

**“THE ARROWHEAD”**  
**THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB**

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Dear Subjects,

Welcome to the 250<sup>th</sup> issue of your much-loved/much hated newsletter, I suppose it depends on your individual points of view!

As we have reached this milestone, an occasional plea and reminder for **ALL OF YOU!**

This is **YOUR** newsletter, not mine. All I merely do on most occasions is fill each issue with 100% of my own input. So, a reminder for our newer members and some of our longer-serving members who are still taking medication for apathy!

As always, because I receive no feedback from few of you as a rule, I can only assume that most of you are deliriously happy with the newsletter. If not, then I am always happy to receive any suggestions or comments from yourselves of the constructive type only!

The lesson for this issue is now over!

Let's move on to the scandal and gossip for the month of October.....

**CLUB NEWS**

**AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2016/2017**

By now, all your Affiliation Fees will have been collected and the fees and paperwork will be sent off to the appropriate governing bodies for Scotland and the UK.

As our fees usually go in a bit later than normal, from the first of this month if any of you want to shoot at another club or a tournament then you must see me before you do this.

As it will be some time before you will receive your new AGB Cards for 2016/2017 and if you can't produce one, then other clubs and tournament organisers will not let you shoot.

However, to overcome this problem, I will issue any of you who wish to shoot elsewhere with an Archery GB Membership Fee Receipt. Until your official card arrives, the Fee Receipt will act as your card and it will allow you to shoot at tournaments or other clubs.

As to the cards themselves, they will be sent to your individual addresses, that is to say, the current addresses you have provided me with.

If any of you have not received your cards by mid-November then again, please see me.

When you receive your card, take care of it. Should you lose it, then again, see me.

You will have to pay AGB £3.50 plus I will roll that up to £5.00 to cover my time and the additional paperwork involved. Don't worry, the balance of £1.50 will go to the Club and not my back pocket!

PS. If you have affiliated through us then when you shoot at any official tournament, you will shoot as a member of the Lasswade Archery Club. There are several exceptions such as shooting for the Eastern Area, Scotland or Great Britain.

If for some reason you do not want to do this, then you must seek the permission of this Club to shoot under another club or organisation especially if you could potentially jeopardise this Club's ability to be eligible for any team awards.

This rarely happens however but it will be expected that any member will comply with this guideline.

## **THE KING RETURNS!**

No, not any form of royalty but the return of one of our past members, George. In ye olde days of the Club when the wearing of green tights had been abolished and the shaving foam dispensed with, George and other dedicated tournament Club members helped Lasswade to be one of the top clubs in Scotland with George and some of them even shooting for Scotland.

At Club level, George took the Indoor and Outdoor Club trophies twice and the bespoke Jim Coull Trophy twice.

This may not compare with today's members but as there were several other gent recurve members comparable with George, Club trophies very often changed hands from year to year and because we could field at least 9 members, ladies and gents, we often won the Team Awards for our own November Portsmouth Shoot and the Eastern Area Championships plus, we would go down to the north of England clubs at Killingworth and Cleadon and very often remove some of the silverware and escape back over the border to Scotland!

As George has been off the scene for some time (16 years, George?), he has now joined some of us on "The Dark Side", that is to say, he now shoots a compound bow instead of a recurve!

So, there you have it. A potted history of a former Club member who is too modest to divulge his past achievements! Was that OK George?

As discussed, we can agree on the payment due to me for the above glowing reference!

In addition to George, I would also like to welcome three new senior members who have just joined us, Jocky, Ryan and Ken.

## **ARCHERY TACKLE BAGS AND THE STORAGE AREA IN THE HALL. OH! ALSO THE NON-COMPLIANCE OF SOME MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT CLOSE IN TO LISTEN TO ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE\***

This item is for the benefit of all Club members and especially new members who have just joined us.

Last Thursday, the Club Committee meeting was held and some of the Committee Members expressed their concerns about equipment bags etc. impacting into the available shooting area. The other major problem may be somebody tripping over another member's equipment, potentially damaging the equipment or themselves! To that end, and going back in time when we had this problem in the old hall, once all members and visitors have set up their equipment, ALL tackle boxes, bags and other gear must be placed up both sides of the shooting-range.

This is not open to debate and this safety measure will be enforced for the reasons I have already quoted if you do not comply.

Secondly, this issue has been brought up before. ALL members and visitors must remember that the storage area is not to be used to set up equipment. This must be done in the hall for the archery.

