

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,

Well, it would seem we are now successfully up and running again subject to a few minor issues which still need to be resolved. We have a lot to get through this month so let's get to it!

CLUB NEWS

THE MOVE (THE RETURN!)

As you will be aware, our usual September re-start had to be delayed until the storage containers arrived on site. At the moment we are not getting any indoor storage in the games hall cupboard and, long term, I am not optimistic we ever will. However, the storage container we have been allocated is about 5 seconds walk away!

Long term, it may have to be used by other people as well but we have made it clear that our tournament equipment is accessible for us at all times. The Club equipment is stored near the front of the container and for Club sessions the range is put up and taken down by the staff. Again, there are some health and safety issues here but this will be for the Centre to resolve.

Just several days before our first session, we arranged to get our equipment moved from its 4 month vacation facility and back to Lasswade, its ancestral home! To that end, I would like to thank the following members for their assistance:

Mike - His car and Billy's trailer; Richard P - His vehicle and a trailer loaned by the Lasswade Rugby Club. Thanks also to David R and Stuart, Paul, Joan, Ann, Derek, Tommy and Mike's wee lass, Stephanie!

Our Vice-President, Billy, had to leave early due to his granddaughter's 1st birthday party but he left with my blessing!

Hopefully, we will not have to go through this process again anytime soon!

A NEW OUTDOOR LOCATION?

As I advised you last time, we will not be shooting outdoors at Lasswade next year, 36 years of history down the lavvy! Negotiations with the owner of Grove Farm situated between Bonnyrigg and Gorebridge are still on-going, so more news of this at a later date.

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2013/2014

All our paperwork and fees have now gone off to AGB and SA. Your AGB cards will be sent directly to your home addresses.

If you have not received them by the end of next month then see me. Should you wish to shoot elsewhere or enter a tournament then do not attempt to do this until you have received your card. If you cannot produce a valid card then you will not be permitted to shoot. However, this problem is easily overcome. You come to me and I will issue you with an AGB Archery Subscription Fee Receipt. This will remain valid until you receive your new card.

Only a handful of archers who entered our Combined FITA last Sunday had a valid card, the rest had to produce the fee receipt form.

From this season onwards you will now be receiving another card you will need to show. This is a new card being issued by SAA. Go to their website to read why they have decided to implement this system. As AGB used to do, SAA will send all your cards to Adelle in the first instance and once I have turned her upside down and given her a good shake all the cards will fall out and you will be issued with one! Just kidding Adelle.

SOME REMINDERS FOR YOU

Three things for you to remember:

1 - At all Club sessions all members must put the support bar for their tripod stands in place and when you have finished shooting you must un-screw it and re-screw it into the appropriate front leg of the stand for storage. This will not be done by the staff.

2 - Now that we are approaching winter, if we get heavy snow etc. and you are not sure what to do then do one of two things or both:

A - Check the Midlothian Council Website for any closures / early closures of the Centre.

B - You can contact the Centre on 0131 271 4533. As they are under-staffed, you may not get a response and you may be prompted to leave a message. However, in this situation, you would want a definite answer immediately so I hope if they read this item they will arrange to leave a voicemail message advising you that the Centre is closed!

3 - If you change your address then please advise me so that your AUK magazine etc. gets delivered to your new address.

THE CLUB HANDICAP ROUND FOR 2013/2014

An item by our organiser, David R.

This competition will run during each month of the indoor season (November through to April) with a small prize for each month. You can shoot 3 rounds (maximum) during the month using the score sheets. The score sheets can be found in a red file in the drawer of the green indoor cabinet. You can only shoot one round per session with 4 practice arrows as you would find if you were shooting in any other competition with the best score being the one used for the competition.

Please try not to shoot for half an hour or so then decide to shoot the competition as this would not be the proper way to compete at any other competition and don't use score sheets unnecessarily. All score sheets must be submitted by the last Club session for each month.

THE RULES

- 1) 4 Practice arrows only.
- 2) 24 arrows at 20 yards at a 60cm Portsmouth Target Face.
- 3) 6 ends, 4 arrows at each end.
- 4) To get your handicap shoot 3 rounds at different sessions then give your scores to me or Donald. Your handicap will be based on the average of the 3 scores.
- 5) Thereafter, your handicap will be based on your highest score. Score higher, then the higher score will be used to calculate your handicap. Score lower, and your handicap will remain at your highest score level.

