

"THE ARROWHEAD"
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Monthly greetings my fellow students of archery! No guff, just the latest gossip and scandal plus a hint of abrasiveness in certain items!

CLUB NEWS

CLUB FEES

A final reminder to you all that your Club fees must be in by a week on Wednesday, April the 3rd if you pay annually. Some of our members (mainly those over 60) have already paid their fees. Well done old yins!

OUTDOOR SEASON FOR 2013

As with last year there won't be one. We must now wait with baited breath for 2014 should archery be permitted to be practised on the new playing fields. As I have said on more occasions than I have seen Derek's wallet you can go through to Penicuik! It's not the other side of the world! So what happens until then, you will probably **NOT** ask? Well read the next item!

ARCHERY INDOORS FOR 2013 AND BEYOND

Most of you will not know, that as with last year, we will extend the 2013 indoor season. My intention was to run right through to the official indoor season for 2013/2014. However, this will not happen. Yes, we will extend the indoor season, but only until the end of May.

Why, I hear some of you screaming! Well, on the Sunday the 30th of June, "a day that will live in infamy", the current Sports Centre will close for the final time and the bulldozers will move in knocking down the Centre, the school, an extension to the school and a gymnastics hall which is barely 10 years old! Well, where else can you put the playing fields?

In a normal world it would be a simple matter of moving our equipment to the new complex but nothing is that simple! To that end, we will have to find somewhere to store our equipment for a period of time and then we will be advised when we can move our equipment in. Now, I am sure some of you will have worked out that to move to a temporary location we will have to spend some of your Club fees on hiring vehicles to transport things. Fair enough, but we will not be compensated by the Council for this! So, we then receive the command to bring our equipment back it will be transported back but as yet we do not know what storage will be available to us. I have been advised that reps from each club will be given a tour of the new complex. Probably an idea to get us all in one place at the same time and drown us in the swimming pool! I expect that all members will assist us in the above process as this is your opportunity to do something for your Club instead of sitting on your bottoms as you usually do!

The closing time for the new complex on weekdays will be 9.00pm. To that end, our Wednesday night sessions will run from 7.00 to 9.00pm. Shooting must finish at 9.00pm but we will be allowed time to pack up our gear and be out of the building ASAP. So the only change here is we just shoot half an hour earlier than we do at the moment.

What about Saturdays? The complex closes at 8.00pm and our Saturday session will be run from 2.00pm to 4pm. What about Sundays? The complex closes at 6.00pm. This will give us ample time to complete any tournaments which we will hopefully be able to continue as they are one of our main sources of income.

What about Club fees? Will they have to be increased in anticipation for possible hall hire fees? I cannot answer that one for the moment.

I will continue to update you as events unfold unless you hear some gossip from elsewhere before me!

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

Thanks to the following members for advising me that they wish to continue receiving the newsletter by email.

Here they are and in no particular order:-

Richard V, Keith, Adelle, Ann, Ian H and L, Tina, Geoff, Mike, Stephanie, Davids N and R, Derek, Phil, Billy and Joan. Don't see your name here? Then unless you let me know, I cannot email the newsletter to you and I will assume you will read it on the website. You do not have to respond if you do not read the newsletter, not as silly as it sounds!

PS. If you are not renewing your membership then you will be deleted from my list but you can continue to read the website version. Your emergency contact forms will also be destroyed.

NEW MEMBERS

A belated welcome to David who, after a spell away from archery, has come back and as he will be our third David, and to avoid confusion, he will be known as David H. We have also been joined by Rosemary who is new to archery and is the partner of David H. Ah, ain't that sweet!

Finally, my latest disciple is Ryan, who becomes only the second survivor of the last beginners' class and now that he has exams etc. out of the way he decided to join us although we could lose him when he goes on to university if his chosen university has its own club. Anyway, a warm welcome to the three of you.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

CLUB HANDICAP 2012/2013 - ROUND 6 - FEBRUARY 2013

Well, well, well. You know, this round continues to surprise me. Eight members took part this month and it was a case of Joan going from top to bottom and Eddie going from bottom to top although he did need a whiff of oxygen to get up to the heady heights of first place! It was an honour to present him with his "Mini Star" award and it nearly brought a tear to my eye! At the presentation he was standing slightly to my right hand side and was not aware that he had won. Methinks he needs some more oxygen!

Anyway, onwards to the positions for February:-

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Eddie	190	121	311	8 th
2 nd	Stephanie	183	74	257	6 th
3 rd	Mike	210	36	246	4 th
4 th	Derek	214	30	246	5 th
5 th	Ian H	201	43	244	2 nd
6 th	Billy	226	15	241	3 rd
7 th	Ann	181	49	230	7 th
8 th	Joan	167	34	201	1 st

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

Our lowest entry for the indoor season saw only Tina, Gareth, Ian L and Phil taking part this year.

