

“THE ARROWHEAD”
THE NEWSLETTER OF LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB

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Dear Members,

There now follows another sleep inducing issue of your much admired newsletter! If there are any of you who love history, then check our Website Newsletter Page.

Recently, Steph has posted copies of all the newsletters going back to Issue No.1 when I started things off in January 1996! Frightening!

CLUB NEWS

LASSWADE ARCHERY CLUB 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2017

All members are hereby notified that the Club’s AGM will be taking place later this month with the following details:

Date: Wednesday the 22nd of November.

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: The PE Room of the Lasswade High School.

This venue is not our usual location. Last year, due to a double booking, we were given the use of the Conference Suite, which gave us more room.

However, this location is now being used for another purpose and as the Community Room could be a bit cramped, the PE Room is a similar size to the Conference Suite and is therefore an ideal location.

How do you get to the PE Room? Easy, just walk along the usual corridor you all use to get to the archery range but instead of turning off to the right, walk along to the end of the corridor, through the double doors and up the stairs. When you get to the top of the stairs turn right and the entrance to the PE Room is to your left.

In addition, there is lift access to this area for disabled and wheelchair users.

Moving on.....

The meeting is open to all members and here are some reminders about the meeting.

Only those members who attend the meeting are eligible to vote, however this excludes Junior Members.

In the event of any tied vote or votes, the Club President shall be entitled to one additional deciding vote.

If any Club Member or Committee Member have any reports for the meeting, then please bring them with you on the night or pass them over to Katie, our Club Secretary ASAP.

Each year, three of the posts on the Club Committee become due for election.

For 2017, they are as follows:

PRESIDENT

TREASURER

EQUIPMENT OFFICER

Any member who takes on these posts will serve a three-year term of office until 2020. In addition to the three posts above, the other vacancy to be filled is that of Club Secretary. Katie recently advised the committee that due to other commitments, she would not be able to complete her third year as Club Secretary.

To that end, if any member steps up to the job, they will initially only serve one year in office until 2018. To ensure continuity, the post will be up for official election in 2018 when a three-year term of office until 2021 will then be applicable.

Two other things to bear in mind.

First, these posts require time and effort put into them and this can encroach on your shooting time.

Secondly, this is the opportunity for **ALL** members to have their say in the running of the Club.

REMEMBER, THERE WILL BE NO CLUB SESSION ON THAT NIGHT!

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS ETC.

With winter approaching (or has it already arrived?) the usual seasonal advice. In the event of snow or other conditions and you are un-sure whether to make the trip to the Club then contact the centre in the first instance for any closures.

The contact number and the email address for the centre can be found in your New Members Information Pack which you all received when you joined us. Alternatively, check the Midlothian Council Website for any information.

LASSWADE INDOOR OPEN (UKRS) – SATURDAY 11th OF NOVEMBER 2017

The observant amongst you will notice that this shoot has moved to a Saturday, which will also apply to the remaining three indoor tournaments in 2018.

The reason for this is that we were “advised” by the centre that we had to move them to a Saturday. This means that on this date and the three dates in 2018, all our Club Sessions on the appropriate dates will be cancelled to make way for the tournaments.

I would like it clearly understood by all members that the above situation was not of our making. If you do have any issues with this situation then please speak to one of your committee members although in all honesty, there is nothing we can do and I don’t know as yet if we will have this situation to contend with in the future as well.

Moving on, this month’s tournament is the “simple to shoot” Portsmouth Round. That is to say, 5 dozen arrows at 20 yards, just as you shoot at most Club sessions. However, before the 5 dozen scoring arrows there will be 2 practise ends of 3 arrows.

Unlike last month’s Combined shoot, the Portsmouth is a single distance only, so there will be 2 separate sessions, morning and afternoon.

Recurve archers and other bow-styles will shoot the 60cm Full Face and compound archers, the 60cm 3 Spot Vertical Face. These target faces were shot at the Combined shoot last month from the 25m distance.

To allow archers who have some distance to travel to Lasswade, it would be appreciated that all Lasswade members could enter the morning session as we have been granted permission to get into the hall for 8.00am and we will have to have everything set up for 9.45am or earlier.

