

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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My Beloved Members,

Welcome to a mammoth dose of gossip and scandal. This is a momentous edition of your newsletter. Why? It is the first one to be sent from my spanking new laptop stuffed with Windows 10! Are any of you using Windows 10? If so, can you answer the following questions?

1 – When typing your names using Windows 7 it was a simple matter of clicking on to your names from a full drop down list of your names. However, Windows 10 seems to be more laborious. If I click on to Adelle, all the contacts beginning with A come down as a drop list. So, I click onto Adelle and then all the contacts beginning with A disappear! I then have to open the drop list to click on to Alana etc. Working through the alphabet takes me about 10 minutes! If any of you have a solution to this problem then please let me know.

2 – This is an intermittent problem I had with Windows 7. When typing your newsletter I used Veranda as my text font with the font size at 12. However, Calibri/size 11 would sometimes override this. With Windows 10, I have put my hands up and surrendered to Calibri with a font size of 14. Fine? Not exactly! It fights me and wants to reduce the font size to 11! If you can answer this question then you will be a genius in my eyes! Last year, my employers at the council changed from XP to Windows 7 and the expert who was taking groups of us for lectures on the system could not answer this one!

CLUB NEWS

AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2015/2016

Sit ye down, and have a stiff drink to hand! Here is the money that Joan or I will want to extract from you! Since last year, only the AGB fee has increased by £1.00. So, here is who pays what and the amount due.

SENIORS –	AGB - £41.00.	SA/EA - £28.00.	TOTAL - £69.00.
OAPs (OVER 60) –	AGB - £41.00.	SA/EA - £22.00.	TOTAL - £63.00.
JUNIORS (UNDER 18) –	AGB and SA only - £10.00.		
DISABLED CLUB –	SA and EA only - £51.00. The 2 current members will pay £25.50 each.		
FAMILY MEMBERS –	I will be speaking with all our Parent/Junior, Senior/Senior combinations as to what they will need to pay.		

The above fees must be made as a single payment either by cash or a cheque made payable to Lasswade Archery Club. You **cannot** pay by instalments. All your fees must be in by Wednesday the 30th of this month either to Joan or I and if you do not comply with the closing date then it will be assumed that you are not re-joining us.

No exceptions/late payments will be allowed. See **ARTICLES 20b, 20d and 20f of The Club Constitution** for further details.

As a reminder to you all and, especially the newer members, once AGB has received your payments they will send your new AGB card to your home address. The 7 digit number you were originally designated with will remain the same.

As we are one of the last clubs to get our fees and paperwork sent off, by October the 1st the new affiliation season starts. As it is not possible to have your new cards by then please read the next sentence carefully!

If you want to shoot at another club or enter a tournament then please see me!

I will issue you with an AGB receipt which will act as your AGB card until it arrives. If you can't produce this or a valid card, then you will not be permitted to shoot. If you lose your card you will again have to see me for a receipt.

In addition, you will have a fee of £3.50 to AGB plus a Club administration fee to obtain a new one. This is also a timely reminder that if you change your address then please notify me ASAP as this will ensure everything sent out to you gets to the correct address.

Phew! Glad that's over for another year!

NEW MEMBER

A warm Lasswade welcome to our latest member, David. The new David takes our tally of David's to five! But watch out, there is another David and another Richard waiting in the wings!

INDOOR SESSIONS /COACHING SESSIONS

As I advised you last month our 2015/2016 indoor season starts on the 2nd of this month, Wednesday evenings only between 7.15 and 9.00pm until the end of April 2016.

The 4 Saturdays for this month will continue outdoors on Saturdays between 2.00 and 4.00pm. For October and November we will shoot on Saturdays as well with new start/finish times of 3.00 and 5.00pm. At the moment it is not yet known what we will be doing on Saturdays after November.

On Tournament weekends some of us will be getting things set up and at 5.00pm all members will finish shooting and hopefully some of you will stay behind as we have the hall till 6.00pm to finish setting up. A reminder to you all, tournaments help to keep the Club Fees down so make every effort to assist!

Our first tournament will be on the Sunday the 11th of October with the set-up on the 10th. As with all our tournaments, we would be grateful if you could provide some donations for the raffle.

Moving on to coaching. This was discussed at the committee meeting and it is pleasing to report that some of the newer senior and junior members have asked and been helped with their shooting during the outdoor season. To that end, Billy has offered to carry on indoors and hopefully, Richard V and Derek will help when they are available.

So if any members new or old want to carry on indoors then I will give you a copy of the coaching questionnaire which allows you to list what your individual requirements would be. This helps the coaches to work on your individual problems/requirements.

As in previous years the details for these sessions will be as follows:

THE SESSIONS WILL BE ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

THE TWO TARGETS AT THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE RANGE WILL BE RESERVED FOR COACHING.

