

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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My Beloved Flock,

We kick off this month with something we want from some of you. MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

CLUB NEWS

CLUB FEES FOR 2017/2018

Yes folks, it's that time of the year again when you should open your wallets and purses and let the moths out for some fresh air!

One thing which will delight you is that at the 2016 AGM Joan, our Club Treasurer, announced that it was not necessary to increase the Club Fees.

To that end, those of you who pay your fees on a monthly basis need not do anything. However, should you wish to pay by cash or cheque or leave the Club then please advise us as the Club is under no obligation to return any fees which we are still receiving from your bank /building society. In other words, it is **YOUR** responsibility to cancel any standing orders.

For those who pay by cheque or cash annually, the amounts remain the same.

All under 18s and Over 60s will pay £120.00 and all other Senior Members will pay £240.00.

If you are paying by cheque, then please make all cheques payable to Lasswade Archery Club. All cheque and cash payments must be handed in to Joan or myself by **NO LATER** than Wednesday the 29th of this month.

Please consult your copy of the Club Constitution for the penalty for non-payment.

Ps. With our banknotes gradually turning plastic, I wonder how the moths will survive!

PPs. Has anybody tried putting one of the new plastic notes through the wash yet?

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

By now, most of you should have received an entry form from me for the above shoot.

If you haven't received an entry then see me ASAP.

The closing date for entries will be Saturday 11th so that the Club Committee can evaluate the entries upon which they will decide who will be awarded what.

No late entries will be accepted and although a non-record status shoot, there will be a degree of formality. There will be a proper target list and to ensure that any in-experienced members shoot with experienced members, you will not necessary shoot from your usual "Club Session Roosts". In addition, please keep things moving as just like an official shoot, we will not have time to stand about chatting or as my old mentor Bill MacKay would say, swap your knitting patterns in your own time!

After the shoot is finished and the results sorted out, the presentation of the awards will be made. Two questions asked by one of our newer members:

Is there an entry fee for this shoot? Answer no, despite what the entry form states!
Secondly, is this shoot open to any Non-Club archers? Answer no, not as a rule!

Ps. The following members are requested and required to return the Indoor Club trophies on or before the day of the shoot:

GENTS RECURVE – GARETH

LADIES RECURVE – JOAN

OVERALL JUNIOR – EMILY

OVERALL COMPOUND - BILLY

In addition to the above trophies, there will be another new trophy introduced which will be awarded to the Overall Novice Member.

When Tina passed away, in addition to her leaving her equipment to the Club, she also left us a small archery figurine which was given to her many years ago by a close friend.

At the moment it is being spruced up and some small modifications are being made so hopefully it will make its first appearance on the 18th.

THE OUTDOOR CLUB SEASON FOR 2017

A reminder now for all members but especially newer members.

From next month our Saturday Club Sessions will be outside at the Grove Farm range.

However, as there is still not enough daylight in April we will carry on shooting at Lasswade indoors on Wednesday evenings.

To avoid any confusion here is the Indoor/Outdoor programme for 2017.

APRIL – Wednesday Nights Indoors / Saturday Afternoons Outdoors.

MAY THROUGH AUGUST – All Club Sessions will be Outdoors at Grove Farm.

SEPTEMBER – Wednesday Nights Indoors / Saturday Afternoons Outdoors.

OCTOBER – All Club Sessions will be Indoors at Lasswade until the end of March 2018.

We will also shoot normally at the same times as we do indoors. Unlike Lasswade, as we are not constricted by set times, we can start at Grove for 7.00pm on Wednesdays.

A few things to remember for newer members. Again un-like Lasswade, we have to put up the target bosses ourselves so every member will be expected to help set things up if they are shooting. If you arrive late, please make every attempt to help put things away in our storage container which also holds it's own set of bosses etc. so that nothing has to be brought over from our shared container at Lasswade.

