

THE ARROWHEAD

THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB



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Dear Member,

Welcome to the latest edition of 'The Arrowhead', which is the second issue that Fiona has put together for me. Due to technical problems it was not possible to have the last issue in glorious 'Technicolor', but I think she did a great job anyway. So this month's issue, which amongst the usual features includes some more subjects from the archives.....

CLUB NEWS

New Member



We seem to be attracting quite a few new members and our latest recruit is Barry Guest, whose son John joined us last month.

Coaching/Development Meeting - 6th February 2002

Nineteen members attended this special meeting (I am still in a state of shock!), which gave all of you your chance to have your say with regards to coaching and development of the club. Some of you put forward some good ideas -

1. Head to Head training (Graeme).
2. Regular coaching nights /sessions (Cheryl).

3. Each member to make an individual plan with regard to coaching, e.g. goals, levels etc (Bill M).
4. Ask Penicuik AC if they would let our members use their club on Sundays along with our coaches (Cheryl).
5. Suggested a higher target fee would mean fewer members would have to come along on Sundays with regards to hall hire (Fiona).
6. Suggested to ease congestion on club nights that one postal round should be dropped (Andy).
7. Beer should be provided! (Ross) Sorry Ross, we will, have to brew over that one!

Just before starting this issue there was a meeting of the Club Committee and we discussed your suggestions. Although we still have much to do, two evenings have been set aside for coaching - 28th March and 25th April 2002. Both dates are Thursdays (7.30 - 9.30pm). Whatever the direction we take with coaching and development the success or failure of this venture depends on you the members.

Target Faces

This is a subject I have discussed before. It was noted by the Committee that not all of you want to shoot at certain types of

faces. Just because, for example, a roll of Portsmouth faces are put up does not mean you have to shoot at them. To that end, as we have a selection of faces in the green cabinet, it will now be up to individual members to choose their own target faces and to put them up. If any member wants they can even shoot at a blank or partly blank boss. By the time you read this will have come into effect.

Indoor club Championships - Saturday 30th March 2002

Just a seasonal reminder that we will be holding the above event again. As always the round will be a Portsmouth and dress will be informal. If you are attending can you please be at the hall for 6-6.30pm. This will give us plenty of time to shoot the round, hold presentations, and consume some refreshments (Auntie Joan permitting). Would the current holders please return their trophies by no later than the night of the shoot. They are as follows:
- Ladies - Joan, Gents - Graeme, Juniors - Dean and Compound - Billy.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

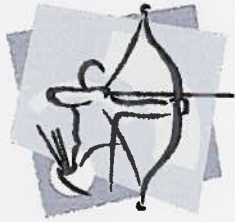


Following on from last month's article, 'Archery - A Brief History', here is Part 2 of Andy's item which first appeared in Issue 23 (November 1997).

Archery as a Sport

Archery has long been popular as an amateur sport, particularly in England. The oldest continuously held archery tournament still existing is the Ancient Scorton Arrow founded in Yorkshire in 1673, and about 1790 the Royal Toxophilite (Greek toxon, 'bow', philos 'loving') Society was formed to advance the sport. In 1844 The Grand National Archery Society (GNAS), the governing body of British archery, was established, and has conducted championship contests since that year.

Archery competition is divided into various categories such as target, field and flight shooting to name but three. The main events of target-shooting tournaments are called rounds and the number of arrows shot and the distances are specified.



After being discontinued at the Olympic Games in the early 1900's archery again became an Olympic sport for men and women at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games. Modernised in 1992 to promote interest, the Olympic round consists of a ranking round, and elimination round a finals round, a team elimination round and a team finals round. The individuals' event includes 64 archers, all shooting at the same time at targets 70m (230ft) away. Archers with the highest scores after various elimination heats compete for medals. The competition is conducted according to the International Archery Federation (FITA) rules.

Field shooting simulates hunting game, with small targets placed in natural surroundings at various

marked or un-marked distances. In flight shooting the object is the distance traversed by the arrow rather than the accuracy of the shot. In recent years hunting with the bow and arrow has become popular, and in many parts of the United States legal seasons have been established for taking deer in this manner

Andy

P.S Remember, bow hunting is illegal in Britain!

