

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear All,

Welcome to the latest chapter of your newsletter which is another mammoth edition and I highly recommend it to you if you are having bother getting to sleep at night!

CLUB NEWS

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

By the time you are reading this issue, the closing date for your Affiliation Fees will have passed and we will now assume that those of you who have not renewed your fees are calling it a day.

However, as I have said to some of you, should your circumstances change then the door is always open for you to return to the Club. Excuse me, I am just popping off to wring out my wet hankie! Ah, that’s better! Now, where was I, oh yes...

Taking the title of this item out of order we would like to welcome the following new members.

SENIORS – Moira, James and Chris.

JUNIORS – Emily, Jacob and Ryan.

We hope you will enjoy shooting arrows and remember, as in other sports, what you want to achieve is always possible, you just have to put the work in to reach your goals.

PS. Due to an error on my part, when I asked you to fill in a form with your details I neglected to remind parents/guardians that under normal circumstances, I do not send emails or other correspondence to any member under the age of 18 unless you give me your explicit permission. Ideally, a parent/guardian email address is my preferred option.

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

As I advised you all last month, from last Saturday (the 3rd), we are now shooting indoors in the afternoons between 3 and 5pm. We will continue to shoot on Saturdays until the 28th of November. At the Club’s AGM on Wednesday the 18th of November, we should be able to advise you as to what we will be doing for Saturday afternoons from December. I hoped you followed all that! I had to think twice myself!

I have also been asked by Tina if the Club sessions on the weekend of a tournament could finish by 4.45pm. We still have to set up from 5 to 6pm and this is not always enough time especially if we do not have enough volunteers. Tina and I can get some things done during

the Club session but not everything until the Club range has been taken down. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

As I have said before, the income from the tournaments helps to keep the Club fees down. This coming Saturday, the 10th, will be the set-up for our WA Combined 25/18m round. Next month it will be the same again for our Portsmouth round on Saturday the 10th for the set-up. We also have shoots in January, February and March 2016 but I will remind you of these nearer the time.

COACHING SESSIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A final reminder for any interested members next. Our coaching sessions on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month will continue but you will have to see me if you want to take part and I will give you a form to fill in so that our coaches know what your individual needs would be.

For all members next. I am sorry to advise you that some of you are not listening to my announcements and it is a bad habit that some of you are falling into. Regretfully, you have to stop shooting, but I don't do this for the fun of it.

So when I ask you, gather round so you can all hear what I am saying. The quicker you do this, the quicker you can get back to shooting. This is not a new problem by any means, but it seems to be getting as bad as it was when I was cracking the "Presidential Whip" back in 1994/95! That's my soap-box announcement for this month!

CANCELLED CLUB SESSION

On Saturday the 17th of this month there will be no Club session due to another event taking place.

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (600) (UKRS) – SUNDAY 8TH of NOVEMBER 2015

As for our Combined 25/18m round taking place on the 11th of this month, our shoot listed above will take place next month. As with all our tournaments, we will need some of you to stay behind after the Club session on the 7th to get the range set up for the Sunday. Again it would be appreciated if you could bring some donations for the tournament raffle as well.

As I like to remind members and especially those of you who are new and have your own equipment shot-in, this is the perfect round to try to give yourselves your first experience of tournament shooting. The distance and target face you shoot at for this round are as exactly what you do at Club sessions. Another plus is that you shoot down the long distance of the whole hall.

Tina has already released this entry form with a closing date for entries on the 2nd of November. However, this popular shoot can fill up quickly so see one of us if you would like to take part. We can take 52 archers in the morning and another 52 in the afternoon session.

Most clubs, including Lasswade will have team colours but if you are new to the tournaments, then dark trousers and a white top would be OK. Over the years the appropriate garments rule has been relaxed a bit but denim, khaki, olive and camouflage are a no-no!

I wonder if Ian L will enter this year? The Club top and his striking burgundy trousers make a formidable sight! Even wee Stephanie has been known to wear burgundy as well!

