

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear All,

A mixed newsletter for you this month with the proportions of a prehistoric woolly elephant! So, let's waste no more time and get to it!

CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

We have three new members for you this month, Zaw and his son Freddie. Zaw and Freddie took part in our last Beginners' Class in 2015 but they only joined last month. With their arrival, this means that we now have 10 out of 12 from that class who have joined up and some of them have now progressed to their own equipment and others who will hopefully have their own equipment soon as the next Beginners' Class is now under way. If any join from this class then some of our recently joined newer members may have to “bow-share” with any new starts from the current class.

Our third newcomer is Graham who had already had some experience of shooting and shoots longbow.

Welcome to you all from our happy band of toxophilites.

SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING SHOOTING INDOORS AT THE BONNYRIGG CENTRE

This item is submitted by Mike B and goes over what we should always do when shooting in the hall. In particular, our newer members should also familiarise themselves with these notes and if you have any questions then please see Mike B or a Committee Member for clarification.

1 – The centre staff will set up and put away the stands and bosses, but all archers are responsible for putting up their own target face and putting it away once they have finished shooting. You should know by now that two 60cm target faces can be put onto each boss. So put them on the correct part of the boss.

2 – When putting up your target face, please check that the front feet of your stand are on the white line, and the whole thing is centred over the RED diamond mark on the floor. This is not the responsibility of the centre staff. If the diamond has been rubbed off, then please see the Equipment Officer (Mike B) or another Committee Member so that it can be replaced. The white line is 20 yards away from the BLUE shooting line, so if you want to shoot at 18 metres then pull your stand forward by five floor-boards towards the BLUE shooting line.

3 – The storage area behind the folding doors is used for the storage of our GREEN cabinet, but as this area is not part of our hall hire agreement, then it should not be used by members unless some work is needed on your bow etc. This area is regularly used by the centre staff for large un-wieldy equipment, so damage to delicate archery kit is very likely and would not be covered by insurance.

4 – When setting up, please keep to the back wall of the shooting range, please do not obstruct the entrance doors or the fire doors.

5 – When setting up, please do not stand in front of the GREEN equipment line as this will delay shooting for those who are ready.

6 – When the hall is busy, please place kit bags and cases along the sides of the shooting range to keep vital space at the back of the range clear.

7 – When your bow is ready, please place it on the GREEN equipment line, so that there is a clear passageway behind all of the bows so that archers are not forced to cross the equipment line in order to walk around.

8 – Before shooting commences, the gate at the far end of the range must be disabled by placing the 'GATE GUARD' over the first 'FENCE POST'.

9 – Before shooting commences, a 'FIELD CAPTAIN' must be nominated. This person will normally be an 'ordinary' member of the Club as they are less likely to be called away. For insurance reasons, the Field Captain must not be a junior, a novice or a visitor.

10 – The GREEN curtain is not designed to stop arrows so, to prevent arrows being deflected into the 'A' side half of the hall, the white curtain must be pulled forward and clamped as far in front of the targets as possible, and certainly as far as the second 'FENCE POST' of the divider.

11 – **DO NOT** obstruct the fire doors at the right hand side of the range. Use the second clamp to tie the WHITE curtain back to just above the fire alarm in the corner. Do not jam the curtain into the doors as this may damage the curtain and/or the door mechanism as interfering with a fire door will get us all into trouble.

12 – Always check that the fire doors at the right hand side of the range are firmly closed. If there is any doubt, then it must be checked that the doors cannot be opened from the outside. Get someone to help so that you don't get locked out!

Finally, for insurance reasons, any visitors must show a valid AGB Card or equivalent when requested.

In addition, they must pay their fees before they commence shooting.

Mike B

A compelling item from Mike.

If you arrive early and are ready to shoot then you can get the curtain and gate bracket sorted out yourselves. In addition, remember that the gate bracket and clamps should be returned to the green cabinet at the end of a Club session.

With regard to paragraph 3, you will all be aware that the doors of the storage area are gone as the top frame of the door was broken, but not by us! I have just been advised that new doors are to be fitted towards the end of next month but as to what type they will be is not yet known.

MORE TARGET SHOOTING PROBLEMS?

This item is mainly for some of our newer members. Last month I explained to you the procedure for shooting if there were more than 18 archers shooting, 2 each at 9 target bosses. I am sure you will all remember what to do if 18+ happen to be shooting at any Club sessions and I have been keeping a careful eye open at Club sessions to see if you have understood this.

What have I seen recently? Eighteen archers shooting but 2 or 3 bosses with only one target face on them meaning that two or three spaces on the shooting line are not being used so three archers have doubled up on the same target.

This means that the majority of the archers cannot get as many arrows shot as they would like. It was explained to you at the conclusion of your class that we will not be able to stand over you for an entire session, but should you have problems we can still help you and you can support our coaches by attending the coaching sessions they try to run.

