

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear All,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2016.

It's a mammoth edition so it might be best read after you are digesting your Christmas Dinner! Second thoughts, it might make you throw up! You have been warned!

CLUB NEWS

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

A little later than usual this year is the winter seasonal warning.

In the event of snow or other conditions and you are un-sure whether to make the trip, then contact the centre in the first instance for any closures due to the weather.

The contact number and the email address for the centre can be found in your New Members Information Pack which you all received when you joined us.

THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FOR 2016/2017

Un-like other clubs based at the centre, we do not close down for the whole of the Festive Season.

This year the only two of our sessions affected are Saturdays 24th and 31st. The centre will close one hour earlier at 5pm on both these dates. As this would encroach into our two Saturdays, the centre has suggested rather than shortening our sessions by 30 minutes if we could run these sessions from 2 to 4pm.

I spoke to a good number of you a few days ago and while I accept some of you will be doing other things, the rest of you can come along as usual. To expand this item, here are the dates for you and the times:

2016

SATURDAY THE 24TH	CLUB SESSION FROM 2 TO 4PM.
WEDNESDAY THE 28TH	CLUB SESSION FROM 7.15 TO 9PM.
SATURDAY THE 31ST	CLUB SESSION FROM 2 TO 4PM.

2017

WEDNESDAY THE 4TH AS NORMAL ONWARDS.

I have contacted the centre today (5th) and they have amended our bookings for the 24th and 31st of this month as I have stated above. Therefore, the 31st will be the last day to submit any December handicap scores should you have them.

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 23RD OF NOVEMBER 2016

OR

THE AGM THAT NEARLY DIDN'T HAPPEN!

OR

THE CLUB SESSION THAT COULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE!

Before trying to decipher the title of this item please ensure that all your brain cells are fully engaged!

Some of us turned up in good time and checked our watches for a 7.00pm entry into the Community Room.

Seven o' clock came and went and the group inside showed no inclination to vacate the room. I was going to set Katie on them but they explained they had the room until 7.30pm.

At the same time a member of the centre staff arrived looking a bit harassed!

So, what happened? Simple. The room had been double booked and the staff had not been advised we had cancelled the Club session for that evening so, if read the situation correctly, the archery range had been set up!

Katie went back to the Reception Desk and the Duty Manager advised us that there had been an error made. However, we were given a free up-grade to the plusher Conference Room so the meeting was only slightly delayed.

I heard later that a member turned up expecting to shoot. However, I don't know who it was!

We now move on to the high-lights of the meeting.

Joan, our Club Treasurer reported that it was not necessary to increase the Club Fees this year so they will remain at the same levels when you come to renew them next year.

Alternatively, if you pay by instalments then there will be no changes here either unless you are changing your payment method or you are leaving the Club.

Since we moved back indoors, some of our members assumed that Saturday afternoon sessions were to be from 2 to 4pm as they are at Grove. However, since last season the indoor Saturday sessions have always been from 3 to 5pm with a slightly earlier finish if we have to set up for a tournament on the Sunday.

It was decided therefore to see if we could push the Saturday sessions at Grove back to 3 to 5pm as for the indoor sessions at Lasswade. I am pleased to report that after contacting Grove, they are quite happy for us to do this. I will give you a reminder nearer the time prior to our 2017 outdoor season.

Although nothing drastic is being done, the Club Constitution is being re-drafted.

We are merely tightening up on some of the wording so unless advised, calling an EGM should not be required.

When this has been done then all members will receive their own revised copy of the Club Constitution which will replace the current copies which I am sure you constantly read before your bedtime prayers!

Every year, three posts on the Club Committee are due for renewal.
This year the following three posts were as follows:

VICE PRESIDENT – ELECTED – STEPH.

RECORDS OFFICER – REMAINED IN OFFICE – DAVID R.

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE – REMAINED IN OFFICE – ADELLE AND TO BE JOINED BY GARETH.

My thanks to our former Vice President, Billy and to my fellow Committee Members for all their work in the past year.

Before closing the meeting, one function I have to perform as your Club President is to award the Club's Jim Coull Trophy to a Club Member. It is not an easy task as there are always several members who deserve the award that I also have to take into consideration.

However, due to her behind the scenes work and for her on-going task of keeping our Club Website refreshed and up to date on which I have received favourable comments, this year the trophy goes to Steph.

With Mike B being the previous holder, this to my knowledge is the first father and daughter to create a small piece of Club history.

ABG CARDS FOR 2016/2017

As I was about to contact AGB about our new cards, I received my card for this season along with some other members. By the time you are reading this issue you will all have hopefully received your new cards as well.

OTHER NEWS

OUR NEW MAINTENANCE SESSIONS

The following is a short item from Derek.

The first of, hopefully, a series of "Maintenance Sessions" was held on the 30th of November. This is an aspect of The Coaching Programme which has been missing for some time. Quite a number of you came along and joined in and I hope that everyone gained something from their experience.

The feedback so far has been positive and encouraging for further sessions to be run.

The next one will be held on Wednesday the 25th of January from 7.30 to 9.00pm and it will deal with Bow Maintenance, primarily looking at serving and nocking point matters. Bow set-up will also be included depending on the time available.

So, make a note for your diaries and we will have the same format using the Community Room.

