

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Welcome to the first mammoth edition of the newsletter for this year which seemed to be never-ending when I was putting it together! However, this issue opens with some sad news.

CLUB NEWS

BILL CARMICHAEL - 1926 TO 2013

It is with much regret that I have to advise you that Bill Carmichael whom many of you had never met passed away last month. As you will read, Bill was a much valued member of our Club who finally hung up his bow for the last time in 2005. About 10 years ago I did a profile on a Club member each month, covering Bill in Issue No.94 (October 2003).

Along with facts about Bill from that issue I have expanded this item to include other facts to prove just how successful an archer Bill was.

Shortly, after the Club was founded in 1979 Bill came along to try archery and joined in 1980 (or so he reckoned!). For the next 35 years he served the Club with great distinction and he became the Club Treasurer, a post he held for many years and which is the most important post on the Club Committee if the Club is to function.

Some years ago our Club used to do corporate events which normally took place on weekends. However, our services were often required during the week with as little as 24 hours' notice which was not much use to those of us who had to work for a living. Bill therefore undertook to take small groups with little or no help until it became too much for him.

At the AGM in 1995, when I was doing my first stint as Club President, I proposed and it was agreed by the meeting that Bill would be given Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his efforts. In addition, I also had the honour of presenting him with a specially produced Arrowhead Trophy which was his to keep.

Before Bill joined the Club he did military service and then became a police officer and was the sergeant for a small town called Bonnyrigg! Joan asked me to add that he would from time to time tell us some stories about his time in the police force which included an occasion when he was off duty and some kids had climbed up some scaffolding. They knew who he was and gave him some cheek thinking that as he was off duty he was powerless to do anything. How wrong they were! As Bill lived nearby, he went home, put his uniform on and went back probably given them a fright that they would not forget in a hurry! I never found out however if he arrested them! It was not that long ago when some local parents would bring their children along to try archery and some of them recognised retired Sergeant Bill Carmichael! The scaffold climbing kids perhaps?

Anyway, we now move on to Bill's successes in his shooting career which are quite numerous and worthy of a mention as to what he achieved. In addition to Target archery, Bill also took part in Clout, Flight and Field archery.

Here is a list of his successes:

OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPION - 1995, 1996 and 2001.
INDOOR CLUB CHAMPION - 2000.
CLUB CLOUT CHAMPION - 1991.

LASSWADE INDOOR FITA 18m - Bill was a member of our winning recurve teams in 1994 and 1995.

SCOTTISH FLIGHT ARCHERY - The Scottish Champion (in his category) in 1998, 2002 and 2003. In 2002 he also set a new Scottish Record.

WOLFSTAR FIELD ARCHERY CLUB - A Club Champion in 2000.

OTHER AWARDS - Holder of the Gents Improver Club Trophy in 1991 and 1994.
Holder of the Jim Coull Club Trophy in 1988 and 1999.

There you have it. Not bad for a gentleman who only gave up shooting when he was 79!

As I have said, Bill was our Club Treasurer for many years but when he took a break from this post he continued as an Ordinary Committee member so we still benefitted from his wisdom and support. After returning to the Treasurer's post he stood down for the last time in 2003 but still shot for 2 more years.

Although he was not directly involved with the Club after 2005 he still was very generous in the volume of donations he made for our tournament raffles and would always pop up in person to deliver them on the day of each tournament.

As an Honorary Life Member he was still entitled to attend AGMs but if I remember correctly he did not normally attend them. Smart gentleman! Perhaps he thought we might ask him to take up his old post again!

As Bill had managed to get through life without computers, up until last month I always delivered a paper copy of the Club newsletter for him and if he was in I would usually have a chat with him. This was of benefit to Bill as he always maintained an interest in the Club.

On behalf of the Club, our condolences to Bill's wife Dorothy and his family.

R.I.P Bill!