Expanding this item to all members and visitors, there is a good chance that we will pick up some new members from the current class. The Club membership currently stands at 43 with a potential of 55 should everyone from the current class join us. This possible total does not include people who may also join us from other clubs or archery courses they have done elsewhere.

To be fair, this situation is not a great problem as some members only shoot on a Saturday and the next big test will be when the compulsory Affiliation Fees become due later in the year and preceding these, the increase which has been made for Club Fees due by the end of this March. Last year we lost 7 out of 18 members who had joined us between 2014/2015 so our total number of members can go up and down.

I was asked by a few members who joined us from the last class if, like our Beginners' Classes, there is a waiting list to join as a full member. The answer to that was obvious. No! (Well not yet anyway!) Judging by what I have heard about waiting lists elsewhere and with Rio 2016 on the horizon, I cannot see a sudden lack of interest in our sport!

Many of you will not be aware that as with most other clubs we are an "Open Club", which means that our door is always open to any visiting archers and they generate some income for us as well but, as for the membership, they too will be paying an increase in their target fees.

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN – SUNDAY 6TH of MARCH 2016

This round is the fifth and final indoor shoot for 2015/2016 at Lasswade and unlike the previous two, is one of our own shoots. To that end, to get things set up, the Club session on Saturday the 5th will finish at 4.45pm. This shoot also has a raffle so now is the time to get rid of your un-wanted Christmas presents!

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – SATURDAY 19TH of MARCH 2016

This year's Club shoot will take place on the above date and will run between 2 and 5pm with the round being the usual Portsmouth, 5 dozen arrows at 20 yards at a 60cm target face. Between now and the 16th of this month I will be handing out a short entry form which gives you the full details. This shoot is for Club members only, there is no entry fee and as it is a non-record status shoot, you can wear your normal clothing.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

EASTERN AREA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (UKRS) (600) – SUNDAY 17TH of JANUARY 2016

The simple to shoot Portsmouth Round, held at Lasswade but yet again, a small entry from Lasswade. However, it is pleasing to report that from 4 of our members we had two medal winners with Steph taking a first place and Jacob shooting his first full Portsmouth round with an impressive 500+, a new personal best from James and a 500 from David D (1) shooting a full Portsmouth round.

Although this tournament is primarily for Eastern Area archers it is also open to visitors from elsewhere and they have a separate set of awards.

As always, when listing the final placings for our members, their placings are listed, then their overall placings in brackets if this had been an open tournament.

GENTS RECURVE

18th (26th) James (517)

19th (28th) David D (1) (500)

JUNIOR GENT U16 COMPOUND

1st (1st) Jacob (518) Trophy and Medal

LADIES BAREBOW

1st (1st) Steph (416) Medal

Well done to all of you.

Thanks to those members who helped get things set up and those members and visitors who assisted us in getting the range dismantled and packed away after the shoot.

Thanks also to our 3 judges Bob, Jules and Norrie and a final thank you to our organiser, Tina, who announced after the shoot that this would be her final year as the organiser for the Eastern Area Indoor Championships.

For 2017, a new organiser will have to come forward to take over this shoot. As it is an Eastern Area shoot it can be held at a different location in the East of Scotland but it will probably continue at Lasswade. So, no excuse next year for more Lasswade members not to enter this shoot!

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 5 – JANUARY 2016

Round 5 was a case of the ladies ruling the roost once again. Ann replicated her score for December with the same total. However, for the second month running, Ann was just edged out for the monthly award, this time by Katie who received her second award for the 2015/2016 season. As a reward Katie, your handicap from now will drop to 65, the same as Ann and Ian H!

Full results as follows:

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Katie	178	71	249	N/A
2 nd	Ann	182	65	247	2 nd
3 rd	Ian H	178	65	243	1 st
4 th	Billy	222	17	239	4 th
5 th	Richard P	203	35	238	5 th
6 th	Edith	177	59	236	N/A
7 th	Joan	201	23	224	7 th
8 th	Derek	180	35	215	N/A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2016

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 10th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 24th Optional Coaching Session.

MARCH

Sunday 6th Lasswade Indoor Open. Round: WA DOUBLE 18M.

Wednesday 9th Optional Coaching Session.

Saturday 19th Indoor Club Championships. Round: PORTSMOUTH.

Wednesday 23rd Optional Coaching Session.

Thursday 24th Club Committee Meeting

Wednesday 30th Closing date for all Club Fees*

APRIL

Saturday 2nd Outdoor Saturday Sessions begin at Grove.*

Wednesday 6th Indoor Wednesday Sessions continue at Lasswade.*

Wednesday 13th Optional Coaching Session.

Wednesday 27th Optional Coaching Session and the final indoor session for 2015/2016.

*More details to follow next month.