Even if you are not shooting, your help will be much appreciated.

In addition, if there are any spaces not filled for either session by the closing date for entries then an archer can ask to shoot both sessions as well but they will have to pay a second entry fee. However, should any archer shoot both sessions then only the morning session score is used for the final results.

There will also be a raffle for this shoot so any donations from yourselves will be gratefully received.

Oh! Nearly forgot! Can somebody remember to get a yellow bucket on standby? Why? Quite simple! If you are allocated targets 5 or 6 and there is heavy rainfall, then there may be a small leak from the roof!

You must understand that the centre is 4 years old now and "snagging" problems can occur. Hold on, I thought snagging problems only happen when a building is relatively new. If you have any comments or questions then send them on a post card to the usual address please!

INDOOR CLUB TARGETS 1, 2 AND 3

All members should note that targets 1, 2 and 3 are now for senior recurve archers only. When viewing the target range, these 3 targets are set up from the left hand side of the range and along to the right.

Before shooting takes place, make sure that the 3 notices, one for each of the three targets is pinned to the bottom area of each target to remind members and visitors that they are for recurves only. The notices are stored in the green cabinet with the target faces or in the drawer of the cabinet itself.

Before any shooting takes place, make sure that the device which fits over the gate into the other half of the hall is fitted correctly and then use the plastic clamp to put the end of the white shooting curtain into the correct position (after the 2nd fence post).

Some reminders before shooting commences. The centre staff will normally set up the bosses and stands for us but it is the responsibility of members to check that their target stands are correctly centred with the red diamond floor markings.

If you have sight marks and find that your arrows are going elsewhere, then it could be that your target is not properly centred.

Before the session starts, the whistle will be placed over the shooting line. If you have set up and put your bags etc. up the sides of the hall, then collect the whistle and get the shooting session underway. If you have the whistle then you become the Target Captain. Ideally, so you can see the whole shooting line, you should shoot from the extreme right hand side of the shooting line, Target 9.

I have been watching you all since we moved back indoors and shooting time is being lost due to no member offering initially to act as Target Captain.

Not all members arrive at the same time, so they can get their bags etc. up the sides of the hall between ends without shooting members having to wait.

Should you be leaving before the end of a session, then ensure that another approved member takes over the duties of Target Captain. Only experienced Club Members should take on this duty as Junior and Novice members plus visitors are not permitted to do this. If you are shooting at these targets, then once the session has finished, someone should also bring the plastic clamp and gate blocker back to the green cabinet.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSIONS INDOORS

One (newish) piece of news with regard to these sessions. By now, most you will all be aware that Wednesday evenings now run from 7 to 9pm, just like they used to do a few years ago!

NEW MEMBERS

Our latest Beginners Class ended a few weeks ago and on behalf of the Club I would like to welcome the following new members who have become “Students of Toxophilly”, that is to say, archers!

SENIORS – Melanie, Agnes and Dene.

JUNIORS – Jake.

This may not be a final list as there may be a few more newbies from the class joining us as well.

Before closing this item my thanks to the following members who give up their time to make these classes and this class possible:

Adelle, Gareth, Joan, Mike B, David R, Richard V, James and Ken. Thanks also to Steph who provided the practical demonstration for showing the class how to shoot the bow and finally, Derek, for once again leading the class and presenting the attendance certificates.

CALLING ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS!

At our latest Club Committee meeting the subject of a social event for junior members was discussed.

After some suggestions it was decided to give all junior members a chance to make suggestions of their own as to what they would like to do.

So basically should any junior members have any ideas, then please speak to one of us.

We are all fully house-trained and do not bite children!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

So please, do not be backward in coming forward!

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!

It was commented at the same Club Committee Meeting about the state of some of our target faces. If the 60cm Full and 3 Spot Vertical faces you are using are heavily damaged

then you should take the target face back to the green cabinet and in the drawer you will find a roll of replacement centres.

Apply the stick-on replacement centre to the damaged face and you then have a re-usable target face.

