

THE ARROWHEAD

THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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So, have the London Olympics inspired some of you to become serious archers? Well, probably not as it is unlikely the Olympic archery round will ever be shot over a Portsmouth in my lifetime! Furthermore, it would probably not be held at Lasswade which would be another handicap for most of you anyway! So we will now move on to the more mundane matters for this month in this 200th bumper edition of your favourite newsletter.

CLUB NEWS

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2012/2013

Yes, it's nearly that time of the year again when you will have to raid your wallets, purses and piggy banks and stump up your fees for the 2012/ 2013 season. These fees must be paid by all members as you will not be allowed to shoot if you don't pay them. To save time I will list the combined fee for AGB, SA and the EASTERN AREA and the appropriate fee each type of member will need to pay. They are as follows:-

SENIOR - £66.00p

JUNIOR (U18) - £10.00p

OAP (OVER 60) - £60.00p

STUDENT - £56.00p

DISABLED - £TBA + £1.00p each for the Eastern Area.* (AGB exempt)

*The amount due will depend on how many disabled members re – affiliate.
See me for further details.

If you wish to see a breakdown of your fees then check the Club notice board. Your fees can be paid by a cheque made payable to Lasswade Archery Club or in cash which must be the exact amount as no change will be given. The fees must be for the total amount as unlike your Club fees you cannot pay by instalments.

You can pay your fees as of now but certainly by no later than Saturday 29th of September. The quicker you all pay the quicker we will receive our AGB cards for 2012/2013.

After the closing date I will not be doing anymore affiliations with the only exception being for any new members.

So if you have not paid by the closing date you will have 3 options. No shooting for the next year, affiliate through another club if they will take you on or apply to become a Direct Member of AGB. This can be a more expensive option and you would receive no support from the Club. In addition you would still have your SA and E.Area fees to pay as well. You would in affect be a "Club-Less Archer".

As our fees go in later in the year your current AGB card will probably expire before you receive your new card. If this happens then see me and I will issue with a Fee Receipt Slip as this will act as a stop – gap until your new card arrives. Please **DO NOT** attempt to shoot at another club or enter a tournament as you will be refused entry. OK Charles?

However, if you do not go elsewhere or enter a tournament then you will not need a Fee Receipt as I will know that you have re-affiliated anyway.

Your card will be sent to your home address which is held by AGB. So if you have changed your address since last year then let me know immediately as AGB are not responsible for anything sent to an in-correct address.

In addition, last year I asked all members to inform me of their AGB card number.

Very few of you did so. I asked you this so I can ensure your numbers exactly match what I have in my records. If you do not do this and have any problems with your card then it will be your responsibility to sort out those problems yourself.

If you lose your card then see me immediately. AGB will charge you £3.50 for a new card to be issued plus you will have a Club admin fee of £2.00 to pay as well unless you deal with AGB yourself.

OUTDOOR SHOOTING FOR 2012

The arrangement for shooting outdoors at the Loanhead Leisure Centre has fallen through due to a problem we encounter from time to time. The one word to describe it is, well I am not going to say! I will give you a big clue however. It consists of 2 teams of men (or women) kicking a round – shaped projectile towards one end or the other of a designated playing area. Our search for another location for 2013 goes on.

The only piece of good news is that the new complex may open next June which is about 4 months ahead of schedule barring any delays.

CLUB HANDICAP ROUND 2012/2013

I have spoken to David R and he is willing to run this monthly event again.

The first round will take place in September and will continue through to the end of next April. It is not compulsory to take part but I hope as many of you will support David this time round. I certainly found it to be the most stimulating event of the whole indoor season!

All you need do is shoot 2 dozen arrows at a 60cm face at the usual shooting distance of 20yards.

You can shoot as many times as you wish but you can only submit one score per month.

All scores must be submitted by the last club session of each month to be included for that month and your signed and dated scores sheets should be given to David or myself.

As with last season a supply of scores sheets will be kept in a red folder in the green cabinet.

If you are shooting on your own then ideally someone should score for you or if you are in pairs then you should score for each other.

The monthly trophy is to be “retired” from this season as it was costing us £8.00p a month for engraving although I did get that down to £5.00p!

