

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear All,

Welcome to the latest edition of your much admired newsletter.
As always, we will waste no time as we have a lot to get through this month.

CLUB NEWS

THE NEW CLUB FEES

We now come to the time of the year when Club Fees become due. At the AGM in 2015, based on our Treasurer’s report, it was agreed that the Club Fees would have to be increased to meet the cost of the hall-hire and enable us to retain our current programme of two indoor sessions during the winter. Another change being implemented is there will be no family discounts and the following figures are who will pay what for a full year.

SENIORS - £240.00

JUNIORS (UNDER 18) /OAPs (OVER 60) and STUDENTS - £120.00

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS – No fees required.

The above fees are what you will pay if you decide to make one annual payment. They must be paid by Wednesday the 30th of this month and they will take you to the end of March 2017. However, if you pay your fees by monthly instalments then the only change you need to make is to instruct your bank/building society to increase your monthly payments as follows:

SENIORS – From £13.00 to £20.00 per month.

JUNIORS, OAPs and STUDENTS – From £8.00 to £10.00 per month.

A few reminders for you.

1 – If you wish to make an annual payment then this can be in cash or by a cheque made payable to Lasswade Archery Club.

2 – **If you wish to alter how you pay your fees then see Joan.***

3 – Are you new to the Club? If so, please advise us how you will pay your fees for the upcoming year.

4 – **Should you decide to leave the Club then advise your bank/ building society to stop all payments. The Club is under no obligation to return any payments still being made if you have left us.**

5 – Please consult your copy of the Club Constitution for the information you will need should you not pay the Club Fees required.

6 – Taking your Club Fees down to a weekly level, as a senior you are only paying the equivalent of £5.00 per week and £2.50 for Juniors, OAPs and Students per week. Your Club Fees pay all indoor and outdoor sessions.

7 – In addition to the above fees, we have also increased the visitors target fees and the target boss hire will also be increased should the Eastern Area or Scottish Archery require the use of our bosses.

*As Joan is away at the moment, then please see me if you have any issues.

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN

A reminder to you all that the Club session this Saturday, the 5th, will finish at 4.45pm to allow us time to get the range set up for Sunday, the 6th and we are still looking for any donations from yourselves for the raffle which is held before the presentations take place.

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – SATURDAY 19TH of MARCH 2016

By the time you are reading this issue most of you/all of you should have received an entry form for the shoot. Here is a re-cap for you on the details:

The shoot will take place on the above date with a start time for shooting at 2.15pm.

As I have said on the entry form, there is a chance that the hall might not be in use before we take over so, if you all arrive early, we may be able to start earlier.

The following members are required to return the Club trophies for this shoot on or before the above date.

GENTS RECURVE – GARETH. LADIES RECURVE – ADELLE. COMPOUND – BILLY.

OVERALL JUNIOR – This trophy is retained by me for presentation on the day.

For newer members and even some established members, this is a simple Portsmouth round and I would like to see as many of you as possible taking part. Most of you are not active tournament shooters, so here is a chance to possibly win something.

As I have also stated on the entry form, I need the forms returned to me by Wednesday the 16th at the very latest if you are taking part as I will have to make up a target list and match-up experienced and newer members.

On the day, when I have all the completed score sheets returned and have worked out the results, the presentation of the awards and medals will take place. So, barring any delays, we should be finished by our booked finishing time of 5.00pm. If there are 18 members or less taking part then we may finish a bit earlier. The start time is earlier than the normal Club session as the centre would not let us run the shoot from 3.00 to 6.00pm.

NEW MEMBERS AND RECENTLY JOINED MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

Again, by the time you are reading this issue, I will have sent off your affiliation paperwork. Hopefully, within the next month, you will have received your AGB Membership Cards which will be sent directly to your home addresses.

When you have received them, please notify me immediately with the 7 digit number which will appear on your card so they can be added to our database for future reference.

Although your card will be replaced every year, you should retain the same 7 digit number while you continue to shoot with us or any other Club.

