

**"THE ARROWHEAD"**  
**THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB**

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Dear Members,

Well here we are, it's nearly that time again, Christmas, Xmas, Crimbo or whatever else you call it. Personally, I will be glad when 2014 is finished as it has only been slightly less stressful for me than 2013 was!

You can read why further on. Do I hear the sound of 🎻🎻🎻 ? Nah, didn't think so!  
So, on to the **hot** items for this month, with the first item being one that has been driving me up the wall! 🎅

**CLUB NEWS**

**THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSEDOWN**

After firing off emails to the centre about tournament bookings, and the misleading email on holiday dates, I can now confirm that we will finish on Wednesday the 17th of this month. The centre will be open on Wednesday the 24th and 31st but they will be closing at 4.00pm. Too early for us.

Therefore, our first session for 2015 will be on Saturday the 3rd. Yes, your 🧐 do not deceive you, the 3rd. Why? Read the next item and you will find out! 🎄

**THE 36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB – WEDNESDAY 19TH of NOVEMBER 2014**

Well, a big shock for me! Bar 4 members, the whole Club turned out and I may have to consider holding the 2015 meeting in The Conference Suite!

We did not have a lot of business to get through, but the main topic was the proposed re-introduction of the Saturday afternoon sessions. What happened here? Sorry, you will have to read the next item!

Some of you may be pleased or shocked to know that both Joan and I will remain in our respective Committee posts for a further 3 years. David R stood down as Equipment Officer but does remain as Records Officer.

David's vacant post has now been filled by Mike, probably due to all the woodwork he has been doing for us! 🛠️

We also welcome Tommy who has joined us as an Ordinary Member. Welcome aboard Tommy from your Captain!

Before the meeting was closed, the bespoke Jim Coull Club Trophy was awarded. Who receives it is at the discretion of the Club Chairman/President. As I said at the meeting, there are usually several people who would be worthy holders of this trophy but only one can receive it. Due to all his wood-working activities, and suggestions he has made when I ask fellow Committee Members for advice on various matters, he does show great potential as my successor in 2017! So Mike, can I assume that you will not transfer to Penicuik. Ha! Ha!

Ha! 🛠️

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm and my thanks to those of you for your attendance. 🧑🏻

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSIONS - "THE RESURRECTION" 😬

Some time prior to the AGM, when we found out that the hall-hire charges were being dropped, it was suggested that we should consider starting these sessions again. Without putting it too strongly, I was getting feedback from the centre suggesting that they would like us back Saturday afternoons even in a half-hall for other activities, suggested that they were perhaps not being well used and the centre would be guaranteed a regular income from us.

To be fair to the centre, and before the start of 2014/2015 Financial Year, all hire charges were re-assessed. Our problem was that our bank account had taken quite a hit as we had to fork out for a container for our new outdoor venue plus the cost of new tournament bosses which, thankfully, should not have to be replaced until 2017 at the earliest.

To sum up, from Saturday the 3rd of January, unless you are advised otherwise, we will shoot from 2 to 4pm but these sessions will only run until the last Saturday for next March. After this period of time the Committee will consider if it is financially viable to carry on with Saturdays for the 2015/2016 indoor season.

Wednesday evenings will continue to run through to the end of April. 🧑🏻

### THE 7.15 WEDNESDAY EVENING STARTS - "THE GREAT ENIGMA" ?

Most of you will be aware that we now start on Wednesday Evenings at 7.15pm. Or do we? Without going into great detail, the school spat out its dummy, stamped its foot and demanded it wanted more time for after school activities. Well, they only had to ask! But no, it was left to one of the duty Managers to advise me of this and it was not compulsory for us to move the start time back to 7.15pm.

After speaking to most of you, you did advise me that due to various reasons, some of you could not always get there for 7pm. I don't have an issue with this. By going back to 7.15pm we have been advised that 15 minutes hall-hire time would be knocked off. However the staff, bless them, usually have things set up by 7pm or thereabouts so early arrivals can potentially be shooting by 7.15pm. While my own interpretation would be that if we could not get into the hall until 7.15 then shooting could only start by 7.30pm. I hoped you followed all that.

