

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Welcome to the latest edition of your favourite newsletter which has a hint of Stephanie, a big dollop of Ian L and a mention of two former Bills who shot for the Club. One who was our Treasurer and the other, a Club Coach who set me off on my archery career. Regretfully, I got washed up on the shores of the Club Committee! This is also a history making issue as it is the first issue which is partially in colour for the first time! What next, 3D?

CLUB NEWS

THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

All members are hereby notified that the above meeting will take place on Wednesday the 27th of this month.

VENUE FOR THE MEETING: THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF THE LASSWADE CENTRE.

This room is just past the Lady and Gent toilets along the hallway.

START TIME FOR THE MEETING: 7.00pm.

The following posts due for re-election this year are as follows:

VICE-PRESIDENT RECORDS OFFICER JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE

Any member elected to the above posts will serve a 3 year term of office until November 2016.

If you have any business you would like to discuss then please submit it in writing to Adelle by Wednesday the 20th of this month or in person on the night at the meeting itself. One of the main topics will be to make a decision on how the Club will continue after this indoor season when we will be paying the full hire charges for the hall and the decisions each of you should have made with regard to the potential increase in Club fees and the 2 options you were given on this matter.

This is an important matter so please make the effort to attend as any decision made will be finalised at the meeting.

Four things for you to remember under The Club Constitution:-

ARTICLE 23b - Each Senior Member shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE 23c - Only those present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 23d - The Club President shall, if required, be entitled to one additional vote in the event of any tied vote or votes.

ARTICLE 23e - Honorary Life Members shall also be entitled to vote at General Meetings even if they are in-active Shooting Members. That's you Bill Carmichael!

Finally, there will be **NO** Club Session that night.

THE MOVE (THE RETURN!)

Nothing for you to worry about! In my report from last month's edition, when I thanked those members who assisted in getting the equipment back to Lasswade, I forgot to include our new Club Webmaster, Will, who also assisted. My humble apologies to you Will for missing you out of my report. As the song goes, "I'am Sorry, So Sorry".

As a penance, I will carry on as Club President for another year!

TARGET STANDS - PART 1

It's soap box time next! As a follow on to last month's report I advised you all that it is your responsibility to fix the support bar on the target stand you will shoot at and return the support bar to its storage position when you have finished shooting.

The Centre staff have been advised that this is a function for Club Members but I have noticed that some of the staff still do this but, regardless, check that it has been done correctly.

In addition it is also your duty to ensure that the securing bolts for the 3 legs at the top of the stands are also screwed in correctly and tightened if loose or slack. Do all this before you start shooting. I have noticed that yet again some of you are not doing this.

If your target does fall over and it has been down to you then the Club and the Centre will not be responsible for the cost of any broken arrows or damaged equipment that you or your target companions have suffered. Soap box now packed away for the month!

TARGET STANDS - PART 2

Just to remind you all that the first coaching session will take place on this Wednesday, the 13th. As previously, Targets 7 and 8 which are at the right hand end of the range, shall be for the sole use of the members being coached. Before shooting starts, a laminated card will be placed on them to remind you of this.

This may mean that there may be occasions when those of you not being coached may have to shoot in 2 waves. However, if the 2 reserved targets have finished being used for coaching then you may shoot at them.

THE CLUB HANDICAP ROUND AND OTHER OFFICIAL TOURNAMENTS

Something, which perhaps we should make some of you, especially new members, aware of is a rule when doing your score sheets. When you fill in your arrow values you should only do this with blue or black ink, not pencil, which could be changed.

Not that any of you would do this! In addition, if you write down a wrong arrow value or write it in the wrong box then get a judge to correct it which they will do in red ink.

Obviously, we don't normally have a judge available on Club nights so get someone else if necessary to do this. Most of you will not usually have a red pen so if you make an error get another member to change it for you in blue or black ink and ensure that you sign your score-sheet and ideally, a signature from another member who should act as your scorer. In other words, share a score sheet with another member and make new friendships!

AFFILIATION CARDS FOR 2013/2014

Yesterday, I received my AGB Card as did some of the members who shot today. This means the remainder of you will receive your cards soon. If you have not received yours by the end of this month then see me.

As I said last month, you will also be receiving an SA Card as well. These cards may take a little longer to arrive as due to this being the first season for them the SA Membership Secretary is setting up a database of all Scottish archers but once this task has been completed future cards should take less time to arrive as all the Membership Secretary needs to know if there have been any address changes etc.

Unlike your AGB Cards, all the SA Cards will all be sent to Adelle and issued to you individually. This was a system formally used by AGB and personally, I think it is the best system as then we know that you have all received your cards.

CLUB POLO SHIRTS

I have received a request from one of you about getting a Club Polo Shirt. If anymore of you are interested then see Derek or myself. We do not have to order a minimum of the shirts so all we need from you is the size you require and a payment of £13.00.

The shirts can be worn at any time but if you enter tournaments they usually form part of the Club uniform along with black trousers etc. At a shoot previously, Stephanie and Ian L (the big man who loses a pen, has me running around like a headless chicken, rifles through my neatly tidied storage drawer, only to find that it was in his quiver all the time! Tee Hee Hee! Got you!) wore burgundy trousers which really went well with the Club shirt. If I was to award a prize for this Stephanie would have got it as Ian's looked like they had been through the wash a few more times!

This does not appear to be an illegal colour but denim, olive and camouflage are a no-no! At Non-Record Status tournaments dress is usually optional just so long as you remember to wear something anyway! There is an outdoor round called the Scandinavian FITA (a genuine round) and one of our former members used to delight in convincing people that no clothing was a compulsory requirement!

Anyway, enough of the guff and on to an "earth-shattering" piece of information you must know.....

CLUB COACHING SESSIONS FOR DECEMBER 2013

Due to the way the dates fall in December the coaching sessions will take place on Wednesday the 4th and Wednesday the 18th, the first and third Wednesdays as opposed to the second and fourth Wednesdays. I hope you followed that!

Normality should return in January!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2013

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 13th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 27th 35th Annual General Meeting. See the article in this issue for the details.

NO Club Session that night.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 4th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 18th Optional Coaching Session.

To be advised. Club Sessions over the Festive Period.

AND FINALLY

Another funny item courtesy of David R.

DID I READ THAT SIGN CORRECTLY?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

In a Laundromat:

AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In a London Department Store:

BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office:

WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

In another office:

AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.

Outside a second hand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BYCYCLES, WASHING MACHINES ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in a health food shop window:-

CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Funnily enough, I have a non-funny item to add which took place in an office recently which is a true story.

I have recently changed offices and staff from our IT Section removed various bits and pieces of equipment.

I had a bag with all my archery paperwork and other items on my former desk which I was to bring to the Club that night.

When I called down to the office all the items had been emptied onto my former desk and the Sainsburys re-usable bag they were in was taken. You may think that's funny, I don't!

On that note, consider this issue terminated!

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