

# “ THE ARROWHEAD ”

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Dear Members,

After another dismal summer it is almost time to go back indoors and meet some old faces not seen since the end of April.

## CLUB NEWS

### NEW INDOOR SESSION

Unless you have been on another planet you will know that we have lost our indoor session on Saturday nights. This is due to Council cutbacks and means that the Sports Centre now closes at 5pm on Saturdays.

A few months ago I emailed or spoke to you on this matter. The idea of this was to get your preferences for a new indoor session and as I expected there were quite a few suggestions. However, most members said they were happy to go along with whatever decision was made while a few others suggested a specific day and time.

The Sports Centre was not able to help us much and would only offer us a Saturday morning or afternoon. They later upped that to a Friday night or Sunday night.

Despite Adelle and myself constantly asking for another night they kept stalling us. Why?

So that 5-a side football would be given preference on weekday nights.

To be fair to the Sports Centre they were probably told to do this from a “higher-level” who are biased towards football and nothing else. Anyway it is now done and dusted much to my disgust and as the new indoor season is nearly upon us the Committee had to make a decision or risk losing out entirely.

To that end the new session will be on Saturday afternoons between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

All the sessions will be in a half-hall only. I wonder why?

I am well aware that this decision may not please all of you but we will have to make the best of the situation. Vague promises have been made that the whole hall might be available from time to time but I deal in facts not maybes. As with the old Saturday night indoor sessions we may have to cancel the odd session to make way for other events but hopefully this will not happen too often.

Our indoor Wednesday night sessions will carry on as normal.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

I found notifying some of you of our new club session by e-mail saved a lot of time.

To that end I would be grateful if any of you who have not done so could please provide me with your e-mail addresses as I do not have a complete set for the membership.

If you do not have an e-mail address or you do not wish to give me this information then that is not a major problem.

## AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2011/2012

Yes! It's that time of the year again and all the fees for GNAS, SAA and the Eastern Area remain un-changed from last year.

The only minor change is that the GNAS Disabled Club block fee has been abolished. The fees currently in force and how to pay them are as follows:-

### SENIOR MEMBERS

GNAS - £35.00      SAA - £27.00      EASTERN AREA - £1.00

Payment should be made by a cheque for £35.00 made payable to GNAS.

A second cheque for £28.00 should be made payable to the SAA and this includes your £1.00 Eastern Area fee.

A combined cheque for the 2 amounts is not permitted, as the 2 cheques now have to go GNAS and the SAA separately, not jointly as was done prior to 2010.

### SENIOR MEMBERS (OVER 60s ONLY)

GNAS - £35.00      SAA - £21.00      EASTERN AREA - £1.00

The same criteria should be used as for the senior members. Please ensure that your SAA cheque is for £22.00 only, which includes your £1.00 Eastern Area fee.

### JUNIOR MEMBERS (UNDER 18s ONLY)

All juniors are covered by a one-off block fee. Therefore each junior will pay £10.00. Payment should be made in cash to Lasswade Archery Club.

### DISABLED MEMBERS

As mentioned only the £1.00 Eastern Area fee is payable. As with the junior members payment should be made in cash.

### NON - AFFILIATED MEMBERS

Any such member will arrange their fees through their own affiliated clubs unless they wish to re-affiliate through Lasswade. If you wish to do this please see me and I will also need to know your GNAS number.

All fees should be given to me in the first instance and the closing date **FOR ALL FEES** will be Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2011. If all the fees are in before that date then we will receive our new cards for 2011/2012 quicker. After this date I will not be doing any more affiliation paperwork except for new members. So if you are late then you will have to affiliate through another club or directly to GNAS yourself.

Please read Articles 20.3, 20.4 and 20.5 of the Club Constitution for information on non-payment.

Remember, the above fees are compulsory for **ALL MEMBERS** and unlike your Club fees they cannot be made in instalments.

I will now put my soap – box away for another month!

## BEGINNERS CLASS

A new class will be held for 5 Saturdays from the 24<sup>th</sup> of September to the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. As it is not possible to run a class and a Club session in a half-hall the following time-table will apply on the Saturdays a class is taking place.

BEGINNERS CLASS – 1.00pm to 2.30pm.

CLUB SESSION – 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

There will be 5 occasions during the indoor season when the Club session will end early to allow us to set up for our tournaments on the Sunday dates as agreed with the SAA. Since preparing this item I have been informed that we may have a full session with the Centre staying open for a bit longer to allow us the required set up time for our tournaments. More ifs and buts?

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2011

### SEPTEMBER

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| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | First Indoor Saturday Session for 2011/2012.         |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  | First Indoor Wednesday Session for 2011/2012.        |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>  | New Beginners' Class commences.                      |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Closing date for all Affiliation Fees for 2011/2012. |

That's it for this month.

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