To that end, will have to see if our hall charges are being dropped by 15 minutes!

This is yet another issue that is driving me to the Booby Hatch! After the PS to this item, let's move on to some happy news...

Ps. Centre, if you have read this item yourselves, I want it clearly understood that what you have read is based on my own opinion and does not necessary reflect the views of the Club Committee or its members. Please also remember, that since we first moved into the centre in 2013 I have tried to comply with all your wishes. For 2015, let's try to get things clearly explained and acted upon accordingly. 🌲

## MIKE IS AT IT AGAIN! ANOTHER ITEM!

Once again, today's advice is somewhat of an interim stop-gap, we are hoping to get things sorted out a little better in the future, but for now it is important that every time we shoot, the white safety curtain gets pulled around the end, and a little way up the side of the hall and clipped on to the central divider.

In the old hall, the central curtain was itself a safety curtain, but it has been pointed out that the new one provides almost no protection at all above a certain height. Therefore, if an arrow should glance off a boss at an unfortunate angle, it would pass straight through to the other side of the hall!

When doing this, please don't pull the curtain too far to the left, as the track at the top is damaged, and several of the runners have already been pulled out of the track.

In an associated item, we need to ensure that the bosses are never pulled forward of the line of red diamonds. Approximately, one foot to match Imperial/Metric distances is fine, but if you need to shoot at say ten or fifteen metres for some reason, this will only be permitted on the two bosses at the right hand end of the line which are used for coaching when required.

For beginners courses etc. where a short distance is required for all, then the shooting line must be moved forward appropriately, and the bosses left in the same place. We are hopeful that at some point the curtain will be sorted out, and this new rule may then be relaxed, but obviously only if the white safety curtain matches the position of the bosses. I don't think I've explained this very well, so if anyone is in any doubt about any item regarding safety, please approach myself or any other committee member.

Can I also remind you to ensure that the "gate guard" is put in place so that it stops the gate at the far end of the central divider being opened. Last Wednesday it had been put out, but in the centre of the gate itself, not over the post, so it was not actually keeping the gate closed. The main latch for the gate is a bit weird, so this is a valuable way of ensuring that no one gets in to the range behind the bosses. 🛠️🔧

Mike

Equipment Officer 🧑‍🔧

## EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS (SRS) – SUNDAY 11TH of JANUARY 2015

A first reminder that help will be needed to set up for this shoot next month.

This shoot is not run by us and donations are not required as they don't usually have a raffle. 🧑‍🎄

## AGB CARDS FOR 2014/2015

I received my new AGB card about 2 weeks ago so I hope most of you will have yours as well.

If you have not received yours by the New Year then see me. 🌲

## **ACHIEVEMENT NEWS**

Well, a few things to report here.

At the recent AGM of Scottish Archery the following awards were made to two of our members.

### **DEREK:**

Some time ago Derek was awarded Honorary Life Membership of Scottish Archery and due to all his efforts in coaching, judging, founding an archery club to name but a few, rightly so. This year he is now in The Scottish Archery Hall of Fame. This is a new one on me. Derek, does this mean they will do an oil-painting of you? If so, where will they hang it? Ha! Ha! Ha! Well done, oil painting or not!

### **TINA:**

Well, Derek will no longer be the only Life Member of Scottish Archery in the Club. Life Membership was also awarded to Tina this year.

Some of you may not know, that in addition to running our tournaments for us, Tina has been involved in the sport for... we will leave that bit out! Let's just say, almost as long as me!

She has served on the Eastern Area Committee for many years amongst other things and probably has done other things I don't even know about. She is very modest about things like this! Ha! Ha! Ha! Well done!

Ps. As you are now affiliated through us Tina, as with Derek, we will pay your £1.00 Eastern Area Fee for you!

