

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,

So, here we go again, your latest monthly fix of news as we approach the second half of the 2016 Outdoor Season.

Usually, my summer editions of the newsletter are shorter but not so for this month!

CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members who have recently joined us. Our first new member is Paul. Paul attended our last Beginners' Class and with his arrival this means that we have gained nine new members from the class of 12 in Paul's group.

Our second new member is Lewis. Lewis has not shot for some time but was happy to shoot in a rain-soaked Club session a few weeks ago with Arran as his only target companion! The rest of us took shelter in the container!

So, a warm welcome to our two latest members and hopefully, a dry Arran!

OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

By the end of this month I will start to issue all interested members with an entry form for our shoot.

This will have all the details you will require and as with the Indoor Championships, there is a tear-off section that you fill in and return to me. It is important that you do this so I have an idea of how many of you will take part. Remember, we are not able to put up nine targets as we would do indoors at Lasswade and our shoot may require two waves. In addition, I will also put a sample score-sheet in the container so you will know which boxes to fill in on the day! Don't panic! I will remind you of all the details in the next newsletter.

OUTDOOR COACHING

And now, the highlight of this edition, a short item from Joan!

Thank you Derek and Billy for helping me to tune in my pressure button last month.

When the sight bar fell off my blue bow I went back to old faithful but this meant re-tuning the button etc. Although I've been an archer for many years and know the theory, I'm still pretty useless at the practical!

It took about 20 minutes with your help to get the button sorted, it would have taken me 20 hours!

I hope other members will take advantage of the coaching target, the help and advice offered.

Joan

To elaborate on Joan's item, although there may not be any set dates for coaching outdoors, if available, Derek, Billy or any experienced member may be able to assist you.

Due to the shooting-line being busy, we can set up a short distance target for coaching purposes which will be some way behind the shooting-line. For obvious reasons, this target will face in the opposite direction!

However, some late news on the coaching target.

At today's Club session, I was advised by Derek that the Club has been asked to dis-continue the coaching target at the present location. I will not go into specific details here, but to enable us to continue having a coaching target, another section of the normal shooting range is to have the grass cut to create some more space and we will hopefully be able to offer coaching with everyone shooting in the same direction.

A MOMENTOUS ACHIEVEMENT!

Well, she has gone and done it now! Our much loved Club Treasurer, Joan, has reached the ripe young age of 60! A special card signed by many of you was presented to Joan at today's Club session.

Joan had also brought some of her fairy cakes along to consume with our tea and coffee!

In addition, Derek, Joan and wee Arran's mum Gail, gave the ramp up to the container a short back and sides, so it is now weed-free! In addition, to give more grip underfoot, they have also applied some fine mesh wiring on the ramp itself.

The main event, the shooting, was curtailed by a short, sharp downpour and subsequently by another prolonged and heavy one! Needless to say, by the time we left the sun came out again!

Ps. Amongst the benefits Joan will receive by reaching her landmark will be a free bus pass and a reduction of £6.00 in her Affiliation Fees to Scottish Archery!

PPs. Joan, I don't think any bus goes to Grove Farm!

PPPs. On my way home, I stopped at the local Tesco branch. Are there any horticulturists amongst you? If so, can you tell me what the variety is of some of the landscape hedging in the car-park? It stinks like sweaty feet/rotten cheese and it really ponged today, probably due to the rain!

TOURNAMENT REPORT

OUTDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 2 – JUNE 2016

Five members and one visitor took part for the month of June and as with Round one, some close scores again, with some new faces as well and all bar one member shooting 30 and 50 yards.

Thanks to Joan for getting the scores over to me promptly.

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Edith	273	90	363	N/A
2 nd	Derek	260	102	362	N/A
3 rd	Callum*	223	138	361	N/A
4 th	Joan	310	48	358	3 rd
5 th	Billy	336	4	304	N/A
Visitor, Penicuik Archers:					
	Lance	318	42	360	N/A

*Shooting 20 and 30 yards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2016

JULY

Saturday 30th Outdoor Club Handicap – Round 3.

AUGUST

Saturday 27th Outdoor Club Championships.

Wednesday 31st Outdoor Club Handicap – Round 4.

AND FINALLY

As with the Queen, I normally have a Christmas Message for the membership. Where the Queen and I differ, I also have a Summer Message for all members as well. Those of you who have been with us for some time will know what it is, so this is especially for our newer members. If you are going to faraway places for your vacations then remember my 3 rules.

1 – Don't drink the water.

2 – Make sure you have clean underwear.

3 – Never, repeat never, carry a stranger's luggage through customs!!!!!!

The 247th chapter of your newsletter is duly concluded.

Contributions for this month: **Joan and Joan!**