Once the replacement centre has been shot out, then the target face should be put to one side and then it can be disposed off in the waste paper container.

One thing to remember is that the replacement centres are only for 60 cm faces only as for some reason, they do not make centres for the smaller 40cm faces. They of course should be disposed of when they become un-usable.

TOURNAMENT REPORTS

THE SAA POSTAL PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE 2017/2018

This report is from our organiser Joan. Over to you Joan.....

Thanks to those of you who put in a score for the October round. We have two Recurve Teams, one Barebow Team and one Compound Team entered.

The October team members were as follows:

RECURVE – Andy, Frank, Colin, David D (1), Arran and Joan.
BAREBOW – Steph, Mike B and Ian H.
COMPOUND – George, David R and Evan.

This list may change if I get more scores submitted each month. Anyway, can anyone please shoot a PORTSMOUTH and a HANDICAP at the same time if you like on or before Wednesday the 22nd of this month.

I can also take scores from the Portsmouth Shoot on the 11th, the more members who give me a score sheet the better, so please shoot a Portsmouth Round. The score sheets are in the green cabinet and let's see more names next month and beyond.

Joan

INDOOR CLUB HANDICAP 2017/2018 – ROUND 2 – OCTOBER 2017

Well folks, yet another closely fought round with 5 points between the top four and a good entry for the month.

Results as follows:

	Name	Score	Handicap	Total	Last Month
1 st	Lisa	180	65	245	N/A
2 nd	Richard P	209	35	244	6 th
3 rd	Billy	224	17	241	1 st
4 th	George	223	17	240	N/A
5 th	Arran	191	47	238	N/A
6 th	Andy	219	17	236	3 rd =
7 th	Mike B	178	53	231	N/A
8 th	Ann	179	47	226	5 th
9 th =	David D (1)	206	17	223	N/A
9 th =	Eric	194	29	223	N/A
11 th	Steph	179	29	208	N/A

In addition, because this was their first round, the following handicaps based on their first 3 scores for October are as follows:

Vanessa (101) John (53) Evan (41)

Please add these handicaps to your scores from this month onwards.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES AND STORAGE DEVICES

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 11th Lasswade Indoor Open (UKRS). Round: Portsmouth.
NO Club Session on this day.

Saturday, 18th “William Tell Day”.

Wednesday, 22nd Lasswade AC 39th AGM at 7pm. NO Club Session on this day.

Saturday, 25th Outdoor Club Session at Grove, 10am till 12pm.

DECEMBER

TBA Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Saturday, 30th Outdoor Club Session at Grove, 10am till 12pm.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

A welcome return for this section which has not appeared for some time.
This month's item first appeared in Issue No.57 (September 2000) of the Newsletter.

TWO MEN AND A GOAT

Two guys are walking through the woods and come across this big deep hole.

"Wow.... that looks deep".

"Sure does.... toss a few pebbles in there and see how deep it is".

They pick up a few pebbles and throw them in and wait.... no noise.

"Jeez, that is really deep". "Here....throw one of those great big rocks down there, those should make a noise". They pick up a couple of football-sized rocks and toss them into the hole and wait.... and wait....nothing! They look at each other in amazement.

One gets a determined look on his face and says, "Hey....over there in the woods, there's a railway sleeper, help me carry it over here. When we toss that sucker in, it's GOTTA make some noise".

The two drag the heavy sleeper over to the hole and toss it in. Not a sound comes from the hole.

Suddenly, out of the nearby woods, a goat appears running like the wind. It rushes toward the two men, and then right past them, running as fast as it's legs will carry it.

Suddenly, it leaps in the air and into the hole. The two men are astonished with what they have just seen. Then, out of the woods comes a farmer who spots the men and ambles over.

"Hey....you two guys seen my goat out here?"

"You bet we did! Craziest thing I ever seen! It came running like crazy and just jumped into this big hole!"

"Nah", says the farmer, that couldn't have been my goat. My goat was chained to a railway sleeper".

PS. No animal was intentionally harmed when this item was created!

This sleep inducing issue has reached the termination point!

Donald

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