

# THE ARROWHEAD

## LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,  
Welcome to the 111<sup>th</sup> instalment of  
"THE ARROWHEAD"

### CLUB NEWS

Now that I have some idea of how many of you will be attending here are the details of the shoot.

The hall is booked from 6pm so I would like everybody to be ready to start shooting by no later than 6.30pm.

As usual the round will be a Portsmouth, dress rules will not apply and there will be no target fee.

I will also be doing a target list so you will be allocated your space on the night. After the shoot the presentation will take place in the cafeteria.

The following members are reminded to return their trophies on or before the day of the shoot.

Ladies – Joan, Gents –David R.

Juniors – John and Compound – Billy.

P.S.

Due to the club championships there will be no junior/novice session.

### CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

All committee members are respectfully requested to attend the next meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in room B4 of the High School

### NEW MEMBERS



A warm welcome to the following new members who are joining us after completing their six weeks course:  
Ruth Taylor and Willie Alexander .

They are parents of junior members and were so impressed by the way we taught their sons they just had to take up the sport themselves!

In addition a former member Kelly Hoy, has re-joined us after an absence of several years.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

A welcome return for this occasional section of the newsletter, which gives newer members a chance to read some of the interesting articles that have appeared over the years.

This month's item is part one of a two- part article which first appeared in issue No. 22 (October 1997)



### ARCHERY –A BRIEF HISTORY

Some authorities date origin of archery as early as the Aurignacian period, about 25,000 years before the modern era. The earliest people known to have used the bow and arrow were the ancient Egyptians, who adopted the weapon at least 5000 years ago. In the time of the earliest pharaohs, the Egyptians practiced archery in hunting, as well as in warfare against the ancient Persians, who were then equipped only with spears and slingshots. Soon after, however, the bow was used extensively in the ancient world. The Assyrians and Babylonians depended on the weapon, and the Old Testament refers several times to archery as a characteristic skill of the ancient Hebrews. In China, archery dates back to the Shang dynasty (1766? -1027? BC). A war chariot of that time carried three –man team: driver, lancer and archer. During the ensuing Zhou (Chou) dynasty (1027? –256 BC), nobles at

court attended sport archery tournaments that were accompanied by music and interspersed with elegant salutations.

The Romans owed much of their military superiority to armies of skilled archers. At the beginning of the medieval period the Romans were in turn defeated by the more skilled archers of the Goths, Huns and Vandals. During the Middle Ages the most notable archers were the English. Medieval ballads celebrate their feats in hunting, fighting and sport. Outside Europe, in the same period, peoples of the Middle East excelled in archery. Archery also played a role in the folklore of the Middle- Ages. According to legend, 14<sup>th</sup>- century Swiss marksman William Tell was ordered by an Austrian governor to shoot an apple off his own son's head with a bow and arrow. In addition, the story of Robin Hood, the heroic outlaw, originated in the 14<sup>th</sup> or early 15<sup>th</sup> century. Robin Hood glorified for stealing from the rich and giving to the poor, wielded a bow and arrow. He was famous for his accurate marksmanship, including the ability to split one arrow with another.

Accounts of European travellers during the Renaissance indicate that the bow and arrow was the most important weapon used in EAST Asia, the Americas, Central Africa and the Arctic regions. However, the introduction of gunpowder gradually made the bow and arrow obsolete, especially in Western Europe. In the defeat of the Spanish Armada by the English in 1588, for example, 10,000 English troops were experimentally equipped with firearms, while the Spanish relied on archers: the success of the English forces played a major role in convincing military theorists that archery had become a relatively inefficient method of waging war. Nevertheless, peoples of East Asia employed archers in warfare as recently as the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the use of the bow and arrow in hunting and intertribal fighting

continues in central Africa and South America to the present day.

Andy Robertson.

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS



### **West of Scotland Area Championships (600) – 13<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

This Portsmouth round was attended by one Lasswade member and 3 non-affiliated members, and some reasonable scores were shot. As this was Western Area shoot all our members shot as visitors. Their results were as follows with their visitor placings followed by their overall placings if they had been Western Area Club archers.

#### **LADIES**

3 <sup>RD</sup> (3 <sup>RD</sup> )	TINA	(546)
5 <sup>TH</sup> (9 <sup>TH</sup> )	LIZ	(516)

#### **GENTS**

3 <sup>RD</sup> (12 <sup>TH</sup> )	CHRIS S.	(528)
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#### **LADIES COMPOUND M**

1 <sup>ST</sup> (1 <sup>ST</sup> )	MURIAL	(563)
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### LASSWADE ONDOOR EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE 2004/05

Apologies that there have been no up-dates on the league, but after wringing Andy's scrawny neck he has at last come up with the current positions for Lasswade. At the time of writing the February round was being shot so the following positions include the scores November, December and January only.

#### **RECURVE DIVISION 2 (5 TEAM)**

Lasswade lie in 2<sup>nd</sup> position just 41 points behind the division leaders. Malgrave 'A' of England.

#### **COMPOUND DIVISION 1 (4TEAMS)**

The compound team remain in 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Hopefully the final placings will appear in the next issue.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY-2005

All events are at Lasswade unless indicated otherwise.

#### MARCH

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Indoor Club Championships  
Portsmouth

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Club Committee Meeting at 7.30pm.

#### APRIL

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

First Outdoor Sunday Session

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Last Indoor Session (Seniors)

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Last Indoor Session (Juniors)

#### MAY

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

First Outdoor Wednesday Session

### AND FINALLY

This month's item is also from a past issue and first appeared in issue No. 48 (December 1999) and was submitted by Graeme.

### **WHY DOGS ARE BETTER THAN WOMEN.**

# Dogs love it when your friends come over.

# Dogs think you sing great.

# A dog's time in the bathroom is confined to a quick drink.

# The later you are, the more excited the dog is to see you.

# Dogs will forgive you for playing with other dogs.

# Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dogs name.

# Dogs don't mind if you give their offspring away.

# Dogs understand that farts are funny.

# Dogs can appreciate excessive body hair.

# If a dog is gorgeous other dogs don't hate it.

# Dogs don't shop.

# Dogs like it when you leave lots of things on the floor.

# A dog's parents never visit.

# When a dog gets old and starts to snap at you incessantly, you can shoot it.

# Dogs like beer.

# Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.

# Dogs would rather have you buy them a hamburger dinner than a lobster one.

# Dogs find you amusing when you are drunk.



*"bad daddy"*

Graeme

**P.S.**

Lady members should not be too upset as next month's item will present the other side of the coin!

That concludes this month's issue.  
Donald.

Contributions for this edition: Andy Robertson and Graeme Mitchell

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2. Dog don't mind if you give their dog toy away

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3. Dog don't know that their dog is busy

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4. Dog can appreciate consistent body language

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5. If a dog is going to other dog, don't panic

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6. Dog don't jump

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7. Dog don't know when you have too of things on the floor

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8. A dog's name is important

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9. When a dog gets old and starts to bark, you can usually, you can usually

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10. Dog like beer

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11. Dog sign that you have to call your voice to get your point across

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12. Dog would rather have a dog that barks than a dog that barks

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13. Dog find you interesting when you are doing

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Illustration of a dog sitting down.

14. Dog don't know when you are sitting

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