

Castles League News and gossip.

13<sup>th</sup> March 2018. –

Sorry for the delay in posting tables. I held these back due to the poor weather as some scores were trapped in inaccessible venues.

End of season round-up. As it's end of season we have no "next month" for those who change divisions, so I'll announce them here. Taking Alnwick first we have Nicky Hunter who zoomed up the divisions and should see "Warkworth" on the certificate. Next, it's Bamburgh. Here we have John Madderson who should see 'Lindisfarne' on the certificate, just clearing Bamburgh on the final month. Claire McGovern of Whitburn also exits this final month from this division. In 'Barnard', Mike Nilsson is due for promotion but there are others who posted a 'first score' this late in the season. In the 'Berwick' table, for it's size, we have several changes. Katherine Ashby (Whitburn), Mark Renwick (Castle dean), Trevor and Pauline Angus (Ponteland) all posted those second scores to trigger promotion while several others managed a 'first score'. In Bowes, Euan Sanderson (Norton) hit the magic 'U2' for promotion. In the 'Durham' table I see Dave Johnson (Stockton), Graham Donkin (Kirknewton) and Nick Hurren (Border Reiver Archers) all together and posting 2<sup>nd</sup> scores. Now to Lindisfarne, Phil Thompson and Christine Cuthbertson (Killingworth) both did it! In Raby.....well you cannot promote from Raby so "well done" if you managed to keep there all season. Finally, in 'Warkworth' we have Tracey Leverett and Bill Lee (Riverside) and both Jenny Cuthbertson and Margaret Fittes (Killingworth). Pete Wake (Border Reiver Archers) rockets up the tables and this will show on the certificate.

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. –

All tables are now loaded after the return of January results. Congratulations must go out to all those who posted 'second' scores last month and were promoted this month and to those who have posted 'second' scores this month and will appear in the new division next month.

'Next Month' being the final month for the league this passing winter season and afterwards we will all be hoping for better weather to continue outside? However, it's not all over quite yet and there is still most of a month to go, so keep up the excellent work and try for the extra points for a 'seasonal' best!

Now for your interest what does 'OK' indicate in the second last column of the table? Simply put, this indicates that the score for the month is within bounds. Anything else and it enters the U1 or U2, or D1 and D2, zone. Good shooting folks.... until next month.

11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. –

It was too good to last! The tables for October and November worked a treat so why should I not believe that December would be the same? Oh no! Collect all the scores and press the button to create the tables and..... NOTHING! Perhaps I missed something? Try again..... NOTHING!

Back to square one but the tables are done now and the bug (I hope) is fixed for the end of January?

Thanks for the prompt replies and welcome to those who have made this the first month. We also have a flurry of promotions (U1 followed by a U2) and the division change will apply when I enter the score for January. Regrettably we have the opposite where the first month was excellent but slowly the scores returned to me have slid down. Not uncommon in the indoor season as it is quite easy for boredom with the one distance to effect interest and the dark nights that make it difficult, at times, to consider leaving home in the evening?

However, the nights are starting to draw out again although the mornings have not caught up yet. Keep going, before long we will all be considering shooting outside again but remember the ground will be soft and you will need an extra layer for that, just in case, cold windy field. Until January ends, shoot well and good fortune.

2<sup>th</sup> December –

I was worried that the tables were late as I was ‘visiting relatives’ prior to Christmas and lost valuable time. However, the dates match from last month so things were not as bad as I expected. Now to the news.

Welcome to all the new members who have entered since last month. All are welcome. Next, I should explain the notes attached to the tables.

‘T’, in red indicates the top scorer for a month. If 2 scores match, then both are top scores. If a score is entered that is higher than the top threshold for the division then ‘U1’ will be indicated, likewise if the score falls below the lower threshold then ‘D1’ will show. Having said that, it isn’t always good or unwelcome news as the tables look for two scores either below OR above the threshold before moving the member to another division. We do this to avoid bouncing around divisions and will be comfortable that you are suited to the division.

Regrettably December loses valuable shooting time, but I hope many manage to shoot enough to enter a score for December and the good news is that the year moves over shortly, and a new spring is closer each day that passes. A Merry Christmas to all.

12<sup>th</sup> November. –

To this date all the results that have been returned are now entered and collated into the tables. As previously, with two extra divisions available, some numbers per division seem small but this is because they are spread between multiple divisions.

I already have a score for November but will hold it until the next table build and there are some scores almost to the threshold for another division.

We have 240 archers taking part so far, this season and I must thank each one for making the league so competitive for all without it being “too” competitive.

I also have the “where-am-I” table so you can see where you have been allocated unless you have been registered for the league but not yet entered a score, where you will appear as “NEW”. This is an entry title that will prompt me for a division when a score arrives with me.

Sorry for the late delivery of the tables but October is always the month where I have maximum keying, plus delays by my time helping my club with the Indoor Open competition.

Keep shooting, keep trying. Please remember, if you attend an indoor competition and shoot a ‘Portsmouth’ round, that the dozens shot in that competition will be valid for the Castles League. Shooting is not only limited to shooting at your club.

Until December, my best wishes for shooting success.

Tony George.