

THE ARROWHEAD

THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,

After the excesses of the Festive Season there now follows a heavy-weight edition of "The Arrowhead."

Club News

APOLOGIES

What a start to a New Year by having to print 2 apologies!

The first one goes to one of our new members Kerry Skilbeck. In a previous edition she brought to my attention that her surname only has one L. Although I am aware of this the nice lady who produces the final version of this newsletter must have added an extra L by mistake. So an apology to you Kerry for any embarrassment to you, your family and friends!

P.S. Kerry would like all of you to know that it is her 16th birthday on February 15th. Regrettably, it is a Sunday this year so on Wednesday 18th the drinks are on Kerry. As she still cannot order a glass of Ribena in a pub she will bring a large bottle of orange and about 30 straws with her on the 18th!

On a slightly more serious note apology number 2 goes to Mark. Upon reading last month's "Arrowhead" he was heart-broken to see that his name did not appear on the list of new committee members.

As you were unable to attend the AGM Mark and did not express an intention to Joan or myself, it is assumed that you did not wish to join our merry group.

However, dry your tears, as under Article 10B of the Club's Constitution the committee can co-opt additional members at its discretion. So consider yourself one of the elite for another year!

FAST!

FAST, such a small, insignificant word normally, but a very significant word in archery. I will not insult your intelligence by asking some of you what should happen when you hear this word. Or to put it another way, one of our members informed me that a situation arose recently, where he called 'FAST' and some of you carried on shooting! This was very naughty and could be potentially fatal.

I appreciate that if another activity is taking place in the other half of the hall there may be a degree of background noise. If any of you have to call a 'FAST' shout it along the line, do not wait for someone else to do it.



TACKLE BOXES

I have noticed that some of our Club sessions are now quite busy. To that end ALL members are requested to place

tackle boxes etc up both sides of the shooting range. Please remember that we have lost some space due to the redundant trampoline mattresses. Please also ensure that the alcove next to the green cabinet is left clear and the doors to changing-rooms are also free of obstructions as they can be used by anybody, not just us.

CLUB FEES

Can I thank those members who paid their Club fees in good time. However, at the time of writing I was not pleased to hear that at least 2 established members had still not paid their dues. I will not reveal any names suffice to say that if they have any valid reason be it financial or otherwise then I would be pleased to hear from them! Do I have to remind them, that under Article 18 of the Club's Constitution Club fees become due on the date set for the AGM. I agree that the 6 week period until after the AGM for payment of fees has been allowed to creep in but as this has been abused before I intend to see that this rule is tightened up at the next AGM.



INDOOR CLASIFICATIONS/ HANDICAPS

Our new Records Officer David R has wasted no time in getting his first list of indoor classifications and handicaps out. All members who are entitled to one have already received a copy from me and a copy is also on our noticeboard as well. If you have any queries on your details then please see David.

Midlothian Council Sports Grant

Recently the Club applied for a Sports Grant from Midlothian Council. We were

successful and have been awarded £250.00 for 2003/04.

Thanks again to Derek for putting our application together.

Child Protection

All parents were recently sent a letter as to how the Club would implement this policy and at the time of writing all bar one have sent back their responses indicating that they are all willing to supervise the juniors on a rota basis, as the Committee decided. As the parents were made aware junior archers become senior when they attain 18 years of age.

However, in Scotland they become adults at 16 so any over 16's do not need a parent or guardian thus the rota that has been issued to the parents will change when new under 16's arrive or others attain 16. For shooting purposes they will still enter tournaments in their appropriate age groups unless they wish to shoot in a higher age group or as a senior.

I am aware that the rota system may be a bit of a chore for parents but at least GNAS are letting clubs adopt their own ideas and other clubs have already implemented systems similar to our own. We have also been recommended to have a Child Protection Officer and Joan has volunteered to take on this role.

Joan and myself have already attended a seminar on Child Protection with possibly a further training session(s) which Joan would attend.

So if any parents have any questions then please see Joan or myself. If we do not have a ready answer then we will obtain advice from the C/P/O for archery in Scotland.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Some of you may have been given raffle tickets to sell by Joan in aid of the SAA Junior Team.

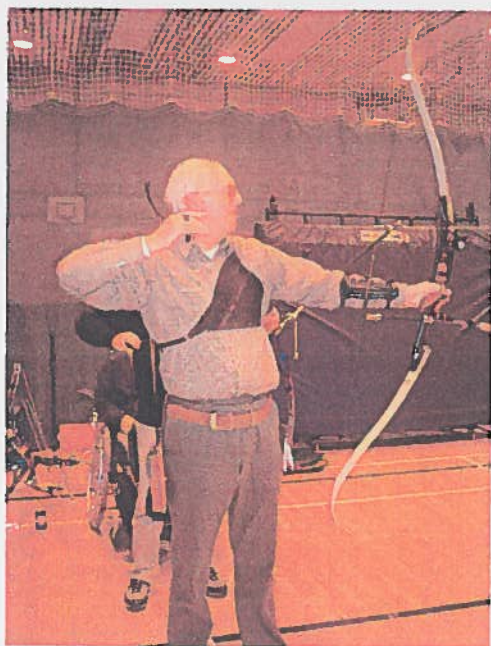
She has asked me to remind you that all monies, counterfoils and unsold tickets should be returned to her in the envelopes provided by Wednesday 4th February not the 11th as originally requested.