THE NEW OUTDOOR SHOOTING RANGE

This is to advise you all that, on behalf of the Club, Adelle and myself have now signed an official agreement with the owner of Grove Farm where our new outdoor range will be based. We will shoot there from the start of May just as we used to do at Lasswade until the end of August each year. There will be two weekly sessions on Wednesdays from 7 till 9pm and on Saturdays from 2 till 4pm. However, please remember no-one will be allowed to shoot there outside those days and times and I will give you details on how to get to this new venue nearer the time.

One major item of equipment that will be needed will be some form of container for the outdoor equipment. In addition to the Club Committee, I hope that some of you may be

able to assist us with this task. Don't assume that it is Committee members who have to do everything. This is after all your Club as well although some members both past and present don't seem to understand this!

AGB CARDS FOR 2013/2014

Due to my item on this subject last month, one member has advised me that he had still not received his AGB card.

I checked with AGB just before Christmas and a card had been sent out but it looks like it has been lost in the post. To that end, a new card will be sent to the member in question. His name? Ian L!

I also took the opportunity to ask the current cost if a member loses their card. This is currently £3.50 and would have to be paid by the member who has lost their card.

Remember, if this does happen then see me ASAP as without your card you will not be permitted to shoot at another club or tournament away from Lasswade. As there is a delay in receiving a new card, and you decide to shoot elsewhere, then see me so I can issue a receipt for you that will cover you to shoot elsewhere until your replacement card arrives. As always, if you change your address details, then again, see me so I can notify AGB of your new details. Due to recent events concerning Scottish Archery, I do not know if, and when, they will issue their membership cards.

So therefore, your current AGB card is all you will need for the moment.

CLUB KEYS

I have been checking the situation with our Club keys and as the new Centre uses combination padlocks in their complex they may not want the extra responsibility of holding a set of Club keys for our storage cabinets. In addition, I have identified a possible security issue if the Centre had to keep a set of spare keys for the Club.

We will therefore carry on with our system where four Club members have a set of keys and are usually regular attenders for most Club Sessions. This is myself, Billy and Mike. The fourth set of keys are currently held by a member who has not been attending for some time and I am still waiting for him to return his keys so I can issue them to another member. There have already been two sessions affected by all key holders not attending or, in my case, a road traffic accident which forced the police to close most of the direct access roads to the Centre. However, this is usually a rare occurrence.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Due to no other places being available for these details to be obtained in an emergency in this Centre, the 2 Emergency Contact Files for Senior and Junior members are stored at the back of the green storage cabinet where most of the target faces and scores boards are kept. These should only be used if a member becomes ill and relatives have to be contacted. Most of you should not officially have to remove these files unless an emergency situation arises so please leave them alone.

If you leave the Club you will be given your information form to destroy all the information we hold for you. If you fail to do this then we will destroy your form ourselves. Once again, if

you change your address or have any other new details for us then please let us know as you will have to fill out a new information form.

Our other ring binder files which contain information etc. for newly-joining members will be kept in a storage box in our outside container.

THE CLUB SESSION FOR SATURDAY THE 11TH OF THIS MONTH

Another reminder for you all. On Sunday the 12th of this month the Eastern Area Championships will be taking place at Lasswade. To allow us time to set up for this event, and to be the last people out of the hall for 6pm, the start time for the Club Session will be at 3pm and the session will finish at 5pm. This is not a Lasswade shoot so no donations will be required as the Area usually does not run a raffle.

However, if you have any un-wanted Christmas presents then please save them for our next shoot in March!

THE CLUB SESSION FOR SATURDAY THE 25TH OF THIS MONTH

I have just been advised that our Club Session for the above date will not be taking place. This is to allow the Trampoline Club to hold a competition in the Sports Hall. They normally practise on a Sunday so they give up some of their sessions so we can hold our tournaments on the Sundays that we require.

