

**"THE ARROWHEAD"**  
**THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB**

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Dear Fellow Toxophilites,

Here is the news you need to know for this month! 😊

**CLUB NEWS**

**CLUB FEES FOR 2015/2016**

We have now almost reached the time of the year when you are requested and required to re-new your Club Fees. Your Club Fees remain un-changed for this year and remain as follows:

**SENIORS - £156.00.**

**JUNIORS (U18)/OAPs (OVER 60) - £96.00.**

**HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS - NIL.**

Some of you may need reminding on how you can pay your fees. So here is what you should do.

If you currently pay your fees by instalments whether this is in cash or by standing order through your bank or building society then you need do nothing so please carry on as usual. However, should you wish to change your payments then you should see Joan, our Club Treasurer, as soon as possible. In addition, should you decide to leave the Club, then it is your sole responsibility to cancel any standing order with your bank or building society. The Club is under no obligation to return any payments made in error to us.

If you pay an Annual Club Fee this can be made in cash or by a cheque made payable to Lasswade Archery Club. Your payment should be made by no later than Wednesday the 1st of April. Please see Articles 20a, 20b, 20c and 20e of your Club Constitution for further information.

Those of us who are Honorary Life Members are not required to pay any Club Fees.

If you are making a payment in cash, or by a cheque, then your payment should be given to Joan or myself. If you have any questions, then again, see Joan or myself, but preferably Joan!

**CAR PARKING AT THE SPORTS CENTRE**

I am sure that this item does not affect any of you, however if it does, take on board the following. Since the centre first opened, the 15 parking spaces for the disabled have been abused by selfish able-bodied people which includes parents waiting for their able-bodied children to come out of the centre after taking part in various activities. Both myself and

Richard brought this to the attention of the centre some time ago as did other disabled people. To cut a long story short, several weeks ago, the police were in attendance and issued penalty notices to 9 able-bodied drivers using the disabled parking spaces. I assumed this was a warning but on Sunday they were back again. I don't like having to walk from the main car park especially if I am carrying all my gear but there you have it. If any of you do get caught then the Club is not responsible for paying your penalty notices! 🚗👮

### INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS - SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> of MARCH 2015

By the time you receive this newsletter you should all have received an entry form for the shoot as I need to know how many of you are taking part. All entry forms must be in to me by no later than Wednesday the 11th.

We have the half-hall booked from 2pm until 4.30pm so, after allowing for the set-up, we will start shooting as soon as possible. Anyone who arrives late will not be permitted to make up for any lost sighter or scoring arrows. Should we have to shoot in two waves then we cannot waste any time. Although this is not a formal shoot as such we need to keep to the time available as it will be three arrow ends or four if time is running out. You do not need to be reminded as to what round we will be shooting! It is a Double Worcester! 😄😄

PS. The following members are also reminded to return the trophies for this shoot:

Ladies Recurve, Joan      Gents Recurve, Gareth      Overall Compound, Billy

### THE OUTDOOR CLUB SEASON FOR 2015

With the 2015 Outdoor Season on the horizon this is a reminder to you all about a minor change which will take place this year.

As with last year, for May to the end of August we will shoot on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 9pm. In addition, we will continue to shoot on Saturday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm. The small change from 2014 will be as follows. Due to some members who need the additional practise for the outdoor tournament season we will also shoot on Saturday afternoons outdoors throughout April as well. There will be no indoor Saturday afternoon sessions in April as they will end this month on the 28th.

Although we move to British Summer Time this month, there will still not be quite enough daylight to shoot on Wednesday evenings outdoors so, throughout April, we will continue to shoot indoors should you wish to do so. I hoped you followed all that!

