

“THE ARROWHEAD”
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Dear Members,

By the time you receive this issue we will be shooting full time outdoors until the end of September so let's hope the weather remains kind to us. Now, let's move on to the essential bed-time reading for the month of May!

A NEW MEMBER

With all the Club Fees now in or monthly instalments continued, the Club Membership has dropped to 50.

However, we now have a new junior lady, Grace. A warm welcome to Grace who takes the membership up to 51.

NEWER MEMBERS WITHOUT THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT

Outstanding newer members who have still not got their own equipment should take note! By the next indoor season you will hopefully no longer be using the Club's equipment as a new class will commence in September.

As I have stated in one of the hand-outs I gave you after you completed your class, you should progress to your own equipment. You will make much better progress when you get your own equipment which will be matched to your own specific requirements. In addition, equipment being used by you must remain at Grove or Lasswade at the end of each Club Session.

When you go to buy your own equipment, make sure you study the "Shopping List" hand-out I gave you when you completed your class. Ask a member of the committee to help you and see what you would need to buy in more detail before making any long trips to buy equipment. Remember to buy all the required accessories as well.

MORE SAFETY ISSUES?

Most of you by now will have received a small laminated card with safety details of outdoor shooting which can fit into your quiver pocket. Don't have one? Then please see Joan. Last month I reported two breaches of safety indoors. It has been brought to my attention that some of you have been on the shooting - line texting and checking messages at Grove. Any such activities can be done. Just make sure you are behind and well away from the shooting-line.

In addition, make sure all phones etc. are switched off or in silent mode so that people shooting are not being distracted.

OUTDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – 27th OF AUGUST 2016

Although some way off yet, the purpose of this item is to advise you what is required for the rounds selected for this year.

Again, what follows may not be known to you yet so here is a description of two forms of archery rounds and the scoring required for each type.

In archery we have **METRIC ROUNDS** which are shot in metres and use **10 ZONE SCORING**.

We also have **IMPERIAL ROUNDS** which are shot in yards and use **5 ZONE SCORING**.

However, scoring and distances can be mixed indoors e.g. the Portsmouth Round shot at 20 yards with **10 ZONE SCORING** just like the Indoor Championships you took part in recently. Therefore, what follows is primarily for outdoors.

All of you will know what is meant by **10 ZONE SCORING**, the inner gold ring scores 10, the outer gold ring scores 9 and so on down to the outer white ring which scores 1.

However, if **5 ZONE SCORING** is being used then the whole of the **GOLD AREA** of the target face scores **9**, the **RED AREA** scores **7**, the **BLUE AREA** scores **5**, the **BLACK AREA** scores **3** and finally, the **WHITE AREA** scores **1**.

Any misses should always be marked with an 'M' regardless of what round you are shooting. For 2016 the rounds to be shot will be as follows:-

SENIORS – THE SHORT NATIONAL ROUND:-

4 DOZEN ARROWS shot at 50 YARDS and 2 DOZEN ARROWS shot at 40 YARDS.

JUNIORS – THE SHORT JUNIOR NATIONAL ROUND:-

4 DOZEN ARROWS shot at 30 YARDS and 2 DOZEN ARROWS shot at 20 YARDS.

SCORING – **5 ZONE SCORING** at a 122cm target face for ALL distances.

MAXIMUM SCORE – **648**.

Now that you know the distances you will be shooting, this will give you time to get these sight marks.

Further details will follow nearer the time.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 8 – APRIL 2016

With the 2015/2016 Indoor Tournament season now over, all that remains is the final Handicap report for 2015/2016.

It has definitely been a season for the lady members who have taken 6 out of the 8 rounds for this season. As reported previously, they looked like they were ruling the roost but you can see what has happened for the final round.

It was a case of "Bruce and the Boys" shaking the branches, the ladies falling out and the "Boys" taking the first five places and again with some close scores overall.

Full Results as follows:

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Bruce	181	83	264	7 th
2 nd	Ben M	169	83	252	3 rd
3 rd =	Arran	172	65	237	8 th
3 rd =	Ryan	142	95	237	14 th
5 th =	Billy	217	17	234	N/A
5 th =	Katie	169	65	234	10 th
7 th	Richard P	198	35	233	16 th
8 th	Jacob	197	35	232	9 th
9 th	Joan	208	23	231	12 th
10 th	Ian H	190	35	225	11 th
11 th	Edith	182	29	211	2 nd
12 th	Andy	207	N/A	207	N/A
13 th	Steph	115	29	144	15 th

As a reward Bruce, you will have a new handicap of 65 and Ben M, a new handicap of 71. Please add these reduced handicaps to your next scores. All members will carry their new or current handicaps over to the 2016/2017 Indoor Season and battle will re-commence in September!

So, that concludes the Handicap Round for this indoor season and thanks to those of you who took part and thanks again to our Organiser, David R, the eldest of our 5 Davids!

While on the subject of handicaps, it was suggested that we try to do an Outdoor Handicap this season. As with our indoor round, David R has agreed to be the organiser once again and the rules he has devised are as follows:

- 1 – This handicap will be shot using the same rules as for the Indoor Round, the main difference being that 3 dozen arrows will be shot instead of the 2 dozen arrows indoors.**
- 2 – The 3 dozen arrows will be divided into 2 sets of 18 arrows. The first set will be shot at 20 yards and the second set will be shot at 30 yards. Both distances will use the 122cm target face.**
- 3 – The 2 sets will be shot in 6 arrow ends with 3 ends per set of 18.**

Although shot in yards, it was decided to use **10 ZONE SCORING** on this occasion. Remember, **ONE** practise round of **6 arrows at 20 yards only, no practise at 30 yards.** **Do not** get your sight marks on the same day as you shoot the handicap as you should have acquired the appropriate sight marks for both distances before starting the handicap in June.

As with the Indoor Handicap, this is designed to teach and help you to be prepared to shoot at bigger tournaments. Finally, remember the rules of etiquette regarding **lost arrows**, if you don't know them, learn them, as they are very important.

David R

As a follow on to David's item, there are a few other things for you to remember. There will only be 3 rounds for this event, one next month, one in July and one in August. Please refer to the diary section for the dates as these will be the only dates you can shoot a round. Score sheets will be provided and each monthly winner will receive a Club medal. This round is only being run on a trial basis this season. If successful, we could make it an annual event.

One last thing, your current Indoor Handicap scores **cannot** be used for this round.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES

JUNE

Wednesday 29th Outdoor Handicap – Round 1.

JULY

Saturday 30th Outdoor Handicap – Round 2.

AUGUST

Saturday 27th Outdoor Club Championships.

Wednesday 31st Outdoor Handicap – Round 3.

This month's business is duly concluded.

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