Donald

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Postal Leagues 2001/02 Up-dates

Lasswade European Super League

With the results for January now in, here is the latest news: -

Recurve Division 2 (5 Teams)

No change here from last month with the Lasswade team remaining in 5th place.

Compound Division 2 (5 Teams)

Our 'A' team have moved up from 4th to 3rd position.

Compound Division 4 (8 Teams)

Team 'B' have dropped down one place to 7th position.

S.A.A Postal League

Recurve Division 1 (10 Teams)

Another drop in position with our 'A' team down 2 places from 4th to 6th.

Recurve Division 2 (10 Teams)

Team 'B' have now dropped to 10th place in this division

Compound Division

As with last month our 'A' team retain 3rd place and are only 53 points behind the division leaders. A small improvement with team 'B' moving from 10th to 9th place.

The full results for both leagues are on our notice board.



Lasswade Open Worcester (BRS) (300), Lasswade - 10th January 2002

After having to cancel our usual FITA 18 round last year as it was decided to try this seldom shot Worcester round in its place. As well as the novelty factor there were only 3 established Scottish records set in 1996/97, so some archers had a chance to shoot un-claimed records as well as breaking the existing ones.

Ten of us shot the round with Derek as the senior judge. The most notable achievement of the day was a perfect 300, a British Record, shot by Sam Stretton of the Alumni Club. Luckily double scoreboards were being used as one of the scoreboards had its scores written in pencil. Under GNAS rules scoring must be done in non-erasable blue or black ink, failure to do so means a record cannot be claimed. However, the other scoreboard saved Sam's record. A lesson here for those of you who still have to shoot your first tournament.

As to our own members, Ross set a Scottish record, with Ian Sw, Billy and Bill M earning class medals. The main thing is that many of the archers enjoyed the shoot and we will be holding it again in 2003. Thanks as always to Tina for organising the shoot and to those of you who helped get the range set up the night before and also helped out on the day of the shoot, as well as our Auntie Joan who was the Lady Paramount.

Results as follows: -

Ladies

8 th	Tina	(266)
15 th	Joan	(235)

Gents

5 th	Ian Sw	(278)
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plus the D Class Award

26th Ian St (204)
 32nd Mark (143)

Gents C/Ltd

1st Ross (283)
 plus a Scottish record
 2nd Donald (213)

Gents C U/Ltd

5th Billy (291)
 plus the C Class Award
 8th Bill M (288)
 plus the D Class Award
 11th Andy (277)

Well done to everyone as many of these scores were very close to each other.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2002

All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.



March

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

Sat 23rd
 Eastern Area Workshop -
 Beeslack High School, Penicuik -
 9.30am to 4.30pm

Thu 28th
 Coaching Session - 7.30 to
 9.30pm

Sat 30th
 Indoor Club Championships -
 Portsmouth - 6.30 to 9.30pm

April

Sun 7th
 First outdoor club session
 (Sundays, 10 to 12 noon)

Wed 24th
 Last indoor club session

The 75th issue is duly concluded.
 Donald

Contributors for this issue - Andy
 Robertson and David Raeburn.

AND FINALLY

The following item was given to
 me by David.....

Learn Chinese in 5 minutes - Best to read them out loud!

That's not right	Sum Ting Wong
Are you harbouring a fugitive?	Hu Yu Hai Ding?
See me ASAP	Kum Hia Nao
Stupid Man	Dum Gai
Small Horse	Tai Ni Po Ni
Did you go to the beach	Wai Yu So Tan?
I bumped into a coffee table	AI Bang Mai Ni
I think you need a face lift	Chin Tu Fat
It's very dark in here	Wai So Dim?
This is my tow away zone	No Pah King
Our meeting is scheduled for next week	Wai Yu Kum Nao?
Staying out of sight	Lei Ying Lo
He's cleaning his automobile	Wa Shing Ka
Your body odour is offensive	Yu Stin Ki Pu