RECENTLY JOINED MEMBERS

Despite asking you on several occasions, I have still not received some of your 7 digit card numbers yet. In addition, I have to pass on these numbers to Scottish Archery.

Therefore, I am requesting for the final time that the following members provide me with their numbers:

Mark, Graham, Zaw and Freddie, Lucy, Chris and Moira.

Failure to comply will mean if you lose your card or have never received it, I will not be able to assist you in getting a replacement card which, in addition, requires a fee of £3.50 to be paid to AGB. Although un-likely, if you go to another club you would not be permitted to shoot unless you have your card or a receipt issued by me and If you cannot produce one or the other, then you will not be allowed to shoot or enter a tournament. As I have advised you all, this is for the purpose of meeting the appropriate insurance requirements.

THE VERY NEWEST MEMBERS!

Before concluding this item, it's time to introduce you to our latest recruits who completed their Beginners' Course a few weeks ago with some of them receiving or in the process of getting their own equipment:

David and his son Sam, Colin, Avril and Willie, Aileen, Mike and another junior, Ben.

With the arrival of this intake we now have 5 Davids and 3 Mikes! Funny, I thought we had more Davids than this! I really need to see a doctor about my "David Fixation"!

To assist members when reading the newsletter, if I want to mention a specific David, I list David followed by the capital letter of their surname. As we already have a father and son as David D, the latest David will be referred to as David DR. There you are David DR, you have just joined us and are making the headlines already! As you are one of three Mike, I will list you as Mike OS! Our other latest recruit, Ben means we now have two Bens as well. One is taller than the other but rather than call them Big Ben and Not so big Ben, I will list them as Ben M and Ben S.

PS. With the arrival of our newest members, this takes the Club Membership to 52 and I can't remember it ever being this high before. Imagine, all 52 members (excluding visitors)

turning up on a Wednesday night. We would have to shoot in 3 waves with the remaining 4 making a fourth wave! Doesn't bear thinking about, does it?

PPS. I have just been advised that we may be joined by another chap who took part in the class held last November. Guess what? He is another David!

PPPS. My thanks to the following members for running the class on behalf of the Club: Derek (GMT), Richard V, Adelle, Gareth, David R, Joan, Mike B and Steph, who also did the practical demonstrations for us.

FROM THE EQUIPMENT OFFICER

Over the past few weeks, we've noticed that the black washer that is supposed to sit on the mounting hole of the limbs of the beginners' bows is missing. In two cases, when we looked closer, we found that the limb had become cracked at that point (probably due to the washer going missing) and was no longer safe to shoot. So, if you notice a bow where the washer is missing, please don't shoot it. Report it to a committee member (preferably myself) and check both sides of the limb for cracks emanating from the hole.

There are a couple of boxes in the container at Lasswade, containing a variety of shapes, sizes and types of foam packing for anyone who has need for padding for their archery kit. Some of the foam is quite soft and malleable, but there is also some fairly rigid white high-density foam, which is particularly useful for stopping things moving around in a hard case. If anyone has need for more or larger pieces, then let me know, as I may be able to provide them.

As a quick follow-up to last month's piece, I'm glad to see that most of you have been paying attention, but to clarify things a little, if you are on the black floor mat by the fire-doors, then you are obstructing them. Please don't.

Finally, a reminder that the Club owns a few useful items that you may not be aware of. They include a chrono-machine, which allows you to directly measure the speed of your arrows. In addition, we also have a couple of fletching- jigs, and a string-making jig. Please talk to a committee member if you would like to use any of these items.

Mike B

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

All Committee Members are requested and required to make themselves available for the next scheduled meeting with the following details:

Date – Thursday the 24th of this month.

Venue – The Community Room at the centre.

Start time – 7.00pm.

THE 2016 OUTDOOR CLUB SEASON

A reminder for you all and, especially newer members, for exciting things ahead. The simplest way to describe things is as follows:

APRIL

1 - For this month we will continue to shoot indoors at Lasswade on Wednesday evenings.