One final piece of advice for parents/guardians. If junior is taking part then remember to sign his/her entry form. This signifies your consent if they are approached for drug testing which is a potential requirement for a Record Status Tournament. However, in all my time with the Club, drug testing has never been done and it is more likely to take place at top of the range tournaments and I like to think that archery is one of our cleanest sports.

THE BEGINNERS' CLASS

Also taking place next month will be our latest Beginners' Class and this will run for the four Saturdays in November. They will run from 1.15 to 3.00pm with the normal Club sessions to follow immediately afterwards.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

LASSWADE OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – SUNDAY 27TH of SEPTEMBER 2015

ORGANISER – Me!

LADY PARAMOUNT – Jan.

The curtain for the 2015 Outdoor Club Season was finally brought down, but not before the Club Championships had been contested. The weather was perfect with only a slight breeze later in the day. Only 8 members entered this year and it would have been nice to see a few more of you.

Moving on to the proceedings. After setting up the targets, we commenced with the first distance of the Short Metric Round, 36 arrows shot at 50 metres. After a short break for lunch, another 36 arrows were shot at 30 metres to complete the round. With no juniors shooting the Metric 3 round, the Junior Club Shield continues to remain under my care with the last winner being Gareth back in 2009! Oh well, at least we have saved some money with the un-awarded medals as well!

In the Ladies Recurve group, Joan, a four times winner of the shield was the defending champion from 2014 and was relieved of the shield this year by Adelle with Stephanie coming in third.

No change in the Gents Recurve group with Gareth retaining the shield from 2014. His second win since he moved up from the junior section a few years ago.

One of our newer Davids, David D (1), shot a good first time score as the runner-up with Derek in third and our other new member James, took fourth place and collected the Novice medal.

Mike took the Gents Barebow medal to round off the awards for 2015.

The results for this round were as follows with a maximum score of 720 possible.

<u>LADIES RECURVE</u>	<u>GENTS RECURVE</u>	<u>GENTS BAREBOW</u>
1 st Adelle (582)	1 st Gareth (691)	1 st Mike (465)
2 nd Joan (537)	2 nd David D (1) (537) Novice	
3 rd Stephanie (497)	3 rd Derek (506)	
	4 th James (488) Novice	

Thanks to those of you who took part, our Lady Paramount Jan Hamilton and Derek's superior half, Norma who baked two delicious sponge cakes for us which were pre-sliced. Just as well, as Joan has an old kitchen knife which she uses to dig out her over-shot arrows!

Reuben's two pot-bellied pigs are kept in a different field now so there were no left-overs for them this year! They must bear grudges! The following day I had to go back to Grove and I wished them a good afternoon. They just laid down with their backs to me and grunted their disapproval! Oh well, I can't please all of God's creatures! This report is now concluded as I am thinking of bacon and sausages!

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 1 – SEPTEMBER 2015

The first round for season four was contested by nine members with ladies taking the top three places. All members who had a handicap from 2014/2015 carry these over for 2015/2016.

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	From April 2015
1st	Katie	172	107	279	N/A
2nd	Ann	193	59	252	2nd
3rd	Joan	214	23	237	5th
4th	Richard P	200	35	235	9th
5th	Stephanie	198	35	233	N/A
6th	Mike B	184	47	231	1st
7th	James	176	N/A	176	N/A
8th	Emily	136	N/A	136	N/A
9th	Ian H	97	N/A	97	N/A

(Shooting Barebow)

The handicaps to be carried over to this month are as follows:

Katie (71) Ann (59) Mike B (47) Richard P (35) Stephanie (35) Joan (23)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES/STORAGE DEVICES – 2015

OCTOBER

Sunday 11th Lasswade Indoor Open (UKRS). Round: WA COMBINED 25/18m.

Wednesday 14th Optional Coaching Session.

Saturday 17th **NO** Club Session.

Wednesday 28th Optional Coaching Session.

NOVEMBER

Sunday 8th Lasswade Indoor Open (UKRS). Round: PORTSMOUTH.

Wednesday 11th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 18th Lasswade Annual General Meeting. **NO** Club Session that evening.

Wednesday 25th Optional Coaching Session.