

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Welcome to your monthly dose of Club news and a happy All Saints Day to you!
We shall proceed without further ado but, be warned, this issue has Stephanie overtones to it! As the late comedian Kenny Everett would say, "It's all done in the best possible taste!" For those of you old enough to know who I am talking about, I did not try the "cross-legged" manoeuvre Kenny made after that announcement!
Anyway, as I have overdone the ado, you may now proceed to the news for this month! 😊

CLUB NEWS

THE 36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

This is the official notification of our AGM with the following details:-

DATE: WEDNESDAY THE 19TH OF NOVEMBER, 2014.

TIME: 7.00pm.

VENUE: THE COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE LASSWADE CENTRE.

This room is just past the Ladies and Gents toilets  along the right hand side of the hallway.

The following 3 posts on the Committee are due for election this year and are as follows:

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

EQUIPMENT OFFICER

Any member elected to the above posts will serve a 3 year term of office until November 2017.

If you have any business you would like to discuss then please submit it in writing to Adelle by Wednesday the 12th of this month or in person on the night.

Four things for you to remember under The Club Constitution:

ARTICLE 23b - Each Senior Member shall be entitled to one vote

ARTICLE 23c - Only those present at the meeting shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE 23d - The Chairman/President shall, if required, be entitled to one additional vote in the event of any tied vote or votes.

ARTICLE 23e - Honorary Life Members shall also be entitled to vote at General Meetings even if they are in-active Shooting Members.

Finally, there will be **NO** Club Session that night. 😞😞😞

PS. Since I prepared this item I have already received nominations for the above Committee posts.

President - Stephanie. Treasurer - Stephanie. Equipment Officer - Stephanie. 😄😄😄

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is a subject that I have not had to bring up for a number of years now but it looks like some of you have left me with no option.

When I ask for your attention, I want you to gather round as I am hacked off having to walk up and down the line so all of you know what is being said. Even then, some of you come back to me later asking me what I was talking about! I know you all hate having to stop shooting but I don't do this just for the fun of it. If something important has to be announced then I am sure some of you would then start moaning that you were not informed.

So, from now on, please do me the courtesy of complying with this request, at least until the 19th of the month! 😞

WINTER WEATHER WARNING

The usual seasonal reminder for all of you. In the event of bad weather such as snow, and you are not sure if a trip out to the Centre is advisable, then phone or email the Centre for any closures.

In addition, check Midlothian Council's website as well. You all should have the relevant details, if not, ask the Centre when you next come along for a Club session.

If you phone the Centre, then be patient, as it can take time to get a response. 🐧 ❄️

INDOOR CLUB SESSIONS

With the first two months of our current indoor season completed it has made me aware that in addition to a good turn-out from the membership and, some of our friends from Penicuik Archers, that things are starting to get a bit crowded so, to that end, we have now put up a ninth target. However, if we have 18+ on any night then we will have to shoot in two waves. Please remember we are an open Club to which any affiliated archer can attend. Some of you over recent years have been spoiled in that you have usually had only one target companion with you.

Those of us with long memories will remember that in ye olde days the Club membership was double what it is today, add any visitors, then we sometimes had to shoot two or even two and a half waves! 😞

As with the old hall, I have noticed that on some nights there is too much equipment such as tackle bags etc. in our waiting area which could be a trip hazard with bows etc. being damaged. To that end, if this situation occurs, then members will be asked to put any tackle

bags not being used up one or both sides of the hall whilst shooting is taking place. So, no sulks please if you are asked to do this! 😞

In addition, this week and to give us a bit more space, I moved the green cabinet into the inside store to free up some more space for us so, in effect, the store is serving the same function as the alcove we had in the old hall.

PS. Even if we could double the membership, it is un-likely that we would be allowed to take over the whole hall. As those of us who have transferred from the old hall will remember, the policy on leaving the other half of the hall available to anyone who wished to use that side meant that we were not allowed to take the whole hall. Plus, think of the increase in Club fees which would be needed to cover this! 😞

PPS. Since putting this item together, the Centre staff are refusing to put up a ninth target claiming it is too near the curtain which divides the hall. This situation is being looked into and you will be advised on any outcome. However, 8 or 9 targets may not be enough at some sessions and will mean more than one wave of archers shooting at the available targets. So again, your patience will be required or I will become severely irritated!!!! 🤪

ANOTHER ITEM FROM MIKE

A few little things to let you all know about...

New markers have been put down, to show the correct position for the indoor Club stands, and to allow all nine to fit into the half-hall, without getting too close to the curtain. There should be nine red diamonds on one of the white lines, which mark the centre point for the front legs of the stands.

Hopefully, the Centre staff will start using these new marks, but as with everything else, it is the responsibility of the individual archer to check all aspects of the equipment provided. The white line represents 20 yards from the shooting line. If you are practicing for certain competitions, then the 18m point is 0.288 (approx.6 inches) closer to the shooting line, so pull the stand forward a bit.

Thanks again to Derek for assisting me with setting out these new markers, both with crawling around the floor with me and a tape measure, and with the mental maths required to make things fit.

Some of you will have noticed that space in the container at Lasswade is a bit tight, but we seem to have come up with a workable plan at the moment for all of our kit. For reference, a layout plan has been stuck up inside the left-hand door and some signs stuck up in relevant places to.