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome 2 new members, Russell Jones and Liz Garrigan. Russell took part in our recent beginners' class and his arrival means that we now have 11 new members out of a class of 13. Liz is an established archer already and shoots for Penicuik AC. If you don't know what she looks like just look for an elfin-faced lady with a cheery disposition minus the pointy ears!

PROFILE ON A CLUB MEMBER

SUBJECT: DEREK SANGSTER - GENT RECURVE



With the Club's 25th Anniversary approaching in October what better way to start the year with a profile on our longest and only remaining founder member Derek Sangster.

The Club was formed in 1979 with Derek serving as the first president from 1979 to 1984 and since the beginning he has devoted a large amount of his time in the running and administration of our sport in Scotland.

As well as serving in one capacity or another on our club committee, he has also held various posts on the Eastern Area, SAA and currently he is the Scottish Director to GNAS.

As well as holding these posts he is also active as a tournament judge and in 1998 was promoted from County to Regional Judge with a further promotion to National Judge in 2001. Two years previous to this in 1999, I proposed him for Honorary Life Membership at the club's AGM and this was endorsed by the meeting.

Currently Derek spends a considerable amount of time as an instructor for the GNAS leaders' course and he was my examiner when I took the course in 1997. As a club coach he has also taken part in many of our beginners' classes as well as advising our existing members when required. As you may have gathered because of the time he has devoted to the non-shooting side of our sport his personal shooting achievements are understandably modest: -

Outdoor Club Champion 1989
Lasswade Open Porstmouth 1991
Member of winning (Lasswade) Team
Jim Coull (Club Trophy), 1979 and 2001.

P.S. I am sure I will have missed out something Derek!

P.P.S. Last month's subject, Joan, asked me to point out that in addition to her list of shooting successes she also won 2 Eastern Area tournaments. Unfortunately I have only based these profiles on information taken from previous newsletters and the Club Trophy book so I can only apologise for any omissions that I am not aware of.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

Postal League Up-dates 2003/04

At the time of writing the December results have not yet come in so here are our current positions for the November round.

S.A.A.

Recurve Div. 1 (9 teams)

Our Team are in 8th position.

Compound Div.2 (8 teams)

Our compound lie in 5th position

Lasswade European League

Recurve Division 2 (4 teams)

Some better news here with Lasswade 'A' topping the division.

Recurve Division 3 (4 Teams)

Lasswade 'B' lie in 4th place.

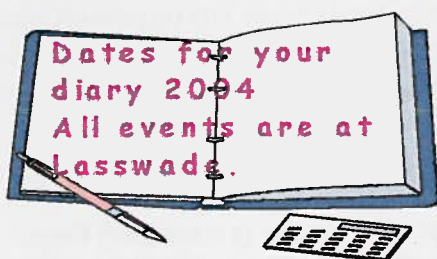
Compound Division 2 (4 Teams)

Lasswade 'A' also lie in 4th place but are only 3 points behind the current division leaders' Randers 'C' of Denmark.

Compound Division 3 (3 Teams)

The 'B' team also prop up this division but as with division 2 the November scores for the teams are quite close.

Copies of the on-going results will also be put up on our noticeboard.



DATE	TOURNAMENT ROUND OR EVENT
All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.	
FEBRUARY	
Wed, 11 th	Round 4 of the Indoor Postal Leagues/Portsmouths
Sat 21 st	New Beginners' Class starts (subject to confirmation)
MARCH	
Sun, 7 th	Lasswade Indoor Open (BRS)/Worcester
Wed, 17 th	Final round of the Indoor Postal Leagues/Portsmouths
Saturday T/B/A	Indoor Club Championships Round /T/B/A

AND FINALLY

Jack has been nagging me for some time to publish some jokes he has and I have finally given in! All of them have an

animal theme but please provide your own sick-bags. Ha! Ha!

Q. What animals use nutcrackers?
A. Toothless Squirrels!

Q. How do you start a bear race?
A. Ready, Teddy, go!

Q. What does a bird use for an emergency landing?
A. A Sparrowchute!

Q. What did the sardine say when it saw a submarine?
A. Look! A can of people!

Q. Where do dogs keep their money?
A. Barklays' Bank!

Q. What happens to frogs when they breakdown?
A. They get toad away!

AND FINALLY

Here's one I discovered myself which is quite appropriate!

Q. What lies at the bottom of the sea, is brown and quivers?
A. Jack the kipper!

On that happy note issue 97 is duly concluded.

Donald

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