

"THE ARROWHEAD"
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Greetings Dearest Members! 😊

CLUB NEWS

CLUB FEES FOR 2014/2015

I had an enquiry from a member who pays their Club fees by instalments. The adjustment in this method of payment will come into effect from April the 4th. If any of you have any problems then see Joan. As I said last month, this is the first increase in fees since we introduced this system in 2006. Therefore, it is understandable under the circumstances that some of you may not have known what to do next. For example, if you pay monthly through your bank then increase your payment by £3.00 per month. In addition, should you leave the Club then you must get your bank to cancel your payments. If you don't do this then your former Club is under no obligation to return any payments we have received. As I have said on several occasions, this increase in fees was inflicted upon us and we had no choice in the matter. It makes you wonder, shooting outdoors away from Lasswade, Saturday afternoon sessions being dropped, I wonder what they have planned for us next!

CLUB HANDICAP ROUND FOR 2013/2014

Those of you who have been with us for some time will know that during 2012 and 2013 we were un-able to move outdoors. To that end, we extended the indoor season through the usual outdoor summer months meaning, in turn, the Handicap Round winner for April would receive their monthly award in May.

However, from this year, we will be back outdoors at the start of May with the last indoor session for 2013/2014 on Wednesday the 30th of April. To give David R time to get the results done and the monthly award to be presented all your scores will have to be in by Wednesday the 16th of April at the latest.

Please also remember that only a maximum of 3 scores can be submitted per month.

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – SATURDAY MARCH 15TH 2014

A final reminder to you all. If you want to take part this year, and have not already done so, then see me for an entry form.

All entries must be in by Wednesday the 12th of this month.

THE MASTER BOWMEN 🏹

As a follow on to the February issue we did indeed have other members who have held the outdoor ranking of Master Bowman so, sorry Gareth, you were not the first but it has been some time since any other member has achieved this. As I was going through some old editions of "The Arrowhead" our tournament organiser Tina reached this level.

However, any outdoor or indoor classification can only be retained or improved upon subject to the archer shooting on a regular basis, both indoors and outdoors. So, it is unlikely that most of you "social shooting members" will achieve anywhere near this level as you would have to break the addiction of shooting Portsmouth Rounds at Lasswade only. Even then, some of you will have to take the first step, entering a tournament away from Lasswade!

I am pretty sure that we have not yet had a Grand Master Bowman in our Club. Over to you Derek!

BI - MONTHLY CLUB COACHING SESSIONS

This is to advise all members, especially those of you who had signed up for these sessions, that with immediate effect these optional coaching sessions are now ended. There were at least 8 members who had signed up for this with most of them not participating on the designated evenings. I spoke to Richard and Billy about this situation and we came to the decision that they have given up their own time and their opportunity to shoot themselves. For those members who were approached by me came up with some feeble excuses as why they did not want to take part after all!

To that end, I fully support Richard and Billy with the cancellation of the coaching sessions but, being the perfect gentlemen they are, they will be available if required.

However, **YOU MUST** approach them if you are having any problems. Most of you are mature adults so if you need help then ask them or someone else. As most of you are recreational archers, I do not expect you to take this advantage but, bear in mind, if you want to progress in the sport of archery then it will be down to you to make the effort. 🤔

To conclude this item, my personal thanks to Richard, Billy and Derek for all their efforts. Soap box away for another month!

OTHER NEWS

Don't tell anyone I told you this! Something happened last month. Do you know what it was? Ok! I'll tell you!

Stephanie was 18!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 😄

Belated birthday congratulations to you Stephanie and a big welcome to "The Big Girls Club". Well, "The 18 to 21 Girls' Club". 21+ is "The Old Girls' Club". And 60+? You'll have to ask Ann or Tina about that one!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! 😄



TOURNAMENT REPORTS

SCOTTISH ARCHERY SENIOR INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (WRS) (600) – SUNDAY 2ND of FEBRUARY 2014

The penultimate major indoor tournament at Lasswade for the 2013/2014 indoor season. The entry for Lasswade was at a low level again. Now why was that? Oh Yes! It must have been a FITA round shot at the small 40cm target faces! Silly me!

