

"THE ARROWHEAD"
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Pre-Christmas Greetings to you all in an action-packed issue of your favourite scandal-sheet with mentions for several members and, as with last month, another big dollop of Ian L

CLUB NEWS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

This year, due to the above holidays, the programme for our archery sessions for 2013/2014 will be as follows:

DECEMBER

Saturday 21st - Session as usual.
Wednesday 25th - No Archery.
Saturday 28th - Session as usual.

JANUARY

Wednesday 1st - No Archery.
Saturday 4th - Sessions as usual until you are advised otherwise.

THE 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB - 27th NOVEMBER 2013

Fourteen members, about 50% of the Club, attended this year's meeting. Not bad by our standards.

Three posts were due for re-election this year, Vice-President, Records Officer and Junior Representative. There being no proposed candidates, Billy will remain as Vice-President and David R as Records Officer. As Gareth has now joined the senior ranks his post of Junior Representative is now vacant.

Subject to no problems, the insurance situation for the new outdoor venue at Grove Farm will now be finalised so hopefully, within the month, everything will now be in place to move there for the 2014 outdoor season.

Some time ago you all received a chance to let the committee know what you thought about the situation when we will be paying the full charges for the hall hire which would, in theory, mean Club fees being doubled to meet this expense. You had the choice of 2 options, one to carry on as normal, which is 2 indoor sessions and 2 outdoor sessions with the Club Fees doubling,

or

the other option, to drop one indoor session and retain one indoor session with two sessions during the outdoor season and a smaller increase in Club Fees.

The vote for this was as follows:

OPTION 1: 9 Votes. OPTION 2: 7 Votes. One "Fence Sitter!"

This represented about 50% of the membership. What happened to the other 50%?

However, at the AGM, an official vote was taken with 3 members voting for the first option, 8 members for the second option, 2 members who abstained and one junior who could not vote. Therefore, the second option was carried. The reduced smaller increase in Club Fees is still to be decided. A reminder to you all, this will be the first increase in the Club Fees since 2006. As I advised you all some time ago, while we were able to get tournament costs down to a small increase, no compromise could be made on the hall-hire charges. Who has made the potential right or wrong decision here, the Club or Midlothian Council? Perhaps time will tell.

Moving on to the high-lights of the evening, I proposed that one of our longest serving members and tournament organiser, Tina, should be awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Club and this was agreed by the meeting.

As the meeting drew to a conclusion I was surprised when Derek announced that I too would receive Honorary Life Membership due to all my work over the last 21 years as a member and he even presented me with a certificate to confirm this!

The final award for the night was the Jim Coull Trophy. This bespoke trophy was made by Jim Coull, a late founder member of our Club and it is awarded by the Club President (Me) who in my opinion has provided outstanding service to the Club in the past year. There are several members who could have been worthy winners but due to his efforts in securing us a new outdoor venue, and his support during our trials and tribulations this year, the Jim Coull Trophy was awarded for the fourth time in 36 years to Derek. He now moves ahead of Tina and Myself who have won this trophy three times each! The meeting was duly concluded.

PS. Most Committee Members do not usually have much to report at an AGM but should you wish to receive a copy of my written report or Joan's Financial Report then see me. Better still, try to attend the AGM in the future.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to two new gentlemen who have just joined us after completing an archery course, Andrew and David. This will be our fourth David in the Club and he will be referred to as David B!

AGB CARDS FOR 2013/2014

By now all of you should have received your new AGB cards. Unless you tell me otherwise I will not be putting out any further reminders.

PS. No sign yet of the new SA Cards. Is that not so Adelle?

FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND VISITORS WHO SHOOT THE COMPOUND BOW

It was also decided at the 2013 AGM that our 50lb draw weight limit for indoor compound shooting will be dis-continued with immediate effect. This rule was brought in not long after I joined the Club and before I served on the Committee and was introduced in good faith. I do not propose wasting time going over the reason for this suffice to say that we have reverted to the 60lb limit.

However, the Club reserves the right to ask all compound members and visitors to present their bows so that their draw weights can be checked if and when requested. This will be done with the Club bow scales and if any bows are overweight then the bow must be reduced to the 60lb limit or below. Failure to comply will mean the archer will be asked to leave the Club. I have also requested Will to put this notification up on our website.