As in previous years the round was a Double FITA 18 and although only 52 archers can take part there were 6 "no shows". As is common, there were no major problems bar one. One of the ceiling lights was flickering and the shoot was delayed so that the staff could sort the problem which was at the compound archers' side of the hall. It worked! Problem solved? No! The shoot was underway when another light at the far end of the hall over some of the recurve targets decided to start flickering! However, the archers were happy to carry on shooting.

This time the offending light then behaved itself. As at the shoots I man the registration table and once all the archers are in and shooting I can read my newspapers. I was working on a word fit puzzle when the light above me, which must be in the same trade union, thought it would be a good idea to..... flicker!

It, as with the other lights, then decided to stay on. Yippee!!!! Just to put the icing on the cake those naughty ceiling lights then started their flickering in the same order. With the demolition of the hall not too far off I am going to ask if I can have those bulbs. Why, you may ask? As children may read this newsletter, I cannot tell you!

Perhaps this was a going away present arranged by a certain organisation to commemorate our last official tournament in the hall! Anyway, we now move on to the gory part of the report, the scores shot by "The Four Amigos":

LADIES COMPOUND

5th Tina (541) - Shot the AM session only.

GENTS RECURVE

4th Gareth (558) AM (547) PM (1105) Total for both sessions.

12th Ian L (462) AM (470) PM (932) Total for both sessions plus the Gent Novice Award.

GENTS COMPOUND

7th Phil (544) AM (537) PM (1081) Total for both sessions.

Apart from the ceiling lights everything went well and thanks again to "The Big Cheese" Tina for running things yet again. I don't know if it has sunk in yet that this was the last major Club shoot in the current hall. Oh! forgive me, there is another shoot, a special one that I run and I am not as easy going as Tina!

See the next report for all the tears and tantrums!

LASSWADE INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – SATURDAY 16th of MARCH 2013

A well-attended shoot by our standards and the absolute last one before we move over the field, or where the field was before they built a complex on it! Oh, it was a Portsmouth round as always!

This year's outstanding score came from Gareth who traded in the Junior Club Trophy for the Gents Recurve Club Trophy. Adelle, kept her talons on the Ladies Trophy!

A new personal best was shot by Stephanie who will have to polish her silverware (ok, pewter) for the next year.

By this time next year she will have morphed from Junior Lady Recurve to Senior Lady Recurve. Better get those talons of yours nice and sharp for next year Adelle!

The Gents Compound was a bit closer this year but Phil managed to retain the silverware but if David H had got a few more golds things might have been different.

The Gents Novice Award went to Ian L and the Veteran Award to Jim G. I was tempted to award it to someone else as Jim tried to influence his score by calling me over on three occasions to check for line cutters. On all occasions he poked me with the nock end of his arrows. When his back was turned I got his spare arrow and prodded him. I got no reaction so I assumed he had a plastic hip or something which he would not confirm or deny! Mrs Gorrie, I think he has a wallet stuffed with £100 pound notes which you do not know about! Maybe that's why he felt nothing!

A few remarks with regard to some of your score sheets. The offenders shall remain nameless!

1 - If you have a miss, mark it on your score sheet with an M not a zero!

2 - Add up all your totals. 60 hits = 60, not 6! Add your golds up as well, remember, for recurves, the outer gold circle on the target face equals 9 not 10!

3 - Your score sheet should be signed by the scorer and yourself.

4 - Don't spend 15 minutes transferring your scores to other devices which store information as you are holding up the production of the results.

I advise you strongly to get used to these recommendations as they could mean your scores being dis-regarded or omitted if this was an official shoot. Organisers do not have time to waste on incidents like this. Other archers just want to get the awards done and then get off home. It is un-likely I may go back to being a major tournament organiser as there would be a few backsides getting poked with an arrow. Hey, a great job for you Jim!
Soap box away, on to the results for 2013:

LADIES RECURVE

1st Adelle (518)

2nd Rosemary (90) (Novice)

GENTS RECURVE

1st Gareth (587)

2nd Derek (517)

3rd Ian H (509)

4th Ian L (507) (Novice) Novice Gents Recurve Award.

5th Mike (500)

6th Martin (484)

7th Jim G (470) Veteran Gents Recurve Award.

8th Eddie (423)

9th Will (421) (Novice)

JUNIOR LADIES RECURVE

1st Stephanie (458) A new personal best and a Chocolate Easter Bunny! Bunny available in milk, plain and white chocolate!

GENTS COMPOUND

1st Phil (560)

2nd David H (545)

3rd David R (537)

4th Tommy (511) Veteran Compound Gents Award. No Chocolate Easter Bunny!

That wraps up the tournament reports for this month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2013

MARCH

Wednesday 27th Optional Coaching Session.

APRIL

Wednesday 3rd Closing date for Club Fees if paying annually.

Monday 8th New Beginners' class commences.

Wednesday 10th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 24th Optional Coaching Session. Final session for 2012/2013.

Saturday 27th No archery due to another event.

MAY

Monday 6th Last ever Beginners' Class in the current hall ends.

Wednesday 29th Last ever indoor Club session in the current hall.

The newsletter for this month is duly terminated.
