

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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My Beloved Members,

Welcome to the final mammoth issue for 2015 with your newsletter reaching another landmark. This issue means that your newsletter has now been running continuously for 20 years! So, for those of you too young to remember and those of you who were still to arrive into this world, here is a short history of how your much-admired newsletter also came into this world.

When I joined the Club in 1992 there was a Club Newsletter which was in its death-throes as no-one was really prepared to carry on with it our contribute articles for it. Does this sound familiar? Our only remaining founder member, Derek, still has some of copies of the old newsletter with the earliest dated as January 1982 and, having seen them, I must admit that they were well put together and in some instances, superior to this newsletter. However, during my first stint as Club President for 1994/1995, I proposed at the AGM for 1995 that I would start another newsletter as this would hopefully mean that members who did not attend on a regular basis had some idea of what was going on at the Club during their absences.

At the beginning, the newsletter was simply called “The Newsletter” and computer typed on Club headed notepaper. Then, in January 1998 (issue 25), the newsletter was given a name, “The Arrowhead,” which it continues to use to this day.

“The Arrowhead’s” next big step was August 2006 (issue 128) when it was added to our second Club Website and it continues into our third version of the Club Website. It suffers from the same problem as the old Club Newsletter in that contributions for The Arrowhead are still virtually nil. For sure, I do receive some input, but some members want me to do the articles for them. I am also open to suggestions about the newsletter but again, this is virtually nil. This leads some of you to think that the newsletter is mine. This is not the case, it’s your newsletter! Oh Dear! I feel like I am going into my soap-box mode and must now bring this item to a conclusion!

Before wrapping things up, I would like to thank the following members, former members and work colleagues who have assisted me over the past 20 years at some time or another:

Andy, who also designed our first website, Graeme, Fiona, Lesley, Nancy, Billy’s superior half, Gwen and David R. If I have missed anyone out, my profuse apologies!

Well, now that I have had a wee greet, we now move onto the business for this month!

CLUB NEWS

THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB – WEDNESDAY 18TH of NOVEMBER 2015

I managed to do a head-count and it looked like about two thirds of the membership attended the AGM for 2015. As with last year, not a bad attendance rate and some of our newer members also spoke up and expressed their views on the Club.

I will now move onto the main headlines from the meeting.

CLUB FEES

Never a popular topic, but un-avoidable. Due to hall-hire charges and 7 members not re-affiliating it looked like an increase in Club Fees had to be made. The other option was to keep the fees as near as possible to the existing levels with Saturday afternoons being dropped. We seem to be a Club with mixed preferences for shooting both days or shooting one indoor session only per week, probably Wednesdays, as they have a higher attendance rate.

However, most of the members who attended the meeting voted for the proposed increase in Club Fees. The bonus of this means that we can now continue to shoot on Saturdays and we do not anticipate having to change the fees again for the foreseeable future.

The new fees are follows and will come into effect from the start of April 2016. All the fees are for a full year.

SENIORS - £240.00

JUNIORS, OAPs and STUDENTS - £120.00

I know some of you will be fainting about the new fees but please consider this. The senior fee is equivalent to £5.00 per week and £2.50 per week for the other groups listed above.

In my opinion this is not un-reasonable and remember, your fees can be paid by instalments.

COMMITTEE POSTS DUE FOR RE-ELECTION

As happens every year, three of the Committee posts become due for re-election.

For 2015 the following three posts became due for renewal and the following members were duly proposed/elected:-

CLUB SECRETARY – KATIE

TROPHY OFFICER – DONALD (REMAINS IN OFFICE)

CLUB WEBMASTER – STEPH

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE:

JUNIOR REP – ADELLE. Adelle holds this post till 2016 as it is not due for a full three year term until the AGM in 2016.

The other three posts are for a three year term until the AGM in 2018.

Tina also joins as an Ordinary Member. Welcome to our new lady Committee Members which includes our first lady Webmaster.

THE JIM COULL TROPHY

Many of you will not know what this trophy is or who is awarded it each year. This beautiful bespoke trophy was made by a late founder member, Jim Coull, and is awarded each year to the Club Member who, in the opinion of the Club President, has done outstanding work for the Club.

The first holder for this trophy in 1980/1981 was Derek who was also our first Club President. It is not the easiest of decisions to decide who will receive it each year as there usually several other people who would also have to be considered. However, for this year, due to his work as our Equipment Officer and for rescuing the Club Website, this trophy is retained by Mike B.