My intention is to replace the trophy with some form of small, inexpensive award each month which will be retained by that month’s winner so if you do the round each month this will give you a chance to collect more than one award for the season. I imagine Stephanie is positively drooling at this prospect! Ha! Ha! Ha!

OPTIONAL INDOOR COACHING 2012/2013

I have spoken to Billy and Richard and they are happy to re-commence the indoor coaching sessions which are usually held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month till the end of April 2013. The sessions will commence in October as this will give me time to circulate the annual coaching questionnaire and allow Billy and Richard to prepare a programme based on your input. Coaching is optional but as happened last year with some of you do not fill a questionnaire in unless you are going to take part as Billy and Richard give up their own time to help you. If you have a problem at any time with your shooting then speak to them. Don't suffer in silence!

While on the subject, if any of you have any ideas on things you would like to do then speak to one of us as this is your Club not just mine. It seems to me that many of you just come along to shoot as many arrows as you can and shoot at the same boring target faces night after night. Oh Well! Each to their own!

PS. I will be handing out the questionnaires now for those of you who want to be coached. They must be completed and handed back to me by no later than Wednesday the 12th of September.

CLUB POLO SHIRTS

If any of you would like a Club polo shirt then see me. We currently have 2 in stock, one in medium and one in extra large but more can be ordered. They cost £13.00p each and form part of our Club uniform along with black trousers which you would have to get yourselves. They can be worn any time you like but they should be worn at Record Status tournaments unless you wear the AGB colours of plain dark green and or white.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2012

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1 st	First Indoor Saturday Session for 2012/2013 (1.30pm to 3.30pm)
Wednesday 5 th	First Indoor Wednesday Session for 2012/2013 (7.30pm to 9.30pm)
Wednesday 12 th	Closing date for completed Coaching Questionnaires.
Saturday 29 th	Closing date for 2012/2013 Affiliation Fees.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 10 th	Optional Coaching Session.
Sunday 14 th	Lasswade Combined Fita (UKRS).
Wednesday 24 th	Optional Coaching Session.

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I last did an article on the newsletter back in the 100th edition (April 2004) so I thought it would be a good idea to go over some old ground and up to the present day as most of you would not have been Club members then. Indeed, some of you may not have even been born!

I spoke to our only remaining founder member, the lovely Derek Sangster, and he provided me with some old newsletters with the oldest one dated as January 1982. This was roughly just 2 paragraphs in length!

Over the next decade a newsletter was published on an intermittent basis and some of the topics you read about today are very similar to days gone by.

The early editions give you a good insight into the early years of the Club when the Lasswade worked their way up to become one of the top clubs in Scotland and all these editions were typed on a device called a typewriter. Remember kids, this was in the days before computers!

However, as with many newsletters things fell by the wayside or as Bill MacKay, a former member and Club coach, stated in a club profile from 1991, when asked if there had been any Club newsletters in the past his reply was as follows, "Yes, several, but they failed when the editors ran out of news." There is a message here which still applies to this day!

The next major event in the newsletter history was the coming of the saviour (ME!) in 1992. Yes folks, I have been here that long!

By that time there was no newsletter as such and I got the impression that some of the members did not know what was happening at the Club especially those who did not attend on a regular basis. Nothing much has changed since then!

To try and rectify this issue at the AGM in 1994 I proposed doing a Club newsletter from January 1995 (issue no.1).

In the beginning it was simply called "The Newsletter" and computer typed on Club headed notepaper. Then in January 1998 (issue no25) the newsletter became known as "The Arrowhead" and has continued on a monthly basis since then although during the quieter summer months there can be double editions due to the lack of news available. This, in my opinion, is still a problem today as unlike the early years of "The Arrowhead" the input I receive from members is virtually zero.

In August 2006 we really entered the computer age when "The Arrowhead" was added to our second club Website and you can still read past editions but only as far back as January 2008. However, paper copies still exist right back to issue no.1. All new and existing members can read it on the website or opt for a paper copy. Some who take up the first option still do not read it however! I can't understand why this happens. If you do not attend on a regular basis, or read the newsletter, then how do you know what's going on?

As a consequence of this and after 17 years and 200 editions, this wraps up the final edition of "The Arrowhead". You only have yourselves to blame!

Donald (Former Club Newsletter Editor)