

"THE ARROWHEAD"
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Well my fellow toxophilites, after a short break, we re-commence with a double issue of your much-loved newsletter!

CLUB NEWS

THE NEW OUTDOOR RANGE - 1ST TERM REPORT

After 2 years of no outdoor shooting we finally secured our new outdoor range at Grove Farm which is only a few miles from our indoor facility at The Lasswade Centre. As I have already reported our first ever session at Grove in Issue.222 this report covers most of our 4 month outdoor stint.

It is good to have a location which is safe and quite scenic plus there are now even toilet facilities which have been provided. I would also like to thank Reuben and April, the landowners, who have made us very welcome. A nice round of applause please! 🙌🙌🙌

A special mention for Mike who came up with a novel idea for laying out the shooting-range. Instead of having to mark out the field every few weeks as we had to do with the old range the metal barricade tape poles have been set out at the required distances and a laminated label is attached to each pole which each of the distances so this means that apart from setting up the bosses and stands we can start shooting much quicker. It is due to the enclosed nature of this range that the poles can be used in this way as opposed to the function they had to provide at the old outdoor range.

Our equipment storage container has now settled in and only has a very slight slope towards the doors. Mike and his other half have even built a ramp so the bosses don't have to be bumped on to the ground when we roll them out for shooting. Oops! 😱 Sorry Diane, I meant to say Mike and his better half!

Mike has also made some new outdoor stands as well and Joan has continued to provide tea and coffee for us although this is on a self-service basis. 🍵

As I am not always able to attend some of our outdoor sessions due to summer work commitments I have noticed that roughly 50% of the membership has attended on a regular basis which is not bad by our old attendance numbers we had at our old outdoor range and we also have a few regular visitors from the Penicuik club as well. 🌻🌻🌻🌻

As with other sports, we have enjoyed the good summer weather this season so, all in all, a good first outdoor season at Grove Farm.

THE OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2014

Yes, your eyes do not deceive you. 🏹 After a 5 year break we will be holding our Outdoor Club Championships once again. Although we will be back indoors by then we will make an excursion back to Grove Farm on Sunday the 21st of September.

The round chosen for this year is the imperial distance American Round which I explained to you all back in Issue.222. I made one error in this item which none of you spotted or were too polite to comment on!

It is shot over 60, 50 and 40 yards with 3 dozen arrows shot at each distance at a full size 122cm target face. In Issue.222 I in-correctly said 50, 40 and 30 yards. 😞 Does this mean what I have always suspected? That some of you don't read the newsletter? 😞😞

If you have any further questions about this round then see that man Gareth! He seems to know all about this round as you will be aware if you did read Issue.222!

The following holders of the Club Shields, which will need to be returned by no later than the day of the shoot, are as follows:

Lady - Joan, Gent - Derek, Junior - Gareth and Compound - Billy.

THE 2014/2015 INDOOR SEASON

Once again it is time for all members, including those awakening from their summer hibernation, to prepare for the move back indoors.

I have to call at the Centre from time to time on Council business and have to report that work is being done on the roof of the Centre near the main entrance as there has been problems with roof leaks. However, to my knowledge, the games hall is not affected, so unlike last year we can start back in September. Just for good measure, the people working on the roof have even managed to put an extra dent in the overhanging canopy near the main entrance! 😄😄😄

Our first session indoors will be on Wednesday the 3rd of September and please remember that we will be shooting indoors on Wednesday evenings only. On September the 17th there will be no archery session. As with the old hall, the new hall will be used for election counts and due to some minor vote on Scottish independence they will have to have everything in place for the 18th/19th of September.

If we become an independent nation what will we become of archery in Scotland? Can we still be members of Archery GB? Questions on a postcard please to Alex Salmond MSP!

THE CLUB HANDICAP ROUND FOR 2014/2015

Unlike last year we will commence the 2014/2015 round in September and it will run through to the end of next April.

In a change to previous years, those of us who have a handicap from the 2013/2014 season can carry this forward to this season so make sure you know what your handicaps are! You will only be permitted to shoot a maximum of 3 scores per month. If you submit more than 3 scores then your best scores will be dis-allowed. In addition, when you put your scores in YOU must add YOUR current handicap to your score.

Failure to do so will mean your scores will not be used to work out the winner for each month.

A list of your handicaps will be in the red file which you can find in the drawer of the green cabinet. Your handicaps will of course be up-dated on a monthly basis so when you shoot each month check your handicap is correct before you add it to any future scores you may shoot.

Completed score-sheets should be given to our organiser David R or, in his absence, myself. For those of you shooting the handicap round for the first time it will be 2 dozen arrows in 4 arrow ends shot from 20 yards at a 60cm target face. We will of course help you if it is your first time and please enter as a handicap round can produce a new winner each month regardless of your abilities and it can also give you some experience should you decide to enter major tournaments.

As always, a small award will be presented to the winner for each month.

AGB AND SA AFFILIATIONS FOR 2014/2015

Yes folks, it's nearly that time again and all your fees must handed to me by no later than Wednesday the 1st of October.

However, as this is a first alert call for you all I will list the fees which will be due in next month's edition of the newsletter.

A NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to our newest and only junior member, Holly. Rather than wait for our next Beginners' Class, Holly did a course with MRM Archery and as a result, this has enabled her to join us with immediate effect.

Un-like most of our past new members Holly is also shooting outdoors with us and was so keen she did not want to wait for the start of the indoor season! 😊

YOUR NEWSLETTER

In your last newsletter I asked you all for some suggestions and comments with regard to the future of the newsletter.

Predictably, there has been no feedback from any of you so, to that end, I will carry on for a while.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2014

AUGUST

Sunday 31st Final Outdoor Session for 2014.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3rd First Indoor Session for 2014/2015.

Wednesday 17th No Archery Session on that evening.

Sunday 21st Outdoor Club Championships. Venue: Grove Farm. Round: American.

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st Closing date for all affiliation fees for 2014/2015.

This double issue is duly terminated.