The number one rule though, is please don't get the two sets of bosses mixed up - the Club ones have 2010 written on the back in fading white, while the new competition bosses have 2014 written in green on the back*.

This nicely brings me to the next point, which is that when setting up for a competition, we will get more life out of the bosses if we rotate them, so a different part of the boss gets shot at each time.

To assist this, a spot of green paint sprayed at the "Twelve O' Clock" position (on the back) the first time they were used - next time please ensure that they are rotated a little to one side, and once everything is settled, and all of the faces are on, a new mark would be helpful. (The spray can is currently on top of the red cabinets in the container.)

This time, thanks go to Adelle for suggesting this marking scheme.

Finally, thanks from myself and indeed everyone who shot the competition on Sunday the 12th of last month and to everyone who turned up on Saturday the 11th to set up, in what must have been in record time.

Mike

*Further information on the contents of the container can be found in my report for last month's shoot. Without spoiling Mike's item, he put this together before the situation of a ninth target became an issue. Every time I think things are running smoothly we seem to get more grief!

CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (UKRS) (1200) – SUNDAY 12TH OF OCTOBER 2014

This tournament, the first of five indoor events, kicked off with the World Archery 25m and 18m Combined Round, formally known as The Combined FITA.

Although the shoot was fully subscribed only four Lasswade members took part, Joan, Stephanie, Gareth and Mike.

The shoot went well and was once again run by Tina and for some reason we finished ahead of the predicted finish time and had the raffle and presentations done by around 4.50pm, if I remember correctly! 🤪

The results for Lasswade were as follows with the 25m scores followed by the 18m scores and finally, the Combined Totals.

LADIES RECURVE 25m 18m COMBINED

4th Stephanie	462	479	941
8th Joan	404	472	876

GENTS RECURVE

5th Gareth	555	551	1106
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GENTS BAREBOW

1st Mike	395	423	818
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Despite having no Club session the day before, which is when we have to set the range up, there was some good support from the membership and we had everything set up in record time, probably due to the fact we did not have to take down the Club range first! So thanks to those of you for your efforts and on the day of the shoot itself.

This was the first shoot for our new tournament bosses and they only arrived four days before the set-up so my thanks to our supplier, Quicks Archery, who pulled out the stops to get them to us in time.

Both Mike and I have also got the container sorted out again so that our tournament bosses and stands are stored to the rear of the container with the Club bosses and stands at the front behind our green storage cabinet.

Whilst on the subject of tournaments remember that our next shoot, The Remembrance Day Portsmouth Round will take place on Sunday the 9th of this month. So, once again, please try to come along on Saturday the 8th to set things up and please bring some donations for the raffle or bring any donations to a Club session.

PS. A big thank you to Stephanie 🐼 and Thomas who provided the entertainment while I was doing the raffle at the same time! They were pulling up the shooting line which is done with masking tape. This must have been cheap stuff, as instead of coming up in a single strip, it decided to rip in sections up its middle. However, they managed to clear the raffle table by the time the lucky ticket winners were coming up to claim their prizes!

A nice round of applause please for Stephanie and Thomas! 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP 2014/2015 - ROUND 2 - OCTOBER 2014

Last month saw the conclusion of Round 2 of this season's handicap and a good entry of 11. After missing out on last season's "Teaspoon Awards" wee Stephanie 🐼 has come back with a blast! 🚀

1 st	Stephanie	213	59	272	N/A
2 nd	Donald	202	47	249	N/A
3 rd	Billy	224	23	247	2 nd
4 th	Ian H	195	47	242	4 th
5 th	Richard P	205	35	240	1 st
6 th	Mike	170	59	229	N/A
7 th	Ann	168	59	227	N/A
8 th	Joan	192	23	215	N/A
9 th	Andrew	192	N/A	192	N/A
10 th	David B	161	N/A	161	N/A
11 th	Holly	67	N/A	67	N/A

It is good to see that some of our newer members are taking part. As Andrew, David B and Holly have not taken part before it will be the scores that they will hopefully submit next month which David R can then use to give them their first handicap score. Stephanie's handicap now drops to 35.

In addition to winning Round 2, congratulations to Stephanie who came second in the recently held Scottish Novice, Junior and under 21 Championships.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/STORAGE DEVICES - 2014/2015

NOVEMBER

Sunday 9th Indoor Open (UKRS). Round: Portsmouth.

Wednesday 19th Lasswade AC - 36th Annual General Meeting.
Venue: The Community Room at the Lasswade Centre.
NO Club Session that evening.

DECEMBER

Wednesday 17th
or
Saturday 20th Final Club Session for 2014.*

JANUARY

Saturday 3rd
or
Wednesday 7th First Club Session for 2015.*

Sunday 11th Eastern Area Indoor Championships (SRS). Round: PORTSMOUTH.

*If we decide to re-instate Saturdays then we would finish on Saturday the 20th of December.
If this is the case, the Club sessions on Wednesday, 24/12/14, Saturday 27/12/14 and Wednesday, 31/12/14 will be wiped out anyway. Further details on the break and what we will do about Saturdays will appear in the December issue of the newsletter.

So ends episode 227 of a Stephanie themed newsletter! 🍷

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