

“THE ARROWHEAD”
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Dear Followers,

Below, you will find the latest scandal and gossip for the month of April.

CLUB NEWS

THE 2016 OUTDOOR SEASON

By the time you have received this issue we will be shooting outdoors at Grove on Saturdays until the end of September. However, as I advised you last month, during April we will still be indoors on Wednesday nights at Lasswade.

Then, in May, Wednesday evenings will also be outdoors until the end of August.

As some of you will not know where our outdoor range is, please speak to one of us for information on how to get there. If you decide to try the outdoor range please be aware that we have to set things up for ourselves.

Normally, the shortest distance will be 30metres/30 yards with the smallest target face being the 80cm and the largest target face, the 122cm face which covers the whole target boss.

However, as we have some younger members who are still a bit small, a target can be brought closer. All I can advise you is to give outdoor shooting a try and see how you like doing it.

PS. Since preparing this item, Joan has advised me that the first Saturday at Grove was attended by 16 members, a good start to the outdoor season.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

I was asked recently by two local parents whose offspring shoot with us, if it was possible to bring another Junior Club member with them, instead of one parent and their own under 18 or Vulnerable Adult Club member.

I do not foresee this as an issue as it has been done in the past but I must remind you that you would be the responsible parent/guardian for your own child plus any others you bring with you.

Please make us aware as to who you are and the additional person/s under your charge.

A BREACH OF SAFETY RULES

It was brought to my attention that a member was seen to be using an illegal method when coming up to their full draw. If an archer draws their bow pointing upwards towards a ceiling for example, and with the bow string not even under full tension, then the arrow could end up somewhere it should not go!

At a shoot I attended some years ago, an archer was seen to be doing this and he told the judge that was the way he had been taught! Regardless, the judge cautioned him that any further breaches of safety would mean he would be asked to stop shooting. The judge was un-fairly criticised by certain individuals but unlike the archer, the judge was merely implementing the rules of safety.

However, as we don't normally have a judge in attendance at Club sessions, it is the responsibility of all members to advise us immediately if they have any concerns.

If any member continues to shoot in a dangerous manner then they will be asked to leave the Club as we have to enforce all the relevant current rules of shooting and safe-guarding all Club Members in the process.

If you want more clarification, then go to the **AGB Website** and look up the **Rules of Shooting** and read **Rule Numbers 101, 102 and 103**.

Although they refer in part to outdoor shooting, they apply equally to indoors as well where it would be potentially more dangerous in a confined area such as the games hall we shoot in.

In addition, there was another potential issue when another member was seen to have an arrow in a bow with the bowstring partially pulled back. This normally would not be an issue but for the fact the member was not on the shooting line!

One of the first things we teach beginners is the correct place to be standing and facing the target when they have an arrow in their bows. Should this happen again, then dismissal from the Club may be the potential outcome.

I do not want to have to repeat this warning again.

NEW MEMBERS

Now that you have been with us for some time and appear to be loving the ancient sport of archery, it would be good if any of you had any comments or suggestions about **YOUR** Club, **YOUR** Newsletter and anything else you like or dis-like, apart from me!

We are always open to any input from you as you may think that it is the Club Committee who run things. Yes, to a certain degree that is our job, but if you do have anything to say then please speak to us.

While on the subject of new members, we now have another brand new member. So, a warm welcome to Andy. It's nice to have a new Andy as it has been some time since we last had one!

HANDICAP SCORES FOR THIS MONTH

This month sees the final round for the 2015/2016 Handicap Round.

To enable me to present the monthly award before we move outdoors, all scores must be submitted to David R or myself by Wednesday the 20th of this month with the monthly award presented on the 27th.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (UKRS) (1200) – SUNDAY 12TH of MARCH 2016

This World Archery Double 18m round was the final open tournament at Lasswade for 2015/2016 and the shoot was in the process of having to be cancelled due to another event taking place on the same day.

However, there were enough entrants to make the round viable with three of our younger members taking part. All archers shoot the 18m round in the morning, then after a break, they do it all over again in the afternoon with the two scores added together for a combined score.

Results for us as follows:

<u>GENTS RECURVE</u>	<u>AM SCORE</u>	<u>PM SCORE</u>	<u>COMBINED SCORE</u>
3 rd – Gareth	(527)	(541)	(1068)
<u>LADIES BAREBOW</u>			
1 st – Steph	(362)	(411)	(773)
<u>GENTS COMPOUND</u>			
7 th – Jacob	(491)	(N/A)	(491)

Although only shooting in the morning session, Jacob's score was his first for a single 18m round. Slightly below his first Portsmouth score, this is perfectly acceptable as you shoot the smaller 40cm target face as opposed to the larger 60cm target face for the Portsmouth round. In other words, the smaller target face most members are terrified of!