### **TINA AGAIN:**

Yet another award! Derek may be in the Hall of Fame but Tina was also named as the Volunteer of the Year. Thinking of myself as usual, I asked her if there was an award for Assistant Volunteer of the Year!

Perhaps there isn't one. Oh well, I will just have to plod on as her Acting Deputy Assistant Tournament Organiser for another 20 years!

### **GARETH:**

Congratulations to Gareth who has been selected for the squad to represent Scotland at the British Championships. Sorry Gareth, is that indoors or outdoors?

A nice round of applause please for the above members. 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌



## NEW MEMBERS

Moving to the other end of the membership spectrum, I must not forget to wish, on behalf of the Club, a warm welcome to our two latest followers, Edith and Kris. Rather than remain on our beginners' waiting list, they both completed a course with MRM Archery and joined us at the start of this month. 🎅

## CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS

### THE LASSWADE OPEN PORTSMOTH (UKRS) (600) – SUNDAY 9TH of NOVEMBER 2014

Also known as our Remembrance Day Shoot, 7 members from Lasswade took part this year. Not bad by our standards, but still only about one third of the Club at the time.

Although no silverware was won, we had a new personal best from Stephanie, a medal for Mike and a first ever medal for our only junior, Holly.

It goes without saying that, yet again, thanks go to our latest HLM of SA, Tina.

I would also like to thank the following members for getting things set up on the Saturday and on the day of the shoot itself. Adelle, Stephanie, Mike, Will, Billy and Billy's not so wee boy Ross who is a former member of the Club. In addition, from Penicuik, Lance and his son Thomas. How about that then? A non-member who is not even asked to help out. Lance, in the New Year, I will be opening negotiations with Penicuik about the cost of getting you transferred to Lasswade! But wait, according to Penicuik's website, you are my opposite number so perhaps stay where you are as Lasswade is not big enough for 2 Chairmen! Anyway, as Christmas is approaching, let's move on to the results:-

### LADY RECURVE

6<sup>th</sup> Stephanie (543) New P.B

### GENT RECURVE

5<sup>th</sup> Gareth (572)

26<sup>th</sup> Ian L (515) No awards but he was sporting his natty burgundy trousers! 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿

35<sup>th</sup> Richard P (466)

36<sup>th</sup> Will (460)

### LADY COMPOUND

8<sup>th</sup> Tina (550)

### JUNIOR LADY RECURVE U14

1<sup>st</sup> Holly (270)

### GENT BAREBOW

1<sup>st</sup> Mike (492)

I hope to see you all again at the Eastern Area Championships in January.

### INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP 2014/2015 - ROUND 3 - NOVEMBER 2014

Another round and another new winner, Andrew! Only ten of us took part this month and a complete turnaround for some of us but this is what this round does and it encourages members to get their scores up but with a reduced handicap.

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew	197	71	268	9 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian H	203	27	250	4 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Billy	225	23	248	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ann	184	59	243	7 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup>	Will	193	47	240	N/A
6 <sup>th</sup>	Donald	191	47	238	2 <sup>nd</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Richard P	201	35	236	5 <sup>th</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie	199	35	234	1 <sup>st</sup>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Joan	200	23	223	8 <sup>th</sup>
10 <sup>th</sup>	David B	183	N/A	183	10 <sup>th</sup>

New Handicaps: Andrew, 47, David B, 71.

As we are finishing up on the 17th of this month all your scores will have to be in by the 17th and no later than that. You should give them to David R or myself, should he be unavailable. 🌲

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/STORAGE DEVICES - 2014/2015

#### DECEMBER

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Final Club Session for 2014 and for all Handicap Scores to be handed in.

#### JANUARY

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> First Club Session for 2015.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Eastern Area Indoor Championships (SRS). Round: PORTSMOUTH.

Thus ends the final newsletter for 2014. 🐼

It's too early for the Queen's Christmas Message but I will give you my usual Christmas Message: If you can't be good, be careful!

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