

# “ THE ARROWHEAD ”

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Dear Members,  
Welcome to another fun – filled edition of your favourite newsletter!

## CLUB NEWS

### CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

At the last committee meeting we discussed concerns some of the members had with regard to parents and guardians remaining within visual view of their children at all times.

We are aware that some parents may observe proceedings from the cafeteria but now that we are shooting in a half – hall our half of the hall cannot be fully viewed from the cafeteria.

It has therefore been decided that with immediate effect all parents and guardians will remain behind the shooting line at all times unless they are Club shooting members themselves.

It does say quite clearly on the application form for the Beginners' Classes that any persons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times during the class and then after the class should they then decide to join the Club. This is contradicted slightly by the Club's website so I will be getting Phil to amend this as soon as possible.

In Scotland a child is termed an adult when they become 16 years of age but we have decided to follow the official line and raise this to 18 years of age. I am sorry if this is not convenient for some parents and guardians but we feel we must adhere to the recommendations, which we have agreed to. The only other option would be to ban all under 18s but we have no intention of going down that route!

### COACHING SESSIONS

I have been asked to remind some of you that the 2 bosses on the right- hand side of the shooting range are for COACHING ONLY on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Wednesday of each month.

I am well aware that some members gravitate like homing pigeons to certain parts of the shooting line but this will not be permitted on these two evenings. So please respect this request. Naturally, if one or both of these targets become free during the evening then, they can be used by all members and visitors. The coaching sessions are normally run for about an hour but they can over-run if our coaches decide to spend more time on the sessions.

Some members did return the coaching questionnaire I sent out and our coaches are running a prepared programme of events based on the input they received from those members.

If anyone else needs help then please feel free to approach our coaches. Don't worry they have been trained not to bite! Just make sure Richard does not stand on your foot with his artificial leg, as he will not feel a thing! I did!

PS – Billy has also asked why some of you have filled in and returned a coaching questionnaire but have not yet taken part in the sessions. I don't know who you are but I am sure you know who you are if you get my drift! I don't hand these questionnaires out for my amusement but to hopefully make some of you better archers.

## CLUB SESSION ON THE 21<sup>st</sup> OF JANUARY – 2012

I am sorry that those of you who turned up on the above Saturday found that the hall was being used for another event. I have had a meeting with the Centre's Manager and she assured me that when the booking for the indoor season any dates when the hall would not be available to us would be listed on the confirmation for the booking.

I checked this with Adelle and she said that this was not the case so I am stuck between a rock and a hard place on this occasion. Those of you who know me well will understand that providing I receive adequate notice of a cancellation you will hear about it as soon as possible.

## OUTDOOR SHOOTING VENUE

As you will be aware two attempts to re-locate to the Melville Golf Club have failed. We have looked into three other possible venues but all of them have been rejected by us due to safety concerns although we will explore other options where possible.

When I had my meeting with the Centre Manager I asked about the availability of the hall during the outdoor months from May through to the end of September.

She advised me that if I put a booking in soon we could have access for the 4 months we are normally outside. This would be on WEDNESDAY EVENINGS ONLY at the same time and in the half – hall. As this would be a new booking this would include any nights when the hall would not be available to us. In addition, the Centre does not close during the school holidays although I appreciate that some of you will be away during the summer months from time to time. We can also decide if this is going to be financially viable for us at the end of this "Outdoor/Indoor Season" as we may also have to consider this option for the 2013 outdoor season if another outdoor venue cannot be found. Our usual outdoor venue is now a building site!

PS. If any of you have any ideas about an out -door shooting venue, then please speak to us.

## CLUB POLO SHIRTS

I am now taking orders for new shirts so if you want to order any then please see me.

The closing date for orders will be on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of February. As far as I am aware they are still £13.00 each and are available in S, M, L and XL. We are also looking into the possibility of other garments such as fleeces and waterproof - jackets. Please advise me if you would be interested.

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

### JANUARY CLUB HANDICAP

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Geoff	216+39	=	255	new h/cap	24
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eddie	174+73	=	247	"	66
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ian H.	188+56	=	244	"	52
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Paul	112+113	=	225	"	128
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ian S.	135+89	=	224	"	105

## GNAS NOVEMBER CHALLENGE ROUND – 2011

This round, which is for junior archers takes place annually in November. Well, fancy that! It is similar to the Portsmouth round although only 3 dozen arrows are shot as opposed to the 5 dozen of the full Portsmouth round meaning 360 was the top score possible.

Over 400 juniors took part and are all of them were classified according to gender, age and bow type with the archers spread across 32 classes. Three juniors and 1 non-affiliated junior from Lasswade took part. The results from this round were used to decide a separate internal round we run which was reported in the last newsletter although as you will see the places are quite different from last month's report! It should also be remembered that although Gareth appears here being the gentleman he is he declined to take part in the Lasswade round. So, on to the results:-

### CLASS 1 – BOYS U18 RECURVE (36 ENTRIES)

1<sup>st</sup> – Gareth (352) Non – Affiliated.

