signal to stop shooting has been given, you will loose the value of your highest scoring arrow.

## TIMING

Here again we have conflict with FITA and GNAS regarding the timing of ends. FITA states quite clearly that an archer will be allowed two minutes to shoot three arrows, this also applies to RECORD STATUS shoots under GNAS rules but at non status shoots the archer is allowed two minutes thirty seconds to shoot three arrows.

Watty Wyse

P.S. As a follow up to Watty's item I would also like to inform some of our newer members with regard to visual time control which is sometimes used in conjunction with normal whistle control.

If you ever enter our Portsmouth tournament in November (for example) you will see a small box at each end of the shooting range consisting of red, amber and green lights.



These light boxes are in turn connected to a control box which is activated by the judge as soon as he/she give the whistle blast to commence. Let us assume that you have 2 minutes to shoot 3 arrows.

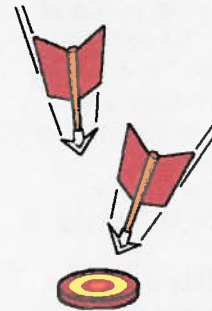
Upon hearing the signal to shoot the lights will be set at green. After one minute and thirty seconds has elapsed the lights will change to amber. You now have 30 seconds to shoot any remaining arrow(s). Once the last 30 seconds have elapsed the lights will change to red and the judge will give the whistle signal in conjunction with the red light to indicate that the end is concluded. If you have not shot any arrows by this time then you will not be permitted to shoot them. The only exception will be if you have an equipment failure. If this happens let the judge know and providing

your problem can be solved quickly you will be allowed to shoot any remaining arrows under his/her supervision.

## Tournament Reports

### Kate Kennedy Silver Arrow Tournament (972), St Andrews - 28th April 2002

With usual curtain raiser to the outdoor season, the Falkirk FITA, not taking place the honour went to this St George/Albion round. Tina was runner-up Lady Recurve and Graeme was just outside the top three.



Bill M was the senior judge. Weather wise, it was windy with some

heavy rain and hail.

### Results as follows:-

#### Ladies

2<sup>nd</sup> Tina (767)

#### Gents

4<sup>th</sup> Graeme (676)

plus the 1<sup>st</sup> place Bowman Award.

### Eastern Area Outdoor Championships (SRS & Thistle Status (1440) Stirling - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2002

This FITA round was attended by Tina, Muriel and Bill M who was returning to his first love, shooting. Sorry his second love, as his first love is his own reflection! Derek was once again wearing the green jacket.



Tina took third Lady Recurve with Muriel as runner-up Compound Lady. Although just outside the medals Bill M is claiming his 1100 Thistle Award. Well done Bill! Have your next rabbit on me! The area placings are followed by the overall placings in brackets.

#### Ladies

3<sup>rd</sup> Tina (1110)  
 Ladies Compound  
 2<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup>) Muriel (1167)  
 Gents Compound  
 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Bill M (1133) plus  
 an 1100 Thistle Award.

#### Ayr Open FITA (1440) Ayr - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2002

Muriel and Bill M were our only entrants this year and shock, horror, Derek was not judging! As with the Eastern Area Shoot Muriel was the runner-up as Compound Lady and Bill M fifth place Compound Gent. Both of them took first place in their respective groups in the Civil Service Awards section.

Results as follows:-

Ladies Compound  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Muriel (1204)  
 Gents Compound  
 5<sup>th</sup> Bill M (1195)

#### Scottish Outdoor Championship for Archers with Disabilities - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at Eastcote House Archery Centre

Andy and I went to Hawick to represent Lothian for the 2002 Championship. We met up with archers from as far away as Orkney, with a busload from Fife.

Apart from the wind gusting up to near



hurricane strengths, we had almost perfect shooting conditions. Our hosts, Gwyn and Shirley, had tried to organise the weather, but their contact at the Meteorological Office was off for the weekend.

After the usual socialising and trading insults the shooting got off to a good start, apart from one photographer who thought that his shooting was as important as ours. Most were shooting a Short Metric round, with some doing a 'Short' Short Metric, of 30 and 20 metres.

Due to the weather conditions, there were no P.B.'s and I even once had to come down very quickly from full draw when I felt a strong gust trying to blow me over. Andy took the Silver for Compound and I took the Gold for Recurve. Thanks to our hosts, Shirley and Gwyn, who were hosting this event for the first time.  
 Richard Vallis

#### West of Scotland Double FITA Star (WRS) (2880), Linwood - 25/26<sup>th</sup> May 2002

This two day shoot was judged by Derek and Bill M. On the shooting side of things Tina shot a 1177 and Graeme a 1057, as

they shot on the Saturday only. This may have been due to the weather, which was blustery with heavy rain showers, and the Sunday was only slightly better.