CLUB SESSION TIMES FOR SATURDAYS

There seems to have been some confusion about our shooting times for Saturdays. They usually run from 2 to 4pm but if it is the weekend of a tournament then we move the time back from 3 to 5pm. This allows us to set up the range for the Sunday tournament from 5 to 6pm with the Centre closing at 6pm. If we shot at the usual time and finished the set-up by 5pm then there would be a spare hour where the hall could in theory be used by someone else or could involve us paying for an extra hour.

On Saturday the 16th of November a member arrived late at a normal time session thinking that it was from 3 to 5pm.

He thought I was winding him up when he arrived with just 20 minutes of the session left and I advised him of his late arrival.

He seemed shocked and I almost, almost felt sorry for him! The member's name? I know him as the man who lost a pen when it was in his quiver all the time! You may know him as.....

laaaaaaannnnnnnn Lindsaaaaaaayyyyyyy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Merry Christmas Ian! Tee Hee Hee!

EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS (SRS) (600) - SUNDAY 12th of JANUARY 2014

Just to remind you that we will need some help to get the range set up on Saturday the 11th after the 3 to 5pm Club session. This is an Eastern Area shoot and archers from other Area clubs should assist but it will probably be the usual suspects, Lasswade, Penicuik and Pentland! Help may also be needed on the day of the shoot as well.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

LASSWADE OPEN PORTSMOUTH(UKRS) (600) - SUNDAY 10th of NOVEMBER 2013

Our annual Portsmouth round was well attended this year with a full entry and a waiting list and Lasswade even managed to double its entry from three at the Combined FITA in October to six for this round!

The shoot went well and was judged by Liz and Norrie of Penicuik Archers. I still think Liz is upset that the Costa Bar does not serve hot meals, and as it is one of my many jobs to feed and water the judges during the day, she brought her own lunch! Liz, is the food at the Costa Bar that bad?

Norrie, when I ordered your food did you get the crusty bread with your mushroom soup that they promised? Anyway, enough twaddle and on to the serious part of this report!

As I said, six members shot for Lasswade but I would like to have seen more of you taking part. This year, new trophies were presented for the first time as well, but predictably, most were claimed by Edinburgh University.

Our best results came from Mike who took the gold medal for the Gents Barebow and Gareth, who just missed out on taking one of those shiny new cups home by 9 points in the Gents Recurve group.

Our results were as follows:

JUNIOR LADIES U18 RECURVE

2nd Stephanie (449)

GENTS RECURVE

2nd Gareth (576)

24th Derek (514)

35th Ian H (481)

GENTS COMPOUND

10th Phil (548)

GENTS BAREBOW

1st Mike (459)

Thanks as always to Tina for running the shoot. In addition, we were able to hold the raffle and awards ceremony in the hall and this saved a lot of hassle for me!

So there you have it, our first two tournaments shot. Our next one will be in March 2014 with the Eastern Area Championships in January and the Scottish Seniors in February. Give

some thought to the Area shoot. It's that round that you all love shooting at, well, at least at the Club!

CLUB HANDICAP 2013/2014 - ROUND 1 - NOVEMBER 2013

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total
1 st	Donald	204	71	275
2 nd	Ian H	203	59	262
3 rd	Will	197	59	256
4 th	Ian L	211	44	255
5 th	Ann	189	59	248
6 th	Billy	224	23	247
7 th	David H	212	35	247
8 th	Richard P	212	28	240
9 th	Phil	209	23	232
10 th	Joan	176	47	223

So, that's the first round done. Imagine that, little me taking the first gold teaspoon award! Some of you also put in a score for October so why did you not take part this month?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2013/2014

DECEMBER

Wednesday 18th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 25th No Archery.

Saturday 28th As Normal.

JANUARY

Wednesday 1st No Archery.

Saturday 4th As Normal.

Saturday 11th Club Session from 3 to 5pm.

Sunday 12th Eastern Area Championships (SRS). ROUND: Portsmouth.

AND FINALLY

Another funny from David R!

A senior citizen drove his brand new BMW Z3 convertible out of the car salesroom. Taking off down the motorway, he floored it to 90mph enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

Amazing! He thought as he flew along the M8, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

I can get away from him - no problem thought the elderly Stirling Moss as he floored it to 110mph, then 120mph, then 130mph. Suddenly, he thought, 'what on earth am I doing? I'm too old for this nonsense!

So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up to the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said,

'Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm heading off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go'.

The man looked very seriously at the policeman and replied 'Years ago my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back'

'Have a good day, Sir' said the policeman!

Well folks, this wraps things up for 2013. It just leaves my annual Christmas message to you all: If you can't be good, at least be careful!

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