This shoot was once again run by Elayne and her other half, Norrie, who was taking a break from his judging duties. The Lady Paramount for the day was the Archery GB Director for Scotland the lovely Muriel.

Muriel can usually be seen gracing our shooting-line on Wednesday evenings just in case you did not know who she was!

However, let's move on to the results produced from a tournament which progressed without any problems.

LADY RECURVE

12th Joan (478)

23rd Stephanie (347) plus the Improver Prize. Read the results list or ask Stephanie what the prize is for!

GENT RECURVE

7th Gareth (541)

30th Ian H (390)

LADY COMPOUND

9th Tina (544) plus the C Class Award.

The shoot was ably judged by Bob, Douglas and Jules. I remember Douglas when he was a junior but he has now developed a loud voice! Very useful when he gets any announcements over to the archers taking part. They even got the message about what to do with the target pins at the end of the shoot! Douglas, you are welcome back at Lasswade any time!

One other notable event also happened. Ranald, a former Club member and Alistair, two of the top archers in their group, tied for the Gents' Compound Award. As they could not be separated on hits and golds etc. this would mean that each would hold the trophy for six months. However, they agreed that Ranald could hold it for the next 12 months. It is not known if a tie has happened at the Indoor Scottish Championships before. If anybody does, it's someone we all know. His name?

Derek!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CLUB HANDICAP 2013/2014 - ROUND 4 - FEBRUARY 2014

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Mike	182	83	265	N/A
2 nd	Joan	225	35	260	6 th
3 rd	David H	220	35	255	1 st
4 th	Will	204	47	251	2 nd
5 th	Ian H	202	47	249	=6 th
6 th	Phil	225	23	248	=3 rd
7 th	Billy	224	23	248	=3 rd
8 th	Derek	209	35	244	=9 th
9 th	Ann	185	59	244	5 th
10 th	Ian L	208	35	243	=6 th
11 th	Donald	184	47	231	11 th
12 th	Rosemary	121	N/A	121	N/A

A good entry for February with a different winner again, Mike, who appears to have come out of nowhere! 😬

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2014

MARCH

Wednesday 12th Closing date for entries for the Indoor Club Championships.

Saturday 15th Indoor Club Championships. ROUND: Do I have to tell you? Yawn!!!!!! 🙄

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd Closing date for **ALL** Club Fees for those of you who pay your fees by one annual payment. Adjust your monthly payment if you pay by instalments.

Wednesday 30th Final Indoor Session for 2013/2014.

MAY

Saturday 3rd First Outdoor Session for 2014.
Final details to be confirmed subject to a storage container being purchased. 🌞 🗑️ 🧦 🌂
With the exception of a few members, thanks again for not bothering to offer any help to us in securing storage facilities for our outdoor equipment at the new venue. 😞

AND FINALLY (FROM THE ARCHIVES)

A return for this item which last appeared in Issue No.100, April 2004.
It is probably of American origin judging by the dialect used!

TWO MEN, A VERY DEEP HOLE AND A GOAT!

Two guys are walking through the woods and come across a big deep hole.

"Wow.....that does look deep" one said to the other. "Sure does" said his friend. Toss a few pebbles in there and let's see how deep it is." They pick up a few pebbles, throw them in and wait. No noise!

"Jeez.....that really is deep...here... throw some of those of rocks over there down the hole, they should make a noise."

They pick up a couple of the football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait.....and wait.....nothing!

They look at each other in amazement. One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey.....over here in the weeds, there's a railway sleeper, help me carry it over here". When we toss that sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise"!

The two men drag the heavy sleeper over to the hole and toss it in. Not a sound comes from the hole.

Then suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears, running like the wind. It rushes towards the two men and right past them running as fast as its legs will carry it. Suddenly, it leaps into the air and into the hole!

The two men are astonished with what they have just seen. Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the two men and ambles towards them. "Hey.....you two guys see my goat out here?" "You bet we did! Craziest thing we ever seen! It came running like crazy and just jumped into that hole!"

"Nah, says the farmer, that couldn't have been MY goat. My goat was chained to a railway sleeper." 😄

PS. Dear SSPCA,

If you are reading this, no animals were injured or killed during the composition of this item! We never did find out what fate befell the goat!

The 219th Chapter of the Newsletter is duly concluded. 😞