THE WINTER 2013 EDITION OF THE ARCHERY UK MAGAZINE

Our Club has made it to the hallowed pages of this edition of AUK, or page 19 to be precise! Derek had submitted an item on our move to the new venue and in addition, a picture was taken of 20 members who were there on the night it was taken. If it was not for the white net curtain behind us (it was green in the old hall) you would think it was taken in happy, hassle-free time we spent in the old hall! I now expect archers from all over the UK to experience this wonderful new hall! Joking aside, Derek reported the favourable comments by archers from other clubs who have been taking part in our tournaments. There was one slight error. Derek also advised what we had to do with our equipment while the new complex was being built. For some reason the editor was under the impression that we had shot at The Mining Museum in Newtongrange where we had stored our equipment! Derek, is this true? If so please report to my office on Wednesday night and explain yourself! Ha! Ha! Ha!

It was nice to have the group picture but there are a few things I want to take issue with:

Richard P - The right hand side of Richard was missing!

Stephanie - She is not as small as I thought!

Gareth - Shone like a beacon with his bright-coloured shirt!

Adelle - Blinked at the wrong time or was she meditating?

The wee short guy with the Council dog tag - He was trying to keep his mind on smiling but was being poked in the back by his current newsletter victim, Ian L! (Happy New Year, Ian!).

TOURNAMENT REPORT

CLUB HANDICAP 2013/2014 - ROUND 2 - DECEMBER 2013

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Stephanie	190	71	261	N/A
2 nd	Joan	207	47	254	10 th
3 rd	Mike	158	95	253	N/A
4 th	Donald	204	47	251	1 st
5 th	Ian L	213	35	248	4 th
6 th	Billy	221	23	244	6 th
7 th	Derek	208	35	243	N/A
8 th	Will	196	47	243	3 rd
9 th	Ian H	184	47	231	2 nd
10 th	Ann	165	59	224	5 th
11 th	Richard P	201	35	235	8 th

Not a bad turn-out. It's now starting to tighten up the scores between the members who are taking part every month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2014

JANUARY

Saturday 11th	Club Session from 3 till 5pm followed by the set-up for the Sunday shoot.
Sunday 12th	Eastern Area Championships (SRS). ROUND: Portsmouth.
Wednesday 15th	Optional Coaching Session.
Saturday 25th	No Archery.
Wednesday 29th	Optional Coaching Session.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd	Scottish Archery Senior Indoor Championships (WRS). ROUND: FITA 18m. Run for the hills, those of you have a morbid fear of 40cm target faces!!!!
Wednesday 12th	Optional Coaching Session.
Wednesday 26th	Optional Coaching Session.

AND FINALLY (FROM THE ARCHIVES)

Like some of these items, this month's has appeared before and had its last outing in Issue No.101 in May 2004.

GOD BLESS DADDY

A father put his three year old daughter to bed, told her a story and listened to her prayers which she ended by saying

"God bless mummy, God bless daddy, God bless grandma and goodbye grandpa."

The father said, "Why did you say goodbye grandpa?"

The little girl said, "I don't know daddy, it just seemed like the thing to do."

The next day grandpa died and her father thought it was a strange coincidence.

A few months later he put the little girl to bed and listened to her prayers which went like this.

"God bless mummy, God bless daddy and goodbye grandma."

The next day the grandmother died. My gosh, thought the father, this kid is in contact with the other side.

Several weeks later when saying her prayers the little girl was heard to say, "God bless mummy and goodbye daddy."

He practically went into shock and couldn't sleep all night. He got up at the crack of dawn to go to his office.

He was as nervous as a cat all day, had lunch sent in and watched the clock. He figured if he could get by until midnight he would be OK. He felt safe in the office, so instead of going home at the end of the day he stayed there drinking coffee, looking at his watch and jumping at every sound.

Finally, midnight arrived. He breathed a sigh of relief and went home. When he got home his wife said, "I've never seen you work so late, what's the matter?"

He said, "I don't want to talk about it. I've just spent the worst day of my life."

She said, "You think you've had a bad day, you'll never believe what happened to me. This morning the postman dropped down dead on our doorstep!"

So that brings the first issue for 2014 to an end.