

THE ARROWHEAD

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,
So to another month's worth of gossip...

CLUB NEWS



This is to remind our junior and novice members that our Saturday evening sessions will end on the 30th of this month. During our Outdoor season from May to August there will be no Saturday evening sessions, so all members will shoot on Wednesday evenings and/or Sunday mornings.

This is due to the fact that there are not enough adults to set up the range, and personally I need a Wee break for the next four months. The club shoots throughout the summer months regardless of school holidays.

The following article will also give you more information on the outdoor season. P.S. A decision on a new junior/novice club season (indoor) will be decided at a later date.



OUTDOOR CLUB SESSIONS

By the time you read this edition the outdoor season will have commenced. A reminder to those newer members that we shoot on Wednesday evenings between 6.45pm and 9pm and on Sundays between 10am 12 noon. As very few members shoot on a Sunday I would advise newer members to try Wednesday nights first.

Unlike indoors we have to set up the range ourselves, so please try to arrive in

good time. The more people who arrive early the quicker we can start shooting.

I will have no hesitation in delaying set up until enough members have arrived. If you arrive late then please try to stay until the end of the session to help make up and put the equipment away in the store. There are some members who consider themselves above doing there share so please do not follow their bad example!

Moving on to the safety aspect, all that you have been taught indoors applies to outdoors even more so. If you see anyone moving into the target area or something that is not right then call **FAST**. Do not assume that everyone has seen the **DANGER**. Better safe than sorry.

It is possible that some of you will shoot over, to the side of or short of the target. These arrows could bury themselves in the grass, however we do have metal detectors to help locate such arrows. So if you shoot six arrows remember to bring six arrows back with you to the waiting area.

Remember, the field is also used by the school pupils for football etc. should you lose an arrow let us know as any arrows not found must be reported to Sports Centre.

Due to the construction of the gymnastics hall it is not now possible to have gap between the short and long distance targets so in the event of a whistle not being available then the word **CLEAR** will be used when it is safe to shoot or collect arrows.

An adult member shooting or non-shooting should supervise juniors at all times.

In the event of a session being rained off we have the option of going into the sports centre to work on our equipment etc. but not to shoot.

When shooting outdoors we normally use the rear car park and I can provide you with a

map on how to get there should you need
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The target fees are also reduced for outdoors to £2 for seniors and £1 for juniors. Unlike indoors, outdoor target fees must be paid for week by week as the optional block fee does not operate outdoors. If any of you want extra outdoor shooting then you can go through to our friends at Penicuik. They shoot on Fridays from 6pm till dark and Sundays from 10am to 1pm. This option only applies to those of you who have your own equipment, and juniors must have a parent or guardian with them.

LASSWADE ALBION TOURNAMENT 5TH JUNE 2005

We will need someone to organise this annual tournament on behalf of the club. If anyone is interested then please see me by Wednesday 20th April.

I would like to also inform you all that I will be standing down as an organiser for open tournaments with immediate effect. If the Albion does not go ahead then it is most likely that it will not be run again this would leave us with only our Worcester And Portsmouth rounds. All our tournaments usually bring in a good amount of income for the club and if the remaining shoots were to suffer the same fate as the Albion then I would strongly advise the committee to look into other ways of raising revenue such as a sharp increase in club fees for example.

IMPROVERS TROPHY

Congratulations to Mark Smith who is the new holder of the Gents Improvers Trophy for 2004/05.

Our Records officer David R has also advised me that the Ladies Trophy will not be Awarded as our only two regular shooting ladies have not made any improvements this season. A Portage and J Smith report to my study!

WELCOME

A BELATED WELCOME TO Jack who recently joined the Club Committee as our new Junior Rep.



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Thanks to those of you who replied to the questionnaire on receiving a paper copy or website version of the newsletter. I have not received some of them back so I will assume those members will view the website version.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Archery as a sport

Following on from last month's article, Archery – Brief History, here is part 2.

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 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, an 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 (230) feet 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 unmarked 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 Robertson.

P.S. Remember bow hunting is illegal in Britain. Donald.



TOURNAMENT REPORTS.

Lasswade Indoor Club Championships (600) 19th March 2005

This year 22 members took part and it is pleasing to report that 13 of the 22 were juniors, probably the largest entry ever for the Lasswade shoot.