Apparently, that due to a problem in producing the 60cm faces, we may have to all shoot the 40cm face for the next indoor season. I will up-date you as and when I have more information on this extremely distressing situation.

Thanks to the few who helped get the range set up and packed away on the day of the shoot and thanks also to our visiting archers who also assisted us in this task and seemed to enjoy the mammoth raffle which gave Tina plenty of time to get the results ready!

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – SATURDAY 19TH of MARCH 2016

ORGANISER: Me

LADY PARAMOUNT: Jan

ROUND: Portsmouth

About half the membership attended this year and, by Club standards, this is a major improvement. I was also pleased to see that some of our new members who had just completed their class about a month prior to the shoot taking part and with their own equipment as well.

The Ladies Recurve section was won by Joan.

The Gents Recurve trophy was once again retained by Gareth, some way ahead of the chasing pack and a new personal best for David D (1) in 4th place and winning the Gents Veteran award in the process.

In the Junior Ladies group, Emily finished in first place which also won her the Overall Junior trophy.

We had four of our Junior Gents shooting this year with Arran and Ryan shooting identical scores but first place went to Arran as although he and Ryan had tied scores with the same number of hits, Arran had 7 Golds to Ryan's 5 but nevertheless, a good first time score for the Portsmouth round.

In the Gents Barebow section, Ian H was the runner up to Mike B.

In the Ladies Barebow and Compound, medals and/or a trophy were awarded to Steph and Billy.

As I have said, it was good to see new members shooting with Aileen and Bruce picking up the Novice medals and to all our other members, novices and new juniors, well done. Thanks also to Adelle who dropped out as she was trying to sort out problems with Holly's bow.

Finally, my thanks to our Lady Paramount who was awarded the large chocolate Easter Egg, and those members who assisted in getting things set up and packed away at the end of the shoot.

The full results were as follows:

LADIES RECURVE

- 1st Joan (520)
- 2nd Edith (460)
- 3rd Katie (427)
- 4th Adelle (394) (Rtd)
- 5th Aileen (320) (1st Lady Novice)

GENTS RECURVE

- 1st Gareth (572)
- 2nd David R (528)
- 3rd James (511) (Novice)
- 4th David D (1) (508) (1st Veteran / New PB)
- 5th Derek (484)
- 6th Richard P (448)
- 7th Bruce (416) (1st Gent Novice)
- 8th Mike OS (360) (Novice)
- 9th David DR (335) (Novice)
- 10th Mark (275) (Novice)
- 11th Zaw (273) (Novice)

JUNIOR LADIES

- 1st Emily (486) (1st Overall Junior)
- 2nd Holly (221)
- 3rd Olivia (194)

JUNIOR GENTS RECURVE

- 1st Arran (441) (60 Hits, 7 Golds)
- 2nd Ryan (441) (60 Hits, 5 Golds)
- 3rd Freddie (257)
- 4th Sam (214)

LADIES RECURVE BAREBOW

- 1st Steph (455)

GENTS RECURVE BAREBOW

- 1st Mike B (481)
- 2nd Ian H (436)

COMPOUND

- 1ST Billy (544)

My apologies to James, David D (1), Derek, Bruce and Mike OS for my errors on the day which have now been corrected!

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 7 – MARCH 2016

A record entry for March with some close scores and the ladies continuing to rule the roost!
The results were as follows:

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Emily	205	77	282	11 th
2 nd	Edith	211	59	270	N/A
3 rd	Ben M	161	107	268	13 th
4 th	Moira	136	131	267	N/A
5 th	Ann	205	59	264	1 st
6 th	Mike B	204	59	263	6 th
7 th	Bruce	159	95	254	15 th
8 th	Arran	182	71	253	12 th
9 th	Jacob	208	41	249	10 th
10 th	Katie	183	65	248	N/A
11 th	Ian H	181	65	246	3 rd
12 th	Joan	220	23	243	9 th
13 th	James	207	35	242	2 nd
14 th	Ryan	137	95	232	14 th
15 th	Stephanie	196	29	225	N/A
16 th	Richard P	188	35	223	8 th

From this month (April) onwards the following members will shoot with the following reduced handicaps which should be added to their scores for this month:

Emily (35), Edith (29), Ben M (83), Moira (107), Ann (41), Mike B (41), Bruce (83), Arran (65), Jacob (35), Ryan (95).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2016

APRIL

Wednesday 20th All Club Handicap scores for April must be submitted.

Wednesday 27th Optional Coaching Session, presentation of the monthly Handicap Award and the final Indoor Session for 2015/2016 at Lasswade.

MAY, JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

All Wednesday (7 to 9pm) and Saturday (2 to 4pm) outdoor sessions will be held at Grove.

So ends the 244th segment of the your much admired newsletter!