#### Lasswade Outdoor Open (972) Lasswade - 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2002

After a year's break we once again held our Albion round. Forty archers entered this year with 6 from Lasswade and Derek was the senior judge.

One of the most notable achievements of the day was a 962 shot by Alistair Whittingham of the Alumni Club, ten short of a perfect score. Ruth Williams of Grampian archers, shooting longbow also beat the previous record by 5 points. Sadly, both scores are un-official, as we did not have record status this year. Our own members had a fairly good day with Joan as fourth Lady Recurve. David shot a very respectable score to take eighth place in the gents group but finished ahead of 7 more experienced archers and Stuart finished fourth in the boy's section this year. Bill M, Billy and Andy contested the compound section.

Billy could have been runner-up but due to 2 arrows in the wrong target he had to settle for third. Old age Billy?



At a recent club session Billy was awarded the Wrong Target Award. The lesson here Billy? Don't be so honest about

misses!



Bill M was 40 points adrift of Billy to take fifth and Andy was seventh but not last!

The shoot itself was trouble-free with the only problem being the non-stop rain we had from the end of the second distance onwards.

Once again I would like to thank the minority of members who assisted me, Derek, Bill M, Billy, Joan and Ian (St) who helped get the field marked out. On the day of the shoot the same members plus David, Stuart, Dianne and Alistair Whittingham for getting the range set up. Another thank you to Ian (St) who spent most of the day bringing more bosses out of the store due to the fact we were starting to experience near pass-throughs.??!! Compound archers!

Due to the rain the raffle was held in the centre while Norrie McLean of Penicuik AC, the other judge, and myself worked out the results after peeling the soaked sheets off the scoreboards. Luckily, all the scores could be read. Finally, thanks to our Lady Paramount, Susan Loudon of Penicuik AC, our 2 judges, Derek and Norrie and Bill C for

collecting the raffle money.

Placings as follows:

**Ladies**

4<sup>th</sup> Joan (658)

**Gents**

8<sup>th</sup> David (7644)

**Boys**

4<sup>th</sup> Stuart (515)

**Gents Compound**

3<sup>rd</sup> Billy (898)

5<sup>th</sup> Bill M (858)

7<sup>th</sup> Andy (820)

Penicuik FITA  
(BRS/Thistle Status)  
(1440) and Masters  
Tournaments - 29/30 June  
2002

**DAY 1 (FITA)**

Tina and Graeme shot the FITA round in less than ideal weather conditions which consisted of a strong wind and occasional showers which meant that many of the scores shot were below normal. However, it was well done to Tina who finished as runner-up in the ladies section with a score of 1060 and Graeme's score of 1017, which earned him third gent.

**DAY 2 (MASTERS)**

This round entails the archers shooting distances of 40, 50 and 60 metres but the target faces can be 60, 80 and 122 cms and all the archers move from target to target.

As this is a non-standard round there is the added bonus in that GNAS dress regulations do not apply!

Muriel and Bill C had entered the round but due to yet more rain the round was stopped after the first half of the shoot

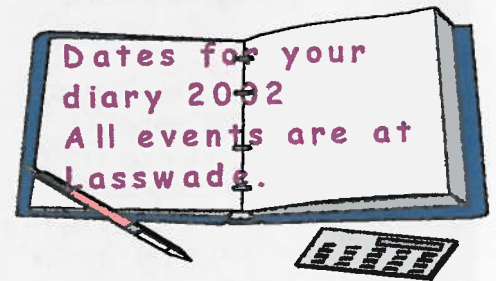
and the prizes awarded accordingly.

The placings for Muriel and Bill C were as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> Overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady

Compound - Muriel (402)

25<sup>th</sup> Overall and 11<sup>th</sup> Gent  
Recurve - Bill C (281)



**August**

**Tournament Round or Event**

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> European Super League/Short metric

**September**

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> First Indoor Club Session  
Wed 7.30 to 9.30pm)

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Last Outdoor Sunday Club Session.

**AND FINALLY**

Sorry, no and finally this month. Normal service will resume next month.

That concludes this month's issue, but not quite, turn to the back page to see the latest snapshot of Bill M in his full rubber gear!

**Donald**

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(BILL M AT THE ALBION)  
WHAT DI YA MEAN IT  
WAS'NE A 6 GOLD END  
SANGSTER!



WAS'NE A W-GOLD END  
WHAT DI YA MEAN IT  
(BILL M AT THE REIGN)  
SUGGESTER!