

"THE ARROWHEAD"

THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Welcome to the latest issue which surprise, surprise has an article from a Club member!

CLUB NEWS

CLUB FEES

Your annual reminder that your Club Fees are due by no later than the Wednesday the 3rd of March, 2013. The fees payable, which remain un-changed, are listed below:

SENIORS - £120.00. JUNIORS (U18), OAPs (OVER 60) and STUDENTS - £60.00.

FAMILY - See Joan or Myself. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS - NIL.

Some questions and answers for you:

Q - I pay my fee once a year as requested, what do I have to do?

A - Ensure that you pay the required fee by the closing date. This can be in cash or by a cheque made payable to Lasswade Archery Club.

Q - I currently pay my fees by instalments through my bank by standing order for example, so what do I do?

A - You need do nothing, just carry on with your agreed payment method. However, if you wish to change your payments then you must see Joan, our Club Treasurer, immediately.

In addition, if you leave the Club then you must cancel your payments with your bank. Any fees paid to the Club if you have left and have not cancelled your payments means that the Club is under no obligation to return them. It is probably one of the few occasions when you have to do something yourself instead of the Club which normally does everything for you!

Q - What happens if I do not pay my fees or continue with my agreed instalments?

A - See Article 20.4 of the Club Constitution for the penalties incurred.

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB EGM - WEDNESDAY 20th of FEBRUARY 2013

My thanks to those of you who attended and for your input. I had hoped to keep things brief by holding the EGM in the hall but due to the noise coming from the other half of the hall we had to go upstairs! I do not propose to waste time here going through everything, suffice to say the two topics discussed were to set an age limit for children joining the Club and what we do with any remaining Club funds should the Club be forced to close down. At the next club Committee meeting on the 21st of next month the decisions taken will be rubber stamped, the appropriate Constitutional changes made and up-dated copies of the new Constitution will be issued to all current, active members and newly joining members.

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A final reminder to you all that if you wish to take part this year then I must receive your entries by Wednesday the 13th of March 2013 with the shoot taking place on Saturday the 16th.

Don't have an entry form? Then see me! Arrive by noon for a 12.30pm start and I expect all of you to assist in setting up the range. I don't want some of you standing around like "Moonstruck Calves" while the minority of us do all the work as we have a narrow time frame to get the shoot done. We will have the whole hall so hopefully we will get away with a single wave.

If you arrive late on the day you will not be permitted to shoot any missed sighter or scoring arrows. True, this is not a record status shoot but as I give up my time to run it I like a degree of formality. You can let your hair down after the shoot!

Personal information for the Lovely Ian L. We do not have a raffle at this shoot so all you have to do Ian is bring yourself! If you wish to pay homage to your Club President then you may wear your burgundy trousers!

The following members are requested to return the Club Trophies they hold from 2012:-

LADIES RECURVE - Adelle. GENTS RECURVE - Derek.

OVERALL JUNIOR - Gareth. OVERALL COMPOUND - Phil.

TARGET STANDS

An article submitted by a member and an excellent one as well. David R, that's you in first position for the Jim Coull Trophy this year! Seriously, I am sure most of you don't know or have forgotten that anyone can submit items for the newsletter. Don't worry if your spelling and grammar is poor as I will correct any mistakes. I am trained in this aspect as I were private educated! Regular members will (should be) aware that the tripod stands used by the Club have had a wooden bar fitted to the back side of the two front legs, this has helped to make the stands a bit more stable.

The wooden bar is situated behind the left front leg and is held in this position by two screws. The uppermost screw is unscrewed and then the bar is lowered towards the right leg where the screw is then located into a drilled hole and tightened up. A wee bit of common-sense will make the operation fairly straight-forward, if unsure ask someone to help you. Please ensure the screws are screwed up firmly (not too tight), left too loose will defeat the purpose of the bar.

This **MUST** be done even before putting on your target faces, any member shooting before carrying out this procedure will be asked to stop **SHOOTING IMMEDIATELY**, until the stand the member is shooting on is made secure by that member.

During shooting it is advised that all members check the stability of the stand they are using on a regular basis (rear leg). Should any member fail to carry out the procedure and an accident does happen then they will be held responsible.