### CLASS 2 – BOYS U16 RECURVE (42 ENTRIES)

34<sup>th</sup> – Ian S (236)

### CLASS 4 – BOYS U12 RECURVE (65 ENTRIES)

31<sup>st</sup> – Lewis (201)

33<sup>rd</sup> – Paul (194)

Hopefully, more of our junior members will take part this year.

## EASTERN AREA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (UKRS) – 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2012

A near record entry of 11 affiliated / non – affiliated members from Lasswade took part this year and it proved to be a good day with 6 awards gained and 2 new personal bests. In the Ladies Barebow Adelle was in a class of her own with Geoff, Jane, Ian H and Tina having a so -so sort of day.

Our sprogs rose to the occasion by taking 5 of the Recurve age group awards with Lewis also improving his personal best for the Portsmouth round by 75 points. Well done wee man! Finally, a good showing from “Mr Club Arrow Breaker” himself, the lovely Phil, who also improved his personal best and was just outside the top 3 in the Gents Compound group.. The results were as follows with the placings followed by the overall placings in brackets if the scores from the non – Eastern Area archers had been included within the results.

### LADY RECURVE

18<sup>th</sup> (20<sup>th</sup>) Jane (352)

### GENT RECURVE

16<sup>th</sup> (19<sup>th</sup>) Geoff (502)

25<sup>th</sup> (28<sup>th</sup>) Ian H (454)

### JUNIOR GIRL U18 RECURVE

1<sup>st</sup> (N/A) Katryn (351)

**JUNIOR BOY U16 RECURVE**

1<sup>st</sup> (N/A) Ian S (307)

**JUNIOR BOY U12 RECURVE**

1<sup>st</sup> (N/A) Lewis (435) New PB

**JUNIOR BOY U10 RECURVE**

1<sup>st</sup> (N/A) Paul (293)

**GENT COMPOUND**

4<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>) Phil (568) New PB

**LADY BAREBOW**

1<sup>st</sup> (N/A) Adelle (460)

**RECURVE TEAM**

9<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup>) Lasswade

Geoff, Ian H and Jane (1308)\*

\*The 3 highest combined recurve scores from Lasswade

**NON - AFFILIATED MEMBERS**

7<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup>) Tina (553) (Lady Compound)

1<sup>st</sup> (1<sup>st</sup>) Gareth (572) (U18 Boy Recurve)

Thanks to you know who for running the event for us yet again!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2012**

**FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Closing date for new Club polo shirts.

**MARCH**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Lasswade Indoor Open (UKRS)  
Round: DOUBLE FITA 18M

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Optional Coaching Session.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Indoor Club Championships  
Round: PORTSMOUTH

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Round 3 of the Eastern Area Junior, Novice and YA League.  
Rounds: "EASTERN" and PORTSMOUTH.  
There will be **NO CLUB SESSION** on that day.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Optional Coaching Session.

**AND FINALLY**

Many of you will not be familiar with this item which only appears on an occasional basis due to a lack of input from the membership. The subject matter can be about anything which gives a light – hearted ending to each edition of “The Arrowhead” although an archery related item is most welcome.

This month’s item came about when I was recently checking the spelling of a word from an old dictionary and the pages happened to flip over to the far end which contains other information such as weights /measures/ranks in the armed forces etc. One of the sections also gave the definition of peoples’ Christian names and I thought it might be interesting to quote the meanings for the Club Committee Members in this month’s edition. I also checked other websites (yes, I know I should get out more!) and there may be some regional/European definitions which may vary slightly so what I am quoting is fairly accurate.

So here we go.....

**DONALD – Ruler of the World! (Today the world, tomorrow Lasswade AC, Ha! Ha! Ha!)**

**BILLY (WILLIAM) – Determined Protector.**

**ADELE – (Sorry Pet, could only find Adelle with one L!) - Proud or Noble.**

**JOAN – God’s Gift of Grace.**

**DAVID (R) (All Davids’, not just this one!) – Beloved One.**

**GARETH – Gentle. Aaaah!**

**DEREK – Ruler of the People. Maybe Sangster! But I rule the World!**

**GEOFF (GEOFFREY) – Peaceful. Oh, Yeah?**

**RICHARD – Powerful Ruler. I will need to watch this one!**

**I have saved the best till last! Are you ready for this? It’s a good one!**

**PHIL (PHILLIP) – Lover of Horses! Enough said!**

**PS. As I have said before, Phil is known as Phil. Only his mum and I can call him Phillip.**

**PPS. Come to think of it, I am sure I saw Phil doing horseback archery at the Lasswade Riding Centre. Hey Phil! See Katryn. She’s into horses as well!**

**On that humorous (?) note this edition is duly and absolutely concluded!**

**Donald (Ruler of the World)**