

"THE ARROWHEAD"
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Dear Members,

Before moving on to the business for August a short pause please to inform you of three important events which took place in July!

1 - I attended two successive outdoor sessions! 😬

2 - For the first time since moving to Grove, Billy brought his camera and was able to film Katie, one of our senior ladies, as she was receiving a coaching session during the main Club session! 😬

3 - The 26th of last month was a moment in the Club's history. What do you mean, I here you all say. Was Derek's wallet found? Will Ian H return for the indoor season as promised? No! One of our most notable members, Gareth, was 21! 😬

Belated birthday greetings to Gareth. I was able to obtain an appropriate birthday card along with a gift voucher for Merlin Archery for Gareth and thanks to those of you who were able to sign his card at two of our recent outdoor sessions. Anyway, we now move on to the business for August...

CLUB NEWS

INDOOR CLUB SESSIONS FOR 2015/2016

As a follow-on to this item from last month you will remember that due to financial constraints, it was reported that it may not be possible to run two indoor sessions for 2015/2016. To that end, I gave all of you a chance to make a decision on what you wanted to do and 26 out of 33 members had responded by the closing date of the 31st of July. Here are the three options you were given and the number of votes each option received:

OPTION 1 - To shoot on Saturday afternoons only, 7 votes.

OPTION 2 - To shoot on Wednesday evenings only, 10 votes.

OPTION 3 - To shoot a mix of Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, 9 votes.

While some of you expressed your preferred options you did muddy things a bit by expressing the other options as well. To that end, and to keep things simple, I have only counted your overall choice of option. In addition, I have archived all your votes for a reason.

Since this vote was taken, there have been some new developments including a Council

meeting which will be taking place soon and will discuss amongst other things the moves Joan has made on our behalf to see if there can be any concessions on the hall-hire fees. As I said last month, unlike other activities, the centre can be guaranteed a regular income from this Club. Until we know the result of this meeting and other developments the programme for our indoor sessions will be as follows:-

SEPTEMBER

We will shoot on Wednesday evenings only from 7.15 to 9.00pm.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

We will shoot on Wednesday evenings as normal but in addition, we will also shoot on Saturday afternoons as well with a new start/finish time of 3.00 to 5.00pm.

ALSO IN NOVEMBER

We will be running our next Beginners' Class for the four Saturdays in November. However, the Club sessions will not be affected as the classes will run from 1.15 to 3.00pm with our Club sessions following on as usual.

By the end of November we will hopefully be able to advise you all as to what we will be doing for the rest of the 2015/2016 indoor season.

AFFILIATIONS FEES FOR 2015/2016

This is merely a first alert for you all that by the end of next month, all your fees will have to be in. Just a reminder, especially for newer members is that un-like your Club Fees, your Affiliation Fees must be made as a single payment.

However, in next month's newsletter, I will go over all the appropriate fees and what you will be required to pay by the 30th of September at the very latest.

THE CLUB HANDICAP ROUND FOR 2015/2016

By the kind permission of our organiser, David R, I have been authorised to go over the rules for this round and again it will also be for the benefit to our newer members. I will also add some information of my own as well.

This competition will be run each month of the indoor season with a "take home and keep" prize each month. You can shoot a maximum of 3 rounds during the month using the score sheets provided. You can only shoot one round per session and your best score will be used for the competition.

Please do not shoot for half an hour or so then decide to shoot the round as this is not the proper way to compete at any other competition. Any scores known to have been achieved this way will not be accepted.

All score sheets must be named, dated and signed for and effective from this season, you must also add your handicap to your score for an overall total. If this or any other details are

not provided then your score sheets will not be accepted.

A list of your current handicaps and the score-sheets will be kept in a red folder in the drawer of the green cabinet.

For our newer members the round you will shoot will be as follows:

1 - 4 practise arrows only.

2 - Then 24 arrows at 20 yards at a 60cm Portsmouth Face.

3 - Your 24 arrows will be shot in 6 ends of 4 arrows.

4 - If you do not have a handicap then shoot 3 rounds at different sessions then give your scores to David R or myself. Your handicap will be based on the average of the three scores.

5 - Thereafter, your handicap will be based on your highest score for each month. Score higher, then the higher score will be used to calculate your handicap. Score lower, then your handicap will remain at your highest score level.

The main purpose for running the handicap is to give learning archers and even experienced archers the opportunity to improve their scores and practise the rules of competitive archery e.g. how to score, observing rules, the do's and the don'ts.

Should you have a bad spell and your scores are not improving, or getting worse, then ask someone for assistance!

In addition, if possible can you see if you can shoot with another member as the score-sheets are designed for 2 members as I cannot run things and try to score for 3 new members as I had to do last season!

All scores for each month must be handed in by the last Club session for each month.

To give those of us a start who have one, here are the current handicaps for the following members which are carried over from the 2014/2015 season and should be added to our score-sheets when we have shot our first round this season.

BILLY - 23.

ANDREW / IAN H / IAN L / JOAN / RICHARD P / STEPHANIE - 35.

DAVID B / DONALD - 47.

ANN / KRIS / MIKE B - 59.

EDITH - 71.

JON / KATIE - 107.

David R / Donald

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Members of the "Inner Sanctum" are requested and required to attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday the 27th of this month at 7.00pm in the centre's Community Room.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/STORAGE DEVICES

AUGUST

Saturday 29th - Last Outdoor Session for 2015.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd - First Indoor Wednesday Evening Session, 7.15 to 9.00pm.

Wednesday 30th - Closing date for **ALL** Affiliation Fees with **NO** exceptions/lateness in paying allowed!

OCTOBER

Saturday 3rd - First Indoor Saturday Afternoon Session, 3.00 to 5.00pm.

Sunday 11th - Lasswade Indoor Open. Round: WA Combined 25/18m

Saturday 17th - No Club Session.

This "mind-boggling" edition of your newsletter is duly ended! 🤖

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