In addition, all members coming into the hall must use the double doors into the hall and not the storage area in the event they trip over other centre equipment. Should you damage yourself, your equipment or the centre's equipment then you will not have any re-dress against the centre.

Yes, in recent months attendances indoors have been busy (just like the old days), plus we usually have visitors to accommodate as well. Lasswade Archery Club is listed as an "open" Club meaning that we also allow non-members to shoot with us as well. These visitors are usually our good friends from Penicuik Archers and one in particular who is always ready to help us out despite never having to be asked to do this. We need more members like this!

Please also remember that as visitors, they have to pay a "target fee" every time they shoot with us, £6.00 per adult and £3.00 per junior/OAP. This helps us to continue shooting at what is a primarily a premier facility.

Most of you will be aware that we shoot in one half of the hall. It has been the Council policy for many years that the other half of the hall is available to other people and activities at all times even if it is empty!

Yes, it would be great to have the whole hall but we would need more targets etc. and just think of the increase that would have to be made to your Club Fees to cover this!

And finally, I am really getting annoyed at having to remind some of you week after week, month after month and year after year to close in when announcements are being made. As some of you seem to think this is just a big joke then get this. If need be, I will have a chair brought to me and I will start reading my copy of "War and Peace" until I have your full attention. You all want to get back to shooting, yes?

Then the quicker any announcements are made, then the quicker you will get back to shooting.

PS. Visitors do not have to listen to announcements unless a subject refers to them as well.

\*This must be the longest title for an item that I can remember!

## TOURNAMENT REPORTS

### OUTDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 5 – SEPTEMBER 2016

As no scores were received, no award will be made.

Before the 2017 Outdoor Season, the Club Committee will evaluate the 2016 season to decide if we will run it again next year. To be fair, 2016 was our first attempt, and if we go ahead we can fine tune things and make some improvements.

As always, if any of you have any suggestions then please make us aware of them.

## INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 1 – SEPTEMBER 2016

September saw the start of our 2016/2017 Indoor Handicap Round.

As already reported, archer figurines will once again be awarded for the full 8 rounds. The only major difference will be the plinth below the archer will be a different colour this season.

Two other things to remember. Yet again, some of you did not add your current handicaps to your score-sheets. You were warned that scoresheets with your handicap missing from your total would mean that your scores would be rejected. You were all notified last month what your handicaps were. If you can't remember, then read the newsletter!

In addition, you should not be scoring for yourself. If necessary, get another member to do this or, if another member wants to join you then score for each other.

So, onto the results for this month.....

|                 | Name      | Score | Handicap | Total | April 2016        |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Ben M     | 169   | 83       | 252   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Katie     | 172   | 65       | 237   | 5 <sup>th</sup> = |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Richard P | 199   | 35       | 234   | 7 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Jacob     | 197   | 35       | 232   | 8 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Andy      | 213   | N/A      | 213   | 12 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Ann       | 160   | 47       | 207   | N/A               |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Ian H     | 154   | 35       | 189   | 10 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | William   | 114   | N/A      | 114   | N/A               |

Although several members have moved up to new placings, there are no handicap changes for September 2016.

## LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (UKRS) – SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> of OCTOBER 2016

By the time you receive this issue our first indoor tournament will be imminent.

Since my report last month on the Combined Round which will be taking place, I have been asked by our Tournament Organiser that our Club session on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> could finish at 4.30pm due to the extra time it may take to put down an extra shooting-line for the second distance at 18 metres.

One thing which I should have mentioned last month. All Record Status Shoots have certain rules about what you will have to wear when shooting.

Some Lasswade members may be wearing the Club polo-shirt with black trousers although Steph sometimes wears burgundy trousers which really compliment the Club top!

Other tops can be of white, green or black for example. Trousers are usually not an issue but camouflage and denim for example are not permitted.

In addition, the senior judge will ask all archers that their mobile phones or other devices must be switched off or placed in silent mode.

If you are entering a tournament for the first time, then speak to one of us if you are un-sure about anything.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2016

### OCTOBER

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**                    **The latest Beginners' Class ends/Set-up for the Combined Round with a 4.30pm finish for the Club Session.**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**                    **Lasswade Indoor Open (UKRS). Round: WA COMBINED 25/18m.**

**Reminder!**                    **We are now indoors for Wednesdays AND Saturdays until the end of March 2017.**

### NOVEMBER

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**                    **Club Committee Meeting.**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**            **Lasswade AC AGM. NO Club Session on this evening.**

**That's it for this month.**