

THE ARROWHEAD

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Dear Members,

There now follows the following news.....

CLUB NEWS

On Wednesday the 6th of next month we will be moving outdoors on Wednesday evenings till the end of August. Most of you who have been with the Club for some time will know what is involved so this is mainly for our newer members who have not shot outdoors before. As we have taught you indoors the main thing to remember are the basic safety rules. While it is not normally a problem you should remember that we are more at risk of non-archers straying on to the taped off area of our shooting range. In that case remember what "FAST" means. Even if you are unsure, do not hesitate if you think there may be a problem. Do not assume everyone will be aware of a potential problem. Our outdoor sessions usually start by 6.45pm and bear in mind that unlike indoors we have to set up the range ourselves so the more members who arrive on time the quicker we can start shooting. While it is accepted that some of you may not always arrive on time then it would be hoped that you would have the decency to help put things away at the end of the session. In the event of bad weather we also have the option of going into the Sports Centre to do some equipment maintenance but not to shoot however. I hope the weather is kind to us. One last point to remember is that the area we shoot on is also used by the school pupils so if you have any misses or overshoots let us know if you have any missing arrows so we can look for them. If any arrows are lost we must report this to the Sports Centre. In other words if you shoot 6 arrows an end then remember to return to the waiting area with 6 arrows.

P.S. Our outdoor sessions are not affected by any school or public holidays.

P.P.S. Some committee members will have a set of keys for the outdoor store. In the event no key holders attend then the Sports Centre will have a set. Remember to return the keys back to the Reception Desk after everything is locked up.

CLUB FEES

By now the deadline for the 2009/10 Club fees has passed. There are still some members who usually pay by a one-of instalment who have yet to pay despite the fact they were given plenty of notice. To that end if you have not paid then when you next come to the Club you will have 2 options. You pay your fees on the night or you will be charged a visitors fee of £3-50 indoors, £2-00 outdoors. If you choose the second option then you can still shoot as your GNAS fees etc are still valid till the end of September but you will be treated as a visitor. This means that you will not be eligible to enter the Club Championships or even more seriously, receive a paper copy of this outstanding newsletter if you are one of the 25% who do not read it on our website! Despite the fact many of you do not shoot outdoors we still have to pay the hire charges for the Sports Field regardless if a few or all shoot outdoors

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

All committee members are respectfully asked to attend the next meeting on Thursday 30th April at 7.30pm at the usual venue.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

I have been a bit lax recently with our tournament results so here is what has happened since the start of the year. All 4 events took place at Lasswade.

EASTERN AREA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (SRS) (600)-18th January 2009.

A low entry of just 3 LAC members. Once again a Portsmouth Round.

The results are as follows:-

Ladies Recurve

8th Adelle (524) 'E' Class Medal

Boys U-16 Recurve

1st Gareth (366)

Gents Compound

7th Keith (533)

S.A.A. INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (WRS) (600) 8TH FEBRUARY 2009

This shoot usually takes place at Cluny Clays in Fife but due to the fact that the SAA sold off their bosses and the rising cost of the venue the Club was approached by the organisers if the shoot could be held at Lasswade. The Club said yes and this shoot may take place at Lasswade for the foreseeable future. The round was a FITA 18m.

We only had one Lasswade member taking part this year, John G who was shooting his first tournament as a senior. Although John was not among the medals his score of 456 is a new personal best for the FITA 128 round. Well done John.

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (UKRS) (1200) 1ST MARCH 2009

Our double round this year was a Portsmouth with just Adelle and Gareth taking part. Once again Tina was our organiser and Derek was the senior judge.

The scores for Adelle and Gareth were as follows with the AM scores followed by the PM combined scores.

Ladies Recurve

3rd Adelle am(498) pm (516) combined (1014)

Boys U-16 Recurve

1st Gareth am(477) pm (434) combined (911)

The shoot ran without any major problems but again at the end of day we received no support from any of our members. The situation was so bad that we had to rely on a Penicuik member to assist Tina with the results as I had to remain in the hall to get things packed away while Adelle and Muriel got all the bosses and stands back to the outside store.

Moving swiftly on.....

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (600) 14 TH MARCH 2009

A good turn-out this year with 24 members and one visitor shooting a Portsmouth Round. I even managed to persuade some of our new members to shoot so they could gain some experience of doing a tournament. In addition 6 members also shot new personal bests for the Portsmouth Round.

LADIES RECURVE

It was all change amongst our ladies this year with Adelle winning by 10 points to end Joan's 5 year run on the Ladies Trophy. Joan was so upset that she now has no-where to put the hair-brush for her cats and has threatened to double the Club fees for next year! Ruth took the bronze medal and on behalf of the Club I would like to thank her for giving up her plans to watch the Scotland/Ireland rugby match so she could attend!

GENTS RECURVE.

David R took the Gents Trophy for the seventh year running with our "NEW MAN" John G as runner- up. Our oldest member Club member Eddie took third.

JUNIOR RECURVE.

With John G now a senior it was a fore-gone conclusion that we would have a new junior champion. Perhaps the next generation of the Guest Dynasty, Paul? No, not quite!
This year Gareth was the overall Junior Champion with James 10 points behind and Paul in third.

GENTS COMPOUND

As last years winner James B had moved on the question was, could Billy regain the Compound Trophy which he used to have to return every year? In a word yes, but only just! His score of 555 was only 5 points ahead of his (not so wee) boy Ross. I think Ross probably let his old man win out of family loyalty!
Keith took the final medal position.

GENTS LONGBOW

Our only Longbow archer, the lovely Richard, decide he would like to shoot this year. To give him an incentive I invited Alec and Alan from Penicuik to take part although only Alec was able to attend on the night.

The full results are as follows:-

LADIES RECURVE

1 ST ADELLE	(525)
2 ND JOAN	(515)
3 RD RUTH	(341)

GENTS RECURVE

1 ST DAVID R	(550)
2 ND JOHN G	(524)
3 RD EDDIE	(467) NEW PB.
4 TH BARRY	(409) 1 ST GENT NOVICE
5 TH GEOFF	(316) 2 ND GENT NOVICE

GIRLS RECURVE

1 ST KATRYN	(313) NEW PB.
2 ND VANESSA	(226)

BOYS RECURVE

1 ST GARETH	(441)	OVERALL JUNIOR
2 ND JAMES	(431)	NEW PB
3 RD PAUL	(394)	NEW PB
4 TH ALEX	(389)	U16 BOY
5 TH MATHEW S	(377)	U18 BOY
6 TH JACK	(371)	
7 TH CHARLES	(368)	NEW PB
8 TH MATHEW P	(233)	
9 TH IAN	(197)	

GENTS COMPOUND

1 ST BILLY	(555)	
2 ND ROSS	(550)	
3 RD KEITH	(503)	
4 TH RYAN	(471)	NEW PB

GENTS LONGBOW

1 ST ALEC	(249)	VISITOR
2 ND RICHARD	(209)	

Thanks to all of you who took part and thanks to Joan for the refreshments. A final thank you to the Guest boys' grandmother who presented the awards for me. *'Sorry could not remember grannies name.'*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL

Wednesday 29th

Last indoor session for 2008 / 2009

MAY

Wednesday 6th

First outdoor session for 2009.

As many of you will now go into your summer hibernation mode I will bid you a fond farewell till September. Please take the time to check the Club website for any appropriate events which may happen throughout the summer. Oh! One final piece of advice. If you are holidaying abroad especially to far flung areas of the world then please remember. Do Not drink the water, take Clean under-ware and Never take anyone else's baggage through customs. Ha! Ha!

Donald.