I must extend my grateful thanks to Steph, Mike, Billy and Richard for all their input and help in running the session. Thank you all, my time was needed helping Holly to set up her new arrow rest.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 3 – NOVEMBER 2016

Another good entry for the November round with only 5 points separating the top three this time round.

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	David (D) 1	207	47	254	2 nd
2 nd	George	222	29	251	9 th
3 rd	Ian H	178	71	249	12 th
4 th	Arran	183	65	248	13 th
5 th	Ian L	208	35	243	3 rd
6 th	Andy	219	23	242	1 st
7 th	Derek	204	37	241	8 th
8 th	Joan	216	23	239	5 th
9 th	Richard P	201	35	236	6 th
10 th	Donald	181	47	228	4 th
11 th	Mike B	152	71	223	10 th
12 th	Ann	172	47	219	7 th
13 th	Frank*	158	N/A	158	N/A
14 th	Susie*	154	N/A	154	N/A

*1st score shot

As a reward, the top four for November will now have their handicaps reduced to the following:

Ian H (65) Arran (59) David D (1) (35) George (23)

Please add these new handicaps to your scores with effect from this month gentlemen.

THE LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (UKRS) (600) – SUNDAY 4th OF DECEMBER 2016

Due to an error on my part, it was necessary to move our shoot from it's usual November date to the date listed above.

There were 13 archers entered from Lasswade, a long time since this has happened.

It was a very good day for us as well with 3 new personal bests for this Portsmouth Round and the Recurve Team Trophy which we last won in 2001. Ok, the circumstances were unusual this year but we also had some tough competition from other clubs to contend with. Apart from the change of date, the shoot itself went well with the presentations preceded by a good raffle helped by some of you who donated prizes.

Amongst the donations, David D (1) brought 6 bottles of booze, complete with gift bags.

It looks like the Dunn household has gone teetotal!

So, we now move onto the results.

LADIES RECURVE

2nd Joan (563) New PB
14th Katie (381)

GENTS RECURVE

2nd Andy (550)
10th Colin (534)
16th David D (1) (516) New PB
21st Ian L (486)
24th Richard P (468)

BOYS RECURVE U-14

1st Arran (492) New PB

GENTS COMPOUND

6th George (550)

LADIES BAREBOW RECURVE

1st Steph (455)

GENTS BAREBOW RECURVE

3rd Mike B (474)
6th Ian H (389)
8th Ryan (246)

RECURVE TEAM

1st Lasswade

Joan 563
Andy 550
Colin 534

Total: 1647

As always, thanks to the following for making the shoot a success.

Members who helped to get the range set up and with the help of some visiting archers took things down after the shoot.

Mike who provided his new podium for the presentations, me for running the raffle and in addition to providing some prizes, a mystery raffle prize which was won by one of the judges.

Just as well it was a male judge. You don't want to know what it was, do you?
Ok, it was a "one size fits all" mankini in a lurid shade of green!
Anyway, I digress.
Finally, thanks to our 3 judges and the Big Cheese herself, Tina!
Next year, we will be back to our usual date on Remembrance Sunday,

NOVEMBER THE 12TH 2017!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2016 /2017

2016

DECEMBER

See the appropriate item for the dates for this month.

2017

JANUARY

Sunday 15th Eastern Area Indoor Championships (SRS). Round: PORTSMOUTH.

Wednesday 25th Club Maintenance Session in the Community Room.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th SAA Indoor Senior Championships (WRS). Round: WA 18m.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Those of you with long memories will remember that many editions of the newsletter finished with a humorous item. As with many things and due to no input, this item fell by the wayside.

So, there now follows a Christmas item which last appeared in issue number 132, December 2006.

JOAN'S CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE RECIPE

Most of you will not know that for many years Joan was involved in the family business of baking and confectionary. Speaking from personal experience I will miss the crumpets and the Fairy Cakes, the stuff of legend! Hmm, never ever got a discount!

This month they closed the door for the final time of their last shop in Loanhead.

It has been an eventful year for our second longest serving member (press-ganged in 1988).

Joan has reached the ripe young age of 3x20. In addition, she now has a free bus-pass and is now a lady of leisure!

Anyway, on to her recipe.....

THE INGREDIENTS:

A Cup of water/ 2oz of dried fruit/ 1 cup of sugar/ 1 tablespoon of salt/ 8oz nuts/ 4 large eggs/ one teaspoon of baking soda/ lemon juice and 1 bottle of whisky!

METHOD:

Sample the whisky to check for quality.

Take a large bowl then check the whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality.

Pour one level cup and drink.

Turn on the food mixer and beat 2oz of butter in a large fluffy bowl then add one cup of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whisky is still OK. Cry another cup. Turn off the mixer. Break two bowls and add to the eggs and chuck in some fruit.

Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry loose with a drowsriver.

Sample the whisky again to check for consistency. Next, sift two cups of calt or something.

Who cares? Check the whisky. Now sift the lemon and strain your nuts.

Add a tablespoon of sugar or something, whatever you can find.

Grease the oven, turn the cake tin 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat the turner.

Throw the bowl out of the window then check the whisky again and go to bed.

Next day, take three aspirins and go to Marks and Spencer.

BUY A CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well my fellow toxophilites, that wraps things up for another year.

It just remains for me to say, have an Interesting Christmas and a Fascinating New Year!

At Lasswade Archery Club anything is possible!

Christmas Hugs and Kisses,

Donald

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