One point to consider is the visitors to the Club, please inform them of the procedure and the responsibility they have with regard to their stand. After shooting it will be up to the Club member to replace the bar back to its original position for storage purposes. Sports Centre staff will not carry out this function.

This procedure is designed to stabilise the stands and also help each member to take care of their and others' equipment, safety is also a reason for the procedure being adopted.

Bear in mind one stand collapsing could bring down other stands (not a pretty sight) with maybe half a dozen ACE arrows costing £100+ being destroyed.

David R

If you are still not sure about what to do then ask somebody to help you. Even I have not had my lesson yet! To avoid all this it would have been simpler to get some new H frame stands made but this idea is on hold until we find what storage, if any, will be available in the "Pleasure Palace".

However, I am sure you will all be delighted to know that "The Pleasure Palace" will have a Costa Coffee Bar. It's good to see where the priorities are!

Donald

LASSWADE OPEN (UKRS) (1200) – SUNDAY 3rd of MARCH 2013

A late and final plea if we could have some donations from you for the raffle after the shoot. I am sure you still have some un-wanted Christmas presents to get rid of!

TARGET FACES

If you have finished shooting and your target face is beyond re-use then roll it up and hand it in at the Reception Desk of the Sports Centre for disposal. If a Portsmouth face centre is badly holed then you can stick a replacement centre on it. We have a roll of these centres in the drawer of the cabinet.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

CLUB HANDICAP 2012/2013 - ROUND 5 - JANUARY 2013

Well, quite an eventful round for this month. The winner of the "Mini Star" was Auntie Joan, our much respected Club Treasurer and the fifth different winner.

I was however over-joyed that no less a person than "The Duchess" herself took part for the first time. No you silly-billies, it was not the Duchess of Cambridge but our own duchess or Ann Pottage to the rest of you! I have had this little dig at Ann for many years now. What, I here you ask? Well, if you have any paper banknotes then look for one with the image of our present queen on it and hold it next to Ann, use a bit of your imagination, and you may see that there is a passing likeness to her majesty. Ann does however deny any family connections with The Royals! There you are Ann, after all those years you have finally made it to the newsletter! If you do get members holding banknotes next to you keep them occupied and I will snatch the banknotes from them and we will split the takings 50/50! Anyway, on that happy and glorious introduction let's get on to the results:

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Joan	206	42	248	7 th
2 nd	Ian H	197	47	244	6 th
3 rd	Billy	225	16	241	5 th
4 th	Mike	204	28	232	3 rd
5 th	Derek	210	20	230	4 th
6 th	Stephanie	166	60	226	1 st
7 th	Ann*	191	N/A	191	N/A
8 th	Eddie	119	67	186	8 th

*Shooting first round so no handicap for this month.

SCOTTISH ARCHERY INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (WRS) (600) – SUNDAY 3rd of FEBRUARY 2013

Once again our hall provided the venue for the above shoot which was well run once again by Norrie and Elayne of Penicuik Archers. As this was a FITA 18 round our entry dropped but it was good to see Mike and Stephanie who have not been with us for a long time taking part in something different from the usual Portsmouth round that most of our membership confine themselves to. As this is a senior event any junior must shoot as a senior. We did not win any awards this year, so we will now proceed to the results for our members:

LADIES RECURVE

23rd Stephanie (298)

GENTS RECURVE

8th Gareth (526)

25th Ian H (480)

33rd Mike (440)

GENTS COMPOUND

14th Phil (538)

Thanks to those of us who helped get the range set up and who also assisted on the day of the shoot itself.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2013

MARCH

- Sunday 3rd Lasswade Open (UKRS). Round: DOUBLE FITA 18m.
- Wednesday 13th Optional Coaching Session and closing date for Club Championship entries.
- Saturday 16th Indoor Club Championships. Round: PORTSMOUTH.
- Thursday 21st Club Committee meeting at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 27th Optional Coaching Session.

APRIL

- Wednesday 3rd Closing date for Club Fees if paying annually.
- Wednesday 10th Optional Coaching Session.
- Wednesday 24th Optional Coaching Session. Final session for 2012/2013.
- Saturday 27th No Archery due to another event. This would be our last official indoor session for 2012/2013.

TBA

As it is un-likely we will shoot outdoors in 2013 the current indoor season will be extended. Further advice on this to follow.

Thus endeth the 206th lesson.

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