

"THE ARROWHEAD"
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

ISSUE NO.256 – APRIL 2017

Dear Followers,

Welcome to this month's slightly later than usual edition. The tournament news this month is fairly substantial plus I have some new members to introduce to you.

CLUB NEWS

CLUB FEES FOR 2017/2018

By the time you are reading this newsletter all your Club fees should now be in if you paid annually by cheque or in cash and are continuing your Club Membership. I had one enquiry from a member who is not able to attend regularly and asked although affiliated till the end of September, if it was possible to attend the Club on a "pay-as you-go basis". My answer to this was no. Why? Simple. By not being a Club member you would no longer be covered by the AGB Insurance Policy and you would therefore have to do one of the following 4 options:

- 1 – Re-join Lasswade.**
- 2 – Join another club.**
- 3 – Apply to become a Direct Member of AGB.**
- 4 – Give up archery!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Option 3 is a more expensive option which you would have to arrange for yourself. You would in effect be independent and club less and un-like a fully paid up Club member, you would also have to pay a Visitor's Fee and could only enter a tournament as "AGB" with an appropriate AGB Membership Card with your current status.

It's not a question I get asked very often but it is a reminder for all members should they find themselves in a similar situation.

NEW MEMBERS

Our latest Beginners Class finished recently and we now have three new members to introduce: Lisa, Peter, and Alexandre.

In addition, we have also been joined by Andi, who affiliates through another club.

As we already have another Andy (spelt differently) and to avoid any confusion, they will be listed as Andi B and Andy H. A warm welcome to you all!

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

All committee members are requested and required if possible to attend the next meeting on the 20th of this month.

The Club Secretary has advised me that we will have to hold the meeting in the flea trap or in other words, the cupboard referred to as the Multi Faith Room.

Apparently, the Community Room is booked on Thursdays for the rest of the year! I have made enquiries into this situation and was advised the room is only made available to potential troublemakers! Perhaps that why we have been shoved into "The Room of the Angels"

In addition, I was also advised that "The Boss" has decreed that our green container must remain in the outside storage container between Club sessions. To that end if any able-bodied members are asked, they should help to get the container into the hall should this be required. If not, then no shooting can take place.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

March was a busy month with the Double Worcester Round, The Indoor Club Championships, and the monthly Indoor Handicap Round taking place.

Let's now read the reports in calendar order.

THE LASSWADE OPEN DOUBLE WORCESTER (UKRS) (600) – SUNDAY 5th of MARCH 2017 "THE TINA JAMES MEMORIAL SHOOT"

This round had not been shoot at Lasswade for some time but Tina, who always organised our tournaments in March, had decided to change the round from an WA 18m to a Double Worcester round which had some Scottish records to shoot for.

As I described this round in a recent newsletter I do not want to spend time repeating myself.

Five members from Lasswade took part and for some of them this was their first time shooting this round which differs in several ways from most of the other indoor rounds which are shot.

As this was a double round, all archers shot a session in the morning and a second session in the afternoon. In the February newsletter I stated that it would be a fitting tribute to Tina should a maximum score be shot by someone. This did not quite happen but the 1st place Gent's compound got 599!

The results are listed with each Lasswade member, their scores for the AM session and then the PM session, followed by their combined scores. Results as follows:

<u>GENTS RECURVE</u>	<u>AM SCORE</u>	<u>PM SCORE</u>	<u>COMBINED SCORE</u>
8 th Andy H	(261)	(272)	(533)
18 th Frank	(245)	(249)	(494)
21 st Arran (U16)	(220)	(218)	(438)

OVERALL BAREBOW

2 nd Steph	(235)	(241)	(476)
3 rd Mike B	(221)	(212)	(433)

Tina was to have run this shoot however, Steph took up the task and was assisted by Lance and Elayne from Penicuik Archers plus Mike and myself. A very good first attempt from Steph and we had no problems on the day.

INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS (NRS) (600) – SATURDAY 18th of MARCH 2017

ORGANISER – Me

LADY PARAMOUNT – Gail

A lower entry than last year perhaps caused by the Scotland/Italy rugby match! I will have to liaise with the appropriate governing body to avoid a clash next year!

Joking aside, in addition to the usual Club Trophies, a new trophy made it's debut. The new addition is known as "The Tina James Trophy" and it is awarded to the Novice Club Member with the highest score for the Indoor Club Championships.

However, should the highest scoring Novice/s win a place medal/s then the trophy passes down to the second highest Novice score and so on.

With 6 Novices shooting this year, and 3 earning place medals, the trophy went to the fourth highest Novice score.

