

THE ARROWHEAD

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Dear Members,

Welcome to the latest action packed (?) edition of the "Arrowhead".....

Club News



LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 29th MARCH 2003

A reminder to you all that we will be holding our Club Championships on the above date to which all members are invited. It will be our usual Portsmouth round (60 arrows at 20 yards on a 60cm target face) and dress will be informal. Two points for you to remember. Last year the final spaces on our current annual shields were filled up. After some discussion the committee has agreed to purchase new trophies

and in a change from the usual shields or cups new silver pewter quaiches will be awarded.

However, at the time of writing I may not be able to obtain them for the 29th. If that is the case then they will be presented at a later date. Quaiches will be presented to the 1st Lady and 1st Gent Recurve, the 1st Lady Compound and 1st Gent Compound and the overall Junior.

The second point is that Joan usually provides the refreshments after the shoot but she will be in South Africa at the time so unless some other member(s) can help out then we will just have the presentation itself after the shoot. Please arrive by no later than 6.30pm. So that I can have some idea of numbers you will find a note attached to this newsletter. It is self-explanatory so please fill it in and return it to me by no later than the 26th March.

P.S. Only 2 shields need to be returned from last

year they are, overall Compound (Bill M) and overall Junior (Dean Gulland)



Beginners Class

Our latest beginner's class ended a few weeks ago and of the 10 who took part 8 have decided to join us, 3 men and 5 boys. So a big Club Welcome please to the following :- Mike Rafferty (watch this one he asks a lot of questions!), Roy Brown and Harry Braden plus the 5 boys, David Braden, Sean Arnot, Simon Ewing, Andrew Ng and Jakub Svsen. At the time of writing not all of them have attended a club session.

A message now to our new members. I am aware that a few of you have decided to purchase your own equipment. Those of you not yet doing so can

continue for a time with club bows but I would advise all of you to at least purchase your own bracer and finger tabs but see one of us for advice first, especially if you decide to buy bows and arrows, at a later date. Finally thanks again to our coaches Derek, Bill M, and Richard and to Mark, David, Ian(St) and Joan for running the classes.



OUTDOOR CLUB SESSIONS

By the time you receive this newsletter the outdoor sessions will almost be upon us. The usual reminder to you all but especially our new members about how we do things outdoors. When the practice field is marked out we usually leave a gap between our long and short distance targets so that those members shooting at the shorter distances do not have to wait until those shooting the longer distances have gone up to collect their arrows. To that end whistle signals will not normally be used as this could cause

confusion having 2 different whistle signals for the 2 halves of the range. For reasons of safety if 2 separate groups are shooting then each group should be supervised by an adult member especially where juniors are concerned. New members should also be aware that "FAST" may have to be called more often than indoors. So be alert at all times and if you see anyone on the wrong side of the shooting range then call "FAST". Do not assume someone else will have noticed.

We also use the rear car-park outdoors so if you are coming by car see me and I can give you a map on how to get there. You can park at the front of the school but you will have a walk to get to the practice field.

Work is also due to start on the new gymnastics hall so our range may have to be moved further across the field, so we will just have to make the best of a bad job.

OUTDOOR STORE

Although Sunday 6th April is our first outdoor Sunday session it has been decided by the committee that it will now be a workday. This is so we can sort out which of our old bosses will be dumped to make room for our new ones which we hope to receive by the end of April. We will also be able to check out our

current stock of other equipment as well.

S.A.A.EASTERN AREA WORKSHOP



This event is taking place on Saturday, April 12th between 9-30am and 4.30pm at Beeslack High School, Penicuik.

There is a poster on our noticeboard as well. If you are interested then see me with your correct fee (Adults £8, Juniors £4) by Wednesday, 3rd April.

You will also have to list on the form the activities you are interested in. See me for more details. You do not have to stay for the whole day if you do not want to. Refreshments will also be available provided by the 2 Fat Ladies, oops, the 2 Big Girlies, Elayne and Susan of Penicuik AC.

ANDY ROBERTSON

Yes, its back! The Black Death? No! Worse than that. What could be worse? Well, in one word, ANDY!

Some of you may know Andy had an accident with his wheelchair which led to other complications, which has meant his absence of late. However, he has now recovered and although his treatment has been successful his doctors and top specialists from the U.S.A.have been unable

to perform a personality transplant for him so he will probably be as crabbit as ever!
He was also heart-broken that we did not send him a get-well card but I informed him that I tried to have a whip-round to buy a card.

When that failed I even had the members whipped but to no avail! Anyway Andy, have you ever heard of a get-well-very-slowly card?

Joking aside, it is pleasant to have him back. Excuse me Andy, I think I am going to throw up!