IF ONE OR BOTH OF THESE TARGETS ARE NOT BEING USED FOR COACHING THEN THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR NORMAL SHOOTING.

IF THEY ARE BEING USED, THEN A LAMINATE CARD WILL BE PUT ON TO THE TOP OF THESE TARGET BOSSES SO YOU WILL KNOW VISUALLY THAT THEY ARE FOR COACHING USE ONLY.

COACHING IS PROVISIONALLY FOR ONE HOUR ONLY BUT IT WILL BE UP TO THE COACHES IF THEY WANT TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

One thing you will need to get used to. Should both coaching targets be in use then be prepared to shoot in 2 waves. If you see a space on the main target range not being used then get in there! As my old mentor Bill would say, " Swap your knitting patterns when you are not shooting"!

THE OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2015

Also discussed at the Committee Meeting was this year's Outdoor Club Championships and the details for this year are as follows:

DATE: SUNDAY THE 27TH of this month.

TIME: 10.30 am to set up and to start shooting by 11.00 am approximately or when we are ready.

ROUNDS TO BE SHOT:

SENIORS – SHORT METRIC – 36 ARROWS AT 50 METRES AND 36 ARROWS AT 30 METRES.

JUNIORS – METRIC 3 – 36 ARROWS AT 30 METRES AND 36 ARROWS AT 20 METRES.

The following members are requested to return the Club Shields on or before the day of the shoot:

LADY RECURVE – JOAN.

GENT RECURVE – GARETH.

COMPOUND – BILLY.

There were no juniors shooting last year so this shield is up for grabs this year for all you under 18 members! It was last awarded in 2009!

As I do with the Indoor Championships, I will prepare a short entry form for you so I can get a definite idea of those of you who will enter.

THE CLUB HANDICAP ROUND FOR 2015/2016

As with the indoor sessions, you are also reminded that you can start submitting your scores for this monthly round by the final Wednesday session of each month.

As you know, there will be a monthly prize until April 2016 and, keeping with tradition, it will be something different from previous seasons! I will be purchasing them soon but only I will know what they are! You will not see the first one until the September winner is announced in October!

THE CLUB WEBSITE

Have any of you been on to our website recently? If not, you may find things have changed ever so slightly. Some months ago, our current Webmaster disappeared and we were unable to contact him.

This meant amongst other things, some of it was not up-dated so Mike B offered to get things up and running again and had to sort out other issues with running a website and all is well again. I have provided Mike with overdue up-dates and he has also managed to rescue "The Arrowhead" editions which had been missing since earlier this year meaning visitors to the website can now catch up with my great works of fact and fiction!

On the other hand, I have visited other websites and their newsletters are for members only! Are we being too open? Answers on a postcard please to the usual address!

I have had a chat with Mike and he has agreed to act as the interim Club Webmaster until the AGM in November. At this year's AGM the post of Club Webmaster is due for re-election so this is a hint to some of you to make the effort to give something back to **YOUR** Club. Mike has done most of the hard work for you, so all that is mainly required is for items on the website to be up-dated as and when necessary. Mike will be our fourth Club Webmaster in the past 5 years!

MIKE B STRIKES AGAIN!

I hope you have all been reading Mike's "companion newsletter", "The Nock".

The old timers amongst you will know that editions of "The Arrowhead" can stop over the summer as things usually go quiet. As Mike has stated, sometimes things can happen suddenly so rather than wait for "The Arrowhead", Mike does his newsletter to fill in any gaps that you need to know about.

If you have not read them then, like "The Arrowhead", you can catch up on the first three editions for this year on our website. This man never ceases to amaze me with his efforts for the Club! He reminds me of a fresh – faced innocent chap who joined the Club over 20 years ago! I wonder what happened to him?

I would normally have used the emoticon with the clapping hands by now but this prompts a third question about Windows 10. Where in "Satan's Domain" are the emoticons!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/STORAGE DEVICES – 2015

SEPTEMBER

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

Wednesday 9th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 23rd Optional Coaching Session.

Saturday 26th Last Saturday Outdoor Session at Grove.

Sunday 27th Outdoor Club Championships at Grove.

Wednesday 30th Closing date for ALL Affiliation Fees.

OCTOBER

Saturday 3rd First Indoor Saturday Session.

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

Wednesday 14th Optional Coaching Session.

Saturday 17th No Club Session due to another event taking place.

Wednesday 28th Optional Coaching Session.

Ps. Back to "Satan's Domain". In the event of "Computergeddon", I usually like to make a copy of your newsletter if I have not finished it in one sitting! Question 4 – I could save it as a draft on Windows 7 but where is the bit I click to do a photocopy? It does show up if I want to print off any emails but not the newsletter which I was able to do if I put the newsletter into the drafts section. All answers on a postcard please. It's so much simpler than emails!