



## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

### 2003

#### September

14<sup>th</sup> Flight & Clout –  
Castle Fraser

#### October

?? Club halloween shoot  
(provisional)

#### November

9<sup>th</sup> P/mouth - Lasswade

### 2004

#### January

18<sup>th</sup> P/mouth – EA Champs  
Lasswade

25<sup>th</sup> P/mouth - Oban

#### February

22<sup>nd</sup> Fita18 – SAA Champs  
Cluny

#### March

7<sup>th</sup> Worcester – Lasswade

### More to follow...

See:

[www.scottisharchery.org.uk](http://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

Last newsletter, I remarked that it had been five months since the previous one... well, this one has been SIX months in the making (ok, that's a lie... a couple of hours in the making more like). It seems like the only time I get to sit down and ramble on these days is between indoor and outdoor seasons.

As always, 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 indoor season!

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## Another season of successes

It's been a fantastic season for some of our members and not so good for others. After an injury very early in the season, Ewan decided it was time to try his hand at compound which, of course, meant he wasn't ready to compete this year, but I'm sure I speak for everyone when I wish him well with his new discipline and we look forward to seeing him on the competition line in the not too distant future.

Willie, too, suffered from injury early on in the season and so had to lay off for a while. I'm glad to see him back shooting again and wish him a speedy recovery, even if he does follow Ewan's lead to take up the devil bow! <grin>. Before he was injured he managed to take a 50m medal and Eastern Area 3<sup>rd</sup> at Balbardie.

On the positive side, there was a grand total of FIFTY NINE personal bests set this season (just counting competition PBs) and lots of new club records... a summary follows (in alphabetical order)

**Murray Elliot:** 6 PBs a 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3 distance awards and 2 target awards.

**David Herd:** 20 PBs, a 1<sup>st</sup> place, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place, a classification medal and 1200 thistle. Moves up to Bowman class.

**Josie Herd:** 21 PBs, two 2<sup>nd</sup> places, and her 1000 thistle/star and 1100 star. Moves up to 1<sup>st</sup> class.

**Martin Ross:** 5 PBs, moves up to Bowman class.

**Hazel Scott:** 7 PBs, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Scottish Championships and shot her first MB score.

A hearty congratulations to all those who worked so hard this season. Quite an achievement!

## Squad Development

A new archer development plan will be put in place this year by the SAA and will split competitive archers into three groups:

Those who shot four 1<sup>st</sup> class scores (at least 2 at competition) will be invited to Eastern Area Squad, run by our own fair Hazel.

Those who shot Bowman at 3 or more competitions will be invited to the Development Squad, run by Bob McGonigle.

Those at MB level will be invited to National Squad.

This year, the National and Development squads will share resources (people, venues, etc) to reduce costs but also to provide a better level of coaching to the development archers.

Please be aware that you can shoot up to Bowman classification scores AT YOUR OWN CLUB – there is no need to do this at competition. So if you are not in area or development squad this year, but would like to be next year, get working and get those scores in!



## 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...

## New Members

As we are about to run a beginner's course, we will hopefully welcome along some new members in the not too distant future, and we, of course, are delighted that Celina (did I spell that right??) has decided to join us.

As new members, we hope that you find our club friendly and inviting. If you have any questions, ASK. If you have any criticisms SAY SOMETHING. We want to grow the club (slowly) and to do that we need to bring in new members and keep them, so please help us achieve that goal by helping us make the club a better place. If you have any ideas for fun shoots or anything else that comes to mind, speak up and we'll listen.

Shoot well and shoot safe.

Some common questions we get asked:

Q: DO I HAVE TO GO TO COMPETITIONS?

A: No. Competitions are purely optional

Q: AM I GOOD ENOUGH TO GO TO COMPETITIONS?

A: Absolutely! It's not about winning, it's about testing yourself in a competitive environment and meeting new faces and making new friends.

Q: CAN I GET ONE OF THOSE BOWS WITH WHEELS?

A: We would advise against buying any bow until you have been shooting for at least 6 months with the club recurves... at that point you can decide what type of archery you'd like to try and we will help you choose the right equipment. Compound bows may look easier, but just ask our compound-shooting members about that!

## 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](http://www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/balbardie.html)  
[www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/grange.html](http://www.archersreference.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/grange.html)