The 4 overall winners, Joan, David R, John and Billy all retained their club trophies with 3 of them shooting new personal bests. In addition some good first time scores were shot by some of our newer members especially Jim, Ruth, Chris B, Tomas and Fraser. I hope they and the rest of you will continue to improve your scores upwards. I would like to thank Bill C who acted as scorer, part-time judge and Lord Paramount for the awards presentation. Thanks also to Billy who assisted me with the results. The only fly in the ointment (or flies) were certain juniors who do not appear to read their newsletters and arrived late! Luckily, they only missed their sighters and one scoring end which we allowed them to make up. But be warned! Arrive late at an

official tournament you will lose your sighter arrows plus any scoring arrows!

A boot up the backside is due to Frank who not only arrived late he also forgot it was the club championships and brought his cash bag as well. We normally do not charge for this shoot you silly sausage! Seriously, Frank was unable to shoot due to a back problem sustained at work, though he moved quickly enough when he dropped a 5p piece. HA! HA!

Anyway, enough of the banter on to the results:-

LADIES

1 ST JOAN	(535)
2 ND ANN	(446)
3 RD RUTH	(342)

GENTS

1 ST DAVID R	(575) PB
2 ND MARK	(523)
3 RD JIM	(502)
4 TH CHRIS B	(475)

JUNIORS

1 ST JOHN	(541) PB
2 ND TOMAS	(442)
3 RD JAKUB	(365)
4 TH FRASER	(344) 1 ST U12 BOY
5 TH JACK	(330) 1 ST U14 BOY
6 TH AMBAR	(316) 2 ND U4 BOY
7 TH GRIGOR	(273) 3 RD U14 BOY
8 TH JAMES	(233) 2 ND U12 BOY
9 TH MICHEAL	(226) 4 TH U14 BOY
10 TH SEBASTIAN	(216) 5 TH U14 BOY
11 TH CONOR	(198) 6 TH U14 BOY
12 TH CALUM	(113) 3 RD U12 BOY
- EMMA Retired	U13 GIRL

COMPOUNDS

1 ST BILLY	(571) PB
2 ND ANDY	(549)

P.S. In addition to the quaiches presented to the four winners they also received an additional trophy each to keep. Those of you who have shot at the club for a few years would have recognised the 4 shields that were awarded every year up until about 3 years ago when they were finally used up.

As the original sponsors no longer exist it was decided to award them to active club members who have won the club championship on more than one occasion. They are as follows:-

LADIES

JOAN, 6 WINS. 1990,97,01,02,04,05

GENTS

DAVID R, 3 WINS. 2003, 04, 05

JUNIORS

JOHN, 2 WINS, 2004, 05

COMPOUNDS

BILLY, 7 WINS. 1998-01,2003,04,05

Lasswade Indoor European Super League
FITTA 18 2004/05

Recurve Division 2 (5 Teams)

A final push by Bromyard (England) meant that our team finished in 3rd place.

Compound division (4 Teams)

The compound team provide the foundations for the final round of this division!

Thanks again to Andy for running the league once more.

There will be no outdoor league this year and a decision will be taken at a later date if an indoor league will take place for 2005/06.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.

TOURNAMENT ROUND OR EVENT

APRIL

WEDNESDAY 27TH

Last indoor session (Seniors)

SATURDAY 30TH

Last indoor session (Juniors)

MAY

WEDNESDAY 4TH

First outdoor session (ALL MEMBERS)

JUNE

SUNDAY 5TH

Outdoor Open / ALBION?

AND FINALLY

As a follow up to Graeme's item in the last newsletter "Why dogs are better than women" here is the "other side of the coin" so to speak, which I discovered at the council dog kennels in Midlothian.



DOGS OVER MEN.

1. Spots are an attractive feature on dogs.
2. A dog is better protection from an intruder.
3. Dogs can find their way back home-even after a really heavy night out.
4. Dogs will wait patiently outside clothes shops-and not criticise your purchases afterwards.
5. If a dog gets ill, it won't take 18 panadols in order to avoid going to the vet.
6. When dogs beg it's cute -When men beg it's pathetic.
7. Dogs travel more cheaply on the bus.
8. Dogs are less reliant on canned food....but after a few cans, a dog will still be able to stand up.
9. Dogs don't attack other dogs for being a different colour.
10. You'd feel guilty about turning a dog out on the street.
11. A dog will be eager to walk, rather than getting a taxi.
12. A dog might actually take a bath of it's own accord.
13. There's more chance of your dog being able to work the video recorder.
14. Dogs are easier to house train.
15. A dog can look as though it understands what you're saying.
16. A dog is a pack animal. A man is a six pack animal.
17. A dog is a faithful companion.
18. A dog is for life.

On that happy note this edition is duly terminated.

Donald.

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