2 – However, as some of our members need to get sight marks for the outdoor tournament season we will shoot outdoors at Grove Farm on Saturday afternoons. Although the change to British Summer Time will have taken place, there is still not enough day-light to shoot on Wednesday evenings during April.

MAY, JUNE, JULY and AUGUST

We will fully shoot outdoors on Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons.

SEPTEMBER

Due to the days getting shorter, we will continue to shoot outdoors on Saturday afternoons but we will be back indoors at Lasswade for Wednesday evenings.

OCTOBER TO MARCH

For Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons we will be fully indoors for those 6 months.

OTHER INFORMATION

The shooting times for Grove are as follows:

Wednesday evenings from 7.00 to 9.00pm and Saturday afternoons from 2.00 to 4.00pm.

Unlike the indoor season at Lasswade, we have to set up the shooting range at Grove ourselves. As we have a container on site, all the target bosses and other equipment are stored there. If you cannot get to an outdoor session on time it then would be appreciated if you helped dismantle the range at the end of the session. New members should consult their information packs on what they need to do at Grove.

In addition, toilet facilities are provided (we give you a shovel and show you an appropriate tree to go behind or plants that need watering!)

At most sessions that nice lady Joan usually provides us with tea and coffee and a few edible items, but by all means, please feel free to bring any consumables with you. Just make sure you put any litter in the bin provided.

Remember to come prepared with the appropriate clothing for any potential weather conditions.

Finally, although we have set shooting times, we do not have a mad rush to get things put away as we have to do at Lasswade as we are usually the only people using the range.

Very finally, there are proper facilities for comfort breaks! But as there is no door lock, please whistle if you are using the facilities! Whistle? We can't get members to use a whistle at Club sessions! Just as well the door can be locked!

TOURNAMENT REPORT

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 6 – FEBRUARY 2016

After winning this monthly round in November, Ann (aka The Duchess) was also the runner-up for December and January but for February she has taking the top spot again. It was also good to see some of our newer and junior members taking part for the first time as well and a record number of members taking part overall.

| | Name | Score | Handicap | Total | Last Month |
|------------------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| 1 st | Ann | 189 | 65 | 254 | 2 nd |
| 2 nd | James | 210 | 41 | 251 | N/A |
| 3 rd | Ian H | 181 | 65 | 246 | 3 rd |
| 4 th | Billy | 226 | 17 | 243 | 4 th |
| 5 th | Derek | 204 | 35 | 239 | 8 th |
| 6 th | Mike B | 183 | 47 | 230 | N/A |
| 7 th | Ian L | 193 | 35 | 228 | N/A |
| 8 th | Richard P | 192 | 35 | 227 | 5 th |
| 9 th | Joan | 197 | 23 | 220 | 7 th |
| 10 th | Jacob | 207 | N/A | 207 | N/A |
| 11 th | Emily | 184 | N/A | 184 | N/A |
| 12 th | Arran | 169 | N/A | 169 | N/A |
| 13 th | Ben M | 164 | N/A | 164 | N/A |
| 14 th | Ryan | 154 | N/A | 154 | N/A |
| 15 th | Bruce | 101 | N/A | 101 | N/A |

Effective from this month (March) there will be two changes. Ann, your handicap will drop to 59 and with 3 scores now shot, you will now have a handicap of 77 Emily. Ben M and Jacob, you will need to do another score to be awarded your first handicaps. Arran, Ryan and Bruce, you will need to do 2 more scores to be awarded your first handicaps.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2016

MARCH

- 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 Sessions begin at Grove.
- Wednesday 6th Indoor Sessions continue at Lasswade.
- Wednesday 13th Optional Coaching Session.
- Wednesday 20th Closing date for all monthly handicap scores.
- Wednesday 27th Optional Coaching Session and the final Indoor Session for 2015/2016 at Lasswade.

MAY

All Wednesday and Saturday sessions will be held at Grove at the stated times and through to the end of August.

So ends episode 243 of the on-going Club Newsletter.

My belated thanks to Mike B for his item last month on shooting at Club Sessions and for his item this month.