



UPCOMING EVENTS



Some of the dates below are unconfirmed, and will remain so until the entry forms come in.

2003

April

12th Clout – Craigie (Ayr)

2003

May

4th York/Her - Kilwinning

10th/11th Dbl FITA - Balbardie

18th York/Her – Glamis

18th FITA – Ayr

24th/25th Dbl FITA - Shetland

June

1st Albion – Lasswade

7th/8th York/Her – Banchory

14th/15th Euronations (invitation)

15th 3-corner (invitation)

28th/29th FITA/Masters - Penicuik

More to follow...

See:

www.scottisharchery.org.uk

for more information about upcoming shoots, copies of results and much more news and information about the Scottish archery scene.

How time flies

Is it really FIVE months since the last club newsletter? Isn't it amazing. The indoor season seems to have flown by and already we're getting geared up with outdoor sightmarks.

I've tried to include as much information as I can think of within this newsletter, but PLEASE, if you have any news or information relevant to either club which could be published here, please let me know.

I'd just like to wish all our archers good shooting for the coming outdoor season!

Look out your wellies!

I think we're currently planning to move outdoors on or around the first week in may, so if any of you are unsure as to what attire you will need, here's a quick guide:

- o Stout boots, preferably waterproof or at least water resistant. Balbardie field can get a wee bit boggy.
- o Warm headware – something to keep your ears warm. Balbardie field can get a wee bit breezy.
- o Midge repellent. Balbardie can get a wee bit nippy!
- o Waterproofs – ideally, tight enough to be worn when shooting without catching the string. Balbardie will almost always be damp!
- o Sunglasses and suncream. Almost never needed, but, well, miracles DO happen.

We'll be bringing the metal detector to find those errant arrows, so fear not! WATCH THIS SPACE for more details on the exact dates.

Grange v Falkirk

On the 12th March, several of us tramped off to Falkirk for an evening of friendly rivalry. As always, Falkirk club made us feel very welcome and it was good to see them with so many upcoming archers. Willie, Martin, Ewan, Hazel, Ralph and I were all shooting for Grange and on the whole shot reasonably well. Yours truly shot 570 (with a 4 half way through which shocked me more than the onlookers... Hazel couldn't stop laughing!).

When the numbers were totaled up at the end of the evening, Grange won by a healthy margin. The cup came back to the grange, and the chocolate egg was enjoyed by all the team.

Help Needed!!!

Grange/Balbardie club are official organisers of the Double FITA Star and Eastern Area Championships to be held on the **10th and 11th of May** and as many hands as possible would be appreciated.

We need:

- o 2 or 3 helpers on Friday 9th in the evening, to mark out the field.
- o Several helpers in the mornings of 10th & 11th at **7am** to help set out the field.
- o As many helpers in the evenings of the 10th and 11th from 5pm onwards to help with putting the targets etc. away... helping with the scoring, raffle, etc. **This is the hardest part, especially for those who have been shooting for 1 or 2 days!**

Anyone who is not shooting who could be there during the days to help with collecting scoreboards, finding lost arrows, etc. would be very welcome.

And finally, if anyone has any bottles of wine or unwanted presents sitting in the cupboard who would be willing to donate them as raffle prizes, they'd be gratefully received.

For running this event, the clubs receive the shoot profits plus any income from the raffle.



Competition Entries

Just a wee reminder to anyone who feels the urge to join us at an organised shoot – please see Willie (Grange members) or Paul (Balbardie members) **WELL IN ADVANCE** if you are interested in taking part in any competitions to register your interest, or simply to find out more...

Eastern Area Squad

For those who don't know, we have three archers (David, Ewan and Willie) on Eastern Area Squad. This is a development squad designed to bring on archers who have shown ability during the summer months. In order to get to EA Squad, you must shoot at least FOUR scores, and have at least THREE scores at 1st class or above. So come on, get out there this season and let's see more of the club at next years EA SQUAD!

Being "on squad" entitles you to come along to 3 or 4 training days during the winter months to receive dedicated coaching and advice.

Sample 1st class scores:

RECURVE	Gents FITA	Ladies FITA	York	Hereford
Gents	885	973	698	884
Ladies	716	817	511	723
COMPOUND	Gents FITA	Ladies FITA	York	Hereford
Gents	1046	1109	889	1028
Ladies	935	1016	757	930

You don't even have to shoot a full FITA round in order to qualify for a first class score. You can get a 1st class score shooting just a Long Metric (that's the two long distances of a FITA), a St. George, an Albion or also a Ladies FITA (Metric I) if you are a gent. Additionally, ladies can get 1st class scores shooting an American round.

New shop in Scotland

Chiltern archery recently opened a new retail outlet based in Cluny Clays in Fife. The shop has a basic stock right now, but it's improving all the time. If you register your name and address with them, this will entitle you to 2% off the already competitive prices. In addition to this, if you quote the club reference number 2123 (you might even get away with saying "BALBARDIE ARCHERS", then the club account will be credited with a further 2%, which will be used against any club purchases. Of course, using chiltern means we can now "try before we buy", which is always a big help.

A letter from Oz

Hello from Australia.

I was Looking for "OLD" sites for the Grange Bowmen when I stumbled across your site.

I am the President for the "Grange Bowmen Inc" in Brisbane Australia. We are associated with the Australian bowhunters Association. We shoot IFAA, ABA and 3D rounds for competitions with many members active hunters in the field.

If you wish to have a look at one of our members sites for the club goto www.grangebowmen.com

Love the pic of our Simon Fairwether on your page.

May your arrows always fly true,
Conrad Maul



Beecraigs

I have spoken with Lynne up at Beecraigs about access to their target facility. Unfortunately they cannot, currently be very flexible as the office has to make arrangements for access to the field so just turning up will be frowned upon.

In order to use the facilities you should book in advance Monday – Friday between 9 and 5.

Evenings and Weekends may be accommodated if you book in advance during the times outlined above and if they can arrange for a key to be given to you. Lynne has promised to have a think about how this could be made more flexible, but please, meantime, make sure you follow their guidelines otherwise you may be disappointed.

Easter Area Events

EA Open meeting

The Eastern Area Open meeting is to be held on Wednesday 2nd of April. We will need two volunteers to attend to represent the clubs and make a general report.

EA Workshop

Penicuik will host the next EA workshop on the 12th of April. Workshops are for all who are interested in shooting, tuning, being coached, etc. There will be the usual array of expert archers and coaches there to assist, plus the usual array of soup and cakes for sale. The entry form can be found on the SAA website. www.scottisharchery.org.uk

Club pages & old newsletters

Old newsletters can be found at: <http://www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/newsletter.html>

Basic club pages can be found here: www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/balbardie.html
www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/grange.html