The main purpose for running the handicap is to give learning archers and even experienced archers the opportunity to improve their scores and practice the rules of competitive archery e.g. how to score, observing rules, the do's and don'ts.

Should you have a bad spell and your scores are not improving or getting worse then ask someone for assistance! It's free! Remember, no member is obliged to give you help unless YOU ask for it.

David R

Just to add to what David has said, this round is open to all members at all levels so please try to take part.

COACHING SESSIONS

I have spoken to Richard V and Billy and they are both willing to run their coaching sessions during our indoor season. If you want to take part then see me and I will give you a short questionnaire for you to fill in as this lets them know what aspects of your shooting you want to concentrate on. When you have done this then give the completed questionnaire to Richard, Billy or myself by Wednesday the 30th of this month.

The coaching sessions will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and will commence in November. Each session will last for an hour, or longer, if the boys wish to do so. But remember, they too are archers, and are also entitled to shoot as well! They will also use a video camera so you can see what a fantastic archer you are becoming! With regard to this, you will have to provide an SDHC card so you can take it home and show all your family and friends!

In the event Richard and Billy do not attend then there may be no coaching but they will usually re-schedule their programme accordingly.

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

Our second shoot for the indoor season will be taking place on the above date. We would like as many of you as possible to donate a small prize for the shoot's raffle. Just as important, let's see more of you entering this shoot. Don't worry, you would be shooting at your favourite 60 cm target face!

THE CLUB WEBSITE

Our Club Webmaster, Phil, due to various reasons has now had to stand down from this post and I thank him for his work over the past 3 years. Will, one of our newer members, has now taken over this post and currently the website is under re-construction although you can get onto parts of it. The first change you will soon see is the homepage which I have updated and Will is also going to change the logo from green to its newer gold version as well. Other sections will either be up-dated or amended and Will has some other ideas as well. Once it is fully up and running any input from yourselves would also be desirable. This will be the first major overhaul of the website for some time.

OTHER NEWS

Well done to Stephanie who, due to shooting at some outdoor shoots, has earned her 3rd Class badge which I presented her with on Wednesday. More news on Stephanie further on.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

LASSWADE COMBINED FITA (UKRS) - SUNDAY 13TH of OCTOBER 2013

This was our first indoor tournament in the new hall and many of the visiting archers were pleased with the lighting in particular! Like ourselves, it was a new experience for us all and the shoot itself suffered no problems and was ably judged by Liz Garrigan of Penicuik Archers and Alistair Paton. I thought Liz might be upset when I gave her some un-happy news! The new Costa Bar does not sell hot food with the exception of paninis, toasties and bacon rolls! As we feed and water the judges Liz usually likes an omelette and chips for lunch but can no longer have this!

Anyway, on to the more serious aspect of this report. It was a poor turn-out from us with only Phil, Stephanie and Will taking part. This was Will's first major tournament.

The results for our 3 were as follows with the 25m score followed by the 18m score and followed by the Combined Score.

<u>GENTS RECURVE</u>	<u>25m</u>	<u>18m</u>	<u>Combined Score</u>
25 th Will	(382)	(317)	(699)

JUNIOR LADY U18

1st Stephanie (331) (311) (642) Trophy and Gold Medal.

GENTS COMPOUND

4th Phil (535) (534) (1069)

Thanks again to our organiser, Tina

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2013

OCTOBER

Wednesday 30th Closing date for Coaching Questionnaires.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 10th Lasswade Open (UKRS) Round: PORTSMOUTH

Wednesday 13th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 27th Lasswade AC 35th Annual General Meeting. Venue: TBA. Time: TBA.
There will be **NO** Club Session on this evening.

AND FINALLY

A welcome return for this item. David R has provided me with a supply of funny items which will keep us going for some time.

Scientists at Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea is to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made and a gun was sent to the American engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed to smithereens, blasted through the

control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow.

The horrified Yanks sent Rolls Royce the disastrous results of the experiment along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions.

Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo:

"Defrost the chicken".

On that happy note, this edition, which took 7 hours to do, is duly concluded for this month!

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