

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Welcome to the latest edition of your newsletter which has two mentions for Gareth!

CLUB NEWS

THE NEW OUTDOOR RANGE

With the equipment safely moved to the new outdoor range the first session was held on Wednesday the 7th of May. It is traditional that on the first day of the new outdoor season that it will rain. Initially, it was cool and overcast and it did not start to pour down until we had nearly reached the end of the session. ☁️ 🌂

Joan also surprised us by providing tea and coffee but I don't know if she will make a habit of this! 🍵

As to the attendance, 50% of our current membership came along to the first ever session at our new outdoor range. Time will tell if we can maintain this figure as going back in time, about 75 to 80% of the membership would disappear for one reason or another and would not re-surface until we were moving back indoors.

As I have said, the Club Fees you pay cover the cost of the two weekly outdoor sessions we have here whether you decide to shoot here or not.

To wrap up this report, and for the history books, here are the members who attended the first session:

Adelle, Joan, Stephanie, Billy, Mike, Richard V, Gareth, Ian L, Paul, Tommy, David B, Andrew, Derek, our only remaining founder member, and Donald, your current Club President / President and newsletter editor. 😄

In addition, we also had Rachael a junior lady, non-member, who is currently doing her Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme under the watchful eye of Billy.

I must not forget, we also had our first ever visitors, Carol-Anne and her son Joe.

PS. Gareth, I liked the appropriate woolly hat you were wearing. Just remember, if you are wearing it, do not bow down in front of anyone if you are on the wrong side of the shooting-line unless you hear the word "FAST"! 😄

THE CLASS OF 2013

A reminder to Jen, Greig and Paul. It has been one year since you joined us and as of now your Novice classification has now ended. If any of you ever get to tournament level then you will have to get the scores in to obtain a new classification. 😬

AN OUT-STANDING ACHIEVEMENT

At the AGB Annual General Meeting in April, amongst the usual business discussed, there are several major trophies which are presented at the AGM annually. The one which concerns us is the Ascham Mazur Challenge Trophy which is awarded to a recurve archer who shoots the highest score for the American Round.

Most of you will not know or probably ever shoot this round so here is what involved.

This is an Outdoor Imperial Round and the archer has to shoot at a 122cm full target face and will shoot 30 arrows each at 50, 40 and 30 yards with a maximum score of 810. Like the other Imperial Rounds the total may appear a bit strange.

This is because Imperial scoring is used. Therefore, the entire area of the GOLD = 9, RED = 7, BLUE = 5, BLACK = 3 and WHITE = 1.

This is 5 zone scoring as opposed the 10 zone scoring you will be more familiar with, 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1.

There you have it, the difference between the 2 forms of scoring. When I did my first outdoor imperial round nobody told me about the scoring method! Anyway, I digress.

In addition to our first outdoor session Derek had to don his Judges jacket for the second time in as many weeks and present this trophy to Gareth who's score of 784 was the highest score in the UK for 2013!

Don't worry, it is pre-engraved with the winner's name. I don't think I would be happy leaving this valuable trophy at an engraver's! So again, well done Gareth. 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

PS. Whether it is an Imperial or Metric Round GREEN = 0! Or officially, an M which I hope you all know what this stands for!

THE NEWSLETTER

Those of you who have been with us for a few years now will know that as the news tends to dry up in the summer (even if the weather does not!) I normally do not do a newsletter for a month or two so my next planned edition will be a July/August edition. However, if something has to be reported, then I will email you all between newsletters should such a situation arise.

In addition, I feel that some comments or suggestions with regard to your newsletter are now long overdue as I am considering giving up this (normally) monthly task due to the lack of feedback I get from any of you. So, think on!

PS. Mr. Club Webmaster! Are you still on planet Earth? I have tried to email you on several occasions and had no reply. My non-Club readers are clamouring to read the April and May editions which have still not been put on our website yet. If you have given up on the website then let me know. It would seem that the website is stagnating yet again! Mind you, 3 Club Webmasters in a 4 year period does not bode well!

OTHER NEWS

Just one item to report here. The Club session on Saturday the 28th of this month has been cancelled as another event is taking place at our target range on that day.

AND FINALLY (FROM THE ARCHIVES)

This item which, first appeared in 1998, was originally submitted by Joan and had its last outing in Issue No.76 (April 2002).

V FOR VICTORY 🖐️

In the USA it signifies "victory" or "peace" but here in Britain, if the palm faces inwards, it's a taunt, especially if the gesture is executed with an upward jerk of the fingers. 😬

More than 650 years ago, the French are said to have disabled the English archers they captured in battle by cutting off their middle and forefingers.

In the aftermath of the battles of Agincourt and Crecy, where the French were heavily defeated, triumphant English Archers gloated over their French prisoners by holding up their hands, first two fingers upright 🖐️, palm inwards, to show both fingers were fully intact! 🖐️

Well my followers, that brings Issue No.222 to a conclusion, or put another way, 22 from 222! I've been working on this one for several months now! 😄😄😄

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