When possible, Joan will usually bring tea and coffee so you can get a hot drink as well and you can bring some biscuits for the Club if you so wish. We also provide the milk and sugar. Before you ask, no. There is no charge for this!

Unless there are any particular situations, all members will be expected to shoot a minimum set distance of 30 metres/30yards. Once you are confident and capable enough, you can then shoot at the longer distances up to 90 metres/100 yards.

As we can only get about 6 bosses on the range, it can get quite busy at times although a sizeable number of members will disappear until the next indoor season commences.

To sum up, as you are new to the Club, give outdoor shooting a try.

If you do not like it then you can return when we move back indoors in September.

A question which is sometimes asked by new members:

If I do not want to shoot outdoors can I get a reduction in my Club Fees? Answer, no!

As I have explained to you all when you joined, your Club Fees cover both your Indoor and Outdoor ranges and regardless if you do not use them, they still have to be paid for.

TOURNAMENT REPORT

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP – ROUND 6 – FEBRUARY 2017

The entry was up on last month with an interesting conclusion. The results speak for themselves!

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st =	Eric	214	41	255	N/A
1 st =	Arran	196	59	255	N/A
1 st =	William H	106	149	255	N/A
4th	William M	105	149	254	N/A
5th	Andy	224	23	247	N/A
6th=	Edith	206	29	235	N/A
6th=	Richard P	200	35	235	4th=
8th	Joan	217	17	234	2nd
9th	David D (1)	216	17	233	1st
10th	Ann	174	47	221	6th
11th	Ian H	155	65	220	N/A

Several years ago we had a double tie but this month's results are a new situation. It has been decided that as with our double tie, the top three for this month will have a shoot-off to decide who will receive the trophy and the two who will receive Club medals. This was how the double tie was resolved.

With immediate effect, the following new handicaps will apply to the following:

William H (137) William M (137) Arran (47) Eric (29) Andy (17)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES – 2017

MARCH

Thursday 9th Club Committee Meeting.

Saturday 18th Indoor Club Championships (NRS). ROUND: Portsmouth.

Wednesday 29th All Club Fees must be received.

APRIL

Saturday 1st Saturday Sessions begin outdoors.

Wednesday 26th Last Indoor Session for 2016/2017.

MAY

Wednesday 3rd Wednesday Sessions begin outdoors.

AND FINALLY (FROM THE ARCHIVES)

This month's item was originally submitted by Joan and first appeared in Issue No.28 (April 1998) and again in Issue No.76 (April 2002). As this item is historical, some of the content will be outdated.

From Joan to the Editor of Scottish Archery.*

'V' FOR VICTORY

I read the enclosed clipping in the latest issue of the Readers digest. Sorry its in such a bad state as I have a habit of reading in the bath and yes, it fell in! It may be old news to everyone else but I had never heard of this, so if you don't include it in Scottish Archery I won't go in the huff. Keep up the good work.

Joan Smith, Lasswade Archery Club

From the Editor of Scottish Archery to Joan.

You can trust me not to share your personal habits with the rest of the archery community in Scotland. You may however now be inundated with offers from people offering to read to you in the bath!

In the United States it signifies 'Victory' or 'Peace', but here in Britain if the palm faces inwards, its a taunt especially if the gesture is executed with an upward jerk of the fingers.

More than 650 years ago, the French are said to have disabled the English Archers they captured in battle by cutting off their middle and forefingers. In the aftermath of Agincourt and Crecy where the French were heavily defeated, triumphant English soldiers gloated over French prisoners by holding up their hands, first two fingers up-right, palm inwards, to show both fingers fully intact.

From the Editor of the Arrowhead. (That was me folks! Come to think of it, I still am!)

As Secretary (Yes, I held that post as well!) I will be taking entries from anybody in the Club who would like to read to Joan in the bath! Rubber Ducks will not be provided!

2017. I can still take entries from anyone and the entry fee will be £2004.00. Work that one out!

***Scottish Archery is long since defunct.**

This concludes the tears and tantrums for this month.

Donald

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