Billy, you are the Club's un-official officer for the website Gallery. Liase with Mike, and let's get a picture of it added to the gallery so that all members will be so itching to win it, they will be falling over themselves to provide outstanding work for the Club! Must dash now, I thought I saw a flying pig overhead!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

Things are fairly simple this year.

Saturday 26th of December – No archery.

Wednesday 30th of December – Archery as normal.

Saturday 2nd of January – No archery.

Wednesday 6th – Archery as normal onwards.

AGB CARDS FOR 2015/2016

By now, most of you appear to have received your new cards. If you still don't have yours then see me please. This does not apply yet for our new members until the appropriate paperwork has been sent off for them.

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

All Committee Members are reminded to make an appearance at the next meeting.
Details as follows:

The Community Room at the Centre with a start time of 7pm.

EASTERN AREA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUNDAY 17TH of JANUARY 2016

A first reminder to you all, that after a break this month, the second half of the current indoor season starts next month at Lasswade and the imminent tournament above will be taking place. This is a Portsmouth round and if you want to enter, get your entry in now as this shoot is starting to fill up. The Club session on Saturday the 16th will finish at 4.45pm to allow us time to get the range set up. This tournament does not have a raffle so save your un-wanted Christmas presents for our own shoot in March 2016!

NEW MEMBERS

Our latest Beginners' Class finished last Saturday and 6 have now joined us from the class. So, a warm welcome to the following:

SENIORS – Sarah, Mark and Ben.

JUNIORS – Olivia, Lucy and Arran.

This represents six from a class of 12 although another 4 have said they will join us in January. It looks like Christmas takes priority over archery! That Mr. Claus has a lot to answer for! Ha! Ha! Ha!

Thanks to the following who ran the class for us. Derek, Richard V, Mike B, David R, Adelle, Gareth, Joan, James and a big fat thank-you to Stephanie who provided the practical demonstrations!

New members, although we will continue to assist you when necessary, if you have any problems with your shooting then please speak to one of us. In addition, we also run coaching sessions on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month providing coaches are available. If you wish to take part in these optional sessions then see me and I will give you a short questionnaire which you fill in and return to me.

That way, our coaches will have an idea of what your individual requirements would be. If you just want to come along and shoot arrows then that's OK.

A couple of other things to advise you on. You will now shoot at the smaller 60cm target face or the even smaller 40cm face should you want to do this.

Normally, 2 of the 60cm target faces are pinned to each target boss or a maximum of 4, 40cm target faces. When putting on a 60cm target face, pin it on the left or right-hand side of the target boss. This means that a second face can be put on as well. This also saves

premature softening of the target boss centre. Most members are aware of this but some do not do this. On a busy Wednesday night you would not be very popular!

If you are shooting on one of the target faces and decide to finish shooting and providing no one else is using this face, then remove the target pins and the target face from the target boss and return them to the green storage cabinet. The target pins go into a small plastic screw-top container usually on top of the cabinet.

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

This is my annual weather warning and perhaps a little later than usual. A few days ago, parts of Midlothian were hit with the first snow-falls for the season. However, should we experience further problems, then before setting off and you are not too sure about the Centre having to close early, then consult the "Useful Contacts" Section in your New Members Information Pack which some years ago I lovingly prepared for all of you!

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 3 – NOVEMBER 2015

Well, Round 3, and the ladies continue to rule the roost!

It was an emotive month for me with Ann finally finishing at the top of the totem pole!

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Ann	180	65	245	2 nd
2 nd =	Joan	216	23	239	3 rd
2 nd =	Stephanie	210	29	239	5 th
4 th	Billy	221	17	238	N/A
5 th	Mike B	186	47	233	6 th
6 th	Richard P	197	35	232	4 th
7 th	James	176	N/A	176	7 th
8 th	Ian H	145	N/A	145	8 th

Overall, some good improvements and some tight scores. Keep up the good work!
There are still 5 Gent Archer Figure trophies looking for a good home!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES/STORAGE DEVICES – 2015/2016

DECEMBER

Wednesday 9th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 23rd Optional Coaching Session.

Saturday 26th No Archery.

Wednesday 30th Archery as normal.

JANUARY

Saturday 2nd No Archery.

Wednesday 6th Archery as normal onwards.

Thursday 7th Club Committee Meeting at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 13th Optional Coaching Session.

Sunday 17th Eastern Area Indoor Championships (UKRS). Round: PORTSMOUTH.

Wednesday 27th Optional Coaching Session.

Well folks, that brings this momentous issue of “The Arrowhead” to a termination. All that remains is to wish you all an Interesting Christmas and a Fascinating New Year!

Oh! I almost forgot my usual Christmas Message for you all:

If you can't be good, **BE CAREFUL!!!**