Last month, I emailed Reuben who owns the ground we shoot at on this proposal and he is happy for us to do this. Thanks Reuben, it's so much easier getting our outdoor season organised! 😊

It is also a tradition in our Club for a percentage of you to disappear or into your outdoor summer hibernation period when we enter the great outdoors. If this applies to you, then we will all meet again when the outdoor shooting members migrate back indoors! Let's just hope the centre is still standing when we move back indoors! 😄

## MIKE STRIKES AGAIN!

Our new Equipment Officer, Mike, has been wielding his hammer again! Just in case any of you don't know, Mike has made some modifications to the green storage cabinet. Recently, he has added a holder onto the back of the left hand side door and when rolled up, the Portsmouth faces should be stored here and put the 40cm faces in the main part of the cabinet. Don't roll them all up together. I have another issue with target faces but I will come to that presently.

All the score boards must now be stored in another holder that Mike has added to the back of the right hand side door so I don't expect any issues here. 🛠️🔨

Oh yes, the target faces. I have noticed that when some of you have used a target face which has been badly shot out that you are putting them back into the cabinet. Other members then complain they cannot find a decent face to shoot at. If they are 60cm faces with the middle shot out then there is a roll of replacement centres for this face unless they are heavily damaged. Now, as with the 60cm faces, if the smaller 40cm faces are beyond use then when you have packed up, roll or fold the face up and the staff or any of you can deposit the faces in one of the paper banks near our storage container.

Faces are normally replaced when they are beyond any further use but, as we run tournaments, we usually have partially shot ones which need to be used up. If you all wanted fresh target faces at every Club session then we would have to think about putting up the Club Fees again, now, we don't want to do that again, do we? As an alternative, you could always buy your own faces and replace them for every Club session! 😬

PS. Mike, can I please have a new soap box? 😄

## NEW MEMBERS

Saturday, the 21st of last month, saw the completion of our first Beginners Class since 2013. The class size is normally pegged at twelve and twelve were selected from our waiting list. However, one had to pull out and another did not return their paperwork so this dropped the class down to 10.

I would like to thank my fellow members who helped to run the class for us, Joan, Adelle, Gareth, David R, Mike and a special thank you to Derek who was the Master of Ceremonies!

As the hall had to be vacated by 6pm, this did not give me any time to enrol any new members so Adelle suggested that I stood down from the class at the last session itself. This gave me the opportunity to speak to the parents of juniors and any adults who had expressed their interest in staying on with us. I am pleased to report that eight have joined us. I don't think we have ever recruited this many new members from a class.

So, it just remains to welcome the following new senior members, David D (1), David D (2), Gordon and Richard.

Our new junior members are Alana, Abby, Jon and Brandon which boosts our Junior Section from one to five.

The observant amongst you will know we already have two Richards. So to avoid any confusion, if any get mentioned, they will be Richard followed by the capital letter of their surname, just as I do with our current existing three Davids and 2 Ians!

It has to be said that our new Richard looks nothing like King Richard the Third and unlike Richards 1 and 2 he does not have a beard!

PS. With the arrival of the 2 new Davids this means that the current Club score is Davids - 5, Richards - 3 and Ians - 2! The rest of us have more exclusive Christian names! 😄😄😄😄

### **NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR CLUB ARROWS**

A short item for some of you who are still using the Club arrows. It applies to those of you shooting the 31" and 32" arrows. As of now, they are stored in arrow tube canisters which are locked away when not in use in the container. If you are still using them then you will have to get a key-holder to get them. The current key-holders are myself, Adelle, Billy and Mike.

### **CLUB TOURNAMENT NEWS**

#### **SCOTTISH ARCHERY INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (600) (WRS) – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> of FEBRUARY 2015**

This annual event is a World Archery 18 Metre round, formally a FITA 18 Metre round. The best achievement for the day came from Mike who took silver in his group and Gareth's section makes interesting reading as there were only 4 points between the gents who finished 4th and 7th.

Results as follows:

#### **LADIES RECURVE**

9th Stephanie (456)

#### **GENTS RECURVE**

6th Gareth (548)

#### **LADIES COMPOUND**

9th Tina (539)

#### **GENTS RECURVE BAREBOW**

2nd (446)

To my knowledge, there were no problems and Tina was not running this one!

As with all the shoots at Lasswade and further afield you can see the full results on the SAA Website which can be accessed via our own website home page as well as other useful sites such as AGB.

### LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN - (1200) (UKRS) – SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> of MARCH 2015

Exactly one calendar month from the previous tournament, this was the fifth and final indoor round for the 2014/2015 indoor season at Lasswade. There was a risk that we would have to cancel the shoot due to an initial low entry, but a late rush of entrants saved the shoot and all the 52 spaces were filled.

This again was a World Archery Double 18 metre round with most of the archers doing the morning and afternoon sessions and the remainder only shooting one round which excludes them from the awards.

Our best result of the day came from Gareth who was the runner-up in his group and shooting both sessions. Stephanie, Mike and Tina only shot one session each.

Therefore the results were as follows:

#### LADIES RECURVE

	<u>AM</u>	<u>PM</u>	<u>COMBINED AM/PM</u>
Stephanie	(447)	N/A	N/A

#### GENTS RECURVE

2 <sup>nd</sup> Gareth	(540)	(560)	(1100)
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#### LADIES COMPOUND

Tina	(535)	N/A	N/A
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#### GENTS BAREBOW

Mike	N/A	(424)	N/A
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The shoot itself progressed well, there were only 2 flies in the ointment. As with a previous shoot and due to a heavy rain-shower, the roof in the hall had a minor leak between targets 5 and 6. I was able to wipe up the water and I had a bucket and mop on standby!



However, it soon stopped after the sun popped out again! As with any building such as this, there is a system to announce any relevant information to the whole complex and the hall can be cut off if there is an event taking place such as archery! However, everybody was collecting their arrows at the time of the announcement so no harm was done!

I would like to thank those of you who stayed behind to help get the range set-up on the Saturday and a special thank you to Lance and his son Thomas from Penicuik who also assisted us. Some man! Lance is not asked to assist at a purely Lasswade shoot but frequently does so without being asked. Some of our Club members should take note! 🤔

Thanks again to those of you and the visiting archers who helped pack the range away and donated some of the raffle prizes. Again, some Club members should take note! 🤪

Finally, thanks yet again to Tina our organiser, and our two judges, Norrie and Liz. 😊

PS. Andrew/David B. Your donation of the cheese board and accessories was much admired and was the first prize to be claimed! It took precedence over bottles of whisky, wine and Cointreau and confirms what I have always believed that archers are mostly law-abiding, God-fearing people who do not consume alcohol on the Sabbath! 🏆🍷🍷🍷🍷

### INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP 2014/2015 - ROUND 6 - FEBRUARY 2015

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 <sup>st</sup>	Billy	225	23	248	4 <sup>th</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David B	195	47	242	1 <sup>st</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew	206	35	241	2 <sup>nd</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> =	Ann	181	59	240	8 <sup>th</sup>
4 <sup>th</sup> =	Richard P	205	35	240	8 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ian H	193	35	228	6 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Joan	199	23	222	7 <sup>th</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Katie	132	N/A	132	N/A

As you can see, we have a new winner this month, my "First Officer" Billy Stewart. Due to his consistent high scores, but on a lower handicap, this is his first win ever for the Handicap Round. When our organiser David R told me of this it (almost) brought a tear to my eye! 😄 It is also interesting to note that only 8 points separated 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and all handicaps remain un-changed.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/STORAGE DEVICES - 2015

### MARCH

Saturday 14th Indoor Club Championships. Round: Do I have to keep telling you what it is? 🤔

Saturday 28th Final Indoor Saturday Session for 2014/2015. 😞

### APRIL

Wednesday 1st Closing date for ALL CLUB FEES.

Saturday 4th First Outdoor Saturday Session for 2015. No Wednesday sessions until May.

Wednesday 22nd Closing date for ALL HANDICAP SCORES

Wednesday 29th Final Indoor Wednesday Session for 2014/2015. 😞

### MAY

From Saturday 2nd All Saturday and Wednesday sessions will be outdoors. ☀️ ☁️ 🌧️  
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\*Yes folks, I have seen snow in June before!