Special Committee Meeting - 10th April, 2003

All members are invited to attend this meeting where we will discuss an agenda for the meeting with the parents and juniors on the 17th April.

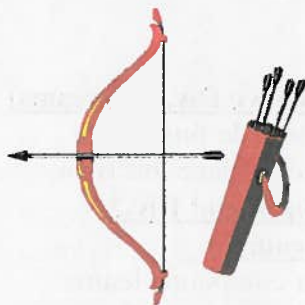
Special Meeting with Parents/Guardians/Juniors - Thursday 17th April 2003

All parents/guardians will have by now received a letter inviting them to attend this special meeting which is to discuss the subject of Child Protection with regard to the policies which will soon be issued by GNAS and the S.A.A. As the letter stated the meeting will start at 7.30pm in Room B4 of the High School. Directions to B4 are as follows: go through the main school doors and ahead of you, slightly to the right, you will see a

set of double doors, go through them and along the corridor, Room B4 will be fourth door on your left!

EASTERN AREA OPEN MEETING- WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL, 2003

Item 6 on the agenda for this meeting has a proposal that the Area Committee donate some of the existing area funds to help send a Scottish Team to the Commonwealth Cup in Australia. If any Lasswade member has a view on this subject then please attend.



TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Lasswade Open Worcester (BRS) (300) 2nd March, 2003

12 of us entered this year and gained 7 medals in the process.

Our best lady recurve was Joan who was runner-up followed by Tina in sixth.

Our recurve gents were outside the medals but they did put in some good scores.

Graeme was unlucky as he forgot to change to his other target face after the mid section break.

Graeme, these things happen but I will not be coming back in the next life as your finger tab or scoreboard!

In the boys U14 John shot a 201 to finish second with Jack in third place in the U12's.

Muriel was also the runner-up in the ladies compound group. The gents compound was very close and Alistair Whittingham of E.U.A.C. shot a maximum score of 300 to set a new Scottish record.

The danger of the Worcester target face is that it can be impossible to separate archers by score, hits etc and this was reflected in the fact that 3 compound gents took equal second place on 298. Billy was 2 points behind to take third.

Both our recurve and compound teams finished in fourth place.

Thanks yet again to Tina who ran the shoot and to those members who helped out on the Saturday night and on the day itself.

Results:

Ladies

2nd Joan (275)
6th Tina (269) plus the C Class medal.

Gents

8th David (265)
9th Graeme (261)
20th Mark (203)
21st Frank (194)

Boys U14

2nd John (201)

Boys U12

3rd Jack (77)

Ladies Compound

2nd Muriel (289)

Gents Compound

3rd Billy (296)

11th Bill M (277) plus

D class medal.

Rtd Donald (33)

Team Recurve

4th Lasswade

Joan 275

David 265

Graeme 261

801

Team Compound

4th Lasswade

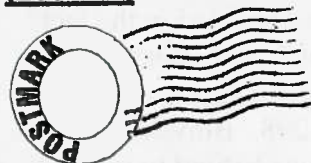
Billy 296

Bill M 277

573

P.S. Derek was the senior judge.

Postal League Up-dates (2002/03)



S.A.A. (Portsmouth)

At the time of writing the final March round has been shot. Here are our current placings after the February round.

Recurve Division 1 (9teams)

Team 'A' remain last although Stuart's 484 was the best boys' score for the month. His 485 remains the best to date.

Recurve Division 4 (8 teams)

The 'B' team have moved up from 6th to 5th place. Again a score of 495 from Stuart remains the best boys' score to date.

Compound Division 2 (7 teams)

The compound team are now in second behind Elise's club, Giffnock. Elise be afraid! Be very afraid!!!

A 568 shot by Billy was the best gent compound score for February.

European (FITA 18)

Once again thanks to Andy for running this tournament and here are our final placings for 2002/03.

Recurve Div. 2 (4 teams)

Lasswade finished in second place this time.

Compound Div.2 (4teams)

Our compound team remained in third place. Certificates were also presented to our 2 teams. Thanks to those of you who took part this season.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2003

All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.

MONTH	TOURNAMENT /ROUND OR EVENT
APRIL	
Sun day 6th	Work day in outside store
Thursday 10th	Committee meeting, 7.30pm to discuss Agenda for Parents/Juniors
Saturday 12th	S.A.A. Eastern Area workshop - Penicuik
Thursday 17th	Meeting with Parents and Juniors 7.30pm
Wednesday 30th	Last Indoor Wednesday Session
MAY	
Wednesday 7th	First Outdoor Wednesday Session
Wednesday 21 st	European Postal/Fita 18

Consider this edition concluded.

Donald