Before Tina passed away last year, she had left instructions that her equipment would be left to the Club. In addition, she also left us a small archer figurine which she had been given many years ago by one of her closest friends.

We then had a decision to make. Some of you will know that amongst many other things, Tina served on the Eastern Area Committee and ran their Championships for a number of years. Should we make it an annual award at the Area Championships or make it a Club award? However, as a mark of respect, the Area had commissioned a new trophy which was and will be awarded on an annual basis. Therefore, it was decided that we would use Tina's figurine within the Club.

As it is a small figure, Mike made a wooden plinth for it with a Club roundel on the front and Nick then did some engraving for us. Thanks then to Mike and Nick.

As stated, a slightly disappointing turn-out this year but with two new Club Champions, 5 new personal bests and some good first time scores.

The final placings were as follows:

LADIES RECURVE

1 st	Joan	(514)
2 nd	Susie K	(406) Novice
3 rd	Susan M	(389) Novice
4 th	Julie	(199) Overall Novice

GENTS RECURVE

1 st	Andy H	(568) New PB
2 nd	Frank	(516) Novice and New PB
3 rd	David D (1)	(496)
4 th	Eric	(488)
5 th	Derek	(431) Veteran Medal
6 th	Ryan	(142) Novice
7 th	Andi B	(138) Novice

JUNIORS

1 st	Arran	(495) New PB
2 nd	William M	(353)

COMPOUND

1 st	Billy	(553) Hanging on by his fingernails this year!
2 nd	George	(551) New PB since changing to Compound
3 rd	Tommy	(469)

BAREBOW

1 st	Mike B	(489)
2 nd	Steph	(478) New PB
3 rd	Ian H	(344)

LONGBOW

1 st	Nick	(250)
-----------------	------	-------

Before concluding this report I would like to thank those of you who took part. Thanks to Billy for helping me with the scores and Steph who had to add up the totals on the scoresheet for Target 3 despite there being two experienced members there! Thanks also to our Lady Paramount Gail who was presented with a large Easter Egg!

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 7 – MARCH 2017

A good turn-out and again, with some close scores.

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	James	217	35	252	N/A
2 nd	Arran	203	47	250	2 nd
3 rd	George	226	17	243	N/A
4 th	Ann	193	47	240	10 th
5 th	Richard P	204	35	239	6 th =
6 th	Billy	221	17	238	N/A
7 th	Edith	207	29	236	6 th =
8 th	Katie	170	65	235	N/A
9 th	Eric	203	29	232	3 rd
10 th =	Joan	213	17	230	8 th
10 th =	Mike B	177	53	230	N/A
12 th	David D (1)	207	17	224	9 th
13 th	Moira	115	107	222	N/A
14 th	Ian H	145	65	210	11 th

As you will remember, we had a three way tie for first place last month. Therefore, the tied top three had a shoot-off to decide who would win the trophy and medals.

The final placings were as follows:

1st William H, 2nd Arran and 3rd Eric. Well done to you all.

For the month of April, ALL scores must be in by the 19TH so the winner can be presented with the trophy on the last night indoors on the 26th.

THE OUTDOOR CLUB HANDICAP

This is second hand information so you may have to speak to Joan who will organise the 2017 rounds. Some of you who took part last year should be familiar with what to do. Each round will be shot from 30 metres. It has been suggested adding 20 onto each person's existing handicap.

If anyone has not done this round before but would like to try, you should shoot two or three dozen arrows for each outdoor session this month and give them to Joan by the end of the month. You will then receive a handicap for the first round proper in May. The outdoor round will be run just like the indoor one with three other rounds also in June, July and August and as with the indoor rounds, there will be the usual archer figurine to shoot for and keep for each month.

ME

I have had on-going problems with my name for many years now. As my procreator is also a Donald, items of mail often get opened by the wrong Donald! Un-like my father, I have a middle name, but for some reason, some systems including my GP practice cannot cope with a middle name so this can cause issues with letters being sent or opened by the wrong recipient.

To that end, I have now changed my name by deed poll using a diminutive of my middle name. From now on, I will be known and will respond to the name of Alex Cameron. All the appropriate archery bodies, my employers, DVLA etc. have been notified and have made the appropriate amendments.

Kind Regards,
Alex

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES

APRIL

Thursday 20th Club Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 26th Last Indoor Session for 2016/2017.

MAY

**Wednesday 3rd Wednesday Sessions begin outdoors and the
Outdoor Club Handicap for 2017 commences.**

That's it for this month.